

Bel Marin Keys Community Services District Neighbor to Neighbor

President's Message

By Vince Lattanzio

Dear BMK Residents,

As the president of your Community Service District, it is my honor to connect with you and share some thoughts about our beautiful waterfront committee. We are fortunate to live in such a unique picturesque area, surrounded by nature's splendor and vibrant community spirit. These past months have been a testament to our resilience and dedication to making our community a better and safer place for everyone.

Together we have undertaken numerous projects that will improve our infrastructure and enhance the safety of our community. From adding solar lighting in our lagoons and in our CSD parking lot, dewatering our locks for inspection, and finding ways to make our Parks and Open spaces secured and accessible to all residents, to organizing community events like the food trucks to bring us together your involvement and enthusiasm have been instrumental in these successes.

Looking ahead, we have exciting opportunities on the horizon as we aim to further improve Communication, waterfront access, promote environmental stewardship, improve water quality with more aeration and natural additives and foster community engagement our goal is to create a welcoming place for residents and their visitors, where we can enjoy the Beauty of our surroundings while supporting and enhancing our environment and improving our waterfront lifestyle.

I encourage each of you to stay engaged and share your ideas. Your voice is vital in shaping the future of our community. Let us continue to work together to build a stronger more sustainable and vibrant community that we can all be proud of.

As a CSD board member for more than 20 years, I have never been prouder of our CSD office staff with Lisa Lue, or interim District Manager; Brian Clark, our Waterways and Maintenance Manager and our admin supporter, Corina Kelley. They are all working hard, efficiently and like a winning team with mutual respect and accomplishment. Please drop in or drop a note of thanks to our Amazing BMKCSD staff !

Our established Standing Committees are another source of community pride. Our Measure G Committee has reviewed recommended expenditures and future project funding for Board approval in accordance with the required resident oversight.

Measure D Committee will be meeting later this month to provide a similar oversight of appropriate marine maintenance expenditures for Board approval.

Other ad Hoc Committees including the "Parks Committee", co-chaired by resident Natalia Shorten has established a mission of Equity Access to our parks and open space for *all* residents. We hope to provide lagoon access to all our non-lagoon residents in the near future. We have developed a concept plan to make Sunset Park a "swim beach" for residents only. The Parks Committee has requested the CSD to apply for and secure State Proposition 68 Grant money that which we applied for, but it required general public Access. The CSD chose not to accept the park Grant funding for our community and we will figure out a different funding approach.

The "Waterways Committee" whose mission is to improve the Operations, Safety and use of our waterways and regulations are working to update our regulations and most importantly, our education about how to use our waterways safely and WATCH YOUR WAKE –So as NOT to cause damage to boats docks and levees.

If anyone has any information on careless negligent boaters, please call the CSD office.

The "BMKCST" Bel Marin Keys Community Safety Team – Lead by Vice President Steve Nash, has been an amazing productive team focused on community safety, PG&E upgrades, traffic safety, and ERT and Emergency preparation for any disaster. We finally have an ERT container

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in a Conex box by the South levee that will enable balanced and safe distribution of emergency equipment to keep our community safe. Please refer to the great flyer from BMKCSD with valuable information. Keep it in a handy, visible location in your home. (flyer on page 6)

The "Grant Writing Committee" will be participating with the Novato Baylands Strategy Group to reach out for grants to restore our watershed and our lifeline to the Novato Creek.

The "Beautification Committee" lead by Cheryl Furst is making our community entry more inviting and sustainable by using native plants.

The "Welcome Committee" lead by Mercy Angelopoulos is always there to welcome new residents and invite all residents to the Food Truck events in the CSD parking lot.

The newly formed "Communications Committee" headed by Chris Fehring and member Cheryl Furst are looking for ways to improve community communication with the website upgrade, social media, and public meetings.

If you are serving on a committee already, THANK YOU!

If you are not, please consider a way to be proactively involved in your community.

"WE ARE UNIQUE"

CSD Board Meeting

Sept 19, 2024
Oct 17, 2024
Nov 21, 2024

7:30pm Community Center

Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86119410164?pwd=EDDOJky6mokf8UBoVFz54raXSUamar.1>

Meeting ID: 861 1941 0164

Passcode: 301734

CSD Town Hall Update Meeting

Sunday Nov 10- 10am Community Center

Yacht Club

Sept 21 – 1-4PM Concert in the Keys

Oct 31 - 4-6PM Halloween Celebration

Dec 14 - 5-8PM Santa By The Sea

Jan 1 - Icicle Day!

Welcome Committee

October 3, 2024, 5pm to 7pm

- Food Truck
 - Casa Nostra/Italian Food
 - 2ND Truck Korean/Mexican
- *Vendors Subject to Change**

October 3, 2024, 4:30pm

- Boat Christening
- BMKCSD Dock