



'Tigua Tails



ACC Policies Adopted

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One of the main jobs of a Property Owners' Association is to enhance the quality of the neighborhood by enforcing policies that will maintain or increase the attractiveness of the homes. At the April Board of Directors' meeting, six policies developed by the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) were adopted. The [revised fence policy](#) better explains what is and is not allowed. There are also new policies on [retaining walls](#), [storage sheds](#), [temporary fences](#) (like the ones used on construction sites), [cradle boat lifts](#), and [general repairs](#) to existing structures. These policies impact all of us, whether or not we are actually engaged in building since they affect the value of our homes. I encourage you to read the policies. If you have any comments or questions, contact the ACC by sending an [email to Mari](#). Links to these policies are also on the [About](#) and [Property Owners'](#) pages of the website.

Thank you ACC members Martin Pico (Chair), Ray Bana, Caren Brinson, Linda Carlisle, and architect Bert Codispoti for working so hard on these.

Annual Meeting and BOD News



Your Board hard at work
(Thank you Isabel Callejas for the photo!)

The rain and wind let up just in time for the start of the Annual meeting on April 23rd. Held behind VP Otto's house, a couple of non-board members showed up while a handful more took advantage of the Zoom[®] venue to join in.

Sheriff Ramsey and several of his deputies addressed the assemblage. The Sheriff made a point of the good relationship between his office and the PAPOA. He also talked about the low crime rate in the county and how that is directly related to both the cooperation they have with the community as well as people in the neighborhoods observing and reporting suspicious activities. One of the fallouts of having a low crime rate is that people feel safe enough to leave their cars, boats, and homes unlocked. Unfortunately, this creates a situation that fosters crimes of opportunity that would not happen had the property been properly secured. Lock it or lose it (I couldn't resist).

The results of the recent election are that Rita, Linda, and Rod will be returning to the Board for three-year terms. Thank you to Lee Rameriz and Robert Castro for volunteering to join the Board. The vote count is posted on the [Property Owners'](#) page of the website. There is plenty to do at the PAPOA and help is always welcome.

At the organizational meeting following the Annual Meeting, the Officers were unchanged: Oscar as President, Otto as Vice President, Rita as Treasurer, and Caren as Secretary.

For more about the meeting and to see the Committee assignments, visit the [news](#) and [about](#) pages of the website.



From the President...

Friends and Neighbors-- Another election is past and another summer is almost upon us. Congratulations to Linda Carlisle, Rita Klopff, and Rod Fletcher on their re-election. I look forward to working with you. And a special thanks to Robert Castro and Lee Rameriz for volunteering for seats on the Board. We have PLENTY of room for volunteers to do the much needed work in Port Antigua.



Pres Oscar

Speaking of work, we have been trying to get things ready for the peak beach season. The pergola benches have been fixed and six more picnic tables have been bought to make the area even nicer for your family outings. There is a new security camera at the canal entrance thanks to the cooperation of Richard and Etta Wielandt. We are doing our best to keep Port Antigua a great place to be.

A few weeks ago, we sent an email to everyone outlining some potentially dangerous behavior that has occurred in the neighborhood. I must stress that Monroe County and Port Antigua in particular are very safe with a low crime rate. That is due to the vigilance of property owners and the fine relationship we have with Sheriff Rick Ramsey and his staff. Remember, if you see something, say something!
--Oscar

Treasurer’s Report: The [2021 PAPOA Financials](#) have been posted. Please see them on the website.
--Rita Klopff

Getting Ready for Summer



Your Board is listening to you! After getting complaints about table shortages at the Beach, PAPOA recently bought six picnic tables and strategically put them under trees. People should be considerate and not leave their belongings on a table unless they are actively using them.



The pergola benches have been repaired, and there is a new shed at the beach to store items previously kept at member’s residences.

The foot-wash spigot sometimes doesn’t shut off all the way. If you see it dripping, kindly drop me an [email](mailto:news@portantigua.net) (news@portantigua.net), and I’ll squirt some lube in it.

We commend Oscar and Caren for getting these things done. Thank you!



Ballot Counting at the Library



From left: Michelle, Judy, Adele, Johanna, Caren, & Rita

A heartfelt thank you to Michelle Bianchi, Judy Winstel, Adele West, and Johanna Czerny for opening the envelopes and counting the ballots. Once again, they came through when volunteered. Thank you also to Treasurer Rita Klopff for setting up the computer and arranging the room and to the Islamorada Library for allowing us to use their space for the meeting.

Volunteers like these folks make the PAPOA possible. Without them, the work simply would not get done.

The vote tally is available on the [Property Owners’](#) page of the website.

Incidents of Concern in Good Ole P.A.

The Security Committee has been kept busy over the past few months: There was a **wedding ring** lost on the beach a few weeks ago. If you have found one, [please let us know](mailto:news@portantiga.net) (news@portantiga.net) so we can reunite this special piece of jewelry with its owner.

One of our members decided to celebrate a great day at the beach by spinning a few donuts before he left. He even had a friend take videos of his performance, unaware that it was not needed as the PAPOA security cameras were recording all the action. He may be getting a bill if our Maintenance staff charges us extra for smoothing out his tracks.



Messing up the parking lot

Some members were concerned about youngsters running through their properties late at night. While nothing was stolen or damaged, the danger is real that someone could get hurt either by a frightened homeowner "defending" themselves or by the hazards of an active construction site. Everyone needs to heed this warning.



And despite our relatively crime free area, there are some thefts. During Spring Break, a Ballyhoo Hoop Net disappeared from behind a member's home. It's a collapsible circle hoop inside a cloth case which is half green and half black. It has a blue Styrofoam float on top and a cigar sinker on the bottom of the hoop. If by chance you have noticed an unexplained Ballyhoo Hoop Net at your residence let me know (news@portantigua.net), and I'll arrange for it's return, no questions asked.



Sgt Gregg Johnson stopped at the Beach and explained to some folks anchored in the swim zone that they couldn't do that.

Photo by Oscar

Miscellaneous Stuff

AT&T Digging The permit contractor for the fiber optics installation has not responded to my queries; our first notice may be when (if?) they start work.

Cul-de-sac Maintenance Village Public Works Director, A.J. Engelmeyer, told me that they are working on an order list for the plants and will begin removal and installation of the new plants in the next couple of weeks. A couple cul-de-sacs will be done at a time, but the whole job will take a while as they will have to continue other maintenance responsibilities.

Camera Contract The camera system is working well (see the donut man above). We now have a camera in place at the canal entrance to capture boats coming and going. Thank you Richard and Etta Wielandt for allowing PAPOA to put a camera on your property!

Wall of Shame A board member recently suggested a PAPOA bulletin board item with photos/descriptions with the names of incredibly smart people doing stupid things - like spinning donuts in the lot or digging trenches for ponds on the beach - both of which at the least created tripping hazards and cost the Association to fix. While gossip is an effective readership tool, we'd prefer to ask people to be considerate neighbors. This includes the operation of golf carts (number 1 complaint) and noise (a close second).

Hurricane Season starts June 1st. Dust off the hurricane evacuation plans and talk to neighbors about tying the boats off in the canal (if you do that).

Garbage Cans left street side. We have started getting complaints about the cans not getting put in after pick up. This has been much improved over a few years ago, but seems to becoming a problem again. Please follow the [Village ordinance](#) on this. And be sure your renters (if you have them) do too.



The newest security camera



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A Favorite Recipe

Banana Bread with Streusel Topping

For the Streusel:

6 tablespoons unsalted butter, room temperature, plus more for pan	1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
3/4 cup unbleached all-purpose flour	1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
1/3 cup packed light-brown sugar	1/2 cup chopped pecans

For the Bread:

1/2 cup butter, melted	1 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup white sugar	1/2 teaspoon salt
2 eggs	1/2 cup sour cream
1 teaspoon vanilla extract	1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour	2 medium bananas, sliced (Can slice or mash or little of both)

1. Prep: Preheat oven to 350°, rack in lower third. Grease a 9X5 inch loaf pan. Put a strip of parchment paper on the bottom and up the ends to serve as handles to lift bread out of pan when cooled and the sides have been cut around pan to loosen from the pan.
2. Streusel: In a bowl, combine flour, brown sugar, cinnamon, and salt. Stir in butter and pecans until small clumps form and mixture is evenly moistened. (Streusel can be made ahead and refrigerated, covered, up to 3 days.)
3. Cake: stir together the melted butter and sugar. Add the eggs and vanilla, mix well. Combine the flour, baking soda and salt, stir into the butter mixture until smooth. Finally, fold in the sour cream, walnuts, and bananas. Spread half of mixture in pan put half of strudel mixture on batter. Add rest of batter and top with remainder of strudel mixture.
4. Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 55/60 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the loaf comes out clean. Cool loaf in the pan for 10 minutes before lifting out of pan to a wire rack to cool completely.

Thank you to Caren Brinson for this recipe

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Questions?
Visit the
website!
portantigua.net
(Your answer is
probably there)*

Around the Islands

New Buoys Installed The Village has almost completed the replacement of the old Swim Zone Buoys. The buoys are designed to float more upright and last longer. A reminder: Owning a property in Port Antigua does not convey any right to bring a vessel into the swim zone. The \$250 fine applies to anyone cited in the zone.



Sorry for this lousy photo of the new and old buoys. Couldn't take my boat in there, and the water was too darn cold for this old man to go swimming.

New Village Manager The PAPOA welcomes Thomas (Ted) Yates from Twinsburg, Ohio. Mr. Yates brings a wealth of qualifications and experience to a difficult job. We look forward to working with him to make Islamorada an even better place to live, work, and play.

FWC announces new rules (recreational).

- Stone Crab traps release ring for the 2023-2024 season.
- Cobia minimum size is now 36 inches, 2 per boat per day (Atlantic)
- Dolphinfish are limited to 5 per person, 30 per boat
- Blackfin Tuna are limited to 2 per person, 10 per boat, whichever is greater
- Blueline Tile season will close 26 July instead of 31 August

Be sure to check the [FWC website](#) for the current rules. They seem to change them quite often.