

The  
**CHANNELS**

*newsletter*

SUMMER 2020

## President's Perspective

The Coronavirus has kept most of us close to home for the past 3 months and has had an impact on the POA. We were able to have the POA Business Meeting on May 19th, so that the business of keeping the Keys running could be taken care of, and the POA General Meeting on June 20th. The POA General Meeting Scheduled for March 21st did not occur. Also, as the lake was closed to all boating, that also grounded the Weed Harvester until the POA was able to get permission for Lake County Health Dept to get it back to work. This will shorten our aquatic weed removal season.

As most of you already know, last year on July 31st, the state found one piece of cut hydrilla in one of the channels in the Keys and put a stop on our Aquatic Weed Harvesting Permits. So for the remainder of the season the POA volunteers were not able to run the Harvester. We now have permits again for 2020, however if any additional hydrilla is found it will most likely put a stop to all harvesting for the year again. So let's hope none is found this year. With the short season in 2019 and again this year the POA has not been able to get as much work done as we would like, but it's not for lack of our volunteers trying.

Late in 2019, the state passed a new law regarding elections for all HOA's and POA's in California, making things much more complicated. This new law makes our Bylaws non-compliant with the state law. Working with the POA attorney, we now have New Draft Elections Rules that are out to the members for comment. You should have received a letter in the mail dated June 10, 2020 regarding this. Comments are due by July 17, 2020 and these new rules will be discussed at the July 21, 2020 POA Board Business Meeting. If approved, these will be for elections in 2021 and beyond.

Speaking of Elections, Andrew Basurto and Heidi Aragon were appointed to the Nominating Committee for the 2020 POA Elections and Notices that Nomination for Board Members are Open were mailed on June 10th.

Please contact one of them if you would like to run for a spot on the Board this Sept. nominations close on Aug 5th. New Board Members take seats at the end of the Sept. 19th General Meeting. The 3 People up for elections in 2020 are Mike Herman, Dave Bligh and Sally West. The 2020 elections will follow the current Bylaws.

With the summer comes good weather and hopefully the Coronavirus goes away, go out and enjoy boating, fishing and the outdoors. If you see our hard working volunteers out on the Harvester or Spray Boats be sure to say "thank you" to them.

Mike Herman  
President

## Neighborhood Watch

We had a few problems during the Coronavirus with burglaries in the Keys. However it was not as bad as I had expected with most offenders being cited and released with no bail as the County Jail was not accepting most prisoners. The good is that now offenders are not going to jail again.

Even if you have a minor theft, it is important to contact the Sheriff's Dept and fill out the online form as even though nothing will be done about the theft, it does show that a crime did occur and gets into the system. Otherwise it looks like we never have any problems so the Sheriff will not make regular patrols in the area.

As always, keep your eyes open for any suspicious persons or activities and report them to the Sheriff immediately.

Mike Herman  
Block Watch Coordinator/Chair

## Admiral's Perspective

I hope you were able to get out on the lake for the Holiday Weekend. If you did, I am sure that you noticed that the water is very green and algae has started forming in the lake and the channels.

The Spray Boats have been out trying to settle as much algae as possible, but it does not happen overnight. I'm sure that you have noticed that we have a lot of primrose, much of this remaining from last year when our harvesting season was cut short by the Hydrilla find in one channel. Much of that problem carried over to this year with the lake being closed and now the water is so low that we are having a hard time finding a place to dump. Our County/State Harvesting Permit requires that we unload above the high water line and when the lake level get this low, the harvester will not reach that high.

Since the Hydrilla find last year, we have no legal place to haul aquatic weeds of site for disposal, all weed must stay within the Keys.

Please do the best you can to keep the area around your dock clean, and use your Yard Waste Can for disposal of aquatic weeds.

## Abatement

Abatement notices were sent out to forty four properties and most have complied. Thank you to those that did respond and remove their weeds and such.

When you are on your property, please take the time to tend to your yards in order to keep the weeds down and any dead trees removed. Also - please take note of the condition of your docks. Many are in a neglected state and need replacement or repair. Not only are they eyesores, but also are in danger of coming apart or coming loose altogether and becoming a major hazard in the canals.

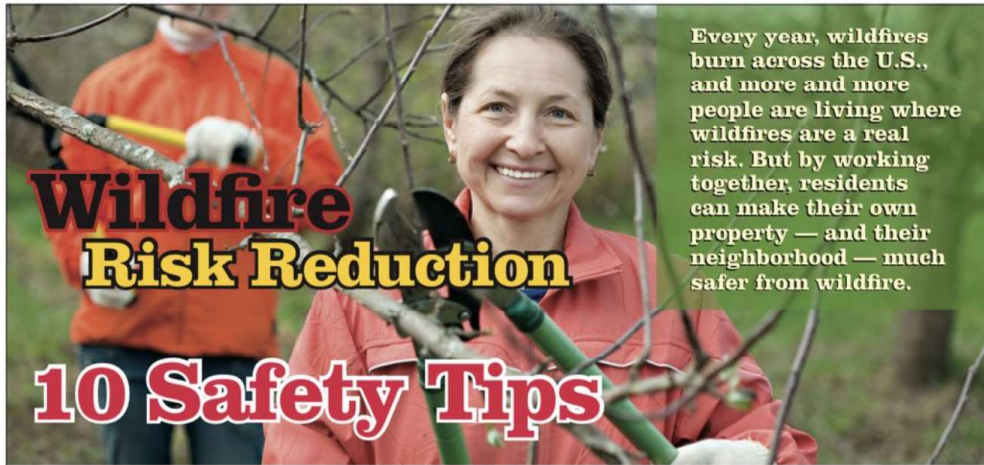
Heidi Aragon  
Abatement Officer

## History Corner

Here is a picture of Highway 20 looking east, just west of Clearlake Oaks circa 1935. At this time, the stone walls were only a few years old, but not much has changed over the past 80 years.

Mike Herman





Every year, wildfires burn across the U.S., and more and more people are living where wildfires are a real risk. But by working together, residents can make their own property — and their neighborhood — much safer from wildfire.

## Wildfire Risk Reduction

### 10 Safety Tips

#### Action Items to Improve Your Home's Survivability:

- **REMOVE** leaves, pine needles, and other flammable material from the roof, gutters, and on and under the deck to help prevent embers from igniting your home.
- **SCREEN** areas below decks and porches with 1/8" wire mesh to help prevent material from accumulating underneath.
- **COVER** exterior attic and soffit vents with 1/8" wire mesh to help prevent sparks from entering your home.
- **ENCLOSE** eaves to help prevent ember entry.
- **INSPECT** shingles or roof tiles. **REPLACE** missing shingles or tiles. **COVER** ends of tiles with bird stops or cement to help prevent ember penetration during a wildfire.

#### Tips for Landscaping Around Your Home

- **REMOVE** dead vegetation and other flammable materials, especially within the first 5 feet of the home.
- **KEEP** your lawn hydrated and maintained. If it is brown, cut it down to help reduce fire intensity.
- **PRUNE** tree limbs so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet above the ground to help reduce the chance of fire getting into the crowns of the trees.
- **MOVE** construction material, trash, and woodpiles at least 30 feet away from the home and other outbuildings.
- **DISPOSE** of branches, weeds, leaves, pine needles, and grass clippings that you have cut to reduce fuel for fire.

## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Increase your wildfire safety. Make simple low-cost changes to your home and landscape starting today.



Visit [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org) for more information.

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LET'S PROTECT IT TOGETHER.®

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## HOME IGNITION ZONE CHECKLIST

SIMPLE STEPS FROM ROOF TO FOUNDATION TO MAKE A HOME SAFER FROM EMBERS AND RADIANT HEAT

- Clean roofs and gutters of dead leaves, debris and pine needles that could catch embers
- Replace or repair any loose or missing shingles or roof tiles to prevent ember penetration
- Reduce embers that could pass through vents in the eaves by installing 1/8 inch metal mesh screening
- Clean debris from exterior attic vents and install 1/8 inch metal mesh screening to reduce embers
- Repair or replace damaged or loose window screens and any broken windows
- Screen or box-in areas below patios and decks with wire mesh to prevent debris and combustible materials from accumulating
- Move any flammable material away from wall exteriors - mulch, flammable plants, leaves and needles, firewood piles - anything that can burn
- Remove anything stored underneath decks or porches

VISIT [FIREWISE.ORG](http://FIREWISE.ORG) FOR MORE DETAILS

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# 2020 POA Calendar of Events

July 21 Board of Directors Business Meeting  
1:00 PM (3rd Tuesday)

Sept 19

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

Sept 15 Board of Directors Business Meeting  
1:00 PM (3rd Tuesday)

## 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.



## 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](http://clokeysclub.com)

### July Activities –

July 21 Keys Club Business Meeting 10:00 am  
*Plan to attend*

### Sept Activities –

Sept 15 Keys Club Business Meeting 10:00 am  
*Plan to attend*

### August Activities –

Aug 18 Keys Club Business Meeting 10:00 am  
*Plan to attend*

## 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**

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**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](http://www.co.lake.ca.us). If you make a complaint with the county, please let Heidi Aragon & Mike Herman know.

POA Abatement: Heidi Aragon (707) 998-9439

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 ..... (253) 343-3109  
 (13018 Keys Blvd to dead end)

**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.  
 Scott Sealey.....

**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 Vasherresse ..... (415) 971-3130

Candi Herman ..... (707) 486-2717

**Shoreview Drive**

Claude Soones ..... (707) 998-3261

**Spinnaker Court**

Mary Ellen Martin ..... (707) 998-4515

Surf Line & Ketch Court

Ken & Fran Young ..... (707) 998-0233

**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:*

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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

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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