



Letter from The President.

Happy New Year Everyone,

From the board and I, we hope that 2022 is a wonderful year for everyone and it brings you joy and peace.

Several things are happening in legislative and government arena. The county has approved the contract to acquire 2.2 acres plus 0.7 acre of bay bottom totaling approximately 2.9 acres at the corner of Pirates Road and US 1 on the ocean side of Cudjoe Key near mile marker 22. The property has a tier designation of Tier 1 – Natural Area, a zoning designation of Suburban Commercial and Improved Subdivision, and has 12.56 Transferable Development Rights (TDRs). Permission was granted to advertise a public hearing to be held in January 2022 to consider adoption of an Ordinance amending Article VII of Chapter 2 of the Monroe County Code that would establish standards and processes to be used in the disposing of real property acquired by the County under the Density Reduction Program to

neighboring property owners and Property Owners Associations, with deed restrictions prohibiting the construction of Principal Residential Structures, and other limitations. Additionally, approval was granted of a resolution formalizing the creation of a Density Reduction Program for acquiring parcels with at least 1 residential development right from willing sellers. The county is still perusing the construction of 87 low-income housing units at South Point on Sugarloaf Shores. The county is considering additional nod-ad valorem special assessment within the unincorporated area of the county for wastewater projects, an additional nod-ad valorem taxes in within the county for sea level and flood mitigation projects and is considering additional nod-ad valorem taxes in within the county for canal projects. We will continue to watch these projects to see how they will affect us.

The board was asked to waive a setback requirement for a new house to be built. We declined the request because of the precedent it would set. The plans have since been resubmitted with the proper setbacks and approved.

The board would like to send a huge thank you to Stacey Pillari for the great job she has done as Entertainment Coordinator. Unfortunately, for the neighborhood, Stacey is too busy to continue in this position and we need someone to replace her. If you have an interest in doing this, please contact one of the board members. The next board meeting information is below in this eminder.

The Christmas party was a huge success. We had a great time and through the generosity of those who brought gifts, many kids received gifts this year. Thanks go out to Jo Socha, Leigh Ann Schuler, and Cindy Dresow for making this happen and doing such a wonderful job.

For those that ventured out to watch, provided a beverage station, or rode in the Lighted Bike Parade, Thank you. It was a great way to celebrate. Thanks to Frank & Stacey Pillari for leading with their jeep. Thank you to Karl Townsend who was a GREAT Santa.

Don't forget the annual meeting will be January 29th at 1 p.m. outdoors at 20751 First Ave. W and the rain date is on the 30th. You should get your newsletter in the

mail in the next few days and if you do not, please contact a board member and we will get one for you. As of this writing, I have not received mine so give it a few days.

Election of Officers for 2022:

Below is a slate of officers for the 2022 CGPOA board. At this point nominations are over, but nomination will be taken from the floor. To be eligible for the board, you must be a paid member of the CGPOA and a resident of the Gardens for one year. More information will be available on each candidate in the Annual Newsletter.

Officers:

President Kathy Neiman (incumbent) 6th W

Vice President Mary Bell (incumbent) 7th W

Treasurer Lisa Ferringo (formerly Director) Pattison Dr

Corresponding Secretary Leigh Anne Schuler (formerly Director) 1st Ave. E

Recording Secretary Cindy Dresow 7th E (incumbent)

Directors: (Vote for 5)

Andrew Daly (former Treasurer) 2nd W

Greg Daniels (incumbent) 6th W

David Dornseif (incumbent) 7th W

Leslye Gartrell Navajo Dr

Jean Mirabal 5th W

Ken Kurdziel 6th E (former Corresponding Secretary)

Cheryl Straub Seminole Dr

The following are the rules from the By-Laws regarding voting privileges.
(paraphrased)

- You must be a property owner in Cudjoe Gardens.
- Each household shall constitute a single membership, regardless of how many Gardens' parcels are owned, and be entitled to one vote.
- You must be a paid member to vote. Membership begins upon payment of dues.

- A written ballot shall be used if there is more than one nominee for a Board position.
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Winners of our Christmas Lighting as determined by our elves are:

Most Spectacular: Peggy Jent and Tim Cherry 20926 9th Avenue West (photo above)

Best Spirit of Christmas: Bernie and Jo Socha. 20750 1st Avenue West

Most Original Display: Cindy Dresow. 21023 7th Avenue West

Judges Special Award: Brooks and Susan Thomas. 511 Sawyer Dr

Judges Special Award: Ronald K Serwa 20925 4th Avenue W

Next Board Meeting:

The next board meeting will be at Cindy Dresow's house at 21023 7th Avenue East.

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

<https://zoom.us/j/92799609225?pwd=QzY4QU5TdEN5NzQ1WnIESDJSRmNRZz09>

Meeting ID: 927 9960 9225

Passcode: 916302

Paddle for Paws 2022

Cudjoe Gardens COVID paddlers and the FKSPCA invite you to participate in the second annual fundraising event "Paddle for Paws" to raise money for the Marathon Campus animal shelter.

The main paddle boarding event will be held at **Cudjoe Gardens Marina on January 22, 2022, starting at 10:00am**. Registered participants meet at the Marina in your kayaks or paddleboards (bring your paddle pup or cat too). Please arrive a few minutes early to check-in. Here is the link to sign up for the paddle boarding event: <https://fkspca.org/event/paddle-for-paws> <https://fkspca.org/event/paddle-for-paws/>.

There will be a pet friendly post-paddle party following the paddle at Mangrove Mama's at 1:00 pm with Happy Hour pricing on food and drinks. Multiple prizes will be raffled; you do not need to be present to win.

If you own a business and are interested in sponsoring this event you will get your business name and logo advertised on the Paddle for Paws banner and t-shirts available for purchase at sign-up and day of the event. Please contact Dana at paddleforpaws@gmail.com or 305-809-6293 for any questions.

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>

GET READY!

(Cindy Dresow)

As you move that stuff around your garage, put price tags on, so you are ready for our Community Wide Yard Sales -

Saturday, March 5, 2022