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A Note from PPHPOA President *Bob Audette*




Though difficult to describe, it is quiet in Port Pine Heights in the summer. There is very little traffic which works in favor of the many newborn fawns as they start to explore our neighborhood on their springy little legs. It is a treat to see as nature renews every year. We have turtles returning to nest on our beaches, birds nesting and feeding, and alligators and crocodiles can be seen. We have had reports of manatee sightings in our canal system. With pods of dolphins off our shores and an endless variety of fish near shore, all species seem to live in harmony.

How very fortunate we are to be able to call such a beautiful place home. We are even more fortunate to share all of this with wonderful neighbors — people who have shown themselves to be caring and giving to an extent usually found in small, close communities. In spite of the fact that there is a constant turnover for many reasons, new residents seem quick to appreciate what our community has to offer.

As we welcome back our traveling neighbors, we hope you had a safe summer and look forward to getting together again.

We are preparing for a busy season with “Santa in the Park”, the General Meeting with budget discussion and board nominations, the Christmas Party in January, Annual Yard Sale, the Pig Roast and our Election Meeting. Everyone is invited to attend all our functions where we share good times with our members and residents.

We will be scheduling canal trimming to help with your canals. Please call me at **305-872-2170** for a spot on the list or to volunteer.

We had a report of outboard engines being taken from a neighborhood boat. Be aware, and report suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Dispatch: 305-289-2351. 

PPHPOA CALENDAR



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:00 PM — SANTA ARRIVES 7:00 PM

SANTA IN THE PARK

Key Deer Park (Community Park)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11 @ 10:00 AM

GENERAL MEETING

Key Deer Park (Community Park)

Budget Discussion & Board Nominations

Everyone is welcome.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 @ 6:00 PM

CHRISTMAS IN JANUARY

Moose Lodge (See page 2)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

PPHPOA YARD SALE

Individual homes

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 @ 2:00 PM

PIG ROAST

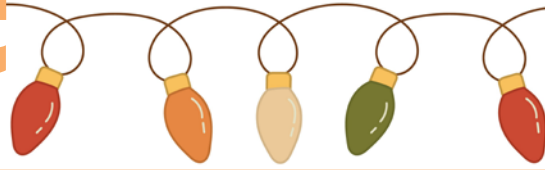
Key Deer Park (Community Park)

SATURDAY, MARCH 14 @ 10:00 AM

ELECTION MEETING

Key Deer Park (Community Park)

Everyone is welcome.



CHRISTMAS in JANUARY PARTY

SUNDAY
JANUARY 26
6 - 10



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RSVP Cyndy & Bob Audette

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Canal Trimming

BOB AUDETTE

Due to the devastation caused by Hurricane Irma in September, 2017, including debris in canals and damage to our Association's pontoon boat, we were unable to offer help with canal trimming. Once the canals were cleared of debris and repairs were made to our pontoon boat, we were able to help on a limited basis.

We have been trying to secure assistance with the removal and disposal of cut vegetation through various government agencies. Any assistance we may receive will be limited to vegetation cut from publicly-owned lots — federal, state and county.

We are constantly reminded that private property owners are required to maintain the canals adjacent to their property. Monroe County Codes for Waterways, Sec. 26-4 states that property owners are prohibited from allowing vegetation or trees to interfere with vessels traveling upon navigable canals. Part B basically explains that vegetation extending from the shoreline by more than 10% of the canal width constitutes a navigational hazard (approximately 3 feet on the side canals and 5 feet on the two main canals).

We will continue to offer assistance to our residents to help them comply with codes and avoid penalties for violation. As in the past, ***the property owner is responsible for disposal of debris.***

Association membership dues, \$25 per year, has provided for the pontoon boat, maintenance, and equipment needed for the canal trimming that benefits all of our residents. Continued support from our loyal members, new members, and volunteers is needed so we can continue to provide this help with the trimming.

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Canal Trimming

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Sec. 26-4. - Property owners prohibited from allowing vegetation or trees to interfere with vessels traveling upon navigable canals.

(a) Definitions. Definitions shall apply as provided in this article or as referenced from other chapters as appropriate.


(b) Prohibition on causing or permitting trees to interfere with vessels upon any manmade water body. No real property owner may cause, suffer, or permit a tree, trees or other vegetation, to grow, or otherwise extend, from his real property into or over a manmade water body in such a way or manner as to constitute a navigational hazard to, or to interfere with, vessels engaged in a journey or ride upon the manmade water body. It shall be presumed that vegetation extending from the shoreline of a manmade water body beyond the approximate mean low water mark by more than ten percent of the overall perpendicular width of the water body at the point of measurement constitutes a navigational hazard. This presumption is aligned with the permitted limits for the construction of docking facilities in the land development regulations.

(c) Penalties for violation.

(1) Pursuant to F.S. § 125.69(1), violations of this section shall be prosecuted in the same manner as misdemeanors are prosecuted. Such violation shall be prosecuted in the name of the state in a court having jurisdiction of misdemeanors by the prosecuting attorney thereof and upon conviction shall be 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.

(2) Violations of this section shall also be punished as in section 8-4, and F.S. ch. 162, or by prosecution before the code enforcement special magistrate as provided prosecution pursuant to the citation and civil infraction procedure in chapter 8, article II, and F.S. ch. 162.

(3) This section may also be enforced through any lawful procedure or process available to the county for the enforcement of its ordinances, including by way of illustration and not limitation, suits for injunctive relief.


(Code 1979, § 5.5-17; Ord. No. 42-2001, §§ 1-3; Ord. No. 031-2002, § 2; Ord. No. 020-2003, §§ 4, 5; Ord. No. 005-2005, § 1) 

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

ELLEN EMMERICH

PPHPOA members: You are invited to submit letters and articles of interest to your neighbors in Port Pine Heights. Aim for 200 to 800 words. We like photos with captions (please keep attachments under 2 MG). Although this is not an invitation to promote your own business, reviews are welcome. Submit by email (only) to: portpineheights@gmail.com 

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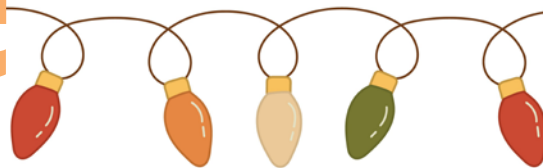


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You're driving on the railroad

How many of the motorists who "do" the Keys are aware that they are riding on the right-of-way of a railroad that experts said couldn't be built? That the long bridges across azure seas were envisioned by a man with confidence in his own judgement plus stubborn determination to conquer at all odds?

Henry Flagler's Florida East Coast Railway opened the next-to-last frontier along the Atlantic coast when the first of his trains entered the village of Miami, then pushed down into what were to become the fertile truck farms of Perrine and Homestead. A reasonable man would have stopped there, reaped his monetary reward and spent his remaining years in the comfort of one or another of his luxurious upstate hostleries. At age 75 another man would have counted his life work well done.

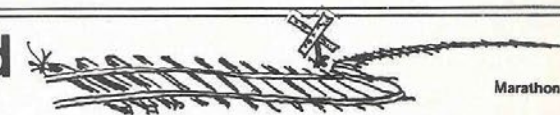
But Henry Flagler was not a reasonable man, or perhaps the challenge of taking his iron steeds to the southernmost point of the country was not to be resisted. He was a rich man, and it may be that the admonition, "You can't take it with you!" wasn't coined as recently as we suppose.

It was the year 1904 when men devoted to "The Boss" and imbued with his determination began the task of threading tracks of steel down along the chain of islands and across their turbulent channels. Nine years, millions of dollars and hundreds of lives later, Flagler rode the first train into the small community of Key West.

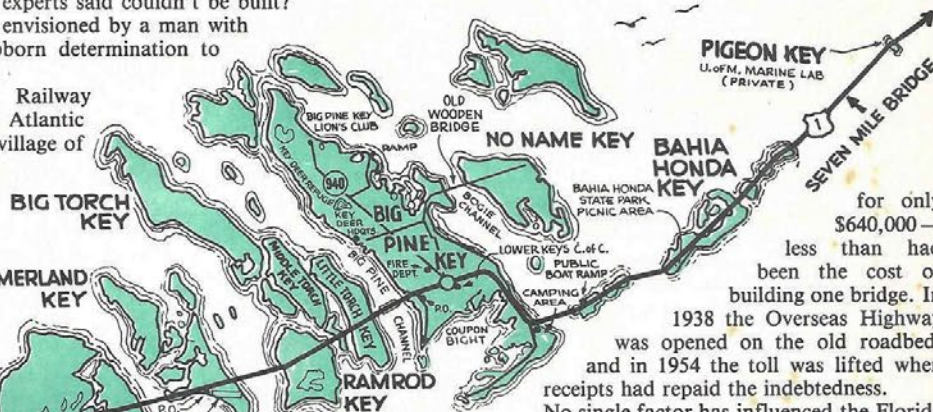
For twenty-two years trains inched along the Keys. Those who now speed over the highway bridges might reflect that at one time the absolute speed allowed a train crossing these same bridges was fifteen miles an hour.

The mighty hurricane that roared in across the ocean on a September afternoon in 1935 destroyed in minutes the work of a decade, took 588 lives and put an end to the railroad that went to sea.

It was decided not to repair the forty miles of washed out roadbed, and so a year later the 156 mile right-of-way together with all bridges was sold to the U.S. Highway Department



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1938 the Overseas Highway was opened on the old roadbed, and in 1954 the toll was lifted when receipts had repaid the indebtedness.

No single factor has influenced the Florida Keys as did the railroad. "Flagler's Folly" transformed Key West from a sleepy port of call for sailing vessels into a bustling railway/car ferry terminus. Work camps grew into settlements which in turn became villages — Tavernier, Islamorada, Marathon. One after another the impoverished fishermen-farmers of the Keys became aware of outside demand for the tropical fruits and vegetables they grew for their own tables. Timidly at first, then with growing confidence, they shipped limes and pineapples to northern markets.

The railroad brought in the Keys' first tourists, and a note of elegance was introduced when sumptuous excursions were run between Palm Beach, Miami and Key West. With the passing of the era the northern cities did not suffer as did Key West, which fell in doldrums from which it was decades in recovering.

And so the day of the steam train ended along the Florida Keys even sooner than for the rest of the nation, and each year there are fewer who in truth may say, "I remember."

However, it is said that on nights when a flying heron's silhouette falls for an instant across the full moon, for those who truly do remember, the highway lamps flicker and dim to darkness. Then across an arched viaduct a ghostly shadow crawls, and from far away a locomotive whistle sounds a mournful requiem for a way of life that never shall be known again.

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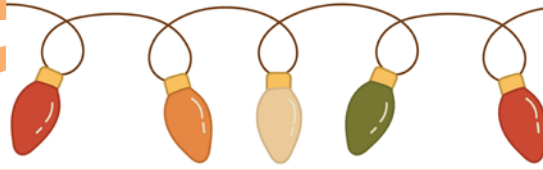


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The membership year runs from April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020. ***We've been able to keep our dues at \$25 per year for over 20 years.*** Whether you're a renter, a homeowner, or a landlord, you will benefit from our association.

Need more information? Email pphpoa@bellsouth.net or call **Chuck Griffin** at **305-394-7251**. 📞

Where Your Dollars Go (THE SHORT LIST)

- Maintain pontoon boat for canal trimming
- Key Deer Park and tiki hut maintenance
- Mowing equipment for lots in common
- Newsletter printing and mailing
- Sign maintenance
- Advocating for our neighborhood
- Special events and more!

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, 2019 - March 31, 2020.**

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 their home in PPH. **OR** for owners of an undeveloped lot in Port Pine Heights, Seaview, or Kyle-Dyer. Does not include voting rights.

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