

CGPOA May 2021 eMinder

Message from the President (Kathy Winters):

Hello everyone. It sure is getting quiet in the Gardens with our snowbird friend leaving. We will miss those smiling faces. We had a very active board meeting and I like to keep everyone in the know on what went on in those meeting. Here are some of the highlights. If you do not see notes on something you wanted discussed, please let me know. When a topic involved an individual, I try to make it more generic, so no one feels singled out. Andrew was unable to make the meeting, but he sent a report. Andrew Daly. The current balance is \$61,397.70. While that seems like a lot of money, it can easily disappear if there is one issue that requires an attorney. We are currently working on a couple of noncompliance issues. Remember that we need a written complaint from you to pursue these issues.

We are looking at resuming our happy hours as soon as it is safe. If you are like your board, you miss those opportunities to get together with the neighbors. Look for more on this in the coming months. The board wants to say thank you thank you thank you to Cindy Dresow. She has coordinated the happy hours for as long as I have been here. She thinks it is time for someone else to assume this responsibility. If you are interested in that role in the neighborhood, please let me know.

Did you realize that all the canals are No Wake Zones? As you head out or in from a wonderful day on the water, please remember to show down and let the renters also know. This keeps our canals safe for everyone. Our new sign is coming. We have the permits, and the sign is being made. Be on the watch! Several of the neighbors are working on clearing the canals of overgrowth. If you have an area that needs clearing or you would like to volunteer, please let a board member know.

Cudjoe Key is schedule to get more ROGO housing. The currently plans are for 24 at one site, plus 42 on another. A new ruling will allow commercial business within this housing. We are opposed to the increased traffic incurred. A carefully worded letter will be sent, stating that hurricane evacuation is a huge problem, the increase in traffic will be dangerous; our quality of life will be adversely impacted. Cudjoe Gardens has agreed to join the Alliance of the Florida Keys. We hope together we will have more voice in decisions that concern the Keys.

Most Board members have been vaccinated, so we will resume meeting in person. Next board meeting will be May 10th at 7 p.m., and hosted by Leigh Anne Schuler on her patio at 21052 First Ave. E. If are vaccinated and would like to attend. please let Leigh Anne know. We will also have Zoom available. Let me know you are interested in attending and I will send you a zoom invitation.

Join Cudjoe Garden Property Owners Association (CGPOA) (Kathy Winters): It is not too late to join the CGPOA. We would love to have you be a part of the association. The dues are only \$75 a year. Hopefully, you can tell we are working to improve the neighborhood and working for everyone. See one of the board members for more information.

Help us help you (Cindy Dresow): CGPOA Board of Directors needs 2 more Directors who care about our neighborhood. Please contact Kathy Winters Niemann <Kathy-Winters@utc.edu> if you'd like to attend our May 10 meeting. A director must be a member of the Association and a resident in Cudjoe Gardens for a period of not less than one year.
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ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be to inspire in all **Cudjoe Gardens Property Owners** a sincere desire to maintain and preserve the natural beauty of the Gardens and to perpetuate its high architectural standards; To serve as a forum whereby any Gardens property owner may be heard on any subject of mutual concern relating to the use and maintenance of any and all Gardens property; To implement Gardens deed restrictions; To represent the majority wishes of Gardens residents in contact with government and other public entities.

An excuse to party! Wednesday, May 5, 2021

Neighborhood Kudos: (Cindy Dresow): Many thanks to **Leigh Anne Schuler** for over-laying color, separating each addition. It's now **easy** to find which addition includes your property. This is important, as different additions have different by-laws.

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9th.

Canal Regulations (Ken Kurdziel): The board often receives questions about rules and regulations concerning our canals. The board has requested that I put together an article on the topic. After a fair amount of research and assistance from the county, a summary is provided for our edification. Special thanks to Emily Schemper, Michael Roberts and Celia Hitchins for their help in collecting this information.

No wake zone in canals: All of our canals are defined as no wake zones per county code “Slow Speed Minimum Wake for Canals Less Than 75 feet in Width” ordinance. Enforcement is up to the sheriff and I have no information on penalties.

Living aboard a vessel: Living aboard a vessel in a man-made canal is prohibited. A boat becomes a live-aboard is defined as: “Any vessel with a person aboard that is anchored, moored or docked in the same location for 72 hours is presumed to be a live-aboard vessel.” and “This prohibition does not apply to a marina in lawful operation on the effective date of the ordinance from which this section is derived.” (1979) This is a noncriminal infraction that carries a A\$50 penalty, unless you take it to court, then the penalty can be up to \$500.

Vegetation: Property owners are prohibited from allowing vegetation or trees to interfere with vessels traveling upon navigable canals. A navigational hazard is defined as: “...vegetation extending from the shoreline of a man-made water body ... by more than ten percent of the overall perpendicular width of the water body at the point of measurement constitutes a navigational hazard.” Our canals which are typically:
60 feet for the main canal between Drost and Sawyer.
60 feet for the canal between Sawyer and Colson.
40 feet on the east of Drost.
50 feet west of Drost.

The canal width does vary quite a bit so your situation may be different. Violations can be prosecuted as a misdemeanor and “punished by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed 60 days or by both fine and imprisonment.”

Diving and snorkeling during lobster mini-season: The one that surprised me the most is that diving and snorkeling are prohibited in man-made waterways during mini-season. “It is a public nuisance and is unlawful for any person to dive or snorkel in any manmade water body or marina, or within 300 feet of an improved residential or commercial shoreline beginning three days prior to the opening of and during the entirety of the lobster mini-season and for the first five days of commercial lobster season.” This is a noncriminal infraction that carries a A\$50 penalty.

Docking facilities: “Docks shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the width of the water body. No dock together with a moored vessel and/or lift structure shall preempt more than 25 percent of the navigable portion of a water body. “I have no information on enforcement.

CGPOA needs a volunteer to arrange Happy Hours (Cindy Dresow):

Before Covid, our **monthly Happy Hours** were on the **Third Thursday of each month**, with a **new start time of 6PM**, so our working members could join the fun.

Volunteer would be responsible for setting up the venue with a local establishment, announcing the time, date, and place in upcoming e-minders, and getting the information to Lisa Ferringo, so she would post our signs.

If you'd like to volunteer, or for any questions, e-mail Cindy Dresow cindy.dresow@gmail.com

Thank you!

Memorial Day Raft-up (Randy McDonald): We have determined that it is time that we started to socialize again so we will resume our summer raft-ups beginning with the Memorial Day Raft-up. Most residents have been vaccinated and an outdoor venue in the middle of Cudjoe Bay seems like a safe place to party. Please set aside 1pm Sunday afternoon May 30th (With Monday May 31th as a weather backup) for this annual celebration of Memorial Day. Bring your boat and crew out to Cudjoe Bay to the East of Marker 11. Bring an appetizer item to share and your own beverages. Also bring your water toys as we usually have a large joint swim call in the area behind the boats. If you have no boat, but want to attend, join with your neighbors/friends. Someone always has more room. If the weather is questionable, call Pete Pedersen 305 998-8761 to see if we are going to cancel, postpone, or re-position. I will reiterate these few tips on rafting for those that may not be familiar with the procedure: The first boat on the scene (hopefully one of the larger boats) sets a large anchor securely with plenty of scope. A boat joining the raft will be prepared with appropriate fenders, a bow line, stern line, and a spring line. This boat approaches the side of the anchored boat very carefully, asks permission to join the raft, and then passes a bow line to the anchor boat. A stern line is then passed to the anchor boat and when these are secure, a spring line is set from the joining boat's stern to the anchor boat bow. Adjust lines so that transoms are close to equal and keels are parallel. The next boat to join should approach the other side of the anchor boat to keep the raft "balanced". Joining boats

should alternate to keep the raft balanced – look to the skipper of the anchor boats for signals on where to join. If several boats are rafted, the outside boats should set an additional anchor out about 45 degrees to help hold the raft in place and relieve some of the strain on the anchor boat's anchor. Rafting is fun– ENJOY!

Ladies, get your hats ready!

The Kentucky Derby: (Cindy Dresow): The [Kentucky Derby](#) will once again be run on the first Saturday in May. (May 1, 2021) After the [COVID-19](#) pandemic forced racing officials to move last year's **Run for the Roses** to Labor Day weekend, the 147th running of the Kentucky Derby will return to its traditional date on the calendar. It means the best 3-year old thoroughbreds will race at the historic Churchill Downs track in Louisville, Kentucky, on Saturday, May 1, 2021.

Assistant Director Profile (Randy McDonald): I was born in Ft. Worth, Texas, the eldest of four children. My father was a Navy Chaplain, so we moved around a lot. My mother was an elementary school teacher. After high school in Sanford Florida, and graduating from the University of Texas, I entered the Navy's training program for Naval Flight Officers and attained my NFO wings. I flew in tactical jets (RA-5C Vigilante and F-14 Tomcat) from aircraft carriers as reconnaissance and weapons systems operator. I was stationed at NAS Key West Boca Chica from January 1974 to August 1979 and met my soon to be wife, Libby, near the end of that tour. I also led the Navy's Unmanned Aerial Vehicle squadron during and after the Gulf War. We bought our lot on the corner of 7th W and Drost in 1984 and built our home in 2001 and 2002. We have been members of CGPOA since 1984 and I have served as Secretary and Vice President and Director for

quite a few years. I passed the eMinder baton to Debbie Saavedra a couple of years ago (thank you Debbie) and am about to give up running the Canal Water Sampling program. Living in Cudjoe Gardens is a delight because of you, our neighbors.

DON'T FORGET TAX DAY-MAY 15, 2021

Rain Report (Randy McDonald): The rain total for April was 0.92". To check rain more often visit <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