



A deed restricted community

'Tigua Tails



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Swim Zone Status

The Village reports that the necessary permitting is continuing, and in March, we should have a better idea of a timeframe for the actual installation of the swim zone.

Five agencies (Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, U. S. Army

Corps of Engineers, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, and the U. S. Coast Guard) must approve the project. Three have issued approvals, but one of those comes with the qualification that the Village obtain a lease for the Sovereign Submerged Land that is owned by the State. The Village just completed the mapping and the benthic (bottom flora and fauna) surveys required for the lease and will be submitting those soon.

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers/Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (ACOE/FKNMS) permit is expected to be completed in mid-March. The Coast Guard has informed the Village that they defer to the ACOE.

Once the necessary permits are obtained, the Village will purchase and install the markers for the Zone. If everything goes as expected, they anticipate it being in place in early July.

Thank you to Ms. Mary Swaney of the Village for this information.



Elections (again)

Interested in serving your Association? At least four Board of Directors seats will be up for re-election/election at the Annual Membership Meeting which will be held in April. The ballots will be mailed in early March so those interested must get their names and

bio's to the Association before the February 15 Board of Directors' meeting so the Board can ensure that the applicants have met the requirements set forth in the governing documents.

Send an email to Esther at nominations@portantigua.net or alternatively to Mari at info@portantigua.net.

Important Info:

Golf Cart Problems. A recent accident involving young people on a golf cart in Port Antigua highlighted the seriousness of operating them responsibly. **Parents** need to be aware that even though they are sure their children would never hang off a cart, drive them at high speeds, cut through people's yards, and so on, they do. Last month, a Board Member stopped a cart in which a passenger was not properly seated (as in sitting on the dash with his legs hanging over the front of the cart). When the BOD member told the surprised dad, the cart was taken away from the young driver.

The PAPOA and the Monroe County Sheriff's Office can only do so much to try to avoid the heartache of a tragic accident. Parents and responsible adults need to be sure the [cart rules](#) are being followed, including letting only licensed drivers operate them. It may well save the life of a loved one.

Advanced Disposal is Waste Management . With the change - comes change. Be sure the recycle bin contains only recyclables and NO plastic bags. This includes recyclable things in plastic bags. They will not be collected, and you may receive a violation tag with an additional fee! Dump the recyclables into the container and reuse the bag. See the [website](#) for more information.



A deputy enforces the Village Golf Cart ordinance

From the President...



Oscar Callejas

Homeowners, friends and neighbors... The recent hot topics for the Association are the ongoing issues with the swim zone and fences.

After lengthy discussions with the Board and our attorney, PAPOA sent a letter to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection affirming our consent to the placing of the swim zone off our beach. [A copy is available on the website.](#)

Due to changes in the FEMA flood zones, we are having to take a look at retaining walls, and

building heights as they might be impacted by changes in the building codes. To that end, I have established a committee consisting of ACC Chair Ray Bana and ACC members Bert Codispoti, Martin Pico, and Caren Brinson. They will be looking at this as well as several other building rules that may need to be reconsidered such as set backs.

Finally, I do thank the Board Members and other volunteers who are working diligently to make our community the best in the Florida Keys. We all have a common goal—to keep our slice of paradise a paradise!
— Oscar Callejas

Association Officers' Reports

From the Secretary... There is a great deal of information on the [website](#)—and we have tried to make it as easy to find as possible. A main source of reference is the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) which cover everything from building requirements to noisy neighbors. While every effort has been made so the site

accurately reflects the governing documents, in a rare instance, there might be a difference between the site and those [documents](#). In such a case, the governing documents rule. If you discover such a situation, please let us know so we can fix it. And, if you have any questions about what the rules are, please ask. — Caren Brinson

Committee Reports

Maintenance On November 21st, the Maintenance Committee met at the beach. Attending were Caren, Esther, Bill (Chair), Pres. Oscar, Leo (who are pictured) and Bert.

They talked about numerous things ranging from trimming the invasive and fast growing scaevola taccada at the parking lot so we have more space, to sign replacement, to picnic tables, to cul-de-sac maintenance.

There is plenty of room for more volunteers (and ideas) on this or on one of the other committees. The goal is to make our community even better than it already is. Drop Mari an [email](#) to let her know you are interested.

Security Christmas and New Years were fairly quiet in Port Antigua this year. The reckless and dangerous operation of Golf Carts in the neighborhood continues to be a problem. Please, be sure you know what your kids are doing.

If you see someone behaving badly, don't get in

a confrontation, call MCSO's dispatch at 305-853-3211 or in case of an EMERGENCY, dial 911. And remember, if you have information about a possible crime, call the Monroe County Sheriffs Office at 305-292-7000. Callers who wish to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at 866-471-8477.

Finally if you see something say and/or record it. It's tough to argue with a video.

Nominations If you are interested being on the PAPOA Board of Directors, please send Esther your name and a bio so she can present them to the Board at the February meeting.. The email address is nominations@portantigua.net.

Association Manager Dues payments are still being received. If you did not get your invoice, email me at info@portantigua.net. Your payments are being deposited as I work through the mail. Please be patient. Dues will be delinquent on March 1st and your ballot will not count if your dues are not paid. So put your check into the mail.
— Mari Joiner, CAM



Help Needed!

Port Antigua is rapidly building out, and in the past has been able to function quite well with but a handful of dedicated volunteers to keep things running. But with the increased pressure on both our infrastructure and Association that the greater number of people brings, we desperately need more folks to help out. While there are at least four seats up for reelection/election on the PAPOA Board of Directors, that is not the only way you can make a difference. For example, the newsletter edi-

tor is getting old and cranky and will not be able to put it together much longer; COVID-19 will not last forever, and the Recreation Committee will certainly kick off with a vengeance. The Board recently formed a committee to review the fence rules, and the covenants are old and need revision. You can help us and yourself keep Port Antigua the desirable community it has become. Please, call or [write](#) and lend a hand!

Miscellaneous Stuff

Santa Visited Port Antigua! With a bit of help from the Islamorada Fire Rescue Team, Santa visited Port Antigua December 13th. Led by fire engines with flashing lights and decorated with colorful holiday lights, the caravan, went down Gulfview, Ponce, part of Biscayne, and Buena Vista before heading down the road to visit more of Islamorada.

Hazmat Drop Off. Get rid of your old paint, solvents, poisons, batteries, and such. [The Village opens a disposal site](#) at Founder's Park the second Friday and Saturday of March, June, September and December. It is located at the south entrance to the park and is between 9 and 12 each day.

Boat Drifts ashore on PA Beach. Lots of things wash up on Port Antigua's beach – driftwood, crab and lobster buoys, lots of seaweed, and on December 4th, a boat.

Fortunately, we were able to find the owner and the boat was recovered with little damage.

Thank you, Pres. Oscar, for the photo and story

Village Crews in the Neighborhood. After several phone calls and emails to the Village staff, a crew was busy in early December replacing and repairing the traffic and informational signs in the neighborhood.

High winds had taken a toll on the signs and many were leaning and appeared to be in danger of falling over. A member of the Maintenance Committee identified the worst signs and sent an email, with photos, to the Village along with a copy to Council members.

It's the Little Things... Have you seen ribbons on some of the plants in our cul-de-sacs and on the beach? These aren't decorations. Maintenance Committee member Caren noticed some native plants emerging, a few of which are getting big. To keep the contractor's crews from whacking them down,

she has been working with the contractor to identify and protect these plants.

On another note, in an effort to save the PAPOA some money, she has been successful in having FKEC remove (at no cost to the PAPOA) seven trees, so far, which had become too large and were hazards.

Finally, she put a couple coats of sealer on the wooden picnic table at the Beach.

Maintenance Chair Bill arranged for the benches to be replaced on several concrete tables and has signs ready to be installed closer to the "season."

Thank you to Bill, Caren, and the rest of the Maintenance Committee for keeping Port Antigua beautiful!

Speaking of Keeping it Beautiful... Our membership turn-over has been high as many properties have changed owners. Farewell to those who have left (and still receive the *Tails*) and welcome to our newcomers!

Please review the Village [brochure](#) on household and yard waste and remind your yard service not put the cans street-side until the Village allows it.

Keep our Canals Clean! Over the past few years, our residents have spent, and continue to spend, a great deal of money to replace septic tanks with a central hook up. This was done to improve the water quality of the Keys. Throwing debris including yard clippings and fish carcasses in the canals is contrary to this goal in that it depletes oxygen in the water. In addition, the carcasses FLOAT after a few days and stink. Please, put them in your trash cans or crab traps.

Household "Life Hack:" Avoid cutting yourself when slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold them while you chop.

Christmas and New Years
Sheriff Enforcement

I am happy to report —

Nothing!!!

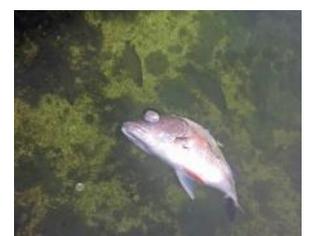


Setting a Seat



Looks Right Nice!

Photos courtesy of Rick Johnson





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Wayne Klopff and a nice
Queen!

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A Favorite Recipe

Ingredients

- 2 wahoo steaks, butterflied (about 4oz each)
- 6 tbs of grass-fed butter, melted. (Most of it will cook off, and DON'T substitute margarine. It will NOT come out right),
- ¼ red onion
- 4 cherry tomatoes, halved
- 3 sage leaves
- 2 rosemary sprigs
- 2 dill sprigs
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- 1 tsp black pepper
- ½ tsp cayenne
- Juice of 1 lemon

Instructions

Melt butter in a medium to large sauce pan.

Pulse onion, tomatoes, herbs, salt and pepper in a food processor and add to the pan with the butter. Turn heat on low to infuse the flavors together.

Turn heat off and add lemon juice to the marinade. Add the steaks, spooning the marinade on top. Let sit in marinade for at least 20 minutes.

Preheat the grill on low.

Right before you put the fish on the grill, grease the grill plate with olive oil.

Put steak on the grill and raise heat to medium low and cook for about 2-3 minutes per side.

Goes well with asparagus!

Serving size: 1 steak; Calories: 500 Fat: 30g Carbohydrates: 5g Sugar: 2g Sodium: 650 mg Protein: 23g

For the full recipe with more photos, visit the [kitcheneer website!](#)

A thank you goes to Rita Klopff for sharing this recipe.

Fishing Report

Offshore, to 400 feet, is very poor. Cold, 74 degrees, and dirty water. Little bait, ballyhoo or runners, and no bird activity for over a week. Back county is pretty good. Plenty of nice mackerel, spanish and cero, from Sprigger west. Some small trout but larger females should show next month as spawning begins.

Matt and Toni B ventured out in the high winds a few weeks ago and had some good tuna action at the 409. The Mahi were few and far between, but

they did bring back two schoolies from a weed-line close in.

Rita and Wayne K have had some good luck deep dropping for snapper and landed a nice golden tilefish.

Please remember to dispose of the fish carcasses properly. They belong in the trash and not in the canal since they will float and smell bad after a couple of days.

Around the Islands

Elections. Congratulations to our former Pres, Dave Webb who was sworn in as a member of the Village Council on November 19th. He is joined by four other brand new Council members.

The Pedestrian Bridge. Residents' commenting on the bridge, which is [currently under construction](#), were pretty much opposed to the bridge,

viewing it as a waste of tax dollars and changing the "character" of the Village. Nearby residents along the old highway were most vocal in their opposition.

The Village staff pointed out that it may cost us up to \$5 million dollars to stop construction now.