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

#### Hello Everyone,

I was thinking the other day that the weather we are having is why we all live here either part or full time. It has truly been a wonderful weather. As I sit here writing this, it is raining but even that is great; we need it.

At our last meeting we discussed three very important issues, keeping our canals clear for navigation, speeding on Drost and hiring an attorney to serve as general counsel. Eight houses were identified as having significant overgrowth into our canals. This is not a part of our deed restriction rather a code compliance matter. If your property was identified as one of those eight, you should receive a letter from the board asking you to bring you property into compliance. Residents are required to keep canal overgrowth trimmed to no more than ten percent of the canal width and with approximately fifty-foot canals overgrowth is restricted to approximately five feet.

The board considers speeding on Drost to be a major concern. I was walking in the bike right of way the other morning on Drost and was almost hit by a speeding truck. I requested a radar speed indicator from the Sheriff's office and was told none are available for a while. I contacted the sheriff's office asking them to monitor Drost Drive for a few days. Be aware the sheriff's office might be on Drost writing tickets.



counsel to the association and provide advice on the renewal of the deed restrictions and bylaws. He also suggested we hire an attorney who specializes in Deed Restriction to finalize the wording. Work will begin on this soon. It is important to remember that membership in the property owners' association is voluntary, but the Deed Restrictions are not.

Several other actions that were taken. As Andrew Daly puts it so well, we are solvent. The ROGO reservations of 36 moderate income affordable housing ROGO's on Cudjoe Key have been (or are requested to be) rescinded. The County intends to continue forward with raising the Overseas Hwy on Cudjoe Key. The board agreed to support efforts for our surrounding community. 1) Support the efforts of folks to stop using shallow wells for wastewater. 2) ask EPA to take oversight of the enforcement of the use of shallow well wastewater use.

#### **Traffic Stops**

Watch your speed please. We requested increased traffic patrols. The speed limit is 25.



#### **Bright Lights**

Those lights that we forget to leave on can be a nuisance. I know we often forget to turn off our outside lights. Often, unknowingly we are causing stress to our neighbors and danger to ourselves. The lights we leave on can be shining in our neighbor's bedroom or preventing them from enjoying their outdoor space and the beautiful stars of the night sky. The lights can also be causing damage to your home. Did you know termites are attracted to light at night. According to Orkin, Formosan termites swarm at night and are generally at their peak in the late spring and summer. Drywood termites are also active at night, especially around lights. Although we are not endorsing Orkin, but for more information, you can visit this site. **Are Flying Termites Attracted to Light? - Orkin** 



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It seems we need to include this in every e-minder. Someone has a dog that is leaving its poop all over neighborhood yards. If you see this dog, try to find where it lives so we can remind the owner of the leash law and the need to pick up our dog's poop. Also, for those of us that do pickup our poop, pick up the bag. It is easy to leave the poop bag by the side of the road and continue the walk with the intent of retrieving it on the return trip. Be sure and do that. There are too many bags on the side of the road. Lastly, an appeal to those with rental property – please let your renters know of the leash law.





# CGPOA Annual Community Wide Yard Sales will be Saturday, March 5th, 8AM - 2PM. GET READY!

(Cindy Dresow)

We will post signs at US1 for Drost, Sawyer, and Colson Drives.

If you are having a sale, PLEASE post a sign at the entrance of your street with your address. Also post a sign in front of your house.

Sales will be posted on our Facebook page & Nextdoor. Sales will be advertised on the Coconut Telegraph, and US1 Radio BIZBAZ.

The following advertisement will be published in **News-Barometer**, **Keys Weekly**,

#### & Key West Citizen:

MM 21, Cudjoe Gardens Community-wide Yard Sales, Saturday, March 5,

Dining table, patio furniture, plants, vintage jewelry, toys, Mercury glass, electric scooter, rugs, & Treasures on most streets.

Follow the signs. Huge sale benefiting Special Olympics on 1st Ave W.

We are expecting a LOT of extra traffic in Cudjoe Gardens Saturday morning.



## **Please Trim Your Vegetation!**

The issue of trees overhanging canals and interfering with boat traffic has resurfaced lately. Per County Ordnance, 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.



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Committee, please contact Leigh Anne by email: <a href="mailto:logoleelee@hotmail.com">logoleelee@hotmail.com</a>. We would like to meet this Thursday, March 3, 21052 First Ave E., 6 pm.

Here are some pix from our February Happy Hour. Great turnout!!











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### **Next Board Meeting:**

The next board meeting will be at Mary Bell & David Dornseif's House 20820 7th W. Monday, March 7, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

(Note New date & time)



CGPOA Board turnover, resulted in key being misplaced. If you know the whereabouts of said key, contact a Board member ASAP. We don't want to pay to have it drilled.



The month of February finally showed some good rain at the end of the month. We had 3 days with a trace of rain and a measurable rainfall total of 1.23 inches. I could see more greeness in our lawns yesterday. Have a good month.

~ Peggy Jent

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