

**NOTICE TO ALL POA MEMBERS:  
THIS WILL BE THE LAST EDITION OF THE POA NEWSLETTER – UNLESS  
SOMEONE STEPS UP TO BE THE NEW EDITOR!**

We still have not had anyone step up to be the new editor of the POA Newsletter. If anyone has experience with word processing and can prepare four newsletters a year, please contact Sandra Magnan at 707-998-9976.

**CLEARLAKE KEYS  
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
PO Box 1329  
Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423**

*the*  
**channels** newsletter

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*This is your POA newsletter and includes  
important information concerning us all.*

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING**

**Keys Club**

**Saturday, March 28**

**2:00 pm**

# The channels

newsletter

Spring 2015



## President's perspective

The rains have been coming in and the lake level is rising we are already above last year's high water level. Hopefully we will get a few more storms to raise the lake level even higher. Along with the rising water comes floating debris logs, tree branches and trash. The harvester and volunteers have been cleaning up the canals. As a reminder each homeowner needs to take responsibility for their property to keep trees and trash from floating into our canals and not to rely on the POA. It is not the POA's responsibility to do the job for them. The volunteers have been cleaning out the weeds and debris with the harvester and most of the canals look good. We will continue our efforts. The channel restoration survey votes have been counted and the majority of the votes were NO. Do to the lack of interest in the dredging of our canals the dredging project will be suspended indefinitely. It's disappointing we don't have enough people that care about cleaning out our canals and helping restore some of our property values.

Doug Smith is putting together a proposal for purchasing a 2nd harvester to help with the work load. The harvester was hardly used due to low water but both paddle wheel motors had to be pulled and repaired and both seals had to be replaced on the front conveyer system and several repairs were made to the motor. The good news is the harvester is working fine. The new harvester will be on the agenda for the March 28<sup>th</sup> general meeting. Our webmaster has added a new link on the POA website to look at the current lake levels from the USGS site. Just click and check the lake's water levels. If you still haven't done this yet please go to the POA home page and opt-in to be emailed neighborhood watch alert notices and POA notifications. This will help keep you up to date on what is happening in the keys. The POA is still sending out around 330 newsletters by mail we need to get that figure down as close to zero as possible. Please go to the POA websites home page and opt-in to receive the POA newsletter by email this will help to save on mailing expenses. The POA is looking for someone to take over the treasurer position. It would be helpful to have some experience in accounting or bookkeeping and have some good organizational skills. The new treasurer will be trained prior to taking over the position .If anyone is interested in the position or has any questions please call Sandy Magnan . Doug Smith has resigned as admiral due to having to spend more time in the bay area. The POA is looking for someone to take over the Admiral position. It would be helpful to be a people person with good organization skills. Some of the duties of the admiral will be to organize crews to operate the spray boats and harvester, maintain the fleet in good working order and put together work details to remove debris from the waterways. Doug Smith will assist with some of the duties of the admiral. If anyone is interested in the admiral position please contact Doug Smith or Joe Stella.



Picture of harvester considered for possible purchase.

*Joe Stella, President*



## Treasurer's Notes

Some good news, I believe we have rounded the corner on the foreclosures, but still have about 35 total properties with liens for unpaid assessments. To date we have approximately 85% of individual properties showing the assessment for this year has been paid. Reminder late notices have gone out and additional payments are coming in. If you have not yet paid your 2015 assessment, late charges do apply. Send an email to me at [info@keyspoa.com](mailto:info@keyspoa.com) for the correct total due.

The POA is in pretty good financial shape with a couple years of lower than usual expenses for algae control and water levels that precluded the equipment from being able to be deployed for various times throughout the last season. We have had active discussions on the possible purchase of a new harvester to be used in addition to the existing harvester with features that allow it to be available for use in lower water levels and for longer periods during the year when the current harvester should be removed from the water to help lengthen its useful life. Financing such a project if it moves forward will be a challenge, but looking into the possibilities.

Another interesting project the Board is currently working on logistics, is the installation of security cameras at various intersections throughout the Keys. We continue to look for more ways to help keep our neighborhoods safer.

A reminder to all POA members, we are an all-volunteer organization including your Board, Spray boat operators and helpers, Harvester operators, Neighborhood Watch, event organizers and Volunteer coordinators. So when you see those spray boats and the harvester out and about in the canals or come across any of the volunteers listed in the member insert– remember to thank them for giving up of their time to help make this a better place to live and visit. But, as an all-volunteer organization, please remember we need your help too. Check the Contact Us link on the POA website: ([www.clearlakekeyspoa.com](http://www.clearlakekeyspoa.com)) and contact those listed in the activity you can volunteer some of your time. We also have a new Volunteer Coordinator, Lew Channell, and you can contact him at 916-468-3931.

Please visit the POA's web site at [www.clearlakekeyspoa.com](http://www.clearlakekeyspoa.com) for a more detailed financial report, including current account balances.

*Sandra Magnan, Interim Treasurer*

## Admiral's Report

This year has started off as a busy year. With the usual weeds, we are also experiencing more than average debris, such as logs, branches, and dock floats. I, personally, have noticed tree branches and logs that have been cut purposely with chainsaws and have found their way into the canals. As a reminder for all homeowners, homeowners are responsible for their shoreline. That includes trees and boat docks.

As for the harvester, repair work has been performed, and currently is being operated in all zones. We have also begun training more volunteers to run the equipment. Anyone interested in contributing to waterway maintenance, may contact Joe or myself to set up training, and if you are a previous volunteer, we would appreciate any volunteer help you would be willing to provide.

Work was performed on two of our spray boats and they are now ready to go. Special thanks to Steve Abel for overhauling the motor on Spray boat #4, and to all our volunteers that have selflessly devoted their time to our equipment, channels, the POA board, etc.

Finally, for some time, the Board has been looking into purchasing a new Harvester. The reliability issues our antiquated harvester has had for many years, is the main reason for a second harvester. However, there are additional benefits. A second, smaller, harvester would be available during the days, weeks, or months the old harvester is out for repairs and will also lighten our existing harvester's workload. The new harvester will also have an upgraded stainless steel hull the old harvester does not have, allowing it to be kept in the water for year round availability. It has the capability to pick up smaller debris, such as Duck weed, our current harvester is not equipped for, and will get into tight areas the larger one cannot.

Although a lot has been accomplished with the select volunteer group we currently have, it is crucial for our community to have additional volunteers. We welcome you all and ANY contribution is helpful. Not only is it for the betterment of our community, but is a fantastic way to build friendships and good rapport with neighbors we might never have met. Please contact Joe or myself to inquire how you might be of assistance. Thank You

*Doug Smith*

*Our current harvester back in the water and hard at work.*



## **C**hannel News

### **Neighborhood Watch**

Still trying to put together a complete inventory of the security camera systems that residents have installed in the Keys. If there is an incident in your area we would have an idea who might have it on video. Please email this information to Steve Monson—[stevmonson@gmail.com](mailto:stevmonson@gmail.com) (note: there is not a second “e” on my first name in the email address). Thanks for your help.

*Steve Monson, POA Neighborhood Watch Chairman*

**For Neighborhood alerts by email sign up on  
website: [www.clearlakeoakspoa.com](http://www.clearlakeoakspoa.com)**

### **Special Activities**

Following is the speech Barbara Higman gave at the dedication of the Floating Platform on March 1, 2015:

First of all I would like to thank the following people for making this possible, our past POA President Don Hubbard for getting the project started, our current President Joe Stella for seeing it to completion and put into the water. Thank-you to Dennis Krentz for allowing us to build this platform on his lot. A big thank-you to Jim Salvatore and his crew of people, too many to mention by name, but you know who you are.... Special thanks to all of the people that helped raise money to make this possible. This floating platform will be used for many things from hauling weeds and trash to working on projects- we have our own little mini island. We dedicate it in the memory of past POA President Jack Wadhams.

*Barbara Higman, Activities Chair*



*Picture from the dedication of  
the Floating Platform – formerly  
known as “the Barge”!*

Be sure to keep the insert at the end of this newsletter near your phone for POA Contact information and sheriff's and other important numbers.



## Be a Part of the POA Decisions—

**Now's your chance to step up and be an integral part of the future of the POA.** Two positions are currently available on the POA Board. These two positions are the Treasurer and Parliamentarian. We also need someone to take over the Admiral position. In addition to attending Board of Director meetings held at 6:00 pm the third Tuesday of each month and the General Membership meetings held 4 times a year, below is more information about the duties of the Treasurer and Admiral:

### Treasurer

**Financial :** General Ledger (making deposits/posting collections and paying invoices/posting payments) – currently using Quickbooks; Assist Board to create Budget/Plan.

**Reporting:** Monthly Board Report, Quarterly Newsletter Article, Annual Disclosure for Website

**Oversee Assessment collection/lien process:** We have someone willing to take over this part of the process who will provide information to Treasurer for required reporting.

Experience with Quickbooks helpful, but not required –assistance will be available for all steps.

### Admiral

Organize crews to operate the spray boats.

Coordinate harvester training to assure trained operators.

Maintain the fleet in good working order.

Put together work details to remove debris from the waterways.



**Volunteers don't just  
do the work – They  
make it work**

If we continue with the Newsletter, save the POA about \$5 each per year and reduce the amount of paper in your mailbox! If you'd like to be removed from the paper mailing list, please let us know by going to the homepage, [www.clearlakekeyspoa.com/](http://www.clearlakekeyspoa.com/), and opt in to receive the newsletter by email.

# WANTED

**We need someone to step up and volunteer to be the next Newsletter editor(s). Publications are 4 times a year – one for every season. Release the journalist in yourself! Contact Sandra Magnan, at 707-998-9976.**



*~Sandra Magnan, Temporary editor*

**Check out the few pictures on the following page.**

**They demonstrate some of the reasons we all love living and visiting here!**

**Volunteers are needed to help keep our channels clear and our property safe!**

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### POA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Director: Vacant

**The Clearlake Keys Property Owners Association (POA)** is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the preservation and improvement of the quality of life in the Clearlake Keys. It is an all-volunteer organization— contributions of time and money keep it running. The POA is governed by a seven member Board of Directors who are elected for two year terms.



**WATER – a priceless treasure, save it with pleasure.**



*Blooms everywhere, an early reminder of our exceptionally mild winter*



*A view from the hill!*



## Keys Club Corner

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ron Walker—President.....916-871-8701  
Andrea Chabak Secretary.... 908- 370-2340  
Betty Ekelmann, House Chair--998-0309

Irma Rivera, Vice President.....998-1995  
Barbara Stella, Treasurer.....998-3613  
Carol Mancini-Bldgs & Ground...998-3690

VACANT Rules & Grievances—998-3326

*Summer is right around the corner. Why not join the Keys Club and enjoy the grounds and pool this summer. If you're not a member, and would like to join, please contact Andrea Chabak 908-370-2340.*

*Something new this next year at the Club will be new membership cards with the ability to "read" those members accessing the club and pool areas for safety purposes. This card will be \$5 per card with a max of 2 per household and be part of the membership renewal process in June. Lost or stolen cards will be a replacement cost of \$10 per.*

*Our Board Election is in June, we will have 4 open positions and need to fill them. Now is the time to start thinking about running for a position on the Keys Club Board of Directors.*

*We are also seeking volunteers for pool monitors and summer time bartenders. If you would like to volunteer contact Irma Rivera 707-998-1995*

*Wednesday Nights why not give your Cook the night off and join us for dinner—Just \$7.00*

*Join us on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month for an All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet (includes coffee, tea and juice) for just \$8 for adults, and \$4 for children. OPEN TO ALL*

*Need somewhere to store your boat trailers, campers, cars etc, we have a rental storage lot, Just \$120 per year for members, \$240 for non-members, contact Ron Walker 998-1165*

*Check our website [clokeysclub.com](http://clokeysclub.com) or on Facebook to see what's going on at the club.*



## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH & EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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.

Lake County Sheriff's Department  
 Administration: 707-262-4200  
 Dispatch: 707- 263-2690  
 Dispatch: 1-800-693 9991

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH CHAIR:

Steven Monson, [stevmonson@gmail.com](mailto:stevmonson@gmail.com), Phone: 425-478-0764

### Block Captains:

#### ANCHOR VILLAGE

Ron Ridley, 13384 Anchor Village...998-1657

#### BASS LANE

Rhonda Frisby, 622 Bass Lane .....998-9682

#### BLUE HERON CT

Charlotte Bower, 12765 Blue Hrn 998-1278  
 Sam Boucher, 12731 Blue Hrn.....560-5143

#### DRIFTWOOD VILLAGE

Keith Potter, 13393 Driftwd.....998-3709

#### EBB TIDE VILLAGE

Kathy Garner, 13287 Ebb Tide ..... 998-3755  
 Barbara Higman, 13237 Ebb Tide...998-4801

#### EVERGLADE

Helene Montgomery, 13261 Evrgd.. 998-3804

#### FLYING JIB

Summer Kraml, 701 Keys Blvd.....998-1956

#### ISLAND CIRCLE

Scott Drew, 12894 Island Circle 350-1141  
 Helen Locke, 12760 Island Circle....998-4210

#### KEYS BLVD

Summer Kraml, 701 Keys Blvd.....998-1956  
 Ralph Kerchner, 13188 Keys Blvd...998-4046  
 Gayle & Jim Atkisson, 12987 Keys..350-5007  
 Irma & Ron Rivera, 594 Keys Blvd...998-1995

#### LAKE/LAKELAND & KONOCTI

Donna & Frank Bowen, 125 Lake...998-1133  
 Ray Jones, 421 Lake.....998-4032  
 Grant Berringer, 12921 Lakeland ....998-3049

#### MARINA VILLAGE

Jack Hinshaw, 13406 Marina .....998-2129

#### PEBBLE WAY

Lee Bridgeman, 662 Pebble Wy.....998-9482  
 Ernie Vasherresse, 621 Pebble.... 415-971-3130

#### SHOREVIEW DRIVE

Mary Flanders, 12678 Shoreview....998-1406  
 Frank Begnal, 12621 Shoreview ..... 998-1917

#### SPINNAKER COURT

Mary Ellen Martin, 743 Spinnaker ...998-4515

#### SURF LANE & KETCH COURT

Ken & Fran Young, 13292 Surf Ln .. 998-0233

#### VENUS VILLAGE

Ron Walker, 13383 Venus Vlg.....998-1165  
 Heidi Aragon, 13162 Venus Vlg .....998-9439

## 2015 POA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Meeting/Event (Meetings held at Keys Club)	date/time	
2015		
Regular Board of Directors Business Meeting	Tuesday, Jan 20	6:00 PM
Regular Board of Directors Business Meeting	Tuesday, Feb 17	6:00 PM
Newsletter Input Deadline	Mar 9	
Newsletter Available Online	Mar 19	
Regular Board of Directors Business Meeting	Tuesday, Mar 17	6:00 PM
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	Saturday, Mar 28	2:00 PM
Regular Board of Directors Business Meeting	Tuesday, Apr 21	6:00 PM
Regular Board of Directors Business Meeting	Tuesday, May 19	6:00 PM
Newsletter Input Deadline	June 8	
Newsletter Mailing Date	June 18	
Regular Board of Directors Business Meeting	Tuesday, Jun 16	6:00 PM
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	Saturday, Jun 27	2:00 PM
Regular Board of Directors Business Meeting	Tuesday, Jul 21	6:00 PM
Regular Board of Directors Business Meeting	Tuesday, Aug 18	6:00 PM
Newsletter Input Deadline	Sep 1	
Newsletter Available Online	Sep 10	
Regular Board of Directors Business Meeting	Tuesday, Sep 15	6:00 PM
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	Saturday, Sep 19	2:00 PM
Regular Board of Directors Business Meeting	Tuesday, Oct 20	6:00 PM
Newsletter input Deadline	Nov 2	
Newsletter Mailing Date	Nov 12	
Regular Board of Directors Business Meeting	Tuesday, Nov 17	6:00 PM
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	Saturday, Nov 21	2:00 PM
Regular Board of Directors Business Meeting	Dec—No meeting	
2016 Assessment Invoices mailed	Dec 15	

## 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 (Sheriff's Emergency Dispatch)
Non-emergency situations similar to above.....	<b>263-2331 or 1-800-693-9991 (Sheriff)</b>
Suspected criminal activity .....	263-3663 (anonymous crime tip hotline)
Abandoned, inoperable, or nuisance vehicles; unsightly, unsafe, or hazardous property; non-compliance with building codes.....	263-2309 (Code Enforcement)
Loose or vicious dogs; animal abuse and neglect; lost or found animals.....	263-.278 (Animal Control)
Child abuse or neglect.....	262-0235 (Child Protective Services)
Speeding traffic .....	467-4000 (Highway Patrol)
Fire (non-emergency).....	998-3294 (Clearlake Oaks Fire District)
Boating problems.....	279-1591 (Sheriff marine Officer)
Juvenile or adult probation violations .....	262-4285 (Probation Department)

## Other Important Numbers

Clearlake Oaks Water District ...	998-3322	Public Works .....	263-2341
Crisis Line Counseling.....	800-900-2075	Board of Supervisors...	263-2368
Community Patrol 3 (toll call) ....	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.....	463-4722	St.Helena Hospital .....	994-6486

## CLEARLAKE KEYS PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC

# 2015 INFORMATION

**KEEP THIS INSERT NEAR YOUR PHONE**

## HOW TO CONTACT THE POA

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**Director, Vacant (Parliamentarian)**.....  
**Director, Ed Legan (Special Projects)** ..... 702-497-8938

## Standing Committees 2015

### ABATEMENT

Chair: Debbie Razwick ..... 998-3507

### ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

Chair: Harry Schlickemayer.... 998-4634  
Mari Roth..... 998-1531  
Dennis Locke ..... 998-4210

### AUDIT

### CANAL OPERATIONS

Doug Smith ..... 533-3724

### Spray Boat Captains:

Zone 1: Sam Boucher ..... 560-5143  
Zone 2: H Schlickemayer ..... 998-4634  
Zone 3: Steve Abel ..... 998-4974  
Zone 4: Ed Legan..... 702-497-8938

### MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

Chair: Sue Garrett .....998-0224

### NEWSLETTER

Chair: Sandra Magnan .....998-9976

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### FLYER PRODUCTION/DISTRIBUTION

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Kathy Garner .....998-3755

### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

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