

The
CHANNELS

newsletter

WINTER 2022

President's Perspective

Whew, we made it through 2021 and now onto 2022. When you have gone so far forward and it is hard to look back, you appreciate every day you are given.

I now use the past as a learning tool, something to keep me grounded in the NOW and to plan for my future. Of course, I don't plan very far into the future since I do not know how long of a future I will have. It is because of this uncertainty I do my best to live for today. Living long brings wisdom (at least it should); "the past is in our memories, the future is in our dreams, today is our only reality". To sum it up, make the most of today, because we do not know if we will have a tomorrow.

Winter is upon us and here in Northern California we are wishing for rain. Our beautiful Clear Lake could use a good amount of it. As I look out my back window, I see brown water accumulating in the channel, the color of the algae floating on top. Plenty of rain will get rid of brown color and bring back a healthy depth to the channel. Then a healthy environment can once again flourish, bringing back the birds, turtles, otters, and fish.

Winter is also a good time to clean up the dead brush and other accumulation of dead leaves and grasses; don't forget those rain gutters. The primrose should be dying making clean-up and disposal easier, for those of us who can still do this sort of thing. Contact the POA via the POA Gmail address for help in locating help with yard clean-up. Info.keyspoa@gmail.com

The POA board is now fully staffed, with all positions filled. However, there is still a need for committee members for our various committees. We would like to have you if you can spare a few hours a month. Remember, this is your association and together we can make the Clear-lake Keys community a beautiful and safe place to live.

One of the projects the POA is working on include a revision of the current CC&Rs. A committee was formed and ongoing discussions are currently underway. If you would

like to assist or add comment to this project, contact the POA for more information.

The POA is continuing to research purchasing a new weed harvester. A smaller version of our current harvester is being looked at now. A smaller version would be able to get around docks and other restricted areas. This would leave the current harvester to be used in more open water areas. The POA is also seeking volunteer drivers for the weed harvester and the spray boats. Contact the POA if you are interested in volunteering.

Another interesting item, it may be possible for you to receive a discount on your propane since you are a member of the association. See the information on page 3 of this newsletter.

The POA is also seeking a volunteer to assist with our Zoom presentation of POA meetings. If you are familiar with Zoom conferencing and would like to help, contact the POA for more information.

Well, that about wraps it up, remember to stay safe, mask up, get vaxed and maintain your distance.

Finally, here are some "dad jokes" to get you through your day.

My wife said I was immature. So, I told her to get out of my fort.

Air used to be free at the gas station, now it's \$1.50, you know why? Inflation.

Why is it a bad idea to iron your four-leaf clover? Cause you shouldn't press your luck.

I can't take my dog to the pond anymore because the ducks keep attacking him. That's what I get for buying a pure bread dog.

I spent a lot of time, money, and effort childproofing my house..... but the kids still get in.

Thank you,
Andrew Basurto
President

Neighborhood Watch

I am happy to say that in 2021 we had the least problems for any year since I have been leading the Neighborhood Watch in the Keys.

We had no loose or sinking boats or docks, I'm guessing that the drought had something to do with that.

We had only one burglary of an occupied residence, involving tools, and 2 burglaries of unoccupied residences. One of these resulted in the arrest of 2 people.

We had 4 attempted burglaries of unoccupied residences, or suspicious people looking into windows of vacant houses.

As for vehicles, we had 4 burglaries of unlocked vehicles, possibly more that were not reported, and all of these occurred over a few days. We had no thefts from locked vehicles reported.

Animal Issues: We had 1 issue involving Animal Control and 4 issues that did not involve Animal Control or the Sheriff, most of these were sheep from across the East Channel getting stuck in the mud in the nearly dry East Channel.

Vehicle Accidents and Abandoned Vehicles: We had 2 vehicle accidents and 3 abandoned vehicles in the Keys.

So, I would say we had a good year as far as crime is concerned. As always, keep your eyes open for any suspicious persons or activities and report them to the Sheriff immediately, as this really does help.

Mike Herman
Block Watch Coordinator/Chair

FireWise Corner



FireWise Communities are those that have taken appropriate measures to become more resistant to wildfire and home fire structural damage. With just the right conditions, a dry, hot, windy day and an ignition source, a spark from a vehicle, machinery, or a carelessly tossed cigarette and your home could be in the fire's path faster than you might imagine. The Keys is in an urban wildland interface. The Keys POA has been approved as a FireWise Community since March 2020. I have submitted our Community Wildfire Risk Assessment Report, the 3-Year Action Plan, which expires at the end of 2022, and general information about FireWise for the POA website. FireWise status must be submitted each year for approval. Great news our application was accepted and The Keys POA is good through November 2022. If you are a USAA member, with policies effective on or after 10/2/2014, you are entitled to a discount on your insurance. We are not presently a USAA member but may be looking into that.

Our property tax bill includes a line item for Fire Protection Services and Paramedics of only \$60 annually. Measure N, if it had passed, would have increased the annual charge to \$126. Many other residents in Fire Districts around the lake currently pay more. To help fill the budget gap a non-profit was formed in 2019, called the Northshore Fire Fund. I have attached information about the Fund and the accomplishments in 2021.

I have attached a flyer called "Be Fire Smart" with electricity in your home for the winter months.

If you have not already done so, please sign up for "LakeCoAlerts" and "Know Your Zone" at www.lakesheriff.com. Our zone in the Keys is CLO-E102. Another method of alerts, and it's always good to have several, is an app called Watch Duty.

Stay safe,
Pam Kicenski
Keys POA FireWise Community Coordinator



Propane Gas and Associations

Ferrell Gas offers homeowner's associations a group discount on their monthly propane gas. It takes a minimum of 30 households to qualify for the discount. If more households belong, then the discount will grow.

If we can get 30 or more households to respond, Ferrell Gas will give us a quote and then we can decide whether to take advantage of their offer and switch to Ferrell Gas. Switching is easy. Ferrell Gas will replace your existing tank(s) and pump out the propane left in the tanks. Then the homeowner notifies their previous propane company to remove the old tanks.

If you already take your propane from Ferrell Gas, let us know, so you can be counted.

For more information - call Jan Schlickemayer 1-707-998-4634 or contact the POA, info.keyspoa@gmail.com.



The Northshore Fire Fund (NFF) is a nonprofit organization (Tax ID# 84-4421992) established in late 2019, but really got its kickoff this last July 2021. The NFF exists to help the Northshore Fire Protection District (NFPD) in three ways:

- Augment funding where necessary and possible for equipment, gear, tools, and firefighter upskills or training.
- Educate and inform the Northshore residents about the NFPD, our district, and methods of best practices regarding evacuation codes and evac readiness, emergency alerts, personal safety, and fire prevention.
- Inspire individuals to volunteer, get involved, or donate; as well as, to engage neighborhoods to form Firewise communities that can help mitigate fire risk in the Northshore.

Here we are at the end of the year, and we are so grateful that we've been able to already do some good for our Northshore Fire Protection District. Already in 2021, the Northshore Fire Fund is aware of two new Firewise Communities, which means there are now four in the Northshore District. We attended a few events and many meetings to get our name out and have worked hard to support the LCSO, to help residents to "Know their Zone" for evacuation alerts and to provide information through our Facebook page to keep everyone updated on what the NFPD does for our communities. We also had some generous donations come in this year both from individual contributors as well as local organizations. This has allowed us to begin our funding efforts for the NFPD already with:

- Northshore Branded Safety Shields for Firefighter Helmets (\$4,940)
- Delivery of Holiday Safety Bags for homebound seniors (\$1,700)
- Extractor for two Stations [Reduces cancer risk - Washers for turnout gear] (\$23,770)
- CPR/AED Adult & Infant Manikins with supplies, manuals, hand-outs for CPR Training for NFPD Staff, School Staff and Students, and General Public Sessions (\$7,000)

We are looking forward to continuing this good work throughout 2022, hope you will continue to support us in any way that you are able.

Contact or follow us:

Website: www.northshorefirefund.org

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Facebook: [@NorthshoreFireFund](https://www.facebook.com/NorthshoreFireFund)

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2022 POA Calendar of Events

Jan 18 Board of Directors Business Meeting
5:00 PM (3rd Tuesday)
In Person & Zoom Meeting**

Mar 15 Board of Directors Business Meeting
5:00 PM (3rd Tuesday)
In Person & Zoom Meeting**

Mar 19 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Meeting
10:00 AM (3rd Saturday)
Please plan to attend. We need a quorum to conduct business.
In Person & Zoom Meeting**

To register for a *Zoom Meeting*** -
send an email to info.keyspoa@gmail.com

What is the POA?

All property owners are members of the POA and the annual dues are ***mandatory***. The Board and its activities are all run by volunteers.

On behalf of ALL property owners, the POA handles the Neighborhood Watch Program, canal restoration, as well as algae and weed removal from the canals and CC&R enforcement of weeds and general trash/junk abatement of the properties. They also sponsor the annual 4th of July Boat Parade - lake level permitting - and an Annual Fall Clean-up.



Keys Club Corner

The Keys Club offers many activities for its members and guests. All POA members are eligible for Keys Club membership -if you are interested in joining, contact Debbie Ness 925-437-5217. Check our website clokeysclub.com

January Activities –

Jan 18 Keys Club Business Meeting 11:00 am

Jan 29 Keys Club General Meeting 11:00 am

February Activities –

Feb 15 Keys Club Business Meeting 11:00 am

March Activities –

Mar 15 Keys Club Business Meeting 10:00 am

Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day Dinner 5:00 pm

What is the Keys Club?

The Keys Club is a ***voluntary*** group, open to all property owners in the Clear Lake Keys. Dues are paid annually, if you choose to join the Keys Club. It is a ***social*** organization with a clubhouse for weekly events and special celebrations, in addition there is a bar, pool, and storage facilities for rent. The Board and the activities are all run by volunteers.

**THE CLEAR LAKE KEYS
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION (POA)**

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH & EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Emergency:

Dial 911

Non-Emergency:

Fire (707) 963-4112 (Cal Fire Emergency Command Center)
 Sheriff (Beat 4B):
 Dispatch: (707) 263-2690 (24 hours a day)
 Administration: (707)263-4200 (week days from 8:00am to 5:00pm)

Abatement:

Lake County Code Enforcement: (707) 263-2309 or use electronic Code Complaint form at www.co.lake.ca.us. If you make a complaint with the county, please let Andrew Basurto & Mike Herman know.

POA Abatement: Open

CHP (Lake County Dispatch): (707) 467-4000

Lake County Animal Control: (707) 263-0278 (week days 8:00 to 5:00)

North Shore Fire Protection District (707) 274-3100 (Administration only)

Fish & Game Cal-Tip (888) 334-2258

Street Lights: Call PG&E (800) 743-5000 of fill out form on PG&E web site.

Below is a list of the Neighborhood Watch Captains and the streets that they cover. This program not only works as a crime deterrent but also is essential in cases of emergencies such as floods, earthquakes etc. Please give the Watch Captains all the assistance you can, this is an important community activity.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH CHAIR

Mike Herman, Phone: 707-486-2717, michael_l_herman@msn.com

BLOCK CAPTAINS

Anchor Village

Ron Ridley (707) 998-1657

Bass Lane

Rick Alves (707) 461-9363

Blue Heron Ct

Sam Boucher (707) 560-5143
(12754 Blue Heron to dead end)

Driftwood Village

Keith Potter (707) 998-3709

Ebb Tide Village

Barbara Higman (707) 998-4801
(Keys to center turn-around)

Kathy Garner (707) 350-3753
(center turn-around to dead end)

Everglade Blvd

Candi Herman (707) 486-2717

Flying Jib Ct

Barbara Lloyd (707) 299-9684

Island Circle

Helen Locke (707) 998-4210
(12700 to 12817)

Scott & Wendy Drew (707) 350-1141
(12821 to 12898)

Keys Blvd

Ron & Irma Rivera (707) 998-1995
(Highway 20 to Everglade) (408) 348-2224

Keys Blvd.

Barbara Lloyd (707) 299-9684
(Everglade Blvd to 12014 Keys Blvd)

Keys Blvd.

Judy Bligh (408) 480-0220
(13018 Keys Blvd to dead end)

Lake/Lakeland

Danny & Amanda Chew (707) 998-2162
(Highway 20 to Konocti View)

Lakeland St/Konocti View

Grant Berringer (707) 998-3049
(Konocti view to dead end)

Marina Village

Need Volunteer

Pebble Way

Ernie Vasherese (415) 971-3130

Candi Herman (707) 486-2717

Shoreview Drive

Need Volunteer

Spinnaker Court

Mary Ellen Martin (707) 998-4515

Surf Line & Ketch Court

Richard Mackiewicz (405) 531-8805

Venus Village

Heidi Aragon (707) 998-9439
(Keys to center turn-around)

Ron Walker (707) 998-1165
(Center turn-around to dead end)

Important Telephone Numbers

If this is the problem:

You can call:

Any emergency or life-threatening situation, including theft, vandalism, physical violence, criminal acts, threats, drug activity, accidents, fire and medical	911 (Fire & Medical Emergency Dispatch)
Non-emergency situations similar to above	707-263-2690 or 1-800-693-9991 (Sheriff dispatch only)
Suspected criminal activity	707-263-3663 (anonymous crime tip hotline)
Abandoned, inoperable, or nuisance vehicles; unsightly, unsafe, or hazardous property; non-compliance with building codes	707-263-2309 (Code Enforcement)
Loose or vicious dogs; animal abuse and neglect; lost or found animals	707-263-0278 (Animal Control)
Child abuse or neglect	262-0235 (Child Protective Services)
Speeding traffic	707-467-4000 (Highway Patrol)
Fire (non-emergency)	707-998-3294 (Clearlake Oaks Fire District)
Boating problems	707-279-1591 (Sheriff Marine Officer)
Juvenile or adult probation violations	707-262-4285 (Probation Department)

Other Important Numbers

Clearlake Oaks Water District	707-998-3322	Public Works	707-263-2341
Crisis Line Counseling	800-900-2075	Board of Supervisors	707-263-2368
Community Patrol 3 (toll call)	707-355-1911	PG&E 24 Hr ER Line	800-743-5000
Dept. Fish & Game	888-334-2075	PG&E Outage Info	800-743-5002
Local Road & Weather	707- 463-4722	Adventist Health Clearlake Hospital	707-994-6486