



**Bel Marin Keys**  
Community Services District

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### Flushing Schedule

December 5-7

December 24-26

January 2-5

January 21-23

February 4-6

February 18-20

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.

### Montego Park – Bocce Courts Coming Soon!!!

With the completion of the Montego Park Multi-Sport Court this past year, the District is looking to commence the next phase of improvements at Montego Park to be constructed during Fall 2019. The improvements will include bocce courts and seating areas with shade. The courts are designed to feature artificial turf with timber borders and be surrounded by a decomposed granite surface and short fence to keep our furry friends from accessing. This proposed project is part of the previously approved Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan which will utilize a combination of Marin Co. Measure A tax dollars and BMKCS D Capital Reserves. The project was approved by the community throughout a lengthy outreach and participation program in 2015 and we are all excited to have more activities for multiple age groups and abilities.



### Reminder: California Boater Card Required For Boater 25yrs of Age or Younger Beginning January 1, 2019

The California Boater Card program began January 1, 2018, 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 **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>.



### DON'T FORGET!!!

**Santa By Sea December 15th**

**Icicle Day January 1st**

## **Emergency Response Team: Winter Safety Tips**

### **Be Prepared, Day and Night**

As we move into winter months we advise being prepared for at least three (3) days, without power or utilities. The following are some things to do now, as well as, resources and links to helpful information:

\*Rake your leaves (out of gutters and storm drains) and place into your green bin to avoid street flooding  
 \*Secure/tide down any kayaks, inflatable's, chairs and etc to your dock

\*Keep sidewalks and access paths to your house clear to avoid any tripping hazards  
 \* Tune up your heating system to be sure the system is clean, in good repair, and that it can achieve its manufacturer-rated efficiency.

\*Inspect your roof to look for damaged, loose or missing shingles that may leak during winter's storms. Check and repair breaks in the flashing seals around vent stacks and chimneys, too.

\*Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning:  
 1. Check or replace the battery for your home's CO detector

2. Do not heat your home by leaving a gas range or oven open in the house

3. Never start or run an automobile inside an attached garage or unit

\*Put a flashlight, radio and spare batteries in an easy place to find if the power goes out.

\*Sign up to receive emergency calls, text, and/or email notification alerts using Marin County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services Telephone Emergency Notification System: [www.AleartMarin.org](http://www.AleartMarin.org)

\* To check where to purchase sand bags in your area, please visit the Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services webpage [www.marinsheriff.org](http://www.marinsheriff.org).

## **District Managers Report**

The street work undertaken by the County has been completed. However, there is still a section that needs to be corrected at Montego. The overall project took about two weeks. Unfortunately, there were some hiccups as work began which raised a number of concerns from residents. The county was notified and contractors addressed the concerns.

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.

Please note that the trash receptacles at the parks and boat ramps are not to be used as a dumping ground for construction waste material or home waste.

In an effort to keep our waterways clear of any navigational hazards please take a moment to assess docks and floats to ensure they are in good working order and debris is not floating in the lagoon or creek.

Reminder: please slow down, the District receives constant complaints about speeding vehicles down the side streets, as well as, the boulevard. Also, please note that according to code pedestrians are not allowed to walk, jog or run in bicycle lanes when there are sidewalks. We also ask that if you are walking in the dark please make yourself visible with light color clothing or reflective material and by wearing or carrying some sort of light (i.e. flashlight). Lets keep our community safe.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and District staff we want to wish you all Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year 2019.

## **Waterways Managers Report**

During the winter months of December thru March both lagoons are lowered by approximately 4-6" to accommodate for measurable rainfall. In the event that a significant set of storms are going to be hitting the North Bay the lagoons are dropped upwards of 12 -14" below summer level. This is necessary in order to accommodate rain fall for several days until Novato Creek tides return to normal, and the low tides are lower than the lagoons to release the storm water.

In early spring both lagoons will be lowered for 7-12 days to allow residents to do work to their shoreline, dock, boatlift, etc. The details and schedule will be determined and notification to residents via marquee and website. Lowering will commence over the course of 1-2 weekends, the lagoons will be lowered by approximately 14" to allow the shorelines to be exposed. Please let the office know if you have any questions.

**Mark your calendars for these two great holiday events sponsored by the Bel Marin Keys Yacht Club for everyone in the community!**

## **Santa by Sea**

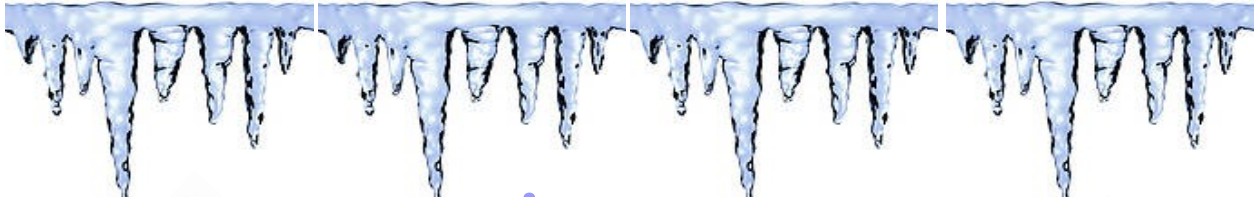
**December 15, 2018**

**5:30—8:30 p.m.**



Santa will be arriving by boat to visit all the kids in Bel Marin Keys .

Flash your lights to get his attention as he cruises the lagoons. Santa can only visit docks on the lagoon side and only docks in good condition. If you live on the creek or your dock is not in good shape, please find a neighborhood friend to host your family. Watch for a flyer with all the details or call Rob Case (858-344-6514) for more info.



## **Icicle Day!**

**January 1, 2019**

**10:00 am — 1:00 pm**

Come on down to the Yacht Club for a cold water plunge to start out 2019! Don't forget to bring a towel but no need for food as chili and cornbread will be served and those who jump are rewarded with a hot cup of soup.

Everyone is welcome to spend New Year's Day with family, friends and neighbors cheering for those insane folks who take the jump into the frigid waters of the lagoon. The Bar will be open for liquid refreshments.

**Sponsored by the Bel Marin Keys Yacht Club**





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**BMK WOMEN'S CLUB ANNUAL TOY DRIVE  
DECEMBER 10TH-14TH**

**PLEASE DROP OFF NEW AND UNWRAPPED TOYS AT  
THE COMMUNITY CENTER (4 MONTEGO KEY)**

**HELP SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER**





# Community Calendar 2018-2019

## December

Dec. 15th– Santa By Sea

**Dec. 24-Jan1: CSD Office Closed (winter break)**

## February

Feb. 18-CSD Office Closed (Holiday)

Feb. 21-CSD Board Meeting 7:30pm

## January 2019

Jan. 1– Icicle Day

Jan. 17-CSD Board Meeting 7:30pm

Jan. 21-CSD Office Closed (Holiday)



«owner/current resident»  
«Site House» «Site Street»  
«Mail City», «Mail State» «Mail Zip»

## **Neighbor to Neighbor**

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