

Water Quality Committee

David Webb Chairman

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the residents of Port Antigua. My wife and I are full time residents since 2012 and I am recently retired. I am a newly appointed interim POA Board member filling a vacancy created by the untimely death of one of our residents and the subsequent resignation of another Board member. As such, I have agreed to fill the previous members' committee positions as well including the Architectural Review Committee and Water Quality Committee.

Our community was extremely fortunate to not suffer significant structural damage from hurricane Irma however, the environmental impact is still ongoing. Significant effort has been expended to restore the beach area and with the exception of some repairs to the tiki huts, the beach is ready to receive our winter residents and guests. Our canals are a different story. Large amounts of organic vegetative debris were deposited into our canals and most is still submerged. This is resulting in very poor esthetic conditions including diminished clarity and some level of odor. We will be conducting our scheduled water sampling and analysis early next year and will know more at that time.

In the interim, I have been in contact with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection as well as the Village of Islamorada Water Quality Improvement Citizens Advisory Committee. There are ongoing efforts at the State and local level to address the near shore water quality in the Keys and this includes all residential canals in Monroe county. I am pursuing a position on the Village WQICAC in an effort to elevate the issues of Port Antigua and will keep you advised as to those efforts.

I intend to take advantage of the Port Antigua web site to communicate with residents on a more frequent basis. I encourage you to visit that site in the future to keep abreast of the Boards' activities on your behalf.

Thank you for taking the time to read this update. Looking forward to meeting more of you in 2018.

Dave Webb