



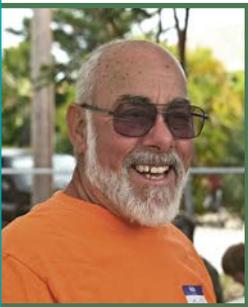
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A Few Words from PPHPOA President

Bob Audette



THANKS to all who participated in our holiday functions — we hope to see everyone at our upcoming events. We provide the opportunities, and you bring the fun to the party! We had a great turnout for *Santa in the Park*. It was heartwarming to see our neighborhood children enjoying themselves in the holiday spirit. The fire department arrived on their trucks with a group of local children and Santa! Everyone

enjoyed snacks in the holiday atmosphere. We had an excellent turnout at the Moose Lodge for our Christmas-in-January Party with plenty of delicious food provided by those attending. It was a wonderful opportunity to reconnect — and many commented it was our best party yet.

On February 20th, we will sponsor the 11th Annual Pig Roast in the community park. Share a fun time with friends and neighbors and enjoy excellent food.

On February 27th, we will hold individual yard sales throughout Port Pine Heights. We'll post signs on Key Deer Blvd., advertise in *The Barometer* and on *Craigslist.com*. Those who participate may want to place signs at the entrance to their streets.

Come to our annual PPHPOA election meeting at 10:00 am on March 12th in the community park. Full members are eligible to vote for board officers and directors and on the proposed 2016 budget.

Thanks to all the board members, past and present, for their efforts in the interest of the entire community. Also, many thanks to those who volunteer to better our community. Working together, we can ensure Port Pine Heights is a beautiful and enjoyable place to live.

Bob Audette — 305-872-2170, cmaudette@comcast.net.

PPHPOA CALENDAR

THROUGH FEBRUARY CANAL TRIMMING

Contact Bob or John if your canal needs trimming. **Be prepared to help** if you are physically able to. We are an all-volunteer crew — not a tree service.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20th
2:00 PM

ANNUAL PIG ROAST

RSVP

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27th
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

YARD SALE

Individual homes in PPH

SATURDAY, MARCH 12th
10:00 AM

ELECTION MEETING

Key Deer Park (Community Park)



11th Annual PIG ROAST

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20 at 2 PM
KEY DEER PARK

\$5 PPHPOA MEMBERS
[CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE]

\$15 GUESTS & NON-MEMBERS

RSVP

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BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR



BECOME A PPHPOA MEMBER

It's time for all **homeowners and renters** in Port Pine Heights to renew or sign up for membership in the Port Pine Heights Property Association. Our dues are still \$25 — a small amount for the benefits we provide to our community. Current members don't need to fill out the membership form unless your contact information has changed. Just make out your check to PPHPOA and mail it to PO Box 430043, Big Pine Key, FL 33043.

Not a member yet — what are you waiting for? Over the years, we have kept our dues low to encourage every resident to share the expenses as well as the benefits with the whole community. **Join today.**

CHUCK GRIFFIN

WHY JOIN? Where Your Dollars Go

THE SHORT LIST

- Maintain pontoon boat and equipment for canal trimming
- Key Deer Park and tiki hut maintenance
- Mowing equipment for lots in common
- Newsletter printing and mailing
- Show your support for your neighbors' efforts to safeguard and improve our neighborhood
- Sign maintenance
- Special events expense
- And much more!

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

ELIGIBILITY All residents and property owners of PPH may become members, including residents of Kyle-Dyer and Seaview.

DUES \$25 per household for the membership year: **April 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017.**

CHECK ONE

- Full Membership:** For homeowners in Port Pine Heights, Seaview, or Kyle-Dyer. Full Membership includes voting rights in the association.
- Associate Membership:** For residents of Port Pine Heights who do not own a home in PPH. **OR** for owners of an undeveloped lot in Port Pine Heights, Seaview, or Kyle-Dyer. Associate Membership does not include voting rights.

To renew your membership, simply mail a check.

No need to use this form unless your address or email has changed.

FIRST NAME _____ LAST NAME _____

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AMOUNT \$25 + Donation \$ _____ = Total Enclosed \$ _____ Make check payable to **PPHPOA.**

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The Dogs of Port Pine Heights: Part 2

ELLEN EMMERICH

Last issue, we asked whether you enjoy your canine neighbors or dread them. We received more emails and in-person accounts than expected. **Thank you** for your helpful input.

#1 COMPLAINT: INCESSANT BARKING

While no one expects dogs to be silent, if your dog is an incessant barker you'll be resented by your neighbors (for several blocks) and risk a nuisance suit. Barking dogs can abort a home sale and negatively affect property values in Port Pine Heights.

Dogs who are left alone all day are often the worst offenders. Think your dog is quiet while you're out? Ask your neighbors about that. Many expressed reluctance to confront their neighbors for fear of reprisals or worries about damaging rapport.

Excessive ongoing noise whether a barking dog, music or loud power tools, is the most common complaint lodged by neighbors in this country. Barking, even by little dogs, can penetrate closed windows. This is invasive and causes stress for those who are a captive audience with little recourse other than wearing earplugs or contacting the police or an attorney. Preventing your dog from barking at every passerby or from boredom takes diligence and smarts. In the next issue we will offer some resources.



#2 COMPLAINT: DOG BITES AND MENACING

Several incidents of dogs running loose and jumping fences were reported. On several occasions, a trio of dogs surrounded and attempted to bite bicyclists, walkers, and menaced grandparents with babies in strollers and parents with small children in tow. In at least one case the Police, Fish and Wildlife, and Animal Control arrived on the scene. Summonses were issued.

As a result, some neighbors have been seen sporting sticks and baseball bats "just in case." One neighbor emailed, "We don't walk our dogs on certain streets because some

large dogs are running loose and we are afraid they will hurt ours."

WHO TO CALL

Because we live in the Key Deer Refuge, the authorities are required to be vigilant about responding to reports of loose dogs. When asked, they agreed that the more calls they receive about loose dogs the more likely they are to respond in a timely way.

If you see any dogs running loose, call animal control and the police immediately.

ANIMAL CONTROL (305) 743-4800

POLICE (305) 289-2351

If you're being menaced by dogs, or see someone else being attacked, please call **911**.

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DECOMP FISH WASTE

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Your house guests have just finished cleaning their catch on your seawall. Now what? Collect the scraps, wrap them in newspaper and place in the garbage.

Please educate your guests, new neighbors and renters. Do not allow them to dump carcasses in your canal. They will not float out to sea. Instead, they will slowly decompose in front of your neighbors' homes where their rotting bodies further degrade the water quality in your canal.

Please do not give scraps to Pelicans. Large bones and carcasses can cause major problems for birds, often puncturing their throats or stomachs. Their digestive systems are not designed to deal with fish any larger than the ones they catch themselves.

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Water and Sewer Update

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Joshua Peele, FCAA Engineering Projects Administrator, emphasized that the schedule is a moving target and subject to change. Here are the latest expectations.

NEW WATER LINE

New water lines have been installed throughout PPH. They have not been connected to the meters yet. The earliest they will be put into service is mid-February.

PAVING & RESTORATION

It is anticipated that new paving for PPH roads will start during the first quarter of 2016. New sod and restoration of staging areas and easements will occur after paving.

HOMEOWNER CONNECTIONS

Regarding project time for homeowner connections in PPH: The construction contract for Big Pine extends until October 2016. The force main is already installed through the north end of Key Deer Blvd. By our own observations, the main has been connected to all subdivisions from PPH to Eden Pines where a pumping station is being completed at the corner of Watson Blvd. Notices to get connected will be sent to all Big Pine Key homeowners sometime between October and December of 2016.

We will update the time frame and provide additional information in the next newsletter.

EDITORS NOTE:

Please email the editor any items of interest for possible inclusion in this newsletter:

- Port Pine Heights and Residents
- Comments and Opinions
- Letters to the Editor

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DECEMBER 19TH — Horns blaring and lights aglow, the Big Pine Key Fire Department arrived in Port Pine Heights accompanied by a raft of kids and Santa Claus. They were warmly welcomed by PPHPOA adults and children.



Trash Collection: TIPS & FEES

TUESDAYS: TRASH ONLY

FRIDAYS: TRASH • RECYCLABLES • YARD WASTE

Call Monroe County Waste Management to schedule a special pickup:
305-296-8297.

- TRASH CANS:** Secure lids with bungee cords. Ace Hardware sells trash cans with deer-proof lids. Monroe County requires you to pick up trash scattered by animals or wind within 24 hours. Please try to remove cans from corrals after collection and store out of sight.
- FURNITURE** doors, windows, appliances, etc. Call for FREE pickup.
- YARD WASTE:** Place in trash cans or bundle with cord for free pick up on Fridays. Up to **40 pounds**. Branches must not extend more than 12 inches from top of a can.
- BRANCHES or LOGS over 4 FEET:** Call for free pick up for SMALL loads. For LARGE loads call for pricing.
- CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS:** Call **305 809-3752** for details and to schedule a pickup.
- TIRES & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT:** Bring to Cudjoe Transfer Station MM21.5 on the 1st or 3rd Wednesday of each month.

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Congratulations Hernan Cortes

Hernan Cortes, a resident of Port Pine Heights and PPHPOA board member, just returned from Ghent, Belgium after being presented with LCGC Europe's Lifetime Achievement Award. This prestigious award honored him for his "outstanding achievements in hyphenated separation techniques and distinguished service to the international chromatography community." Hernan worked for over thirty years with Dow and has lectured in Belgium, Italy and Australia. I am proud to know him and to have him in our community.

ALAN BALLAS



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