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2021 Annual Meeting (and Election)

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The returns are in and a hearty congratulations to **Oscar Callejas, Otto Ortega, Dave Webb, and Martin Pico!** Oscar, Otto, and Dave will be seated for three year terms, and Martin, two. And a sincere thank you to all who volunteered to serve on the Board and our community by submitting their names for the ballot.



Captain Paul and Sheriff Ramsey

During our program at the annual meeting, Sheriff Ramsey introduced Islamorada's new Captain, Derek Paul, who has deep roots in the Keys, as well as Sergeant Johnson who is a frequent and welcome visitor to the Port Antigua neighborhood. Sheriff Ramsey spoke about a wide range of interesting topics, from Trauma Star, to crime in the neighborhood (or the lack thereof), to the benefits of community policing. We are fortunate to have Sheriff Ramsey, Captain Paul, Sergeant Johnson and the rest of the MCSO. They truly "have our backs."



Rita makes a point



Oscar, Otto, Caren
 Esther, Rod, Martin
 Rita, Dave, Ray
 Mari

At the Board of Directors' Organizational meeting, Oscar was re-elected for a one year term as President, Otto as Vice President, and Caren as Secretary. Rita will hold the Chair of the Finance Committee and Esther will take over the job of Treasurer. Leo Cornide will be taking over the Maintenance Chair from Bill Hardy, and a heartfelt "thank you" goes to Bill for the work he has done in that job.

For a list of Directors, Committee Chairs and their emails, go to the [website](#).

Election Results.

Several people have asked what the "Numbers" were. Well, here they are:

Oscar Callejas	128
Otto Ortega	113
Dave Webb	106
Martin Pico	100
Jay Cannon	57
Leo Cornide	45
Rick Hoskins	41
Lee Ramirez	38
Juan Pernas	21
John Feist	7

179 ballots were submitted. 24 were handed to Secretary Caren, and the rest were received via the USPS. 13 ballots were invalid (see why to the right).

Beach Swim Zone Status

The Village has ordered the swim buoys in anticipation of receiving the permits they need. They are still on track for placing them in early July.

Why is a ballot invalid?

Our voting procedures are mandated by law and our by-laws. A ballot must be discarded if there are any "stray" marks on it or its envelope or if the identifying information on the return envelope is not filled out correctly by the voter. Another reason for disqualification is that a member's account is delinquent. In this election, the results would not have been changed if the discarded ballots had been included.

From the President...

Dear PAPOA Members,



Oscar Hard at Work

I would like to congratulate all the candidates who were elected to serve as volunteers on the PAPOA Board of Directors. Special thanks to the members who volunteered to count Board Election Ballots. It was a challenging election with a record number of ballots turned in as well as amount of new candidates.

I am excited over the increased eagerness to serve the Port Antigua community. I appreciate the efforts of

those candidates who ran for a Board of Director seat, intent on serving the community. They are positively sparking a trend to encourage future prospects.

I am humbled by your response in keeping me as your president. I've heard thoughts, concerns and ideas from many of you. It will be my pleasure to continue serving you, as we steadily address these matters, with the best interests of the Port Antigua community at heart.

- Oscar Callejas

Association Officers' Reports

From the Secretary... The recent election shows how important keeping both your mailing and email addresses current are. If Mari has the wrong "snail mail" address, you will not get important Association documents.

I join Oscar in thanking our vote counters. Judy Wintsel, Adele West, Hermine Zavar, Michelle Bianchi, and Moe Zavar once again came through when I "volunteered" them. The PAPOA needs its members to help out, and these folks certainly did. I also thank

the Methodist Church for the use of their Fellowship Hall. - Caren Brinson

The Treasurer Says... Okay, I am no longer the Treasurer, having handed that job over to Esther. I would like to thank Jim Grainger, Vivian Williams, Dave Webb, Esther Merida, Mari Joiner, Leo Cornide and so many others who helped me put together the budgets over the past two years. I will be taking over the Finance Committee chair and will be helping our new treasurer keep spending your money wisely. - Rita Klopff

CAM'S Comments The election had a large response. Thanks to all the volunteers and candidates for participating in the process. If you would like to help with one of the committees

please send me an email at info@portantigua.net. I will put you in touch with the Committee Chair. Help is needed in all areas of the association.

-Mari Joiner, CAM

Correspondence from PAPOA.

Email you receive from the Association will have an ...@portantigua.net address. The most common you will see are "info@portantigua.net" and "news@portantigua.net." If you don't recognize the sender, and have any questions about an email's authenticity, please send Mari a message at [in-](mailto:info@portantigua.net)

fo@portantigua.net. Snail mail you receive from us will come on letterhead (sometimes in color, sometimes not) with the PAPOA palm tree logo.

Security Contract? Your Association is looking at the potential to hire private security for the beach.

Redland Security Investigations out of



Deputies Chris Kilmurray and Jason Rivas worked Easter Weekend Security at Port Antigua Beach.



South Dade is the likely vendor. For more information, see the [website](#).

Speaking of Security... While “on-duty” and not part of the PAPOA security, Deputy Kilmurray often patrols our Beach and ejects trespassers, watches for beached boats and brings a perception that the police are always watching. We are very fortunate to have the MCSO deputies do their paperwork in the parking lot, patrol the beach and our community.

Parking Lot Changes To gain additional parking at the beach, PAPOA

is [looking at reclaiming](#) some property at the edge of the lot. We are also looking at new traffic patterns.

THANK YOU, CAREN! After months of emails, letters, and phone calls, Caren got Advance Disposal to refund **\$2,209** for a trash can we never had.

Nominations Chair Esther sends a thank you to all of the candidates for submitting their bios. She was able to compile and get them to Mari in time for the ballot mailout.

Easter, President’s Day and MLK Day Sheriff Enforcement

I am happy to report —

Nothing!!!



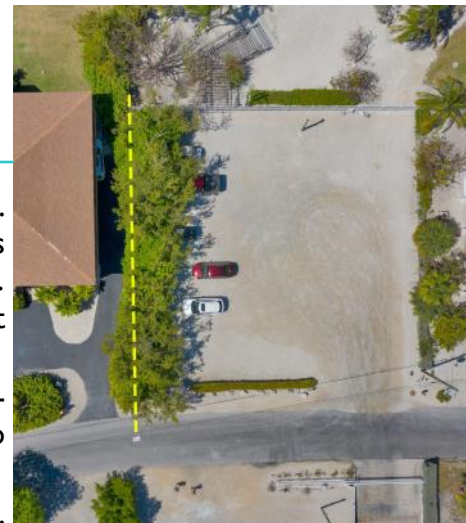
Help is Needed! REALLY!

We had a banner crop of candidates for the Board of Director seats this year. Thank you for those of you who submitted your names. While the Board is a most visible part of the organization, it is certainly not the only one. They can pontificate, make proclamations and rules all day long, but when it comes down to it, we have one, part time manager whose job is to try to implement these rules. Oft-

times the Board is spread too thin. Without volunteers, the policies, rules and proclamations are worthless. There are very important jobs that [you](#) can do to help out. For example:

Recreation Chair Esther needs suggestions for events and volunteers to help out. Send her an [email](#).

This newsletter needs an editor. We have **maintenance, finance**, and other opportunities as well. Please, call or [write](#) and lend a hand.



Miscellaneous Stuff

Hurricane Season is Approaching!

It is not too soon to start limbering up the shutters if you have them, contacting your neighbors about centering your boat, and [developing an evacuation plan/kit](#). You may want to also take a walk around your yard and be sure the trees haven’t grown too close to the overhead wires. FKEC will trim any trees posing hazards to their lines. Check their [website](#). Speaking of getting ready, there are:

NEW Monroe Co Re-entry Stickers. Have an old, yellow re-entry sticker for after the “big one?” It needs to be replaced. The county is issuing new, bar-coded stickers at any tax collector’s office. Ours are purple.

You can get one by showing proof of residency. For info, see the county [website](#).

Leaves in Canals? Nope - Blowing or sweeping leaves in the canals is a big “no-no.” The canals are one of our main assets, and protecting them is a high priority. Organic debris (leaves and other vegetation) in the canals decay which uses oxygen. When that happens, bad things happen to fish and other marine life. Besides, it is [against the law](#).

Please be sure your yard maintenance contractor hauls away the debris or puts it in the cans for pickup - and puts the cans out at the [proper time](#),





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Oscar and Sergeant
Johnson



Hook it UP!!!

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A Favorite Recipe

Pecan Crusted Mahi

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup dry breadcrumbs
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped pecans
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 cup low-fat buttermilk¹
- 1/2 teaspoon hot sauce
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 4 (6 ounce) Mahi fillets
- 1 tablespoon oil, divided

Directions

Combine breadcrumbs, pecans, salt, garlic, and pepper in a shallow dish.

Combine buttermilk and hot sauce (such as Tabasco) in a medium bowl.

Place flour in a third dish.

Dredge 1 fillet in flour, dip into buttermilk mixture, then into breadcrumb mixture. Repeat with remaining fillets.

Heat 1 1/2 tsp oil in a large skillet (non-stick works best) over medium-high heat.

Cook 2 fillets for 3 minutes on each side or until fish flakes easily.

Add remaining oil and cook additional 2 fillets.

Serve with lemon.

¹No buttermilk? No problem: Substitute using 1/2 cup less one tablespoons of milk or half and half and one tablespoon of white vinegar. Mix and let sit for five minutes. Instant faux-buttermilk.

Around the Islands

The Pedestrian Bridge. The FDOT listened to its constituents and has canceled the project building a pedestrian bridge over US-1 at Founders' Park. Residents' comments on the bridge at the January Village Council meeting were pretty much opposed to it, 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.

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

It's the Law! A new federal law went into effect on April 1st, no fool-in'. Basically, the operator of any boat less than 26 feet long must use the installed engine cut-off switch while operating their boat. This means clipping the end of the lanyard to the operators "person" (ouch). There are certain exceptions, like when operating at idle or if the boat was manufactured before January 2020 and does not have a switch installed. If there is a working switch, the operator **MUST** use it.

For more information, see the Coast Guard's [news release](#). They have a list of [FAQ's](#) that will answer most of your questions.