



## ***Letter from The President:***

***Hello Everyone,***

Are we ready for summer? The streets say its summer; it seems so quiet. I for one miss all my walking buddies and Ella misses her dog friends. We missed everyone that did not attend the social before the board meeting this month. I hope you will come to the next. We had some really good snacks and enjoyed Lisa's beautiful yard.

The next board meeting will feature a representative from the Monroe County to get our input into the strategic planning for 2023. We will have an opportunity to participate in a survey to see what is most important to us. I hope all of you will join us and participate in the opportunity to provide our input to the future of Monroe County. There will be an announcement later in the newsletter. That meeting will take place at Mike and Leigh Anne Schuler's house, 21052 First Ave. East, on the back porch.

Some of the highlights from the last board meeting included a discussion of building some Habitat for Humanity Affordable Housing near MM 23. We will follow this closely. We need to thank Greg Daniels and Andrew Daly for putting new no wake buoys into the entrances to the canals. Another big shout goes out to Mary Bell and David Dornseif for adding some plantings to our entrance sign. We also purchased some brighter solar lights for the sign. You may notice it as you drive into the neighborhood after dark. There is no news on the restaurant next to the marina. Hopefully that will open soon so we will have a gathering place within the Gardens. We are beginning our work on the Deed Restrictions. It will probably be a few months before we reach out for your input that it is coming.

As always, we are working for you to make Cudjoe Gardens the greatest place to live. Hopefully I will see you at the next board meeting.

Come and Be a Part of the Strategic Planning for Monroe County.

The meeting will take place on June 13 during the regularly scheduled board meeting at 7 pm.

Kathy

	<p><b>Monroe County Strategic Planning 2023</b></p>
	<p>Cudjoe Gardens POA June 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm</p>
	
<p><i>Help us plan for the future of Monroe County</i></p> <p>Monroe County is holding Townhalls to provide the public the opportunity to give feedback on strategic priorities for the upcoming fiscal year. During the Townhalls, hosted by Senior Director of Strategic Planning, Kimberly Matthews, attendees will have the opportunity to take a live survey and see real-time results, make comments on current strategic priorities and offer recommendations for new priorities. The feedback and survey results will be used by the Board of County Commissioners to set FY23 Strategic Priorities &amp; Budget. Join us and make your voice count!</p>	

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*If you are unable to attend the board meeting, these town hall meetings are also scheduled for:*

- June 3 – Middle Keys Veteran’s and Strategic Town Hall – 11 a.m. at Marathon Public Library Branch
- June 8 – Big Pine Key Strategic Town Hall – 6 p.m. at Big Pine Key Community Park (End of Sands Road)
- June 14 – Upper Keys Veteran’s and Strategic Town Hall – 11 a.m. at Murray Nelson Government Center, Key Largo
- June 17 – Lower Keys Veteran’s and Strategic Town Hall – 11 a.m. @ Harvey Government Center, Key West

### ***Next Board Meeting:***

**7 pm Monday, June 13th Board Meeting, Mike and Leigh Anne Schuler's home, 21052 First Ave East, back porch.** Social will begin at 6, right before the meeting and end promptly at 7. You are invited to stay for the meeting or head out. Come enjoy a beer, a glass of wine or a soft drink with us.



*To all who have trimmed back vegetation from canals--thank you. Your efforts are greatly appreciated. The issue isn't simply a matter of the County Code or aesthetics, important as those may be. It is also a matter of safety. We have more boating traffic than we have ever had. Anything that improves visibility or provides more maneuvering room in close quarters decreases the chance of collision and damage to boats and injury to people.*

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***Next Happy Hour will be June 16, 2022***

Please join us ***Thursday, June 16th*** for Happy Hour at My New Joint (Square Grouper upstairs) 5 pm to 6:30 pm.

*Here are some pix from our May Happy Hour at the KOA.*





We are still waiting on the rainy season to actually start for 2022...I think that may happen this week with a huge amount of rain forecast for us on Friday and Saturday. Remember to turn containers over that could collect standing water. We don't want to provide the opportunity for mosquitos to breed and then we have a population explosion of mosquitos.

The rain report for May was a grand total of .90. Let's hope for good rain but not hurricanes. You can check my site and sites all over the country at [cocorahs.org](http://cocorahs.org). my station number is FL-MN-65 and Station name is Cudjoe key 1.1SSW

The raft up planned for last Sunday was cancelled due to approaching storm. It was a smart move because it hit with no real warning. The wind picked up quickly and it would have been a dangerous situation out there on small boats. That left us with situations of 3 1/2 qts of homemade mango ice cream ( still to be churned) and some appetizers to share. all we could do was gather the people that attended the last raft up and have a little get together to eat the food and ice cream. So we had fun and some people ate 4 cups of ice cream. Hopefully the July raft-up can happen ...it will be on July 4 at 1:00 at channel marker 11( notice it is a change from Marker 10) bring food to share. Pete Pedersen is the contact person

~ Peggy Jent

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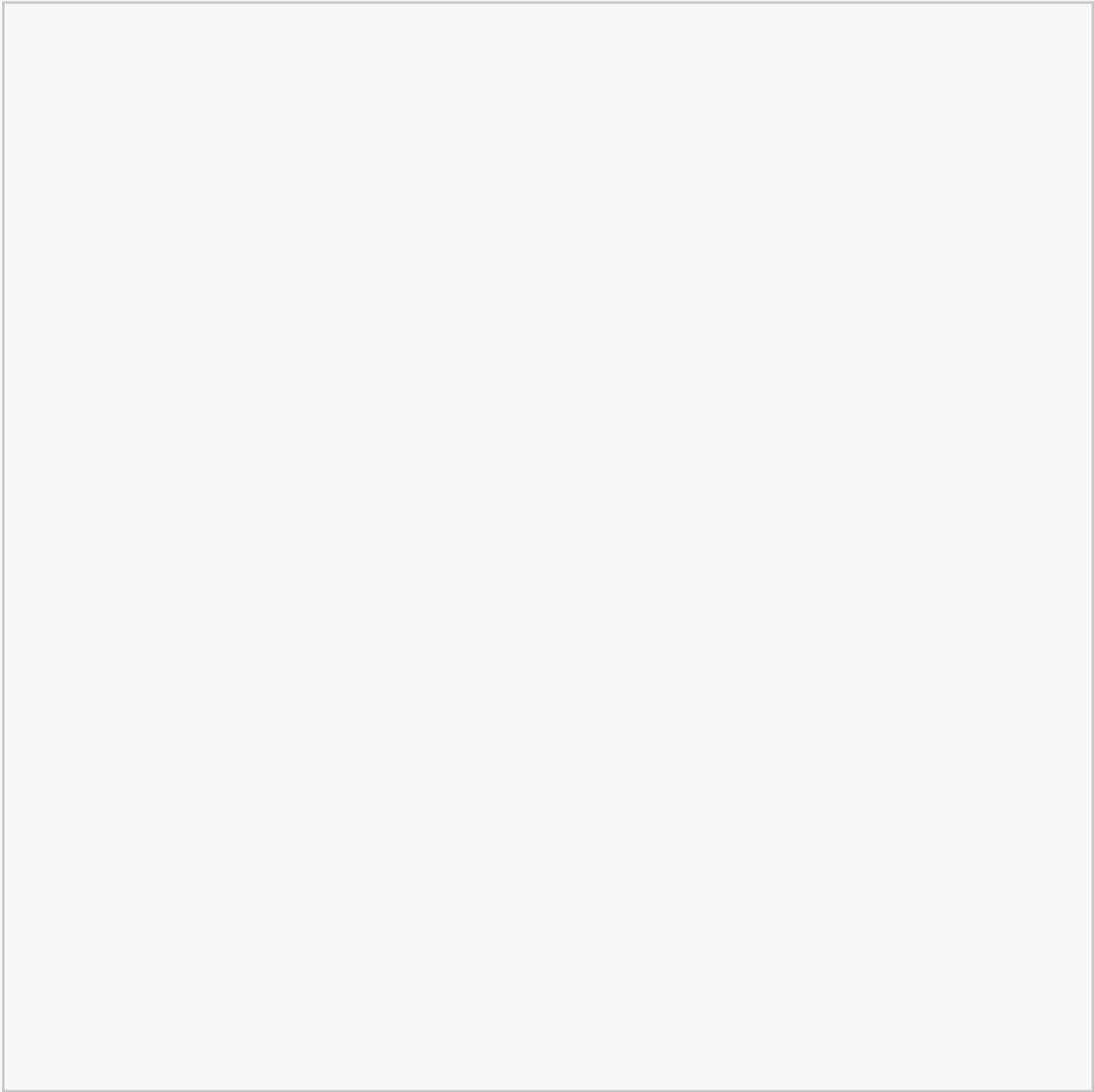
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