



Bel Marin Keys
Community Services District

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Flushing Schedule

March 15th-17th & 27th-29th
April 18th-20 & 30th-May 2
May 15th-17th & 28th-30th
June 13th-15th & 27th-29th

VHF Channel 16 is monitored during flushing events. **FLUSHING DO NOT ENTER** signs are placed on both creek and lagoon docks during the event, if you have questions please call the District office 883-4222.

Culvert Gates

The South Lagoon Culvert Project is continuing. The District undertook efforts this summer to replace the three gate doors which had reached the end of their serviceable life. Issues arose with the integrity of the concrete wall and a new plan to attack the project was necessary. The final stages of construction are being scheduled for the end of March, beginning of April. **Please note that this work will require a lane closure** to allow for gate placement. Please keep an eye out for notice on the marquee and flyer.

Emergency Response Team

Mission: Doing the greatest good for the most people.

Vision: The Bel Marin Keys Emergency response Team (ERT) is a volunteer organization charged to support the community preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation for preservation of life, property and the environment in coordination with public safety professionals.

We want to thank Terry Fisher, who came and provided our community with the necessary skills and information to survive and cope with a disaster. We had over 100 residents attend this class and we are working on bringing another class in the fall. Our goal is to reach at least 75% our community to ensure that all residents have an emergency plan and are self sustained for 5-7 days if our community is isolated.

The committee is still looking for volunteers to be a block captain, as well as, licensed ham radio operators to volunteer in support of the BMK ERT. If you are interested in being a block captain or are a license ham operator please email the District Manager at ncamargo@bmkcsd.us or join us at our next meeting on **Tuesday, March 20th at 7pm at the Community Center.**

Bel Marin Keys Women’s Club 2018 Scholarship

The Bel Marin Keys Women’s Club is sponsoring a scholarship to benefit a High School Senior residing in Bel Marin Keys and planning to attend college. This year the winner will receive a \$1,500 scholarship to pursue his/her higher education. The winning student will be presented with a check at the Women’s Club lunch meeting on May 11th 2018. They will read their winning essay and are encouraged to invite their immediate family to the ceremony. You too can donate to help a student by sending your donation to Bel Marin Keys Women’s Club Scholarship Chair, 17 Caribe Isle, Novato 94949. Pick up an application that includes detailed eligibility requirements at the CSD office or from Madelon Montobbio at 17 Caribe Isle. If you have any questions call Madelon Montobbio at 415-883-3436.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 5:00 PM ON MAY THE 1ST

California Boater Card Required January 2018

On September 18, 2014, Governor Brown, signed into law Senate Bill 941, which prohibits the operation of motorized vessels in California without a valid Boater Card issued by The California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW). If you operate a motorized vessel on California waterways, you will be required to pass an approved boating safety exam and carry a lifetime California Boater Card. By **January 1, 2018**, all persons **20 years of age and younger** will be required to have a Boater Card. The requirements are phased by age every year thereafter and by 2025, all persons who operate a motorized vessel on California waters will be required to have said card. Once issued, the card remains valid for a boat operator’s lifetime. For more information please visit the California Boating and Waterways at <http://www.dbw.ca.gov>.



Apply Now!



Tennis Anyone? How about Basketball or Pickleball? Wait what, Pickle who?



Thank you for your patience as we work through substantial improvements at Montego Park. This past fall the existing tennis courts were demolished and prep work began to receive a brand new-ground up tennis court. But not just tennis. The new multi-sport court will feature tennis and also include court striping for basketball and pickleball. With one basketball hoop at either end (tennis net in the middle) there will be plenty of room for residents to shoot free throws, play some H-O-R-S-E, one-on-one, or even competitive half-court games. Striping for basketball will include the basketball key and the high school three-point line and out of bounds lines.

Many of you may have never heard of Pickleball before, but it is the one of the fastest growing sport in the US according to many national reports. Imagine Tennis, Ping-Pong, and Badminton combined.. The new multi-sport court will include the permanent tennis net down the center, but each half of the court will also include striping for two pickleball courts, totaling four in all. If you enjoy tennis, but dread the running around a large court, pickleball is perfect for you. Hard paddles, large plastic whiffle ball, small court, fast paced, social, and easy to learn!



If you are interested in learning more about it you can let the District Office and she can put you in touch with some of our local resident aficionados who are eagerly awaiting to share the sport with the community. The BMKCSD will be purchasing four (4) nets and play equipment for residents to use at their leisure once the courts are opened.



Please help keep this new recreational asset to our community in pristine condition by avoiding the use of skateboards, bicycles, and dogs to use the courts. **The courts are for residents and their guests only.** We anticipate the work to be completed in April.

Novato Creek Survey

A hydrographic survey was recently completed and approved by the CSD board. The waterways management team will be working with a licensed captain to conduct creek navigation seminars in the spring/summer. Notification will be posted on the website and marquee once dates and times are set.

Buoy Cleaning

This winter the District will be conducting a comprehensive inspection of all the ski area buoys in both North and South Lagoons. Each ski area will be inspected individually, and buoys will be removed for approximately 5 days. A **NO WAKE ZONE** will be in effect for the ski area until the buoys are replaced. Once the buoys are inspected and repaired, they will be replaced in the same location and shoreline offset (125'/South Lagoon and 150'/North Lagoon). Inspections are anticipated to begin in January and notification of which ski area to be closed will be on the marquee and website.



District Managers Report

Happy New Year to all! We look forward to another year full of projects and we want to thank you for your patience as we complete some projects carried over from last year.

We will be doing some tree work (thinning of the Acacia trees) at Bahama Reef Parks and Del Oro Park, so please make sure you are aware of the contractor's equipment. We will continue addressing tree work throughout the District as some trees have some structural issues and others need a good pruning.

We have received the tax fund for December 2017 (\$887,115.17) and amounts received are as follows: Operating/General Fund \$247,761.56; Waterways \$263,958.32; Measure E (Loan repayments) \$124,230.28; Measure F (Loan repayments) \$251,165.11

Coyote Sightings: We are very blessed to have such an abundant wildlife in and around our community and at times forget how close that wildlife really is. We have gotten reports of coyote sightings on the streets and in resident's back yards. Here is a quick Do's and Don'ts:



1. Don't attract coyotes by offering an easy meal. Don't leave pet food outside. Secure garbage can lids. Coyotes are drawn to bird feeders, too – not for the seed but the small creatures the seed attracts.
2. Close off possible den spots – crawl spaces, openings beneath porches and decks.
3. Walk dogs on a leash and carry a good stick. Don't leave housecats and small dogs outside alone for long periods of time. Coyotes have a taste for both.
4. Never corner a coyote. And definitely never attempt to touch one.
5. If confronted: yell, wave your arms (or stick) wildly and throw things (non-edible) in the direction of the coyote.

The District has also received a number of complaints with regards to speeding. We are working with the County to possibly install solar radar signs to deter some of the speeding and help keep our streets safe.

Community Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 31—11:00 a.m.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is a special, community-wide event, sponsored by the Bel Marin Keys Yacht Club. It's held at Montego Park for children ages 0-8 years. Mark your calendars with the date and watch for a flyer with all the details. We are counting on many volunteers to make this happen. Please contact Commodore Mac Vogeley at 415-328-7207 and let him know what you can do to help!



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Community Calendar 2017-2018

March

Mar. 15- CSD Board Meeting 7:30pm
Mar. 20- ERT Meeting 7:00pm
Mar. 31- Easter Egg Hunt at Montego Park

May

May 17- CSD Board Meeting 7:30pm
May 28- OFFICE CLOSED

April

Apr. 19 -CSD Board Meeting 7:30pm

Neighbor to Neighbor

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