

CGPOA January 2021 eMinder



Note from the CGPOA Recoding Secretary (Cindy Dresow): Hello Neighbors & "Welcome Back" Winter neighbors. We hope you enjoyed a Merry Christmas, & a Happy New Year's Eve!

If you've not already seen them, please check out the Christmas light displays. Winners names and addresses are listed in this e-minder. Lights will be taken down soon; don't delay!

You should have received the CGPOA Annual Newsletter in the mail about December 16. Please look it over well. If you did not receive a copy in the mail, please contact Leigh Anne Schuler <logoleelee@hotmail.com>. The ballot for our 2021 Board of Directors is enclosed, along with a form to renew or begin your CGPOA membership. Annual Membership Dues of \$75 are due January 1.

This professional edition was compiled, edited and designed by our volunteer, Leigh Anne Schuler from First Avenue East. Leigh Anne's style is appreciated. Please thank her, and all of our sponsors who advertised in the newsletter.

If you have talents that you'd like to volunteer to improve Cudjoe Gardens, we'd really like to hear from you. Perhaps you'd like to serve on our Board of Directors for 2021? Fresh input is always welcome.

This is your LAST CHANCE to correct your information for our **2021 Directory**. If you've not updated your information, send it NOW to Leigh Anne Schuler <logoleelee@hotmail.com>

Please send your Name or names, Address, phone numbers (with a name for each phone number), e-mail addresses, (with a name for each e-mail address). Our 2021 CGPOA Directory goes to the printer next week, and will be available for members to pick up at our January 16th meeting.

I hope to see you at our Annual Meeting January 16th at 3 PM! Enjoy every day of this NEW YEAR!

Snowbird Meeting and Party: (Cindy Dresow):



**All residents of Cudjoe Gardens
are invited to our**

Annual Meeting & Snowbird Party!

3:00 PM on Saturday January 16, 2021

Rain Backup Sunday 17th, 2021

Meeting & Election of Officers

Special Guests:

Sheriff Rick Ramsay, Captain Patty Thompson, Lt. Tom Walker

This year, due to COVID restrictions, we will not be serving food. You are welcome to bring your own beverages and snacks for yourself, there will be no sharing. Tents will be set up and chairs will be socially distanced. The meeting will be held on the street in front of Jo Socha's house, 20750 First Ave W. Masks are required to enter.

For parking efficiency, please consider walking, bike riding, carpooling, and, please follow the directions of our esteemed Director of Parking: Rich Schugar.

CGPOA Dues: Dues of \$75 for calendar year 2021 are payable now.

To VOTE for new officers & board of directors, your CGPOA membership must be current (2021). Please see next page for membership application and Board of Directors ballot.



Cudjoe Gardens Cookbook: (Cindy Dresow): *Only \$10 each!*

Our beautiful Cudjoe Gardens Cookbooks, with over 420 yummy recipes from our best cooks will delight your friends and family. **"THE FLAVOR OF CUDJOE GARDENS"** includes John Viele's history of Cudjoe Gardens, 8 vintage photos, 8 pages of helpful hints, 14 pages of napkin folding, equivalency charts, measurement substitutions, calorie counting, cooking terms and more. Ph:

Cindy Dresow at 305-744-0558 or
email cindy.dresow@gmail.com

Cudjoe Gardens Holiday Lights Awards 2020 (Randy McDonald):

Most Spectacular: Once again Tim Cherry and Peggy Jent, who live at the home of Dr. Richard and Diana Foster, dazzled the neighborhood and indeed, the entire lower Keys with the Most Spectacular Display for the fifth year in a row. 20926 9th Ave. W. A couple pictures do not do justice to this truly spectacular light display that covers the property and house with a “must see” extravaganza.

Best Spirit of Christmas: Greg and Donna Daniels unleashed the Flamingos again this year to capture the Best Spirit of Christmas. There are even more Flamingos than last year. 20971 6th Ave. W. “Let’s Jingle and Flamingle”

Most Original: Jo and Bernie Socha went all out for “Candy Cane Lane”. Decorations are fantastic and even extend across the street as you drive between the Candy Canes and other delights. Painted coconuts, lighted pathways, blow up characters including Santa on a snowmobile pulling a sled and Frosty waving to traffic on US 1. Well done Jo and Bernie. 20750 1st Ave. W.

Judges Special Award: Cindy Dresow never fails to dazzle with a magnitude of lights spread over her large lots. Beautiful “Southern Pole Christmas trees highlight a

sparkling display of lavish color. Reindeer and Nativity round out the wonderful display. Seventh East. 21023 7th Ave. E.

Judges Special Award: Bryan and Amy McDaniel upped their decorating game adding a Llama to the ever-present Deer. They present a beautiful display on Sawyer Drive. 468 Sawyer.

Honorable Mention: Newcomers Joey Urbaovitch and Margie Meade showed great Christmas Spirit with their display of Penguins on a Polar Bear and a Santa Snow Globe surrounded by sparkling icicle lights. Welcome to the neighborhood. 20972 Sixth Ave West.

Honorable Mention: Not in the running for awards due to refusal, Randy and Libby McDonald's Santa Clause by the Chimney with operating video fireplace showed ingenuity with a pallet of mulch. 20973 Seventh Ave. West.
The award signs will be retrieved on Saturday, January 2

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Pet owners unite (Cindy Dresow): Our Cudjoe Gardens RESPONSIBLE Pet Owners need to influence those who are not responsible. "Pick Up After Your Pet" signs are posted, yet some allow their pets to leave their deposits anywhere, without picking it up. This gives all pet owners a 'bad name'. We have a leash law; pets are not allowed to run loose. **When ALL pet owners responsibly pick up after their pets, Cudjoe Gardens will be an even greater area!**

How to Navigate To and From Cudjoe Gardens (Andrew Daley): This article is for information purposes only and should not be used as a navigation tool).

The first couple of trips to and from the two entrances aCudjoe Gardens can be confusing. There is the main channel (from the entrance to the bridge), an auxiliary channel (to and from the marina) and the locally maintained “sailboat channel” on the western side of the neighborhood.

Let’s start inbound from the entrance. The entrance channel is well marked. There are some places that are subject to shoaling but for most boats with less than 4 ½ draft there should be no problems. Remember—the channel markers from Daymark 1 to Daymark 10 are maintained by the Coast Guard. From Daymark 11 on they are maintained by Monroe County. So far, so good. You are inbound and want to go to either the marina or western entrance. You should see a “Marina” arrow on Daymark 16. Turn to the right just before you get to the Daymark and keep it to port. Head directly for the leading markers for the auxiliary channel (1A and 2A). Remember—you are now in a new channel, inbound, so Red Right Returning (from the sea). If you want to go to the marina, make the indicated 90 degree turn to the right and proceed between the buoys (locally maintained). Slow to idle before entering the canal. If you want to go to the western entrance go through the end of the channel (don’t turn to the marina) and gradually turn toward the white house with the deep-blue roof. Be aware that there are the remains of an old daymark that are difficult to see to your left, so exercise caution.

If you live on the west side and have a trawler or sailboat, you should use the “sailboat channel”. Continue down the main channel until you get to Daymark 21. Turn to the right, following the buoys. You will be making a sharp right turn as you approach

the mangrove barrier, then follow until the last green, then turn left and make the entrance. The buoys will (very) occasionally be off station, so you need to proceed slowly and read the water until you are thoroughly familiar with the channel. We will mark the GPS positions of all the daymarks and buoys as soon as we can (due to Covid issues) and provide them to everyone in the CGPOA.

Remember---there are flats between the main channel and the western entrance. Unless you use the sailboat channel you will do some real damage to the seagrass, run aground, or both. Don't do it! Stay in the marked channels.

One additional note---GPS is a wonderful tool, but it is no substitute for keeping a watchful eye open for what is ahead of you. Also, every GPS unit is subject to error due to a variety of factors, sometimes up to 50 feet. At sea that is no problem. In a 50-foot-wide channel at night it certainly can be. Be aware of your surroundings and old piece of nautical wisdom: don't go faster than the speed with which you want to collide with a solid object. If visibility is bad or if you are not familiar with your surroundings, SLOW DOWN.

Introduction of the new Captain and Lt of District 1 (Jo Socha):

Happy New Year. My name is Patty Thompson and I am the new Captain at the Cudjoe (District 1) Substation of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. I have been with the Sheriff's Office for 3

years, following a 33-year law enforcement career that included uniformed assignments at two Ohio police agencies, the Ohio State Highways Patrol, and a 24-year career as a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have lived here in the lower Keys since 1999 (with a brief 4-year hiatus in Miami for a promotion) and have owned homes in Sugarloaf Shores, the Key West Golf Club and Big Coppit Key. I am excited to share command with Lt. Tom Walker, and to work with all of you to keep Cudjoe Gardens, and all of the lower Keys, a safe, clean, enjoyable place to live, work and recreate. Sheriff Ramsay is a strong proponent of community-based policing. The relationship between a community and its law enforcement is a critical component of successful community policing. Clear lines of communication and trust are essential as well. I look forward to working with you, and to communicating clearly and earning your trust, to maintain a successful and productive working relationship in furtherance of our common goal Keeping our community safe.

Board Member Profile (Ken Kurdziel, Corresponding Secretary): I would like to introduce myself. I'm Ken Kurdziel, a full time resident for the last two years. I retired as a system engineer, a career that spanned over 30 years. During that time, I worked for various defense contractors on large satellite programs such as GPS and the Suomi NPP weather system. I retired 7 years ago and spent as much time as possible fishing and restoring a classic car. It is the boating and fishing opportunity that brought us to Cudjoe Key.

I have volunteered to be the communications director for our Cudjoe Gardens homeowners association. The communications

director is the point person for coordinating with other community associations in our joint goal of preserving and improving our standard of living here in the lower keys. I will be attending as many county commission meetings as I can representing our community.

Trash Pick-up -Schedule (Cindy Dresow): One thing that HASN'T changed is our **W/M Trash & Recycle Schedule:**

Late Sunday, Put out Household Trash for **Monday** forenoon pick-up

Late Tuesday, Put out Yard Trash & Recycling for Wednesday morning pick-up

Late Wednesday, Put out Household Trash for **Thursday** morning pick-up

Please ask your yard service crew to have all yard trash in the bins for pick-up on Wednesday morning,

so that the bins can be removed from the street the rest of the week. **Thank you!**

Rain Report (Randy McDonald): The rain total for December was 2.29 inches. Rain for the Calendar year 2020 was a whopping 68.47 inches.

To check rainfall more often,
go to: <https://www.cocorahs.org/ViewData/StationPrecipSummary.aspx> and enter my station: FL-MN-6.

Property Owner's Concerns: If a property owner has a specific concern, it must be mailed to the Cudjoe Gardens Property Owners Association (CGPOA) or given to a Board Member in writing. It will then be discussed at the following Board of Directors Meeting and kept on record. Please mail any correspondence to: CGPOA, PO Box 420121, Cudjoe Key, FL 33042.

**2020 CGPOA Board of Directors
Welcome to The Cudjoe Gardens Property Owners
Association**

The CGPOA Board meets every second Monday of each month. White Board signs are posted at each street entrance indicating the date, time, and place of the board meeting. Members are welcome to attend. If you have a community concern you can send it in writing to CGPOA PO Box 420121 Cudjoe Key, FL. 33042. The CGPOA Board is comprised of volunteers from the community. If you are interested in serving let us know. For more information and community resources visit www.cudjoegardens.org.