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Flushing Schedule

Sept. 10th-12th & 24th-26th
Oct. 8th-10th & 24th-26th
Nov. 7th-9th & 26th-28th

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.

Thank you to the BMK Yacht Club for putting on another amazing Fourth of July for the community. Our congratulations go out to all the participants in the various decorating competitions. Don't miss out on the upcoming community events; Paddle fest and Concert in the Keys.



Water Safety in Our Lagoons

The safety of our lagoons is vital and the District wants to remind residents to follow the Waterways Regulations set forth by Chapter 11.36, Marin County Code Harbors and Waterways. This summer there were multiple reports of vessels exceeding the speed limit outside of the ski areas in addition to not following the single and multiple boat skiing patterns in both the North and South lagoon.

We would like to remind residents to the following code sections:
 Section 11.36.06-Water Skiing: *“ all water skiing shall follow a counter clockwise pattern, and shall be limited to the designated ski areas; as shown on the Water Safety Map*
 Section 11.36.065-Wake Surfing Prohibited: *“no vessel operator shall intentionally engage in any water sport in which the sport participant is propelled entirely or substantially by the force of the vessels wake alone”*

We would also like to remind residents that you are responsible for your boats wake and must abide by the **“No Wake”** zone areas as outlined in the Waterways Map (see page 3). Boat ramp use is also covered under those regulations. A printable version is available on the website (www.bmkcsd.us) and printed copies are available at the CSD office. If you have guests please ensure that they understand the Waterway Regulations, so we can ensure a safe waterway for all to enjoy. Please do not hesitate to contact the CSD office (883-4222) with any questions. Let's keep our lagoons safe!

Lagoon Aquatic Vegetation Management

Algae and other species of vegetation are a natural effect in the lagoons. There are some species that are beneficial and some that will adversely affect supporting marine life. Due to regulatory restrictions, the District is limited to organic approaches when managing the volume of vegetation. Out competing the algae's food source and minimizing nutrient loading are two natural solutions to eliminating continuous algae blooms throughout the summer. We are also reminding residents that there is a DIRECT correlation between the use of lawn/garden fertilizers and nitrogen loading in our lagoons. Most of the storm drains in and around our community discharge directly into the lagoon with no detention or “holding areas”. Therefore we pick up run off from our streets, sidewalks, yards and whatever is used on them. You can help by thinking twice about what you apply, the harm it may cause our fragile lagoon waters, and working to seek out alternatives that have lower levels of nitrogen (along with other harmful elements). The following is a list of items you can undertake to assist with the vegetation management:

- Reduce/Eliminate the use of lawn fertilizers and pesticides
- Remove any vegetation growing over or into the lagoons
- Put lawn clippings and green waste in green cans
- Do not overwater lawns
- Don't feed the waterfowl

Multi-Court Rules
(we have notice skid marks on the court ☹)

The new Multi-Court is open for business at Montego Park. This is a milestone in the overall redevelopment of the Districts largest and most heavily used park and we are excited to see the new court being used by all ages of residents within our community. The court does have controlled access and you will need to come by the office to update your boat ramp key card or obtain a key card for the multi-use court. There are posted rules and regulations (see page 7) and as this was an expensive investment we want to insure we collectively, as a community, take care of our court. So please review the rules and regulations and let the office know if you see or know of any issues.

Look for Bocce as the next phase of work to be undertaken at Montego Park!

Keep Sidewalks in Good Repair

As residents may be aware, sidewalks are the responsibility of property owners and need to ensure they are not causing any tripping hazards or obstruction to pedestrians. The District office has received numerous concerns in regards to overgrown and broken up sidewalks. We ask that homeowners assess their sidewalks and property and to be vigilant in controlling weeds and overgrown trees or shrubs before they take over and block pedestrian access to the sidewalks. Also, a clear line of sight for oncoming traffic needs to be maintained if you live on the corner of an intersection.

Boat Ramp Use

We have had three instances of vandalism and damage to our boat ramp gate systems. We as a community ultimately and collectively pay for this damage with your tax dollars. We do not have surveillance at the ramps so we are asking for community help. If you see something, please report any instances or suspicious behaviors in and around our boat ramps.

District Managers Report

The work plan for fiscal year 2018/2019 for Measure A has been submitted and awaiting the audit for fiscal year 2017/2018. The estimated funds to be received for 2018/2019 is \$59,675.88

Our fiscal year 2017/2018 came to an end June 30th ,we will be proceeding with the end of the year audit.

We have received concerns with boaters speeding in the “No Wake” zones in the North and South lagoon. Another concern is the amount of swimmers and paddle boarders who are entering the Ski run area. These residents are putting themselves at risk, especially when a boat is actively using the ski area. If you have guest please make sure they understand and follow the waterway rules.

We will continue to address tree work throughout the District as some trees and palms have structural issues while others only need a substantial pruning.

Please ensure any water inflatable's are properly secured to your dock and are within your docking easement. They are not to be anchored outside said easement where they can become a navigational hazard. If they do become an navigation issue they will be promptly removed.

The District continues to receive concerns in regards to parking for an excess of 72 hours in and around all parks, cul de sacs and boat ramps. The District has been asked to work with the Marin County Sheriff and County Roads Department to look at a setting a time restriction on parking in said areas.

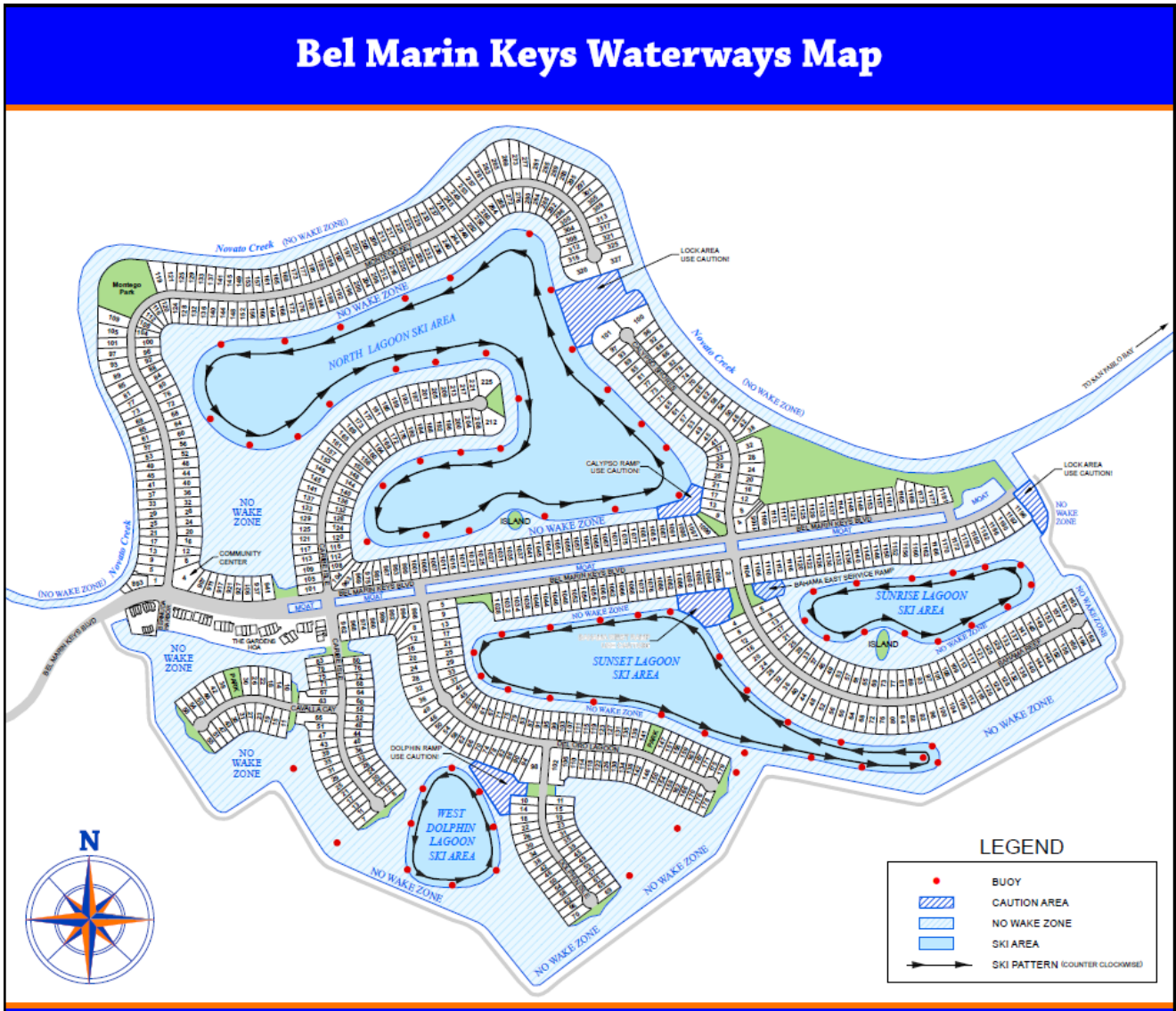
Reminder: Please slow down, the District receives constant complaints about speeding vehicles down the side streets, as well as, the boulevard. Lets keep our street safe.

Safety Concern: Minors Trespassing on District

P r o p e r t y

Over the last couple of years the District has encountered a number of trespassing issues at the locks, boat ramps and most recently at the Montego Multi-Court. The majority of the violators are under age and creating a liability for the District as they engage in activity which can result in a serious injury in example; back flips off the fish screens into the river, diving into the lagoons off the ramp docks on bikes, and lately climbing over the multi-court fence. We have notified the Marin County Sheriff and any violator will be cited. We are asking resident if they see any of these activity to call the Sheriffs Department or the District office.





Full scale maps available at the CSD Office.

National Night Out

We want to thank Emergency Response Team (ERT) committee members Mercy Angelopulos, Steve Pointer, Steve Nash, Jim Hale and Cheryl Furst for all their help in putting together another great event. We also want to thank the Marin County Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol and Supervisor Judy Arnold for coming out to support our community. The goal of this event is to enhance the relationship between law enforcement and community members, as well as, an opportunity to get to know your neighbors and make the community we live in a better and safer place to call home.



Emergency Response Team (ERT)

What is the Emergency Response Team (ERT) you may ask?

Mission: Doing the greatest good for the most people.

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

The ERT's goal is to reach at least 85% our community to ensure that all residents have an emergency plan and are self sustained for 5-7 days if our community is isolated as we only have one way in and one way out of the community. We have a emergency kit list available for residents which can be picked up at the CSD office. The committee has also been active in working with the Marin County Office of Emergency Services to help coordinate evacuations drills, as wells, as vegetation assessment for fire hazards.

V O L U N T E E R S N E E D E D ! ! !

The ERT urgently needs licensed amateur radio operators (HAM). If you would like to volunteer your leadership and experience in times of crisis and provide lasting and meaningful impact to your local community, HAM radio is an essential tool in our disaster preparedness and disaster recovery plan and the ERT needs HAM radio operators. Don't have a license? No problem. The ERT has a position for you. The ERT own/operate both HAM radios and licensed private Land Mobile Radios. All you need to do is pass a simple written test to acquire a Technician license. No Morse Code, no old fashion questions, the test is simple, basic and you can study and take practice test on-line free. In addition, current HAM operator will help you get to the web sites to prepare you for and pass the test to get you on line. Test are given locally in Mill Valley and Petaluma every month. So, if you want to make a big difference during an emergency, get involved and join our team. We need you and will help you get licensed! Contact District Manager, Noemi Camargo at (415) 883 4222 or Steve Pointer, at (415) 382 9701 or KD6DQO@gmail.com. Don't wait, do it today and let's get started!

Please join us at our next meeting on **Monday, September, 10th at 7pm**. The more you are involved and get informed the more prepared you will be in the event of a natural disaster.

Reminder: California Boater Card Required For Boater 20yrs of Age or Younger

As of January 1st of this year 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), has been in effect. 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. 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. 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>.



Damaged Docks

In efforts to keep our waterways clean we will continue to survey the condition of floats and docks in Novato Creek, North and South Lagoon. Some of these dock and floats have been identified as being in a rather poor state of disrepair and may be contributing to increase debris and can become a navigational hazard. The District regularly receives calls of debris washing ashore to neighbor's shorelines, as well as, accumulated debris along the levee. We understand that in some cases due to the amount of wakes created by boaters some docks take a beating, however, we ask that residents please take a moment and assess docks and floats to ensure they are in good working order.

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Concert in the Keys



Saturday, September 29, 2018

FREE!

Open to All

Live Music on the Deck—Jimi James Band

1:00 to 4:00 PM

Everyone is Welcome!

There will be food and drinks—No Host bar

Walk, run, bike or drive to the BMK Community Center or come by Boat, Kayak or Canoe and

hang out on the water!



Upcoming
**COMMUNITY
EVENTS**

Sponsored by the Bel Marin Keys Yacht Club



PaddleFest

Saturday, September 8th

11:00 am — 3 pm



Come enjoy life on the water with the **BMK PaddleFest**. This event is free and open to everyone in the community, so invite your friends and family to join in. BBQ, beer and wine available at the clubhouse.

Bring your SUPs, Kayaks, Paddleboards, Surfboards, Paddleboats, Canoes, and any paddle vessel you can get your hands on. And if don't have one, come down and try something you've never tried before!

Informal races plus open play on the water to include toys from 101 Surf Sports: inflatable dock, SUP-squatch with paddles, Inflatable SUPs with paddles for both kids and adults, and more. Don't miss out. Tell your friends and neighbors. This is a family-friendly event. Get ready for some fun on the water!

If you have any questions, or you want to get involved, contact Rob Case at 858-344-6514.

Montego Park

Multi-Sport Court Rules

- Use of courts is at your own risk
- No food, glass, alcohol or smoking of any kind
- No dogs or pets allowed on courts at any time
- No bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, or scooters
- Proper footwear and attire required at all times
- Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult
- Court is for use of residents and their invited guests only, resident must be present
- If two or more people are waiting, please limit play to one hour
- Please consolidate pickleball matches to one side of the court when requested to allow basketball use
- Courts are open from 9AM—Dusk
- No amplified music or foul language allowed
- No professional lessons
- No loitering or trespassing



Bel Marin Keys
Community Services District

Per BMKCSD Ordinance _____

Community Calendar 2018

September

Sept. 3rd-CSD Office Closed (Memorial Day)
Sept. 16th - CSD Board Meeting 7:30pm
Sept. 9th- Paddle Fest (North Lagoon)
Sept. 10-ERT Meeting 7pm
Sept. 29th-Concert in the Keys (North Lagoon)

October

Oct. 8th - ERT Meeting 7pm
Oct. 18-CSD Meeting 7:30pm

November

Nov. 18th-CSD Board Meeting 7:30pm
Nov. 12th-CSD Office Closed
Nov. 22-CSD Office Closed (Thanksgiving)
Nov. 23-CSD Office Closed (Thanksgiving)

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