



Keys Breeze

Ventura Keys
Homeowners Association
Newsletter

April 2005

2005 Keys Barbecue

The 2005 annual Keys barbecue has been set for Sunday, September 19th from 12 to 3. Doris Collin has offered to coordinate this year's event. It is always one of the highlights of the year and a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and enjoy this wonderful community that we live in. Volunteers are always needed, so if you can work for even an hour or 2, we'd love to hear from you. Leave us a message with your name and number by calling (805) 677-2601, to help make this the best barbecue ever.

Annual VKA Meeting Notes:

This year's annual Ventura Keys Association meeting was held on January 21st. Last year's Christmas lights awards went to:

On the Water:

- 1st Place: Aldrich, 2978 Reef
- 2nd Place: Nelsons, 3093 Seahorse
- 3rd Place: 2964 Seahorse

Off the Water:

- 1st Place: Herbrucks, 2892 Surfider
- 2nd Place: Mansueto, 1236 Seafarer
- 3rd Place: Hoags, 2765 Sailor

Duplexes:

- 1st Place: 997 Oyster
- 2nd Place: 2805-07 Bayshore

Dues Update

The Board would like to extend a thank you to all of those homeowners who have paid their annual Association Dues. This money is the only source of income for the Association and allows for continued maintenance and improvement of the neighborhood.

Ventura Keys Voicemail:

(805)677-2601

Please keep this phone number. For any suggestions or to reach any of the board members, please call this number!

Party Reservations at the Big Beach

The Big Beach is available for private parties and has been used by Keys residents for different events (mostly children's birthday parties). Reservations are required and can be made by calling the Homeowners Association at 677-2601 (Ventura Keys Voicemail). Forms will be provided so that a liability insurance certificate can be obtained for the event.

Neighborhood Watch

A Neighborhood Watch program will be coordinated by Board member, Sharon Friedman. Block Captains are needed. If you are interested in volunteering your time for this very worthwhile project, please contact Sharon at 644-3767. A meeting with the police coordinator will be set up as soon as there are enough block captains for this program.

Paddle Tennis Courts

Locks were recently put on the gates to the paddle tennis courts. Keys homeowners can call the Keys Voicemail for the combination to the locks. Everyone's cooperation in maintaining the tennis courts is greatly appreciated.

Attention Waterfront Homeowners

The Ventura Port District is encouraging all waterfront homeowners to display their addresses on the water side of their homes. Scott Miller, the Operations Manager for the Ventura Port District, recently wrote the following:

"The situations differ, the communications do not. 'Is this the Harbor Patrol? I need your help. I live in the Keys, middle channel, about halfway down, on the right there's a white sailboat just before my dock. There's a trawler across from us.' It would be much easier if the reporting party could say, 'I live at xxx Beachmont, the address is: painted on my piling; nailed to my dock; visible on my back fence.' The Harbor Patrol could respond with confidence, especially if they could follow a string of descending addresses to the final destination.

It's never been more important to display your address on the waterside of your home. The Ventura Port District and the City of Ventura Fire Dept have just entered into a Joint Service Agreement to operate a fire boat. The Ventura Keys are part of the designated response area. The Fire Dept is absolutely conditioned to respond to addresses.

When you want help, you want help quickly. Help the Harbor Patrol and Fire Department help you. Display your address so it can be seen from the water.

—G. Scott Miller
Operations Manager, Ventura Port District