



'Tigua Tails

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Alessandra, Ricky, and Riley cleaning the shore. See [Port Antigua Kids in Action](#) (next page)

A special thanks to Pres. Oscar who gave me many of the photos and articles for this newsletter. Also, thanks go to Cristy for the photos and info for the PA Kids in Action cleanup article.

Thank you, too, to Jack Gurdjian for his photo.

Ideas and photographs are always much appreciated

Looking Toward a Quiet Labor Day!?!

If the recent July 4th and Memorial Day weekends were any indication, we are hoping for an equally quiet Labor Day weekend.

The July holiday was busy, all available Tiki Huts were occupied, which brought complaints that we needed more. But most people found a spot under a tree or brought their own shade and were able to take advantage of the beautiful beach and cool waters.



MCSO Sgt Johnson in front of a quite quiet beach

There were over 150 boats just outside the swim zone on July 3rd, and 112 on the 4th. Boats entering the swim zone "by accident" were waved back by the ones on the outside.

There were many complements, most coming from those owners who originally opposed the zone. Some "converts" said they changed their minds after seeing their children were safely away from the reckless jet skis or boats. There were no noise complaints and owners were happy to be able to have a normal conversation without having to yell. One owner was heard to say, "We are lucky to have our beach back!"



A GAME! There are at least four things wrong in this picture! Can you find them?

Taken around the first of the month, this lady was walking her dogs. On the beach and after the swim zone was established.

If you see something, call it in! If there is a deputy in the area, they will respond soon enough to do something. MCSO Dispatch is 305-853-3211.

From the President...



Pres Oscar

Dear PAPOA Members,

I am truly grateful for the number of volunteers who are stepping up to make Port Antigua a more beautiful and better place to live. You can read about some of these efforts in this issue of the *Tails*. From Cristy Lopez's quite visible P.A. Kids in Action helping clean the beach and cul-de-sacs, Ricky Lopez's donation of sand and rock on our beach to the not so obvious offer of Linda Carlisle to help with a couple of our projects, Port Antigua residents are doing great things for the neighborhood. I personally look forward to Billy Dominguez 's help with security. Leo Cornide's work on the maintenance committee has really been an asset. We also have Vivian Williams on the Finance Committee, not to forget Bert Codispoti who helped out with the ACC before signing on as our architect. These folks clearly show that one doesn't need a seat on the Board to lend a hand. We are blessed with so much talent and experience in our neighborhood. All it takes is a few minutes of your time to make a difference.

And of course, I also am grateful for the support the Board has given our community. Together we can work to make Port Antigua even better! - Oscar Callejas



No treats in this bag for
Ricky!



Not to be outdone,
Chase displays his take



Audley, Ricky, Chase, and Riley with their

the goals that Christy hopes to achieve. Her vision is to expand efforts with the Village of Islamorada and assist in organized environmental clean ups. Keep an eye out for these growing number of kids making a positive contribution, all thanks to a Port Antigua mom with a vision. Participants so far have included Chase Sherman, Ricky Lopez, Audley Bosch, Riley Lopez, Emma Lopez, and Alessandra Lopez.

If your young-uns want to join in the fun, Cristy is looking for youths 10 years old and up to help out. Please send her an email at portantiguakidsinaction@gmail.com.

Port Antigua Kids in Action!

You may have recently seen Port Antigua Kids In Action at the beach or cul-de-sacs picking up litter and helping spiff up the community. Created by Cristy Lopez to keep the kids busy doing something positive in Port Antigua, the group has already had several outings. Developing a sense of responsibility and encouraging kids to give back to the community are some of



Emma pitched in, too.

- Oscar Callejas

Beach Sand Replenishment

Many owners were attracted to this community by its family-friendly beach with plenty of shade and spectacular sunsets. The waves that constantly lap on its shoreline, while usually peaceful and beautiful, do take a toll. The white sand that feels so good underfoot and looks so nice is constantly being swept out to sea where it migrates further offshore or to other

areas of the



coast. To counter this, we periodically replenish the sand that has washed away. Over the years, this sand has been purchased from **Rock and Dirt**. This year, PAPOA Member Ricky Lopez, owner and operator of **Rock and Dirt**, donated several trucks of sand to replenish the Beach as well as a load of rocks to cover the beach parking lot. His workers spread the sand and rocks all day on Saturday, August 14th. It made a huge difference in the general appearance and beauty of our beach.

Thank you, Ricky, for your generous contribution.

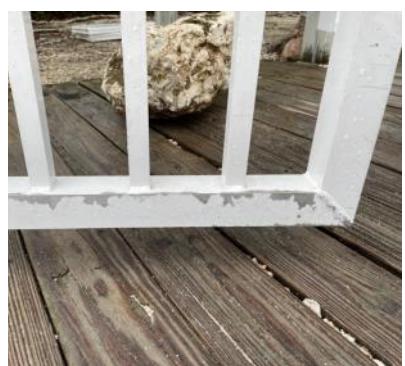


Miscellaneous Stuff

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT The Village of Islamorada allows residents of Port Antigua to use golf carts within our boundaries. As a result, our community has a posted speed limit of 25 MPH, and there is a sign at the corner of El Capitan that reads “No golf carts beyond this point.” Unless a golf cart is street legal with a Florida license tag, operators driving beyond this point toward the highway may get a traffic citation. Further, it is important for parents to keep their children under 14 from operating golf carts. Aside from the obvious safety issues, the child’s driving privileges will be affected if a ticket appears on their record when applying for driver’s permit or license. On another note, the MCSO has been more active in enforcing the traffic laws in Port Antigua. Some homeowners, guests and contractors have been ticketed over the last couple of weeks for speeding and not stopping at intersections. Please drive safely and follow the rules.

Propping the Beach Gate Open During the July 4th weekend, someone dragged a large rock over to the gate to prop it open. This has two consequences. It allows people who should not be on our beach access, and it also tears the devil out of the finish of the gate’s bottom rail. If you see someone doing this, PLEASE ask them to stop.

Congratulations to PAPOA Member Nancy Saxe on finishing the Seven Mile Bridge Run!





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CAM'S Comments Please be sure to let me know if you have lost your beach access card. Since a Member is responsible for the use of the card, even if it is not in their possession, letting me know means I can turn the card off and potentially save future headaches. If the card is to be replaced, the fees listed in the [fee schedule](#) apply.
-Mari Joiner, CAM

A Favorite Recipe

Simple Tuna Salad

Ingredients (All measures are approximate)

- 8 oz Blackfin Tuna filet
- 2 eggs for hard boiling
- 1 stalk celery, chopped
- 3/4 cup (or more) mayonnaise
- 1 T dill weed
- 1 lemon or 1/2 key lime juice
- 1 t parsley
- 1 t oregano
- 1 t basil
- Salt & Pepper
- Dash of cayenne pepper
- Dash paprika
- Splash Worcestershire Sauce
- Banana peppers (optional)
- Lettuce (optional)
- Tortilla (optional)

Directions Cut the tuna into 2 inch (or so) chunks and check for any bones that didn't get removed during the filleting. Bring a pot of water with a tablespoon of dill weed to a rolling boil and add the fish and eggs. Cook the tuna 6 minutes and then remove the tuna to an ice bath to stop cooking. Continue to cook the eggs for an additional 7 minutes for a total of 13 minutes. Remove them and add to the ice bath.

Mix mayo with the rest of the ingredients. Break tuna into small pieces, peel and chop the egg (remove one of the yolks if you want); add to the mayo mixture. Mix well and chill.

Serve over a lettuce leaf, wrapped in a tortilla, topped with a few banana peppers. You can also spoon it on a piece of lettuce on a slice of toasted bread, top with a slice of tomato and sprinkle with cheddar cheese. Put under the broiler until the cheese is nice and bubbly.

Around the Islands

New Village Manager The PAPOA congratulates and welcomes Mr. Greg Oravec as our new Village Manager. We look forward to working with him and his fine staff to make Islamorada an even better place to live, work, and play.

The Islamorada Community Alliance was formed earlier this year. Their mission is "to provide Islamorada residents with information about events occurring in our community that will impact our quality of life, preservation of our native ecosystems, land development, and lawful and transparent governance."

Waste Management Problems. Thank you to the property owners who let us know of problems you have had with waste collection. PAPOA will follow through with the complaints and hope for a positive outcome. Please continue to follow the [Village Ordinance](#) with the placing and removing from the street of the carts and cans. The [schedule](#) is posted on the PAPOA website. Red Tags are being placed on Carts/Cans that are out of compliance.

