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'Tigua Tails



Welcome Back to Our Winter Residents

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Sea Oats on the Beach



Thoughts on the Beach. This winter, as with every winter, our beautiful Port Antigua beach will be under some stress with the northerly breezes (okay, winds) and the resulting wave action. This will be exacerbated by the king tides we will have through December. Beach erosion is a serious concern that the Association fights in several ways like dumping loads of expensive sand on the beach and by keeping the plants healthy. We have a few sea oats and sea grapes on the beach along with some buttonwood trees and other native plants. These plants do great jobs of holding beaches together - so well that they are protected by state law. If you see someone trampling or destroying our plants, please say something - or call the non-emergency sheriff dispatch number 305-664-6480.

And while on the Beach, have you ever wondered what those jelly-like gooey strings are that are on the bottom just offshore? They are probably sea snail eggs. They are harmless and need to be left in place.

Got Renters? Leave a copy of the PAPOA [rules](#) on the refrig along with this handy garbage pickup schedule (magnet not included). The neighbors might appreciate it!

Garbage (Green Can) Household trash	Tuesday and Friday Pickup
Recycle (Blue Can) Aluminum, glass, cans, cardboard, etc.	Friday Pickup
Yard waste - Palm fronds, clippings etc. up to 6 cans	Friday Pickup
Bulk Waste - Sofa, appliances, etc.	Call Waste Management 305-853-3433
<i>Save or cut out for handy reference – or give to your renters</i>	

And always follow the [law](#) about placing the cans street-side.

New Message Board Supervisors Oscar, Esther, and Caren watched Bernie and Blain install a bulletin board at the Beach Pergola. The board will have copies of the meeting agendas and other information useful to you. Check it out !

A New Resident? Carlos and Olga Bengochea recently saw an unexpected visitor cruising the canal. The ripple in the picture is an American crocodile. While not generally aggressive toward people, as an “apex” predator, anything in the water or close to the water’s edge is fair game. Keep an eye on children and pets that may wander too close to the canal. Like manatees which we also have, crocodiles are a protected species. Boaters really need to keep the speed down in the canals.

For more info, see the [FWC](#) or [Port Antigua website](#). If you have a croc in your yard that is a bother, call 1-866-FWC-GATOR (1-866-392-4286). Guess the State doesn’t have enough CROCS for them to warrant their own reporting number, and they have to share.

From the President...

Dear Homeowners,

We have nearly concluded another year in our slice of paradise. During this year we have improved and continue to fine tune the PAPOA’s financial transparency thanks to the efforts of our dedicated financial staff, headed by the Chairperson of the Financial Committee Rita Klopff, Treasurer Esther Merida and financial guru Vivian Williams. The Maintenance Committee, headed by Leo Cornide, is accepting bids for Port Antigua beach maintenance. Anyone interested please forward proposals to info@portantigua.net with copies to maintenance@portantigua.net and treasurer@portantigua.net. Our Security Committee, headed by yours truly along with Otto Ortega, David Webb and Billy Domingez, will soon supervise the installation of an upgraded security camera system at the beach parking, boat ramp and tag reader at the entrance. The Architecture Control Committee, headed by Dr. Ray Bana, supported by Attorney Martin Pico, Attorney Linda Carlisle, Engineer Bert Codispoti, Caren Brinson and Esther Merida continue to work on updating policies. In conclusion, I commend your Board of Directors, Committee Chairs and all our Committee members for working diligently to make improvements in the operations of the Port Antigua Property Owners’ Association.



Pres Oscar



- Oscar Callejas

Changes Coming to the Cul-de-Sacs

You may have noticed (or not) that there are some tree stumps in most of the cul-de-sacs. As explained in my September 21st email, the Village owns the neighborhood’s right-of-way including the cul-de-sacs and is taking over their maintenance at a substantial savings to the PAPOA. Their policy is to use only native and low up-keep vegetation which meant the removal of some of the non-native trees.

Mr. A.J. Engelmeyer from the Village said a proposal for our cul-de-sacs will be presented to the Islamorada Landscape Advisory Committee on November 15th at 2 PM in the 3rd Floor Conference Room at the Village. A plan should come out of that meeting. We do need to do our part by being sure we (or our landscape contractors) keep these areas clean - don’t pile debris on these right-a-ways, even temporarily.



Debris Piled on a Cul-de-sac



Missing Some Palms

Buoy Adrift (and Recovered)

Rudy Rosa's daughter Yesenia and granddaughter Lia Rose found an unexpected object on the beach this summer. One of the buoys that had just been placed somehow broke free of its mooring and drifted onto the shore. Being responsible Port Antigua residents, they put the buoy up by the gate where it could be retrieved and placed back where it belonged.

Thank you very much.

The buoys were placed by the Village for our protection. Please do not tie off to them, or try to move them.



Lia Rose hauls in a big find
Photo by Yesenia Rosa

Miscellaneous Stuff

AT&T Digging As I said in my September 17th email, AT&T will be upgrading their cables in the neighborhood during the first quarter of 2022. This means that the right-of-way is going to be dug up and then restored, hopefully. We will be putting out additional information when/if we receive it.

Speaking of Digging. A subcontractor in Port Antigua was excavating on the canal side of a seawall, for which there was a permit. However, the backhoe operator was dumping the spoil into the center of the canal rather than onto a barge or into a truck as required in the permit. This can be a serious issue as a prominent Keys property owner recently learned when he was [charged](#) with illegal excavating a waterway up on Plantation Key. He faces up to a year in the pokey and a substantial fine. Be sure your contractor follows the law...or it could get troublesome.



Ours should look so good

Maintenance Contract The Board is reviewing contracts for maintaining the beach, its parking lot and other common areas. Fortunately, the contract will not include the cul-de-sacs. For now, our current maintenance crew will continue on a monthly basis.

Camera Contract Pres/Security Chair Oscar has been working on getting the cameras replaced. The new contract will include a license plate camera at the entrance of the neighborhood. They are also looking at possibly installing a camera at the canal entrance to the neighborhood.

Water Quality At the September Board meeting, Peter Frezza from the Village made a presentation about water quality problems in the Keys. Our canals impact the waters in the Bay as well as off shore. There are several options for improving our water quality:

1. Removal of organic material
2. Backfilling
3. Installing a weed gate
4. Injections Wells and
5. Installing Culverts.

The two options that will be used in our canal are first installing culverts and then backfilling. Both of these are several years down the road. For more information visit the [website](#).





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CAM'S Comments December is the annual billing for the 2022 dues payments. Please be sure to get your payments mailed in promptly. We are working on being able to email them to you also.

Mari Joiner, CAM

A Favorite Recipe

Linda's "Outer Banks" Crab Cakes

As often with home made recipes, there are no exact measurements.

- Green pepper minced
- Onion minced
- Crab shredded- can use lobster,
- Shrimp or fish!
- Italian bread crumbs
- Egg
- Parmesan cheese
- Tabasco to taste

Directions Sauté green pepper and onion in butter. Add the crab meat. Sprinkle in the bread crumbs. Add an egg to form patty consistency. Add cheese and tabasco to taste. Form patties and bake @ 350 degrees for 20-30 minutes until golden brown.

Serve with cocktail sauce.

Thank you, Mari Joiner for this recipe

Around the Islands

The Fills The Village wants YOUR input. They have tasked a consultant to develop a plan for the stretch of highway between Bud 'n Mary's and Robbies. Be sure to visit their [website](#) and take the 15 question [survey](#) which closes on November 19th. There will be a workshop on December 1st. This has been a long festering sore point and needs to be addressed. Please, make sure your voice is heard.



Noise Ordinance Speaking of sore points, are you tired of construction noise during the weekends? The Village is considering an ordinance banning commercial building and landscaping work on weekends and holidays. The ordinance as currently written would not prohibit a homeowner from doing "things" on their own property. Please be sure to let them know how you feel about it by [emailing your Village Council](#).

Teen Driving While [Teen Driver Safety Week](#) ended October 23, emphasizing motor vehicle safety (including golf carts) is a year around job for everyone. For information, go to the [Highway Safety website](#).

Scams A frequent warning, only because they are so [prevalent](#)...and we all know someone who has been a victim, In seems crooks keep coming up with new ways to steal people's money. The latest [scam warning](#) comes from the Florida Attorney General. People have been receiving emails asking for their Driver's license number so their COVID vaccination status can be added. Don't give it to them.

Thank you, Oscar and Caren for your help in putting this newsletter together.