

The  
**CHANNELS**

*newsletter*

FALL 2020

## President's Perspective

Fall is in the air, at least where I am sitting right now in Chiloquin, Oregon. The morning air is crisp and cool, the day is getting shorter, ice crystals are forming in the dog's outside water bowl. For those of you who do not know where Chiloquin Oregon is, it is 26 miles north of Klamath Falls, Oregon. I have a place here among the Pine and Aspen Trees. This is where I come to "get away" from it all.

My name is Andrew Basurto and I was asked to be the President of the Clear Lake Oaks Property Owners Association (POA). I will be replacing Mike Herman who has held the position for quite some time now. Mike has done an outstanding job in his post as President and I hope I can fill those shoes.

I recently retired from 53 years in the work world, my last career was 10 years in the physical security business. Climbing my way up from a Supervisor to a Security Manager. During my last major responsibility, I oversaw Samsung's National Security Services for their American Research Division. However, a change in Samsung's Management caused me to be laid off. I then spent 8 months working in my son's security system install business waiting for my eligibility for retirement. My son and his lovely wife have two houses here in the Keys and enjoy spending as much time as possible: getting away.

My beautiful wife of 47 years and I bought a house in the Keys last year to enjoy the closeness to the water for activities such as fishing, boating and entertaining. With 3 children, 13 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren, that is a lot of entertaining.

With living this close to the Lake, my main concern is the quality of the water. I was disappointed when I heard it is not safe to enter the water due to possible contaminations. Thus, my main priority as the new President will be to use whatever resources we have to clean up the

channels. As a board member I heard your concerns regarding cleaning up the channels and improving the quality of the water, but I also know, I or the volunteer board cannot do it alone. We need your community support in this effort. Please let me know when and how you can lend a hand, so together we can make an improvement; all suggestions or efforts are welcome.

Another concern I have is the high crime rate in this area. I want to keep our little haven safe from outsiders who come in with no good intentions. However, again this is a community effort, only together can we solve the problem. I welcome any suggestions or volunteers who will step up and help make our community a safer place to live.

Let hope and pray that 2021 is a better year for all of us.

Thank you,  
Andrew Basurto  
President

## Introducing

My name is Mary King, retired. My husband, Victor King and I moved from American Canyon last year. We've been visiting Clear Lake for many years, camping and fishing with our families. I worked as a healthcare worker for 30 years and served as an executive board member of the Health Care Workers Union, Chapter 250, until I retired. I also worked for the Richmond School District Summer Lunch Program for 7 years, which I enjoyed and it was very rewarding. It would be a pleasure to serve on the P.O.A. Board and I hope I can be a valuable member.

Mary King  
Director

# Past President's Thoughts

After serving 1 year as a Director and 3 years as your President of the POA, I thought it would be interesting to reflect back on these years. It has been a rewarding 4 years and I have met many wonderful people along the way and I want to thank all of the volunteers that have helped over these 4 years. I think we are in good hands with Andrew Basurto our new President , so be sure to offer help whenever you can as it take over 30 volunteers to run the Keys.

Only a few months on the Board and we had the Feb. 2017 Flood with the lake at 10.6 ft Rumsey. The Keys POA provided approximately 1600 sandbags and 18 truckloads of sand (approximately 65 CY of sand) to the Keys residences during this flood.

In late 2017, we started looking into new rules so that the POA could enforce the CC&R's as we are required to do. I think there has been a noticeable improvement of the past few years.

June 2018 we restarted the Newsletter that had not existed for some time.

In Sept. of 2018, came the Ranch Fire and we were evacuated for several days, but luckily, everything in the Keys was untouched.

In February of 2019 we had another much smaller flood (lake level at 9.93 ft Rumsey), which gave us a nice full lake for the boating season. However, July 2019 ended with a Hydrilla find in one of the channels putting a stop to all Weed Harvesting in the Keys for the remainder of the year.

In the summer of 2019, we were able to get the number of water testing sites increased from one to three.

The Spring of 2020 brought COVID-19 and the lake being closed to all boating including the POA Work Boats, we did finally get the Health Dept to let us run the Harvester, but the lake level was only around 4.5 ft Rumsey and when the lake gets below about 3.0 ft Rumsey, it get difficult to unload the Harvester. So lets hope for a full lake next Spring. Just a few weeks ago, the POA got permission from the County and State for use of a county owned site for dumping primrose off site next year.

Also in 2020, the Clear Lake Keys became a recognized Firewise Community.

Over the years we were able to sell some unused equipment such as the Floating Platform and the Dump Truck and replace it was a Dump Trailer

Even though I have left the Board, I will still be running the Neighborhood Watch.

Mike Herman

## Neighborhood Watch

Most of our problems over the past 3 months have been related to the homeless man living in the boat and later on a tent on top of a raft. We do not know where the boat went and it may be tied to a dock somewhere in the Keys. He has been living in or around the old Keys Landing Real Estate Building on Highway 20 at the end of the East Channel and the Sheriff makes him move, but the next day he is back. He is blocking the Boat Ramp that all Keys property owners have an easement on. We have been working with the property owner, but she can't keep him off of her property. Both myself and the property owner have each called the Sheriff on him at least 6 times.

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

# Abatement

As the season for notices is winding down, I want to thank all property owners for taking care of your properties so well in this strange time. We did not have nearly the amount of work to do this year as I anticipated, and for that I am grateful.

Please keep in mind that weeds are a constant occurrence and vigilance on your parts are essential in keeping the neighborhood safe and clean. Please schedule removal at least once a year in late spring and check again in summer as more will probably grow. There are many varieties that have different seasonal growths, so if you have more than one kind on your property, you will have to deal with that. Please do not wait for a notice. It takes a lot of time, gas, postage, paper, etc. that could be used elsewhere for your assessments.

The water primrose (Ludwigia) has gone bonkers this year. The last two years, the Harvester has been unable to harvest them due to restrictions imposed on us by the county for hydrilla found in one channel and the pandemic, as well as the Harvester getting a hole in its hull and needing repairs. We can't repair it at this time because the water is too low to get it out of the water and take it to the shop. It's always something, right? Anyway, as owners, it is our responsibility to keep our water weeds back. As for most lots, the property extends to the middle of your canal. I know most of you don't relish the idea of pulling or raking these weeds, but if you give me a call, I can point you to someone who has experience in their removal.

Thank you for a much better year!

Heidi Aragon  
Abatement Officer

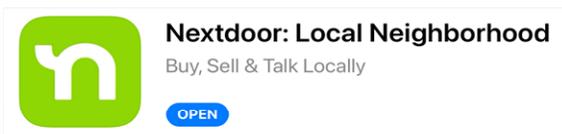


As a result of last year's PG & E planned safety power outages many residents purchased portable generators. A brochure about generator safety is attached to this newsletter.

If you did not receive warnings and updates from the Lake County Sherrif regarding the recent fires in Lake county please sign up for the alerts via phone, text and/or email at lakesherrif.com. The software used and providers have changed. Don't assume you are in the system if you signed up years ago.



Another good way to stay connected to your neighbors is on Nextdoor. You can sign up at Nextdoor.com, enter your address and email.



Stay safe,

Pam Kicenski  
Keys POA FireWise Community Coordinator

# Carbon Monoxide

It is a gas produced by fire and burning fuel: gas, propane, oil, wood, charcoal.

Carbon monoxide in the air you breathe replaces oxygen in your blood.

Call 911 and go outside or to a window or door if you have these symptoms:

- Headache
- Weakness
- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Shortness of breath
- Confusion
- Blurred vision
- Loss of consciousness

If a carbon monoxide alarm goes off, go outside or to a window or door.

You can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a long period of time or by a large amount of CO in a short period of time. Call 911 for help.

Install carbon monoxide alarms in living and sleeping areas, according to manufacturer's instructions.

Test monthly and change batteries yearly or according to manufacturer's instructions.



## Choose a Generator

Decide what you need to power.

- Medical device
- Heat or Air Conditioning
- Refrigerator, Stove, Microwave
- Internet, TV, Radio
- A few lights

Add up power requirements. (Check back and sides for a label with this information.)

Consider what you will need running at the same time.

Add startup watts requirement of the biggest user. This is generally 1 to 2X the running watts and should be on device label.

Choose a generator that produces more power than you need. Some appliances and devices lose efficiency over time.

Choose a generator that is quiet and has a fuel tank large enough to power through the night.

# Safely Use a Generator

### Refuel

- Turn off generator and allow it to cool before refueling
- Don't refuel if it is raining
- Don't touch generator with wet hands
- Refuel before going to bed

### Fuel Storage

- Store in approved container, clearly labeled
- Store away from fuel burning appliances (hot water heater, laundry), flammable objects and away from living areas
- Store at least 10 feet away from generator

### Plug In

- Do not plug generator into an electric outlet to power your house
- Plug appliances into generator or use a heavy duty correct wire gauge outdoor rated extension cord
- Do not run cords under doors which might pinch or compress them

### More Safety

- Place a fire extinguisher (minimum size 2A, 10-BC within 10 feet of generator)

### Generator Use

- Frequently check for and remove ventilation blocks such as snow

## Standby Generator

To power the whole house, consider a standby or stationary generator. It should automatically come on when power goes out using your home's gas or propane supply. 5,000 to 7,500 watts is needed to run an average house. Look at generators' rated power, not its maximum power. Running at maximum power will burn out the generator. Call a licensed contractor for advice and installation.

## Electrical Medical Devices

Ask physician, manufacturer or retail outlet for information on backup batteries. Make sure battery can be recharged with a USB plug. Keep it charged and ready to use. Test periodically. Arrange for a place to go in case battery backup fails. Keep medical device manual with your device. Keep a cell phone near you.



# Generator Safety

## Prepare for a power outage

**It is inevitable. The power will go out.**

**You don't need a generator, or do you?**

**It's a big investment.**

**It generates carbon monoxide.**

**It powers medical devices, refrigerators, air conditioners & heaters.**

**Learn the facts.**

South Lake  
Fire Safe Council



## Install a Generator

- 20 feet from building on a noncombustible surface away from vegetation
- Never use it in the garage
- Exhaust away from home, windows and doors
- Keep it covered from rain
- Use with ground fault circuit interrupter
- Install Spark arrest muffler
- Do NOT plug into home electric outlet.

## South Lake Fire Safe Council

- Chipping
- Education
- Reflective house# signs
- Evacuation map
- Neighbors helping neighbors

## South Lake Fire Safe Council

SouthLakeFireSafeCouncil.org

SLFSC9@gmail.com

(707) 987-9841  
(707) 809-5016



## 2020 POA Calendar of Events

Nov 2	POA Volunteer Dinner 5:00 PM COVID permitting	Nov 23	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Meeting 10:00 AM (3rd Saturday) <b>Please plan to attend. We need a quorum to conduct business.</b>
Nov 17	Board of Directors Business Meeting 5:00 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)

#### October Activities –

Oct 20 Keys Club Business Meeting 10:00 am  
*Plan to attend*

#### December Activities –

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

#### November Activities –

Nov 19 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**

**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 or 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.

Scott Sealey ..... (253) 343-3109  
(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

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