

October- December 2020



Bel Marin Keys
Community Services District

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2021 Flushing Schedule

January: 12-14 & 26-28
February: 9-11 & 23-25

** 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.

****IMPORTANT****

**CSD Office Closed
Dec. 21-Jan. 03, 2021**

Wishing all a safe and



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Algae Bloom in the Lagoons

We want to thank residents for their understanding as we continue to monitor, sample and map the algae blooms in the waterways. Since the flyer was sent out we have received preliminary feedback obtained from testing laboratories that the algae bloom is possibly “Green Nanophytoplankton” and most likely not toxic or has a very low/undetected toxicity, however, we do not know why the red discoloration particularly in the North Lagoon. We are still working on identifying the exact species of the algae. And once we know the exact species we will update information relative to best management practices. The North Lock and Calypso Shores boat ramp have been reopened for resident use. As we continue to monitor and out of an abundance of caution we will keep in place the recommendation set in the previous flyer you received (see below for details). We will continue to add update to the website as we find out more.

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, BMKCSD RECOMMENDS THAT EVERYONE:

- Refrain from prolonged physical contact with water from the lagoon including swimming and pets;
- Do not eat any fish or shellfish from the lagoon;
- If a strong odor is noticed near the lagoon residents should limit their exposure to the air;
- Limit contact with the affected areas (especially kayaks, smaller vessels) and if you remove anything from the lagoon from your property, you must wash down prior to moving or transporting;
- Do not attempt to remove or bring any of the algae ashore;
- There are no restrictions on watercraft in the lagoon, however, mariners should avoid traversing through any algae blooms;
- In rare instances waterfowl who may eat affected fish or shellfish may act erratically and should be avoided.

Montego Limited Parking Request and Resident Feedback

As we complete park improvements to Montego Park and more resident are using the park, we received request for limited parking at the park. Residents have noted a lack of parking available during the day and weekends as a number of vehicles are parked along the park in excess of the 72 hours and limited spaces for those trying to use the park.

In an effort to provide more access to the park we reach out to Marin County Roads and they asked we notice the community and receive feedback back as to the following possible solutions:

- Parking limits for daytime hours from 7AM to 8PM (limit two hours)
- No Overnight Parking 11PM to 6AM.

We ask that resident please provide feedback by emailing the CSD office at admin@bmkcsd.us. Resident feedback will be added to the January CSD meeting of January 21, 2020.

District Managers Report

Wishing all residents safe an Happy Holidays. The CSD office will be closed December 21 through January 3. If you have a waterways emergency please contact Adrian Cormier at Adrian.Cormier@Foth.com. We will continue to monitor lagoon levels and lowering as needed pending storm events.

We have a 4 open seats (1 for south lagoon, 2 for north lagoon and 1 for creek) for the Measure D committee. The Measure D committee is an advisory committee who over sees the Measure D expenditures each fiscal year and provides recommendations to the Board of Directors. The committee usually meets twice a year (May and November). If residents are interested in serving in this committee please email ncamargo@bmkcsd.us by April 15, 2021.

We continue vegetation management in the open spaces and the next area that will be addresses is end of Caribe south and Dolphin Ilse.

Progress at Bel Marin Keys Unit V: Phase 1 Restoration: The rain is beginning and the contractor has begun to winterize the site. The levee is 90+% complete and seasonal wetlands are 100% complete. Work on the site will resume n the Spring.

Reminders:

- Please pick up after your pets. The District provides 18 dog waste stations with pick up bags.
- California law requires a person to be **16 years of age or older and in possession of his/her California Boater Card** to legally operate a vessel powered by a motor of 15 hp or more, including personal watercraft (PWCs). It is illegal to permit a person **under the age of 16** to operate a vessel powered by a motor of 15 hp or more, including PWCs, without onboard supervision by a person 18 years of age or older who is in possession of his/her California Boater Card.
- Sidewalks are the responsibility of the property owners and should be addresses to eliminate tripping hazards and allow for unimpeded pedestrian traffic with no overgrown vegetation.
- If you are installing a boat lift or modifying your dock please check your property lines so you are not encroaching on neighboring or CSD owned property.
- If you are planning renovations for your home please check with the Marin County Community Development (<https://www.marincounty.org/residents/your-home/construction-and-permits>) for required permits if applicable to the renovation project.
- Do NOT feed the waterfowl. While many people enjoy feeding the waterfowl, the effects of this seemingly generous act can be harmful. Regular feeding can cause poor nutrition; unnatural behavior, delay migration, pollution I the waterways, and could potentially spread diseases. If you care about waterfowl, please stop feeding them and allow them to go back to their natural habits.



Upcoming 2021 Projects:

-North Lagoon Dredge

The Board of Directors has approved moving forward with dredge project. The CSD will be working the vegetation removal of the Dredge Management Disposal Site and with agencies on biological monitoring. We anticipate construction to begin September to November of 2021. We will provide residents with more update an logistics are we get closer to the start of the project.

Completed 2020 Projects:

-Dolphin and Calypso dock repairs have been completed and have a life expectancy of 15 years.

-CSD work boat motor and painting complete.

-Outer creek channel buoy markers installation and lagoon bout replacement in both lagoons.

-The South Lock fencing has been repaired and fully operational and the hydraulic system did not sustain any damage.

-Bocce courts and additional seating was installed at Montego Park.

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: AlertMarin.org

BMK Women's Club

The Bel Marin Keys Women's Club would like to wish everyone a Happy, Safe and Healthy Holiday season. I have immense gratitude to live in our community and, as I walk around the neighborhood with my little dog Harry, I see many people out exercising by walking, biking, jogging, gardening and working on home projects. We all miss our community events and I am so happy to see that the Bel Marin Keys Yacht Club is sponsoring a Lighted Boat Parade this year.

We can look forward to a beautiful event enjoyed from our own backyards. Thank you BMK Yacht Club for your community spirit! Due to the pandemic, we are living in unsettled times which challenges us to our very core. **Let's look forward to a brighter 2021!** Lillian McCarthy President, Bel Marin Keys Women's club.

Bel Marin Keys Yacht Club

Wishing you safe and happy holidays from the Bel Marin Keys Yacht Club! While we are not sure when our usual activities will resume, we do hope you will join us in our upcoming event.

January 1 - Icicle Day! Jump off your own dock to kick off the new year. Send videos or photos to bmkyc@yahoo.com, or to our Facebook page. Every jumper will get a certificate and patch by sending in their names and BMK address. Traditionally jumps are followed by a warm bowl of chili or tasty beverage. Be sure to share your favorite recipe. We hope we can see you and celebrate together in 2021!

If you are interested in Yacht Club membership information please contact Joan at joancorbett30@yahoo.com.



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Community Calendar 2020-2021

December

Dec 21-Jan1: Office Closed

January 2021

Jan. 1-Icicle Day

Jan.-18 : Office Close-Holiday

Jan. 21-CSD Board Meeting 7:30pm

February 2021

Feb. 15: Office Closed-Holiday

Feb. 18-CSD Board Meeting 7:30pm

March 2021

Mar. 18 CSD Board Meeting 7:30pm



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