

# Neighbor to Neighbor

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## **2021 Flushing Schedule**

**November**

**8-10 & 22-24**

**December**

**6-8 & 20-22**

**\*\* 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 415-883-4222.

**\*\*schedule is subject to change dependent on tides\*\***

## **PLEASE NOTE DISTRICT HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

**Office hours will be from 10am to 3pm. Monday to Friday.** Please note the following office closure dates for holidays and winter breaks.

Office Closed:

Nov. 11th (Veteran's Day)

Nov. 25th-26th (Thanksgiving)

Dec. 24th to 25th (Christmas)

Dec. 26th-Jan. 1st (winter break)

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## **National Night Out 2021**

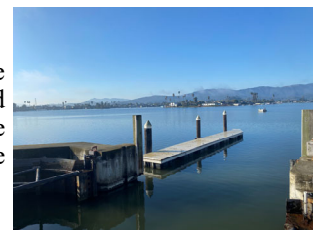
The Annual National Night Out was held on Tuesday, August 3rd from 5-7pm. A big thank you to our local law enforcement: Marin County Sheriff, Marin County Search and Rescue and California Highway Patrol for taking the time in attending our event, as well as, our Emergency Response Team for putting the event together. We look forward to 2022 for another event.



## **North Lagoon Dredge Update**

The North Lagoon Dredging Project has been put on hold for 2021 and we look forward to the work commencing during the 2022 dredge season. There have been a few regulatory challenges we have been working through and the duration to secure the required environmental permits has taken longer than anticipated. There are no known navigational issues that will arise in the North Lagoon between now and next year's dredge season.

As more updates are realized we will share those at the regularly schedule Board of Directors meetings held the third Thursday of every month at 7:30pm, and as warranted to the community at large via the Neighbor-to-Neighbor and the BMKCSD website.



# District Managers Report

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.

October 15<sup>th</sup> mask mandate for indoor mask removal three criteria: 1- fewer cases (less than 18 cases per day) 2- low/stable hospitalizations (less than 15 people), 3-80% vaccination across all age groups. The next updated benchmark is November 2<sup>nd</sup> and remember this is only per County does not address the State indoor mask mandate.

As we move into our winter season please remember to “winterize” your watercraft and secure any inflatables, lawn chairs, umbrellas and other items that can easily be blown away by high winds.

We are looking to replace the south lock creek dock on November 8th-10th. The lock will be closed for the duration of the project. We anticipate a two day project. Please call the office for update. Should there be a change in the schedule a notice will be added to the marquee and the district website.

## Reminders:

- If you are using a landscape service please remind them not to blow any debris or grass clippings directly into the storm drains or into the lagoons.
- 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.
- 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, pollute 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.
- Please pick up after your pets. The District provides 18 dog waste stations with disposable bags and trash cans.
- Please do not park your boat trailers or vehicles in front of any boat ramp, park or open spaces longer than 72 hours.

## Proposed Access Cards Rate Increase

The District proposes rate increases for the access card for the ramps, lock and multi court for the fiscal year 2021-2022. As part of the fee increase the ramps and multi-court access cards will become an annual fee. The proposed fees are as follows:

- Navigational lock fee increased to \$200
- Ramp access card increase to \$200
- Multi-Court card increase annual fee \$150.

If approved at the public meeting on February 17, 2022, the new rates will go into effect on March 1, 2022. All access key cards will be deactivated and residents will need to reactivate access cards along with new fee. The key reasons that a rate increase is needed are described below.

- Increased maintenance cost: District must continue to maintenance and hardware replacements with an approximate cost of \$10k per year ( does not include replacement coast for the system.

## Bel Marin Keys Men’s Club Notice

The Bel Marin Keys Men’s Club will have its November meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Lunch served at 1PM, cost is \$20. For more info email call Ernie [ernie@flynsew.net](mailto:ernie@flynsew.net) or call 415-794-4150.

Menu:  
Ernie’s Tri-Tip  
Garlic Red Potatoes  
Ceasar Salad  
French Bread

If you are a new resident and looking to become a member reach out to Ernie to get more information. The Men’s Club meets at the Community Center usually the second Wednesday of the month.

## Montego Park Multi-Court Rules

Reminder to all users the court are first come first serve basis, PLEASE be mindful of other resident wishing to use the courts and limit your use as stated by the court rules to allow them to use the courts. We do not supply playing equipment so you will need to supply your own.

To ensure we extend the life of the court please **do not** ride bicycles, skateboards, roller blades or scooters on the court. There should be no one using the court at or after dusk or before 9am.

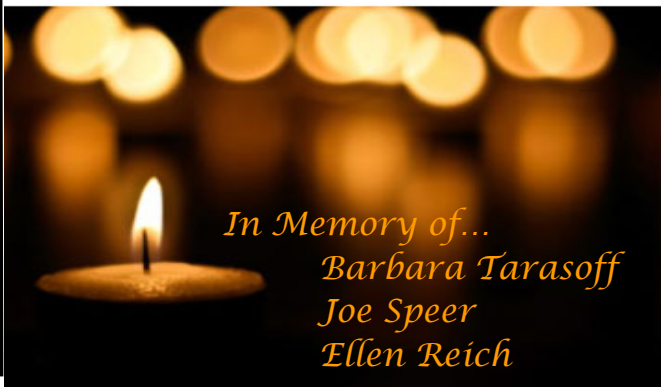




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## Waterway Use Reminder

### BMK Boat Ramp and dock:

- Boat launching area are for the use of BMK residents with access key ONLY. Residents who loan keys to anyone are responsible for that guest's violations and damages.
- No swimming from boat dock or ramp (People/ Dogs)
- No loitering, music, sunbathing, remote control boats, jumping bikes (yes, this has happened)
- No dumping trash or picnicking
- Boat launching requires keyed access - Includes but is not limited to stand up paddle boarders/ kayaks/ small boat/ sailboats/ submarines/ paddle boats.
- No parking boats, dock debris, tubes at CSD docks/ Boat Ramps
- BMK Service Dock should be used for the removal of dock and lift debris on the South Lagoon

### Water and Boating Safety Regulations General:

- Ski boat direction MUST follow a counter clockwise direction specified on the BMK water safety map
- NO WAKE areas are marked by signage and buoys - This means no visible wake from your boat (<5mph)
- NO deviation from ski boat course pattern - aka: speeding going in circles, speeding to pick up downed skiers, zig-zagging course and going outside of buoys to create larger wakes.
- NO weighting of boats to create larger wakes (boat inability to plane at speed) - Boats creating abnormally large wakes or damaging docks will receive a warning letter. Reminder boaters are financially responsible for dock damages caused by their boats wake.
- NO ski boats larger than 22 ft pulling tubes or skiers on all lagoon where skiing is allowed
- Boaters are responsible for display of red safety flag for downed skiers or tubers
- Boaters responsible for personal floatation devices as required by US Coast Guard
- Swimmers are required to wear red caps or have visible personal floatation devices and stay within the no wake buoys.
- BMK Islands are protected wildlife habitat and no landing of any kind is permitted on the islands.
- No buoys are to be moved in any of the waterways or used as anchors for vessels, kayaks etc..
- No unauthorized buoys shall be placed in the waterways
- Floating tubes or trampolines may not extend passed the water easement for every parcel or create a navigational hazard.

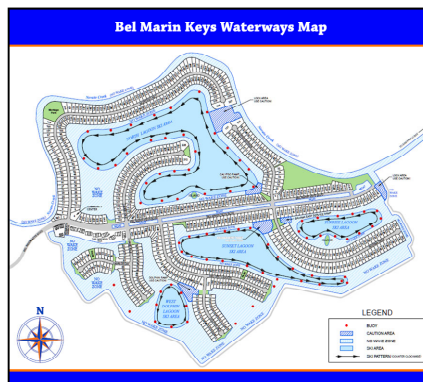
### BMK Navigational Lock:

- BMK Locks are for boat access only - no other activities or trespassing are permitted at the BMK Locks Residents are required to follow all regulations regarding Lock access and usage.

### BMK Parks and Open Space:

- BMK parks and open spaces prohibit fishing, launching vessels or swimming.

Larger maps available at the CSD office.



## Lighted Boat Parade

All BMK neighbors are welcome  
(Light up your house, dock, or boat and wave as we pass by)

Lighted Boats - Meet at the locks at 5:15 (see the map below)

It will be dark - boaters please proceed slowly and carefully

Santa will our guest on the final boat

Questions: [bmky@yahoo.com](mailto:bmky@yahoo.com)



START AT LOCKS -

# *Community Calendar 2021*

## October

Oct 21: CSD Board Meeting 7:30pm

## November

Nov. 11 OFFICE CLOSED

Nov. 18: CSD Board meeting

Nov. 24-25-OFFICE CLOSED

## December

Dec. 18th: YC Lighted Boat Parade

Dec. 24-Jan 1: OFFICE CLOSED



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