

PORT PINE HEIGHTS

BIG PINE KEY

PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION



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A Note from PPHPOA President *Bob Audette*



After a warm, quiet summer, we now welcome the cooler weather fall brings along with our returning friends and neighbors.

We are preparing for a busy holiday and winter season with functions and projects to share with all residents.

We have started receiving notices that the sewer system is ready for hookups. Paving is complete, striping has started and the lift stations have been connected to the power grid.

Contact the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority (FKAA) for a list of approved plumbing and electrical contractors.

For several weeks, the key deer have been ravaged by a screwworm outbreak. Blowfly larva (maggots) invade open wounds often inflicted during fights over mating rights. The majority of those affected are male, with over 120 euthanized due to the severity of the infestation. Federal Wildlife Refuge managers are constructing temporary enclosures to monitor and treat the deer as part of an integrated approach to prevent extinction of key deer, which includes treating them with topical and oral medication as well as releasing sterile screwworm flies. Call Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) if you see infected deer: (305) 470-6863 ext. 7, or (888) 404-3922 ext. 7. There have been only a few pets affected, but it is recommended that you check your pets often and take them to a vet for treatment immediately.

FWS is continually updating through the *Citizen* and *Barometer* newspapers. The screwworm was eradicated in the past and we can only hope that these efforts will succeed again.

All Port Pine residents, owners and renters alike, are invited to attend functions; we will post reminders at the entrances to Gulf and Kyle. As always, we welcome questions and suggestions. Your willingness to volunteer is greatly appreciated. (*click to email*) cmaudette@comcast.net.

BOB AUDETTE (305) 872-2170

PPHPOA CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

AFTER DARK!

SANTA IN THE PARK

Key Deer Park (aka Community Park)

JANUARY & FEBRUARY

CANAL TRIMMING

Contact Bob or John if your canal needs trimming. ***Be prepared to help*** if you are physically able to. We are an all-volunteer crew, not a tree service.

NEEDED:

- **Volunteers**
 - **Donations to pay for debris removal**
- Contact Bob Audette 305-872-2170 or John Mager at 305-872-0451

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

6:00 PM

CHRISTMAS IN JANUARY PARTY

Moose Lodge

Call or email to confirm:

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Volunteers Needed for Clean Up

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

10:00 AM

GENERAL MEETING

Key Deer Park (Community Park)

2016 budget and board nominations will be presented. Everyone is welcome.

DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED

12TH ANNUAL PIG ROAST

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

CHRISTMAS in JANUARY PARTY

SUNDAY
JANUARY 8
6–10 pm

MOOSE LODGE
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Key Deer Recovery Efforts

ELLEN EMMERICH

*No new screwworm deaths since November 14th.
132 deceased Key deer: 121 males, 11 females
3,360+ anti-parasitic doses were administered*

WHERE TO FIND UPDATES ON THE KEY DEER

- *FWS Key Deer Refuge:*
http://www.fws.gov/refuge/national_key_deer_refuge/
- *Facebook page:*
<http://www.facebook.com/floridakeysrefuges>

NOTE FROM PARK RANGER KRISTIE KILLAM NATIONAL KEY DEER REFUGE

Thanks to all the volunteers who have helped in so many ways protecting the endangered Key deer during this unusual New World screwworm outbreak. We have trained over 150 volunteers who have assisted with a variety of functions including treating Key deer with oral dosages of anti-parasitic medication, reporting incidences of suspected screwworm, taking photos and observations of Key deer that have received veterinary treatment (they have numbers shaved on their sides) and much more. We won't be hosting any new training sessions in the month of December, but we are keeping future training opportunities as an option.

You can always assist by being our eyes and ears in the field, and please report anything suspicious to the **Key Deer Hotline: (888) 404-3922 x7**. We have Key deer hotline business cards available if you'd like some to give out to your neighbors, and as always, we welcome all residents and visitors to our Key Deer Refuge Visitor Center. Feel free to stop by with any questions.



RESCUE TEAM (above): Four members of the excellent team that tranquilized, treated, and marked the Key deer #22 (below). US Department of Agriculture joined US Fish & Wildlife Service on Kyle Blvd on November 12th. Buck #22 has been reported doing well and chasing does. PHOTOS: JAMES YOUNG



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Santa in the Park

Santa will be visiting Key Deer Park (our community park) along with the Big Pine Key Fire Department on **SATURDAY,**

DECEMBER 10. The festivities will begin at nightfall. Bring the kids to celebrate the season and show our appreciation for the **BPK volunteer firefighters.** Hot dogs, chips and sodas will be served compliments of the PPHPOA.

Personal Watercraft Addendum

In our spring issue, an outdated map obtained from the US Fish & Wildlife Service website was published. Although a note stating *it is legal to operate personal watercraft along the shoreline parallel to US Highway 1 for the sole purpose of allowing "transportation" from one point to the next* (an exception made for Port Pine Heights residents), the outdated map caused regrettable confusion.

The FWS website provides a current map here: https://gis.fws.gov/FWSLands_Mapper_Litev2/?lit=nkd

If you have questions about using your PWC, you may contact the FWS at the Key Deer Refuge on Big Pine: **(305) 872-2239.**

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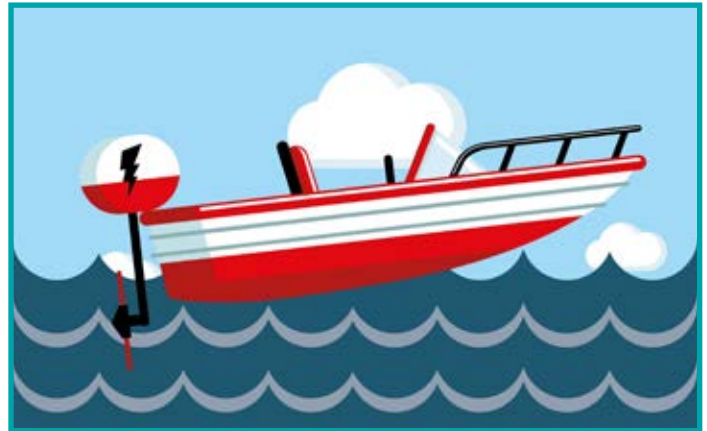
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Port Pine Heights Crime Watch

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We are still getting reports of gasoline being stolen out of boats in Port Pine Heights. All of the boats were up on lifts or davits and the thieves may have come by boat at night. Two homeowners told us they saw a suspicious, 17' boat with two men in their 30s motoring up and down their canals during the day. The reports are not in a one location but are scattered about Port Pine Heights.

We know of only one owner who has reported their theft to the sheriff's office which is not good if we want to catch them. One of the deputies assigned to Big Pine Key suggested checking your boat's fuel level often and reporting any theft ASAP so they can lift finger prints from the gas cap and surrounding area. You can also look into getting a locking cap.

If you witness suspicious behavior, or better yet, catch them in the act, call **911** or the **County Sheriff's dispatch office: (305) 289-2351**.

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