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Lagoon Levels Low

We are going to lower both lagoons for shoreline work (two feet below the usual summer level). Lowering the lagoons will begin on April 23-26 and will remain low until May 5th. Levels will be brought back up by May 6th to the usual summer level. Please take your boats off your lifts if you plan on using them during this time. Questions please call the District Office.

Trash Cans

We have ten new garbage cans that will be distributed though out the community. Please note that these cans and any other existing cans are **NOT** to be used for personal house hold trash.

Neighbor to Neighbor

Flooding in and around our District

Over the past few weeks we have received an enormous amount of rain. In and around our District we have experienced levee breaches, one near the CA 37 Bridge and two at Pacheco Pond. As a District we have been in communication with the State Coastal Conservancy and the County of Marin regarding impacts these breaches have caused to the Bel Main Keys Community Services District. For the Pacheco Pond levee breaches the State Coastal Conservancy has been responsive about emergency repairs. All of these issues we are experiencing highlights the need for various agencies and stakeholders to work more closely to manage and maintain a very fragile flood control infrastructure. Over the coming months the District will be meeting with the County, State Coastal Conservancy and City of Novato to bring that to light and seek actions on measures that should take place to insure the safety of our community as a whole.



Montego Park

As many residents are aware Montego Park is undergoing renovations with the new tennis/multit-purpose court. We will be continuing work on the next phase this summer and fall with the installation of new bocce ball courts. In our phased approach at the park, and as we have budget available, we will eventually be addressing the flooding of the park during the rainy season which has been quite challenging this year. The overall original design of the park had water from adjacent parcels flow into the park acting more as a detention pond with some drains that are no longer operational. The District is for now moving rain water with pumps and will continue to do so until a long term fix is constructed likely in fiscal year 2020/21.

Parking and Intersections Safety

The District met with the County of Marin public works group, at the direction of the BMKCSD Board of Directors, to discuss the proper marking of curbs and no parking zones to better enhance visibility and safety at the intersections and boat ramps through out the community. At this point, we have made our recommendations and received feedback from the County on items that can be done via work order, and items that will need to go to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Most areas are enhancements to existing signage. We also ask for resident who live on a corner street to be mindful of vegetation and trim back as some areas are becoming a line of sight issue for cars pulling out of the intersection. We are also continually addressing the speeding issue and looking to install a speed radar sign on the boulevard which will be reviewed by the County prior to installation.

Bel Marin Keys Residents and Friends Are Invited To Participate In a Unique Free Clean Boating Seminar

Ahoy! California has one of the highest levels of recreational boating activity in the nation. With more than one million recreational boats in California, every effort to implement clean boating practices is a significant step towards preserving the waterways in our beautiful state. You are invited to attend a unique clean boating seminar on **Saturday, May 18th, 2019 at the Community Center (4 Montego Key) at 1:00 pm.**

Seminar topics will include:

Clean and Green Boating Practices: The California State Parks Division of Boating and Waterways (DBW) and the California Coastal Commission's Boating Clean and Green Program will review some simple environmentally-sound boating practices you can implement related to oil, fuel, trash and marine debris. Seminar participants will receive a **free boater kit** including an oil absorbent pillow, information about environmental boating laws, oil related disposal site information, ABCs of Boating laws and the **San Francisco Bay Clean Boating Map.**

Sewage Solutions: The San Francisco Estuary Partnership (DBW Clean Vessel Act Program) will be providing information on how to dispose of your sewage properly. Seminar participants will receive free copies of the **San Francisco Bay and Delta Pumpout Guide and Maps for Boaters. Thank you for being good stewards of the environment!**



THE MOST EFFECTIVE CITIZEN ACTION GROUP YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF...

Want to make a difference? Want to learn about your County government and how our tax dollars work? Or don't work? An exciting experience may be just around the corner. Now is your chance to learn about the Marin County Civil Grand Jury. Please join us for an informational meeting and learn how you can make a difference.

**Thursday, April 11, 2019
2:00 p.m.**

Bel Marin Keys Community Center
4 Montego Key

Questions? Please contact Penny @ (415) 798-6920

**Bel Marin Keys Women's Club
2019 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 \$1,700 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 10th 2019. 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, CA 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 APRIL 30TH, 2019.

Winter Lagoon Levels for Flood Control

Over the past two months, we have experienced significant amounts of rain in a short period. Several factors are weighed in determining how low to take the lagoons down prior to a storm event. Current level of ground saturation, tides during the predicted storm, and constant monitoring of several weather stations are a few of the factors in lowering which can take several days to accomplish. Every inch of measured rainfall equals 2-3" of rise in the lagoons. In some cases when pacific storms stall and slow down once hitting the coast the forecasted rainfall may increase by 1-2" within 12hrs of making landfall. This may present an issue attempting to lower the lagoons once the storm has passed as Novato Creek is well above the predicted tides. To compensate for the unknown is the best tool and lowering a little more than necessary has proven a worthy tactic.

**Novato Creek Survey and
2019 Navigation Seminars**

The annual survey of Novato Creek is completed and will be on the website by mid-April. Similar to the past few years, BMKCS D will hold Novato creek navigation seminars late spring and summer. The seminars will consist of changes to navigation, review of the survey, aerial video of the creek at a 0.0' mean low low water tide and more. In addition to the 2019 seminars, another improvement to aid boaters is a real time tide gauge located at the mouth of Novato creek. BMK collaborated with the county of Marin on the locations, installation and maintenance of the gauge. To view the real time tide at the mouth of Novato creek you can visit the BMKCS D website at bmkcsd.us or go to one.marinrain.com

In Memoriam...

Marcia Anne Speer 1932-2019

Marcia passed away on February 26th, 2019, with her family by her side. Marcia was a third generation San Franciscan. Born to Helen and Cornelius Harrigan. She attended St. Phillips grammar school and St. Paul's High School. She met her husband Joe Speer of 66 years at a St. Paul's High School dance. Marcia is survived by her husband Joe Speer, daughters Marcy Martin, Terry Speer and her grandson Joe Ryan. Marcia was a high spirited, passionate person who had a zest for living a full life. Marcia was an amazing mother to her two daughters Marcy and Terry. They enjoyed luncheons, traveling political discussions, entertaining and a cold martini together. She was a devoted Grandmother to her Grandson Joe Ryan. Marcia (Nin) loved following Joe's baseball career throughout high school, college and his current minor league team. Her grandson Joe meant everything to her. Marcia was married to Joe Speer for 66 years. After retirement from PG&E in 1992. Marcia and Joe became "World Travelers." When not travelling Marcia enjoyed entertaining at home. Enjoying many celebrations surrounded by Family and Friends. Marcia was an active member of the Woman's club and a long term member of the Yacht Club. Marcia will be missed greatly by her Husband Joe, Daughters Marcy and Terry and her Grandson Joe. She was a strong force in all our lives. You live on in all of us.



Theodore Erwin Moehnke 1937-2019

Ted passed away peacefully at home on January 29, 2019, surrounded by family. Ted gracefully fought cancer after living a happy and fulfilled life. He is survived by his adoring wife, Betty Jean, his children and their spouses, Perry Moehnke (Emily), and Carrie Moehnke Meade (Eric), by three grandchildren, and a niece, nephews, and cousins in Oregon. Ted was born in Oregon City, Oregon, and was raised in Brownsville, Oregon, until joining the US Navy at age 17, where he served 3 years. After an honorable discharge, he attended Oregon State University, then relocated to Oakland. In May of 1960, Ted met Betty Jean, a principle skater in Shipstad's and Johnson Ice Follies. He was inspired by Betty Jean to skate, after lessons and constant practice, was hired by the Follies in 1961. Together, he and Betty Jean skated and traveled throughout the United States and Canada for 3 years. After leaving the Follies in September 1964, the couple settled in Oakland, CA. In May of 1965, Ted entered the theatrical industry and became an apprentice of Local 16 I.A.T.S.E., working in the San Francisco Opera shop under the direction of Pierre Cayard, master builder. He then worked with the San Francisco Ballet, San Francisco Symphony, became Property Master for George Lucas' first picture THX 1138, as well as, working on many movie productions in San Francisco.

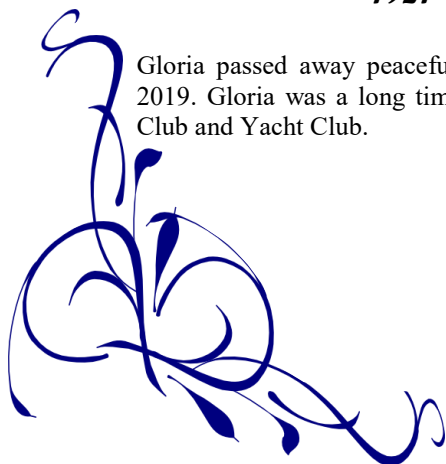


Gloria Kosack 1927-2019

Gloria passed away peacefully at home on March 16, 2019. Gloria was a long time member of the Women's Club and Yacht Club.

Mary Underwood Coulman 1938 – Nov.7, 2018

Mary lived until the end of her life in the home she loved. She played piano, painted with oils, designed stained glass and jewelry, studied advanced photography and carved tables out of redwood trees. In recent years, she enjoyed simple things, cycling with friends, reading on the deck, swimming and kayaking in the lagoon. Her children and grandchildren were the center of her life, and she treasured family gatherings by the water in Bel Marin Keys.



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BEL MARIN KEYS COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 20
Starts at 11:00 a.m.

Montego Park

Sponsored by the Bel Marin Keys Yacht Club
Calling all bunnies ages 10 and younger

**GRAB YOUR BASKETS AND HOP OVER TO BEL MARIN KEYS TO MEET
THE EASTER BUNNY!**

Hot dog or hamburger, chips and soda -- \$5.00



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Please join us for a Free Lunch and Information Session: Financial and Real Estate Issues for Seniors on Saturday April 20. Did you know that in Bel Marin Keys you need a business license to rent your home or even a room? Be informed not fined! Our topics will include housing and care options, guardianship, living trusts, probate, appraisals, health care concerns, eligibility of heirs, life insurance, stocks, annuities, family wealth transfers, leaving money to charities, estate and trust tax issues. We welcome questions. All welcome, but RSVP's are needed for lunch for a head count. Please RSVP to Vivian Vosu (see contact info above). Saturday April 20th from 11:00am—1:00pm 385 Bel Marin Keys Blvd suite B, Novato CA 94949 If you are ready for a quick close all cash offer on a remodeled house, I have an eager and qualified buyer.

Electronic Paddle Boat Missing in the North Lagoon

Our electronic paddle boat has been missing for over a month. If anyone finds it, please call Mike or Jen at (415)-883-6174.




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Community Calendar 2019

April

Apr. 20th- YC Easter Egg Hunt

Apr. 29th- CSD Board Meeting



June

June. 1 &2 Community Garage Sale

June. 20th– CS Board Meeting

May

May 16th- CSD Board Meeting

May 18th-Boating Seminar 1pm

May 25th-CSD office Closed

Flushing Schedule

April: 8th-10th

May: 6th-8th & 20th-22nd

June: 3rd-5th & 17th-9th

July: 1st-3rd & 15th-17th & 29th-31st

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