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## Neighbor to Neighbor

# Bel Marin Keys Community Services District

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#### **Flushing Schedule**

July 29-31 August 12-14&26-28 September 2-4&24-26 October 15-17&28-30

\*\*schedule is subject to change due to weather\*\*

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.

## Bel Marin Keys Unit V (BMKV) Wetland Restoration Project Update

Phase 1, which will take place between 2019 and 2020, includes the construction of the new bayfront levee and the creation of a small amount of seasonal wetlands landward of the existing bayfront levee.

This component of the Hamilton Wetland Restoration Project seeks to create a mosaic of tidal, seasonal, and transitional habitat by constructing flood control features, placing dredged material to elevate the dikes, subsided baylands, and reintroducing tidal waters to the site. The landside of the new levee will be seasonal wetlands and upland transition zones; on the bayside will be tidal salt marsh and high transitional marsh. We will keep you updated on this project as construction moves forward.

#### **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. 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. Maps are available on our website or at the CSD office.



www.nationalnightout.org

## Come and join our Annual National Night Out! Tuesday, August 6th from 6-7pm Bel Marin Keys Community Center

National Night Out is a nation wide crime prevention and community policing celebration organized by law enforcement and community groups focused on safety.

Sponsored by:

BMK Emergency Response Team and Marin County Sheriff Department



#### District Managers Report

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 making it difficult for those trying to access the ramps and parks. The District has been working with the Marin County Sheriff and County Roads Department to address those areas.

Reminder: Please slow down, the District receives constant complaints about speeding vehicles down the side streets, as well as, the Boulevard. The Marin County Traffic Division will be attending our next CSD meeting to go over some implementation that can be used to reduce speeding on the Blvd.

At the last CSD meeting the Board of Directors made a motion that all access cards (ramps, lock and multi-court) will be a non-refundable fee moving forward and the cost for all ramps and lock access will be \$50 each. The multi-court access key will remain at \$25.

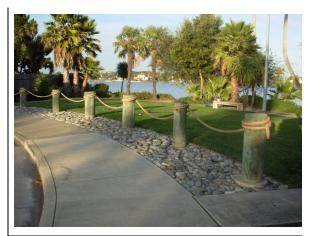
#### Fourth of July Sail-a-Bration

Thank you to the BMK Yacht Club for putting on another amazing Fourth of July for the community. Congratulations 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.









#### **Lagoon Aquatic Vegetation Management**

Algae and other species of vegetation is 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, we are limited to organic approaches when managing the volume of vegetation. Out competing the algae's food source and minimizing nutrient loading are two solutions to eliminating continuous algae blooms throughout the summer. The following is a list of items you can do to assist with the vegetation management.

- \*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
- \*Don't feed the waterfowl
- \*Do not overwater laws as run off goes directly into the lagoon or into the storm drains which are connected directly to the lagoons

#### South Lagoon Navigation Lock Update

In late May the navigation lock started to have an electrical issue resulting in limited access and operation by appointment only. The electrical issue was isolated, however, was still an issue and resulted in full lock closure until the electrical issue was resolved. The wiring was replaced and the lock was open for normal resident use on June 20<sup>th</sup>. A plan for additional improvements to the lock operation is underway and there are no anticipated closures forecasted. We thank you for your patience and understanding during the closure.

### In Memoriam...

#### Helen Ganas 1937-2019

Helen Ganas, a 45-year Bel Marin Keys resident, succumbed to complications of Lung Cancer April 19<sup>th</sup> with her family by her side. Born in San Francisco and raised in the suburbs she truly enjoyed her life in Bel Marin Keys. Before being wheelchair bound eleven years ago, she was active in

Women's Club and in the Yacht Club with terms as Secretary and Treasurer. She will be deeply missed by her husband Ernie, her two boys Joe and Billy and her "Bonus Daughter" – Joe's Wife, Katinka. Ernie and Bill would like to thank all those made it a point to offer their sympathy upon her untimely death.



#### 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.



#### Emergency Response Team (ERT): Volunteers Needed!

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 c o o r d i n a t e e v a c u a t i o n s d r i l l s.

If you would like to volunteer your leadership and experience in times of crisis and provide lasting and meaningful impact to your local community. So, if you want to make a big difference during an emergency, get involved and join our team, call the District Office (415) 883 4222 to sign up or get more information. The committee is also working on a website that would allow residents to obtain information online and sign up to be a block captain. Don't wait, the more you are involved and get informed the more prepared you will be in the event of a natural disaster.

Look for meeting announcement on the marquee.

#### BMK WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP WINNER



My oh my...what a lovely young lady won our 2019 Scholarship Contest. Congratulations from all the members of the Bel Marin Keys Women's Club to COURTNEY OBERMEIER. She will be attending the University of San Francisco—Nursing program. Courtney was asked to read her winning essay to the attendees at the May Luncheon

Meeting. Courtney's mother, Doris, was also in attendance and was so proud of her daughter. Courtney was presented with a check for \$1700 from the BMK Women's Club. They were both so touched and appreciative of how special the Awards Ceremony was handled. The following Scholarship applicants received an Honorable Mention along with a commemorative gift for their time and effort in preparing to enter the contest: Gianna Cogliandro; Katerina Gavallos; Cooper Lopez; McKenzie Wegner. A BIG THANKS to the scholarship committee who preformed the tough task of selecting the winning student: Scholarship Chirwoman Madelon Montobbio and Committee members: Kate Antonini, Georganne Brumbaugh, Susan Leidy and Barbra Tarasoff. CON-GRATULATIONS Courtney and Good Luck in your future endevors

#### Tennis Anyone?

Our community has a new tennis/pickle ball court! A list of "tennis players" is being compiled for all interested players in our community. Let's play and enjoy tennis! Call Mathilde White at 415-250-7100 if you are interested in getting together.

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#### BelMarinKeys.info

On the site you will find:

- Neighborhood real estate listings, sales and stats
- Historical documents
- Local contact info
- Photos
- News
- Events

#### Site managed and developed by:

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## Community Calendar 2019

**August** 

Aug 6th-National Night out Aug 15th-CSD Board Meeting

#### **September**

Sept. 2nd—Office Closed Labor Day Sept. 26th- CSD Meeting

**October** 

Oct. 17th-CSD Meeting

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«Situs House» «Site Street»

«owner/current resident»

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