

Neighbor to Neighbor

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Flushing Schedule

November 12th-14th
 December 10th-12th

** the flushing schedule is subject to change due to weather conditions** 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.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE TO DISTRICT WINTER OFFICE HOURS

Dear Residents please note that starting **December 1st thru February 3rd the office hours will be from 10am to 4pm.** Monday to Friday. Please note the following office closure dates for holidays and winter breaks.

Office Closed:
 November 11th (Veteran's Day Holiday)
 November 28th-29th (Thanksgiving Holiday)
 December 24th to 25th (Christmas Holiday)
 December 26th-January 1st (Staff Vacation)

Road Safety: Calming Stripping Proposal

Over the years, the District has received numerous complaints with regards to visibility and speeding at the intersections of Bel Marin Keys boulevard & Montego Key. As stated in the previous newsletter, (April-June edition) the County Traffic Division was in attendance for the July Board meeting and provided two alternative solutions addressing the concerns raised by community members. To increase visibility at the intersections they proposed adding a red stripe to the curbs of the intersections two cars in length (see diagram 1). This would prohibit cars from parking on the corner of the intersection, thus allowing more visibility.

To reduce speeding along Bel Marin Keys boulevard, the County proposed a new "traffic calming" lane striping. Consisting of a buffered bike lane with a double layered yellow lane (see diagram 2), a 24-foot median with striping, and an 11-foot travel lane. This method has been implemented at Millers creek and received positive feedback from surrounding residents.

The main and most important benefit will be the traffic calming effect. The extra cushion in the bike lane improves visibility for those merging at corners and for residents backing out of their driveways. The new traffic striping is planned to be dashed through the intersection. Although this proposal creates a buffer on the moat side this is not an area that will be opened for pedestrian foot traffic, all foot traffic should remain on the sidewalks and out of the bike lane for their own safety.

Also, in response to a resident request with concerns about vehicles encroaching into the bike lane along some curves on Bel Marin Keys Boulevard near the Anubhuti Center, the County is considering placing short Bollard along the bike lane around said location (see diagram 3). The County anticipates implementing these changes in the fall and would appreciate feedback prior to striping. Please forward your thoughts to admin@bmkcsd.us.



Diagram 1

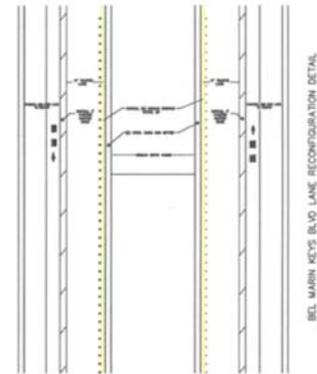


Diagram 2



Diagram 3

District Managers Report

-Fiscal year ended June 30th and will be closing the books and getting ready for the audit.

-Reached out to the Marin Park and Open Space to see if there was any scheduled work for vegetation management on the 8 Acre Parcel, given the inquiry from residents due to the last two small brush fires on the Blvd across from Pacheco Pond.

-The Annual National Night Out was held on Tuesday, August 6th from 6-7pm and big thank you to our local law enforcement, Marin County Sheriff, Marin County Search and Rescue and California Highway Patrol for taking the time in attending our event, as well as, resident who came out and participated in the event.



-Please note that notice have been sent to residents whose docks are in disrepair and potentially creating a navigational hazard. As a courtesy to your fellow neighbors please ensure that your docks are in good working order and not becoming a source of debris floating in our lagoons. Also, please ensure that your docks and any flotation devices are within your easement as stated in your titles and not encroaching on your neighbors property or beyond your docking easement. If flotation devices are not secured to your docks and outside your easement they will be removed.

-Reminder: Please follow the waterways rules and ensure your guest follow them as well.

Strategic Lagoon Lowering: Look for Dates on Marquee

The District has been asked by resident for additional lagoon lowering to address shoreline and dock work in both lagoons. We will be moving forward with this request and lagoons will remain low (2' below summer level) for a few days. The District recommends residents complete necessary shoreline, dock, and any other water work in the allotted time as there will be NO extensions or modification of the lowering dates.

Marin LAFCo: Municipal Service Review (MSR)

Recently there has been some concerns with regards to the Municipal Service Review (MSR) that was conducted by Marin LAFCo, a government agency that has direct jurisdiction over 65 current local governmental agencies throughout Marin. Under the review of the Novato Area on page 14 it could give one the impression that LAFCo is looking to annex all areas mentioned in that section, as this was a carried over section from another report which was overlooked. The District has been in contact with LAFCo and has provided extensive comments and edits to the draft report for the Bel Marin Keys section and has fully expressed the desire not to be annexed to the City of Novato as it was expressed in the 2002 report. LAFCo has found the services provided by the CSD are unique to Bel Marin Keys and the City of Novato would not have the capability to provide those services. If you would like to learn more about LAFCo please visit their website: marinlafco.org. The Novato Region Municipal Service Review Public Draft is available to read under the "Studies" section, the section pertaining to Bel Marin Keys is on pages 53-63.



Mark Your Calendars!!!

Santa by Sea

Dec. 14th

5:30pm

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8:30pm

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Bel Marin Keys Yacht Club



Santa Claus is Boating To Town

*Soon Santa will be coming by boat,
As long as your dock can float,
And shine from your dock a bright light,
So Santa can see you at night,*

*Caution when his sleigh boat comes near,
Keep your children back & reign in crazy cheer,
Once Santa's boat is tied up to the dock,
Santa and his helpers are ready to rock,*

*But he first must talk to the parents,
About candy canes and presents,
Only then can the children come aboard,
And get their pictures and sweet reward!*

*Ho
Ho
Ho...*

*Merry
Christmas!*

**** For safety, keep the children off the dock 'till Santa's sleigh boat is secured to your dock, and you receive the okay from Santa's helpers. ****

Icicle Day

Jan. 1, 2020

10:00am - 1:00pm



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Bel Marin Keys Yacht Club



Come on down to the BMK YC for a cold water plunge to start out 2020! The more the merrier. Don't forget to bring a towel but no need for food as flap jacks 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 that take the jump into the frigid waters of the lagoon.



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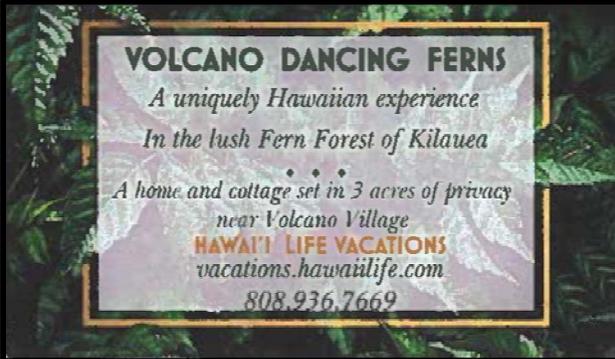
* Replace Styrofoam floats with black superfloats

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City of Novato, District 5 Candidate:
Marie Hoch

Novato now has district elections for the first time. Marie Hoch is running in District 5 which includes Hamilton Field, Pacheco Valle and Los Robles and Marin Valley Mobile Home parks. Marie has been board president of the Hamilton HOA since 2013 and served on Novato's Planning and Design Review Commissions. She has lived in Hamilton since 1999. Marie is especially interested in flood control in Hamilton Field. She is calling for the City to establish a District 5 Flood Control Advisory Board to oversee Hamilton's levee and pumping stations for maintenance and sea level rise. If elected to council Marie is looking forward to collaborating with Bel Marin Keys CSD.



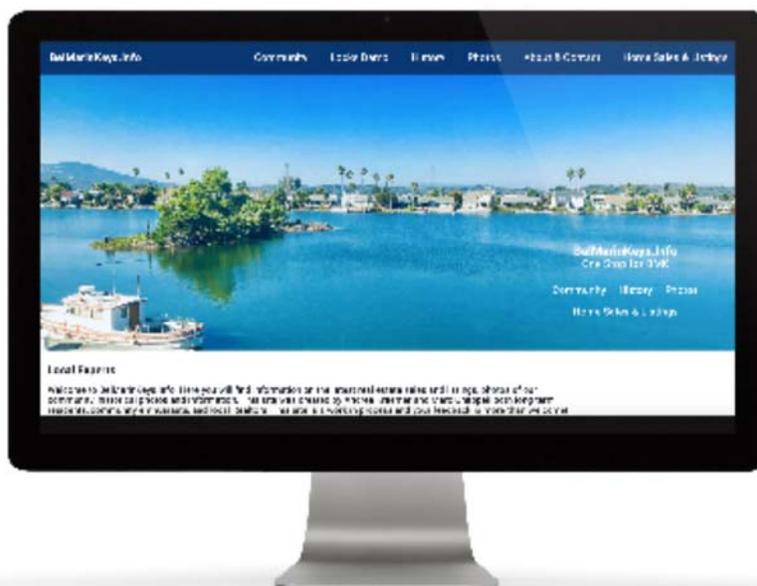
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Hello neighbors,

Bel Marin Keys has a new website!
BelMarinKeys.info



On the site you will find:

- Neighborhood real estate listings, sales and stats
- Historical documents
- Sign up for boat locks demonstration online
- Local contact info
- Photos
- News
- Events

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Community Calendar 2019-2020

November

Nov. 11th - CSD Office Closed/
Nov. 21st - CSD meeting
Nov. 28th-29th - CSD Office Closed

January

Jan. 1st - Icicle Day
Jan. 16th-CSD meeting
Jan. 20th-CSD Office Closed

December

Dec. 14th - Santa By Sea
Dec.23rd - Jan 1st-CSD Office Closed

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«owner/current resident»

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