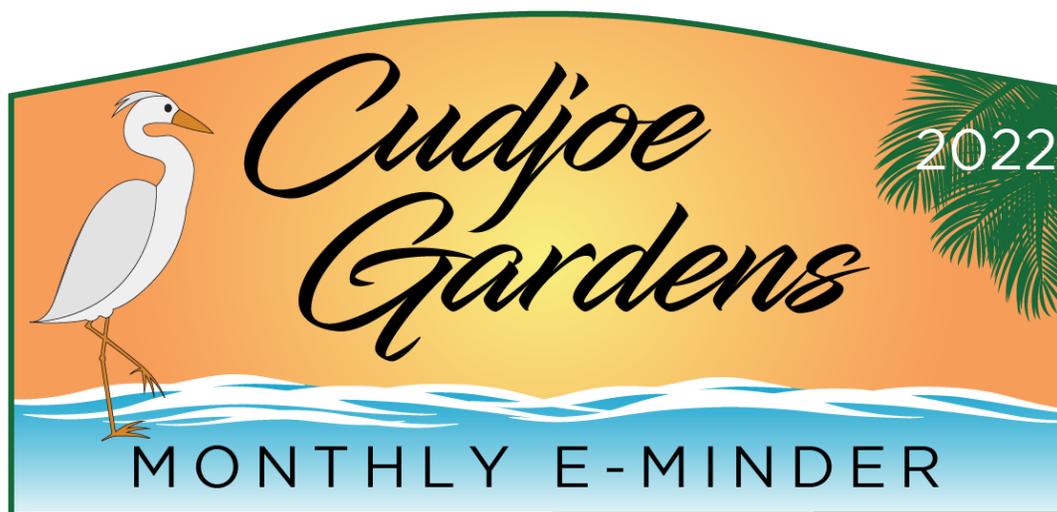


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Greeting from The Board and The President:

I want to begin with a big thank you to everyone who helped make the annual meeting such a success. Jo Socha, thank you for letting us use your house, I cannot begin to name everyone that helped with the setup and the take down. It really does take a village. Everyone did an awesome job. Most importantly I want to say thank you to each of you that braved the cold and came out to support your community and voice your opinion. We had a total of 57 attending. Wow! I cannot let an opportunity go by to thank Leigh Ann for all the hard work she did in putting together our annual newsletter, as well as our monthly newsletters. She also provided the amazing window clings. If you are a member of the association and did not get one, let one of us know The sound was much better at the annual meeting thanks to the generous gift of Woody and Inca. I want to thank everyone that ran for a board position. Remember these are volunteer positions. As the President of the association, I want to thank all the current board members for their support this year. We are all looking forward to a wonderful new year.

As promised, you will be hearing more and more about this. It is time to begin the process of renewing our by-laws and deed restrictions. The outgoing board listed this as our primary goal for the coming year. We will be seeking input from each of you as the year progresses. The first step is to engage legal counsel to guide us through this process. As all of you have experienced, everything works on island time and the regulations and "i"s to dot and "t"s to cross are different in the Keys so the board needs guidance.

A lot of the January annual meeting was spent planning and organizing the annual meeting. We recognize that some of you did not get your annual newsletter till late. The board plans to get the newsletter out earlier next year. We do need your help, please make sure we have your latest address and let us know where you would like your annual newsletter sent if you do not live year-round. For those of you who were not at the annual meeting, we plan to plant 2 spindle palms near the sign this Spring when rainy season begins. We also recognize the signs used to post Board Meetings are small. We will attempt to correct that. Thank you to Leslye Gartrell who volunteered to head up a "Welcome Committee". She needs some help so if you are interested, please let one of the board members know. We have a new neighbor coming on Pattison. House plans were approved for Pattison Drive after the engineer adjusted the footprint to conform to our deed restrictions. Two last things, if you are interested, Attorney Anthony Barrows will attend our next Board meeting to introduce himself before we hire him as legal counsel. We talked with Jo Sosha who contacted the sheriff to put our name on the list for an electronic speed sign on Drost Drive. As always, the board meetings are open to everyone. We hope to see you at the next one.

Kathy Winters, President

New Board Members:

Welcome new and old board members. Here is the board for 2022.

President: Kathy Niemann

Vice-president: Mary Bell

Corresponding Secretary: Leigh Ann Schuler

Recording Secretary: Cindy Dresow

Treasurer: Lisa Ferringo

Directors:

Andrew Daly

Greg Daniels

David Dornseif

Leslye Gartrell

Ken Kurdziel

Jean Mirabel

Join the Association:

If you were not able to attend the annual meeting, forgot, or just haven't gotten around to it, it is not too late to join the association. We would love to have you join us as we work to keep our community great. It may be too late to vote for the board this year, but you can still join. There are a couple of way to join. There is a membership renewal tab (use this if you are new also) on the website, <https://cudjogardens.org/>. You can drop off a check to one of the board members, pay using PayPal (scroll on the home page to find the link), or mail a check. If you are renting long term, you are also welcome to join as an associate member. For \$75 a year, it is a bargain.



Please Trim Your Vegetation!

The issue of trees overhanging canals and interfering with boat traffic has resurfaced lately. Per County Ordinance, property owners are responsible for trimming all trees on their property that extend past the low-tide line. This is not a neighborhood rule, it is an ordinance that can be referred to Code Enforcement. As a former sailboat owner who used to have a shroud-eating tree on my canal I can sympathize with anyone whose boating is made difficult. Please be a good neighbor and trim any offending vegetation.



Saturday, February 19th. 5PM

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Next Board Meeting:

The next board meeting will be at Ken Kurdziel's House 21072 6th Ave E.
Monday, February 7, 2022 at 7 pm.

For anyone worried about COVID or are unable to attend in person, we have zoom available. The information follows:

<https://zoom.us/j/9295535116?pwd=VjhjSUputdzl3STNvUUxoZXN2TkJMQT09>

Meeting ID: 929 553 5116

Passcode: 845469



Paddle for Paws 2022

In case you missed it, on January 22 the second annual FKPSC Paddle for Paws took place in Cudjoe Gardens. This event was the brainchild of a group of paddlers who love them animals. The event grew this year beyond any expectations. What began as donations by a small group last year became a major

event this year raising over **\$13,000**. This was the most successful event in the Marathon SPCA campuses history. The paddle began at Cudjoe Gardens Marina with a post paddle party at Mangrove Mama's. There were several great raffle items (with our very own Elaine Kendrick taking home the grand prize of an inflatable paddle board donated by KW West Marine valued at over \$800) and numerous silent auction items offered as well; all donated by local sponsors! Check out the pictures to see all the fun and make plans to attend next year. The organizers want to thank everyone who supported the event with a big shout out to all the local sponsors, volunteers, and everyone who participated in the event.





Rain Report

The gardens have been pretty dry in January, many scattered showers that haven't hit the whole neighborhood...just parts of it. The gardens had five days of precipitation and 2 days with a trace of rain. The rain total for the month of January was 1.68 inches of rain
~ Peggy Jent

Community Park Survey:

We have been asked by Upper Sugarloaf Residents Association and Sugarloaf Shores Property Owners Association to participate in a survey to convince Monroe County to upgrade the park that is located next to Sugarloaf School along US1. The park was originally developed using County funds and has always been a "joint-use" park available for use by the public during non-school hours.

We are hoping to make this a location that all community members can enjoy outside of school hours. If you live in the area, please take a moment to provide feedback into what type of amenities would be most beneficial to your family. We appreciate your time! Please complete this survey and help. It took me just a very few minutes.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1v4cWbIF6dvJ1fDbgPYSIHwof0tnaKpLXU8ZnMflcBA0/edit?usp=sharing>



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(Cindy Dresow)

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