

# The CHANNELS

*newsletter*

SUMMER 2022

## POA Perspective

All of the POA joins in a hearty THANK YOU for 20+ years of Outstanding Volunteer Service as the Architectural Review Committee. Janice and Harry Schlickemayer have been deftly handling all requests from homeowners for upcoming changes/additions to their properties.

Janice and Harry have given the POA their time and expertise as the Architectural Review Committee. They are shining stars in the Keys.

THANK YOU and enjoy a much earned retirement!

For any of your Architectural questions and plans, your new contact will be -- Ernie Vasherese  
415-971-3130 ernievash@yahoo.com

Thank You Ernie for stepping up and taking on this very important position!



**WE**   
**VOLUNTEERS**

## POA Special Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 23, 5:00 pm

Meeting to discuss and hire Water Works to spray the aquatic weeds that are choking the channels.

- Estimate of the cost
- Initial location & date to begin
- Disposal of dead weeds
- Notice to homeowners

Homeowners are encouraged to attend to learn more about this proposal and solution.

The Board of Directors is trying to solve this problem that is affecting all homeowners.

Try to attend.

# Neighborhood Watch

You have not gotten many Neighborhood Watch Notices from me because not much to report, few issues in the Keys in the past several months. In April, two houses in the Keys were raided by the Sheriff and over 850 Cannabis plants were removed. I believe that the Road Map Task Force, which is 2 Sheriff Deputies assigned to the Clearlake Oaks area is helping a lot with reducing crime.

Mike Herman  
Neighborhood Watch/Chair

## ***2020/2021/2022 Drought Update***

On Aug. 1st of 2021 the lake level was -0.95' Rumsey. On Aug. 1st, 2022, the level was -1.17' Rumsey. This is 0.22' or about 2-1/2" lower than last year. I am still anticipating that by Oct. 1st of this year the lake level will be around -2.5' Rumsey, or about 3" lower than last year at that time. The ½" of rain we had in July has helped a little.

### *What is Rumsey?*

Rumsey is a measurement of the lake water level that is only used on Clear Lake. 0.00' Rumsey = 1318.265 feet above sea level and is the elevation of the top of the Grigsby Riffle, which is a rock outcropping in Cache Creek located between the Highway 53 Bridge and the Lake Street Bridge in Lower Lake. The Grigsby Riffle originally stopped all water from passing at 0.00' Rumsey, however today there is a notch in the Riffle that still allows some water to reach the dam. The lake is full at +7.56' Rumsey and flood level starts at +9.00' Rumsey. For reference, the Flood in Feb. 2017 reached +10.60' Rumsey and the flood in Feb/March 2019 crested at +9.93' Rumsey.

### ***Who Owns the Water in Clear Lake?***

The State of California (not Lake County) owns the water in Clear Lake. Yolo County has water rights. The amount of water that Yolo is allowed, is based on the lake level on May 1st of each year. If the level is +3.22' Rumsey or higher, Yolo will get some water based on lake height. If the lake level is below that, Yolo gets no water that summer.

### ***Where does the Water go?***

- Evaporation. (approximately 3.00' per year)
- Yolo County (but not this summer).
- Drinking water for most of the towns around the lake.
- Agricultural use (but not legal cannabis).
- Outflow from the dam, currently 6.98 cubic feet per second (for fish).
- Geysers Effluent Pipeline Make-up Water.

### ***Historic Lake Levels in Drought Years:***

Lake County has water level information going back to 1873 that can be helpful. Since 1873, the lake has only been below 0.00' Rumsey 14 times and all of these were at the start of the rainy season except 1977, 1920 and 2021. Also since 1873, the lake has only started out the summer below +0.55' Rumsey two times and that was in 1977 (-0.33') and 1920 (-0.50') both of these years had levels below -3.30' Rumsey at the beginning of the following rainy season. Update: the high water level for 2022 was +0.55' in mid-February

Mike Herman  
Neighborhood Watch/Chair

# FireWise Corner



On May 28th Kathleen Soones and I manned the annual FireWise informational booth at the Keys Club Parking Lot Sale. Thanks to Cal fire, The Bureau of Land Management, Lake County Fire Safe Council, North Coast Opportunities, and the Lake Sheriff Department we were able to give away backpacks to use as “to go” bags, chainguards for trailers and much more “swag”. And thank you to The Keys Club for providing space for the booth. Information was distributed to help the Keys be a fire adapted community in a wildland-urban interface. Fires are not going away.... how can we adapt to live well with fire?

The following is a reprint of an article that appeared in the 6/4/22 edition of the Record-Bee by Dick Selzer:

## ***Hardening Your Home Against Wildfire***

Spring rains help us reduce the drought – which is good. But they also make it possible for lots of vegetation to grow – which can become fuel for wildfires. Have you hardened your home against wildfire?

In the face of a raging fire, there’s nothing any of us can do but evacuate; however, by following the California Fire Safe Council’s recommendations, we can lessen the chances of our homes going up in flames.

The three primary ways wildfires spread are via ember storms, radiant heat, and direct flame. Embers are bits of burning debris that can be caught by the wind and carried more than a mile away. If embers land on combustible material such as decking, fencing, or a pile of dry leaves – or get caught in wooden siding or under eaves – they can ignite. Big fires create their own wind, sometimes intense enough to blow heavier material such as burning asphalt shingles, as happened during the Coffee Park fire a few years back.

Radiant heat also poses a threat. Think about how hot it gets when you’re too close to a campfire, so hot your skin can burn without touching the flame.

Now multiply that intensity by a whole house on fire. Radiant heat can ignite the house next door without any contact by embers or direct flame.

Most everything has a kindling point. Redwood shingles have a lower kindling point; concrete has a higher point.

And of course, fire spreads through direct flame, sometimes using what firefighters call the fire ladder: grasses ignite bushes which then ignite low tree branches and up the ladder it goes.

So, what can you do to make your home as safe as possible in this fire prone area? Actually, quite a bit. Maintaining a defensible space around your house is not only advisable, it’s the law. When possible, minimize any flammable material within 100 feet of your home. Obviously, if you live in a subdivision like Oak Manor, Empire Gardens, or other neighborhoods where houses are close together, this isn’t realistic. However, it does highlight the interdependence of fire safety.

If your neighbors’ property has untrimming trees and piles of dry leaves all over the place, everyone nearby is at risk.

According to the Fire Safe Council, everyone should keep combustible material of any kind at least **five feet** away from their homes. This includes not only landscaping, but patio furniture, stacked firewood, and especially any extra gas and oil for your weed whacker.

If you have a lawn, mow it down to four inches or shorter. If you have trees, trim branches at least 10 feet off the ground and remove any limbs hanging over your house. If you use bark as mulch, keep it away from the house and work the mulch into the soil as much as possible. At this point maybe we should all just use decorative rock as ground cover. It's certainly safer.

As you think about fire safety, it's important to consider your evacuation, starting with questions like: Do you know how to open your garage door or automatic gate if the power is out? And if your quarter-mile long driveway is burning on both sides, your tires will melt before you can drive to safety. Trim vegetation away at least 10 feet.

In addition to landscaping, you can harden your home by emptying gutters, clearing roofs, and sealing cracks in your siding and eaves.

Make sure there is a mesh screen over your chimney so embers cannot go in or out and consider investing in a self-closing dryer vent. As a former Boy Scout, I can tell you, lint makes a great kindling. I used to bring it on camping trips with a little flint and steel, and voila, campfire started.

If you are building a new house (or if you have the funds to replace all your windows), consider dual-paned with tempered glass because they're more heat resistant, making your windows less likely to break in the event of a fire. No matter how well you've protected the outside of your home, as soon as a window breaks, all the combustible material inside your home provides fuel for the fire.

You might also consider decking material such as Epat, a concrete-like substance that is less flammable than wood.

Finally, be sure firefighters can find your house-reflective, fire-resistant placards make it easy to see your address from the street. And remember, firefighters generally put their energy where it does the most good.

Helpful links: [www.lakesheriff.com](http://www.lakesheriff.com) "LakeCoAlerts"



and "Know Your Zone"



**The Keys Zone is CLO-E102**

Radio Station KPFZ 88.1 FM



CalFire website: [readyforwildfire.org](http://readyforwildfire.org)



Northshore Fire Fund: [northshorefirefund.org](http://northshorefirefund.org)



Watch Duty App



Please check out the FireWise section on the CLO Keys POA website for more information,

Stay safe,  
Pam Kicenski  
Keys POA FireWise Community Coordinator



## 2022 POA Calendar of Events

<p>Aug 23      SPECIAL Board of Directors Business Meeting 5:00 PM <b><i>In Person &amp; Zoom Meeting**</i></b> <b><i>Vote on Primrose Spraying Proposal</i></b></p>	<p>Sept 24      GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Meeting 10:00 AM (3rd Saturday) <b><i>Please plan to attend. We need a quorum to conduct business.</i></b> <b><i>In Person &amp; Zoom Meeting**</i></b></p>
<p>Sept 20      Board of Directors Business Meeting 5:00 PM (3rd Tuesday) <b><i>In Person &amp; Zoom Meeting**</i></b></p>	<p><b><i>**To register for a Zoom Meeting - send an email to <a href="mailto:info.keyspoa@gmail.com">info.keyspoa@gmail.com</a></i></b></p>

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

#### ***August Activities –***

Aug 13    Hot August Night - Dinner, Car Show & Music  
Aug 16    Keys Club Business Meeting 11:00 am

#### ***October Activities –***

Oct 18    Keys Club Business Meeting 11:00 am  
Oct 27    Halloween Dinner. 5:00 PM

#### ***September Activities –***

Sept 3    Annual Luau. 5:00 pm  
Sept 20    Keys Club Business Meeting 11:00 am

### ***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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**POA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH & EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

**Emergency:**  


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 Dial 911

**Non-Emergency:**  


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 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 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 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.

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

*Need Volunteer*

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	Board of Supervisors .....	707-263-2368
Crisis Line Counseling .....	800-900-2075	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
Public Works .....	707-263-2341		