

CGPOA February 2021 eMinder

Neighborhood News (Kathy Winters) : The board would like to thank all 50 neighbors that attended the Annual Meeting on January 16th. It was great to see neighbors we had not seen in a while. Of course, it became a game of recognizing one another with our masks. Many thanks need to go out to those that made this happen especially Jo Socha for making her place available to us. Thanks to those that took the time to set up tents and brought chairs. This could not have been such a great event without you. Did you know our neighborhood is one of the safest in the county? Captain Patty Thompson, the new Captain at our Cudjoe Sheriff's Station attended, spoke, and reviewed our crime stats, saying that 2020 crime in Monroe County declined 17% from 2019. Our crime rate has decreased each of the past 5 years, resulting in a 50% reduction of crime in 5 years. Captain Thompson stated that we are in one of the safest counties in the state, that our district is one of the safest in the county, and that our neighborhood is the safest in the district.

The board says goodbye to Richard Schugar who is leaving the board after years of dedicated service. We are not saying goodbye to Greg Daniels, our past president, he is moving to a Director's position. We welcome two new board members, Ihor Raniuk and Leigh Anne Schuler and look forward to working with you. Thank you, Richard, for you many years of service and Greg for your years as President.

One of the many accomplishments for this year is the publication of a new directory. Many of those present at the annual meeting picked theirs up

Do not forget our Annual Community-Wide Yard Sales will be Saturday, March 6th. Jo Socha will sell items donated by the Sheriff's Department for Special Olympics at her driveway during the yard sale. This should draw a lot of attention to the sale. Start getting you things together and get ready to sell.

Volunteers are needed to help Randy McDonald conduct our canal water testing. Contact Randy McDonald <randalmcdonald@earthlink.net> if you can help.

It is not too late to pay your dues for 2021. Contact Treasurer, Andrew Daly <cDaly31867@aol.com> and he will be more than happy to take your money.

Remember your Valentine! Valentine's Day is SUNDAY, February 14. President's Day is February 15. Expect a busy weekend.



Neighborhood Kudos (Cindy Dresow):



KUDOS to **Leigh Anne Schuler** (First Ave. E.) for her TREMENDOUS effort on compiling, editing, artwork, and distribution of our Annual Newsletter, and 2021 CGPOA Directories!

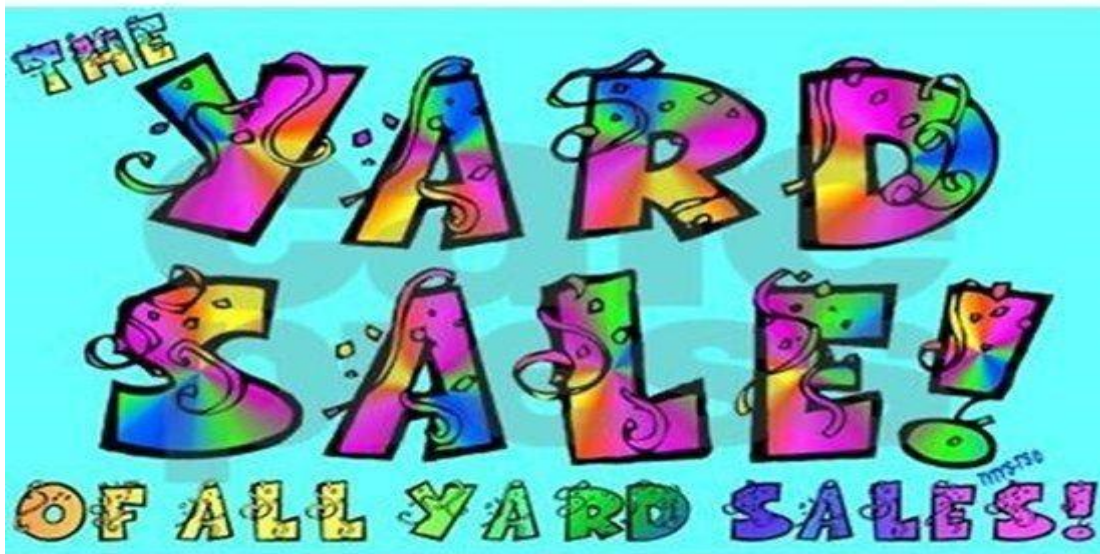
KUDOS to our CGPOA Directory Committee: **Inca Schultz** (Fifth Ave W), **Leigh Anne Schuler** (First Ave E), **Jo Socha** (First Ave W), and **Cindy Dresow** (Seventh Ave E). Inca updated our database and sent new information to Leigh Anne. Leigh Anne arranged all names & addresses that could be found by name, or by address. She also designed the cover, using local photos. Jo found artwork for the interior pages, updated all emergency numbers, and contacted many new residents. Cindy contacted many to update phone numbers and e-mail addresses, and reported committee progress to the Board.

KUDOS to **Jo Socha** (First Ave W) for volunteering her street, assembling tents, chairs, tables, and sound system for our Annual Meeting. Jo arranged proper social distancing, and provided masks for everyone. She invited the new Captain at our Sheriff's substation, and arranged to have free "goodies" from the Sheriff's office.

KUDOS to Nancy Andrews (2nd Ave W) for keeping the corner of U.S.1 and Drost Drive mown, and always looking neat around the newsstands.



Please thank these great volunteers when you see them around the neighborhood!



“March Madness” (Cindy Dresow): Our Community Wide Yard Sales will be **8 AM - 2 PM Saturday, March 6.**

Expect more traffic in Cudjoe Gardens that day than any other ever!

Advertising in the Key West Citizen, Free Press, News Barometer and on US1 Radio (BizBaz) is done by your CGPOA Board.

Signs will be placed at the highway; you only need to put a sign at your location, and at the beginning of your street.

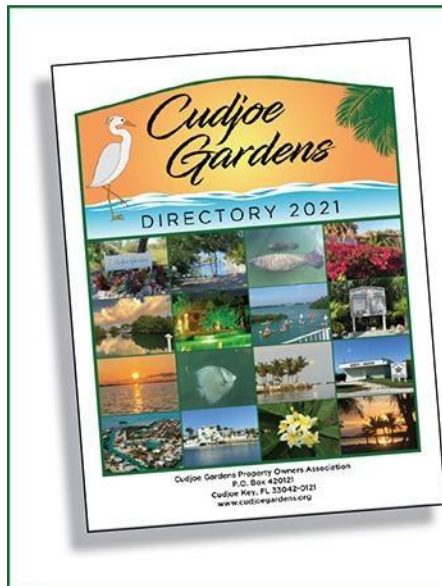
If you intend to sell something sizable, or unique, please contact Cindy Dresow <cindy.dresow@gmail.com> so she can include your item in the advertising, which will begin the end of February.

Board Member Introduction (Leigh Anne Schuler): My name is Leigh Anne Schuler and I am a new member of the Board of Directors. I have already been doing volunteer work for the neighborhood including the annual newsletter and the new directory, and am pleased to be invited to participate on the board. I am a self-employed graphic designer and a member of the Lower Keys Chamber of Commerce.

I was born in Raleigh, NC and then moved to Chesterfield, VA where I lived for 40+ years. I graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a degree in Communication Arts & Design. I met my husband Mike there and we have been married for over 34 years. Both of us are artists and love to paint decorative lobster buoys for local sale in our spare time. We both enjoy our Sunday Nascar races and cooking out with friends. Mike and I moved here one month before Irma hit. We had been splitting our time between Virginia and the Keys for about 12 years in our RV. We always hated leaving, so we finally decided to stay for good when his mother moved in with us. We love our new

neighborhood and look forward to meeting more of our neighbors. Hopefully we can enjoy the neighborhood happy hours again soon. You may see me out walking each morning or kayaking in the canals. Please be sure to say hello! I can be reached at 804-739-1198 or logoleelee@hotmail.com.

Cudjoe Gardens Directory (Leigh Anne Schuler):



New Directories Now Available for Members!

Our new 2021 Directory is now available FREE for all 2021 paid members (Annual Dues \$75).

Members may purchase an extra copy (for your northern home) for only \$10. Non-members may purchase a copy for \$10. Make check payable to CGPOA.

To pick up your copy, please call Leigh Anne Schuler at 804-739-1198 or email: Logoleelee@hotmail.com to arrange a time.

Happy Hour (Cindy Dresow): CGPOA will NOT be holding any organized happy hours or raft ups until social distancing restrictions are lifted. 🍷🍷

Cudjoe Gardens cookbook (Cindy Dresow): ONLY \$10 EACH

Our beautiful Cudjoe Gardens Cookbooks, with over 420 yummy recipes from our best cooks will delight your friends and family. **"THE FLAVOR OF CUDJOE GARDENS"** includes John Viele's history of Cudjoe Gardens, 8 vintage photos, 8

pages of helpful hints, 14 pages of napkin folding, equivalency charts, measurement substitutions, calorie. counting, cooking terms and more. Ph: Cindy Dresow at 305-744-0558 or email cindy.dresow@gmail.com

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*Our Best Cooks'
Favorite Recipes*

Poop Is A Problem (Kathy Winters): Thank you everyone that is picking up after your dog in the neighborhood. For those of us that are out walking every day, we are seeing a lot of dog poop that is not being picked up. If you see someone not picking up after their dog, please remind them to pick up and offer them a bag. If you are the owner of a rental property, please put a notice in your house that dog's poop must be picked up. Thanks for helping make this neighborhood a better place.

Rain Report (Randy McDonald): The rain total for January was a paltry 1.07 inches. This was mostly from a single rain of 0.81" reported 14 January. 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.

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