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TKA PROGRAMS



Aquatic athletes
make a splash in
water competitions

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photo by **Team Key Aquatics**

As the weather heated up earlier this year, young athletes made a splash at the Key Biscayne Com-

munity Center by showing their stuff during the SwimFit Championships & Water Polo All-Star Game sponsored by Team Key Aquatics.

It's an annual celebration of TKA's programs, which celebrated their 20th anniversary on the Key last year, but it's only the tip of the iceberg

when it comes to what TKA teaches young people.

TKA coaches Iggy and Gaby Larrea look forward to the event, which culminates with an awards ceremony and party at the Key Biscayne Beach Club, each year as a way to honor their students for their hard work and

dedication. "The SwimFit Championships and Water Polo All-Star Game is a four-day friendly event to find Key Biscayne's fittest young aquatic athletes. It is an exciting week of challenges for girls and boys alike between the grades of kindergarten

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More online, including a full calendar of events and an expanded photo gallery from the 4th of July on the Key.

5 THINGS TO KNOW

Food extravaganza
 It's a Food Truck Extravaganza tonight from 5-10 p.m. on Virginia Key across the street from MAST Academy. Bright your appetite and try out some new tastes!

Help 4Ocean
 Help clean the Crandon Park Beach Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon with 4Ocean and Miami-Dade County Eco Adventures.

Beach clean up
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Summer travel
 Are you traveling this summer? If so, we'd love to see where you go. Send "Where in the World is the *Islander News*?" photos to editor@islandernews.com.



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Should the Village have an Assistant Manager?



Question answered by
THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

Question: Should the Village have an Assistant Manager?

Answer: Local leaders say it's worth considering. As the Village Council was in the midst of the important task of hiring incoming Village Manager Andrea Agha last month, Council member Brett Moss sponsored a May 8 discussion on whether to create an Assistant Manager position.

His proposal was to have the Assistant Manager fill the role of Village Finance Director, which is currently vacant, and also assume other responsibilities.

"I think there could be some positives in having an Assistant Manager," Moss said, noting any employee has strengths and weaknesses, and having both a Manager and Assistant Manager would

allow the Council to balance those out and create a team of employees who complement each other. "As much as we want to find the perfect Manager candidate, we're not going to find a perfect candidate," he noted.

Moss added having an Assistant Manager would also give the Village a succession plan.

Council member Gary Gross applauded the suggestion. "I totally agree with you," he said, noting he thinks putting the Assistant Manager in charge of the Finance Director's responsibilities is ideal. "It could save us an incredible amount of money – the job could pay for itself."

Council member Luis de la Cruz, meanwhile, said he sees room for both a Finance Director and Assistant Manager. De la Cruz said he'd like a Chief Financial Officer type to take the role of Finance Director, while the Assistant Manager would handle other managerial respon-

sibilities.

"I think there's plenty of work for both of them," he said.

Vice Mayor Frank Caplan, meanwhile, noted the Manager is an employee of the Council, and he would caution against a situation where someone acting as a CFO was a Council employee.

"It is the top tier of bad decisions to put a CFO or Finance Director under the Council," Caplan said. "The temptation and corruption – it's a source of trouble in my view."

Ultimately, Council members agreed to keep discussing the idea. Council member Katie Petros said she thinks it's a decision the next Manager, who will come onboard this summer, should make; and current Manager John Gilbert said if the Council does want to implement the new position, he can include it as part of the upcoming Fiscal Year 2019 budget process.

Do you have a question?

Do you have a question we can help answer for you? Email it to editor@islandernews.com, and we'll get to the bottom of it and feature it in an upcoming *Islander News*.

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and 8, and it’s a thrilling experience for participants’ parents, siblings and classroom friends,” Coach Iggy said.

Indeed, while the event is a community celebration, the programs it highlights require kids to put in a lot of hard work in the pool honing their skills.

SwimFit is designed to get athletes to their prime fitness level by combining aquatic training and dry-land exercises, focusing on each and every muscle group and fiber.

According to TKA, “SwimFit is a conditioning program that mixes swimming sprints, running sprints, push-ups, pull-ups, sit-ups, squats, lunges and other functional movements. The more muscles you work, the more calories you burn. The group workouts are short, highly intense and constantly changing, making them fun and yet challenging. Our goal as coaches is to make our athletes functionally fit.”

TKA Water Polo, meanwhile, is a complete workout that also gives participants a chance to have a blast with friends. The sport is a combination of swimming, soccer, basketball and rugby, and even strong swimmers see their agility, coordination, speed, power and endurance improve.

“Water polo is an intense sport that pushes your body to the limits,” according to TKA. “You’ll be swimming constantly. The best part about water polo is that it’s a team sport, so your friends can be a part of the fun too. As coaches, we assist the development of each athlete’s attitude and knowledge of the game and focus on developing the TKA team concept of selfless team play.”

Founded in 1997, TKA aims to empower children to be the best they can be not only in sports, but in terms of intelligence, confidence and the ability to successfully navigate life. The program also offers an annual Water Safety Week in which kids learn CPR, AED use and other first aid skills; Coach Iggy is the force behind the annual Halloween Zombie Crawl on the Village Green; and there are summer camps and other opportunities to keep kids active and healthy.

For more information on TKA, visit www.teamkeyaquatics.com, follow them on Instagram at @teamkeyaquatics or call Coach Iggy at 305-302-6929.



Kids compete in a variety of swimming events and a water polo game, showing their family and friends what they’ve learned in Team Key Aquatics programs. TEAM KEY AQUATICS/Submitted



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Man electrocuted while trimming trees on the Key

A man was taken to the hospital in critical condition last Thursday after he was electrocuted while trimming trees on the Key.

Fire-Rescue Chief Eric Lang said on the afternoon of July 5 Key Biscayne Fire-Rescue and Police responded to a single-family home on the 500 block of Hampton Lane. A landscaper was trimming trees when a pole saw made contact with a high voltage overhead power line,” he said.

Lang said two brothers who live nearby performed CPR on the victim, and paramedics then transported the man to Jackson

Memorial Hospital Ryder Trauma Center in critical condition.

The fire chief said the Good Samaritans did exactly the right thing and should be applauded.

“The brothers that performed CPR gave the victim gave a fighting chance,” he said. “The combination of early CPR, quick treatment and response by firefighter paramedics and a rapid delivery to the trauma center is an ideal combination to saving a life. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victim, his family and the neighbors that performed CPR.”

An impressive debut



The Key Biscayne Fire-Rescue Department’s new quint fire truck made its debut in the most impressive of manners, by riding in the 4th of July Parade. The new truck – which features a longer ladder to better serve Key Biscayne’s many high-rise buildings – is now in service, and officials are planning a fun public event for later this summer to give residents a closer look. KEY BISCAYNE FIRE-RESCUE/Submitted

Correction

A photo of bicyclists in the July 5 *Islander News* was incorrectly credited to Tilky Lopez Blanco. The photo was taken by Laura Varela.

Could tax increase be part of next year's budget?

written by **Kelly Josephsen**
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Currently, Key Biscayne's proposed budget for next year is based on keeping the millage rate at 3.0. But some residents, including a former Council member and a current candidate for Mayor, say that rate needs to go up to cover all of the needs facing the Village.

Former Council member Alan Fein earned applause from audience members at the Council's June 26 budget workshop when he made the case for a tax increase during public comment.

"It costs money to take care of the things we need to take care of. It costs money to guarantee the sustainability of our lifestyle on Key Biscayne," he said. "I would propose to you that it's time to think about and act on an infrastructure bond issue that should be built into this year's budget."

Specifically, he cited projects like stormwater drainage upgrades, buried utilities, hardening for sea level rise, beach restoration and land acquisition.

He said with both long-term interest rates and sea levels rising, now is the time. Fein said the Council could issue a 30-year bond at the current 3.66 percent interest rate without a referendum. It would cost taxpayers 45 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, which adds \$450 to the annual tax bill for the owner of a \$1 million home - roughly 3 percent of the total annual tax bill.



Key questions about raising the tax rate:

- What is the current rate? \$3 per \$1,000 of assessed property value
- What was suggested? Increasing that by 45 cents per \$1,000
- Is there support? Both candidates for Mayor say they're interested in discussing it
- Why do they want to raise it? For projects like hardening for sea level rise, buried utilities and beach restoration
- When will a decision come? The budget hearings are September 11 and 25

"That's the difference between our survival and our sustainability on this island for the next 50 years," he said, pointing to sea level rise. "This is a drop in the bucket for the people who live on Key Biscayne and have investments to protect. All of these projects you're talking about are great, but they won't be very valuable if we aren't here to enjoy them."

Fein said sea level rise could create a situation where residents can't get mortgages and property insurance and their home values plummet. Therefore, he urged the Council, "Do all the things that

we need to do now. You should be talking about it during these budget times, but if you don't, the candidate for Mayor who takes this up will have my vote."

One of those candidates, former Vice Mayor Mike Davey, spoke after Fein during the meeting's public comment period and said he does support a tax increase. Davey said the Council can increase the millage rate and still be fiscally responsible. "Set the millage to your budget, don't set your budget to the millage rate," he said. "There are times where you need to increase the millage rate to meet the needs of your community. This is one of those times, so we continue to be the community that offers Ritz-Carlton quality services."

The second candidate for Mayor, Council member Luis de la Cruz, said he also supports the idea, noting drainage and infrastructure are two of his top priorities. After studying the drainage system with Village staff and pushing for improvements, De la Cruz said he agrees now is the time to discuss Fein's suggestion further. In fact, while Fein was talking, De la Cruz was texting him the following: "I am very interested in your subject and agree 100 percent with everything you said tonight. Let's talk - we need to get going on this."

The issue is shaping up to be one of the biggest points of discussion during the September 11 and 15 budget hearings.

For now, though, Village Man-

ager John Gilbert presented an overview of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2019, which runs October 1-September 30, 2019 that is based on the current 3.0 rate. The proposed budget shows \$33.74 million in expenses, up 4 percent from \$32.4 million a year ago. Estimated revenues are at \$33.62 million, down 2 percent from \$34.3 million last year. That leaves a \$119,000 gap the Village will need to close.

The decrease in revenue is largely due to falling property assessments. Gilbert said the Miami-Dade Property Appraiser's June 1 preliminary report has the Village's property values going down 2 percent, or by \$133 million. A final number will be released July 1.

Gilbert stressed the proposal the Council was reviewing June 26 is a preliminary budget and will require changes due to Council direction and public input: "This budget workshop will provide an opportunity to begin deliberations in preparation for our two budget hearings September 11 and 25 as we move toward the final FY19 budget adoption," he said.

He added the overall goal is to find a way to enhance services while maintaining a cost-effective operating budget.

This summer, *The Islander News* will report on the individual departmental budgets for Fiscal Year 2019 in advance of the Council's two budget hearings September 11 and 25.

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Council to hold meeting on kiteboarding channel

written by **Kelly Josephsen**
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Marking a channel for kiteboarders to access the open waters shouldn't be a huge undertaking, local leaders say – so why would it cost \$55,000 just for planning and permitting?

Local leaders have asked Village Manager John Gilbert to explore the options and plan to hold a special meeting Tuesday, July 17 at 6 p.m. to make a final decision.

The issue confounded Village Council members June 25 as they reviewed a proposal from EAC Consultant for permitting and engineering work to install buoys to create the channel.

Earlier this year the Council approved an ordinance that established the channel near the former Sonesta Beach Resort site. It needs to be marked with buoys, and the proposed contract stated the Village needs county, state and federal permits, a process that is estimated to take six months.

The contract with EAC came in at \$55,000 for design, environmental permitting, procurement support and construction support services relating to channel marker buoys. On June 25, Gilbert said that is due to the many layers of oversight and permitting, which drove the cost up: "I feel this is a fair presentation, and I ask for your support."

But Council members expressed concerns about spending so much on such a simple task.

"That is just absurd to me," Council member Luis de la Cruz, who is a candidate for Mayor, said.

De la Cruz said he would have a hard time supporting the contract without more information and asked about going to another firm to get another proposal.

"It seems fictional," Vice Mayor Frank Caplan agreed; and Council member Gary Gross said the project should be as simple as dropping two concrete blocks as anchors and attaching the buoys to them on a line. He suggested the Village go to a contractor first rather than going to the engineer first: "Where's the engineering in this? I just don't get it," he said.

Gilbert said his sense was also that the project was fairly simple and offered to call EAC and report back to the Council at its budget workshop the following evening.

At the budget session, Gilbert said he had talked to beach consultant Tim Blankenship about the cost and the process, and Blankenship said the type of buoys the contract refers to are not in fact simple floating devices – they are large cylinders that have to be screwed into the ground. He said they are the same as the buoys the Village used to mark a swim-only zone off Nixon Beach.

"The price is the price for the product that we're getting," Gilbert said, apologizing for providing incorrect information about the complexity of the project the previous night. "These are substantial, and they do require permitting."

But Gross still wasn't convinced. He noted the kiteboard channel

IF YOU GO

What: Council hearing on creation of a kiteboarding channel

When: Tuesday, July 17 at 6 p.m.

Where: Village Council Chambers (back of the fire station)

is not a navigational channel, so the Village shouldn't need such a substantial product. He added the kiteboarders probably wouldn't even want such large buoys, as they could get injured if they run into them: "There's got to be a way to do this that's not nearly so elaborate," he said.

Gilbert said Blankenship did mention another option of working with the University of Miami on the permitting, which would be cheaper but could take longer.

Ultimately, Council members said they want the Manager to explore that option and all others – including a simpler installation process or a lower cost for EAC's proposed scope of work – and come back with a proposal at the special meeting.

Local leaders said they will make a decision at that session, as they need to move forward one way or another.

Council member Katie Petros noted the Council created a policy for kiteboarding and needs the channel to implement and enforce the policy, and, as Caplan remarked, "This is shockingly expensive, but if this is what this project is going to cost, we need to do the project."

"We're on the hook," Gilbert agreed, noting when the kiteboarding season starts in October, the athletes will be looking to use the channel and the Village will need to enforce its rules.

Also, Mayor Mayra Pena Lindsay noted the cost will be defrayed by the \$200 fee the Village is charging kiteboarders to register, and Gilbert agreed – he said he's heard concerns about the fee and has explained that it is justified by startup costs.



Key Biscayne Police Officer Martina Doino and intern Jaden Yerian, 15, a student at Law Enforcement Officers Memorial High School in Miami, stopped by *The Islander News* with encouraging words after the shooting at the *Capital Gazette* newspaper. Islander News photo

Key Biscayne Police department goes extra mile

Last Tuesday, *The Islander News* received an unexpected but very welcome visit from Officer Martina Doino, a 3.5-year veteran of the Key Biscayne Police Department.

In light of the tragic and horrific shooting at the offices of the *Capital Gazette* newspaper in Annapolis, Officer Doino and Lieutenant Daniel Valdes wanted to reassure the staff at *The Islander* that they are here to help. The newspaper industry has been shaken by this event and this gesture by the KBPD was indeed

very welcome.

Accompanying Officer Doino was Jaden Yerian, a 15-year old high school student interning with the KBPD. Jaden wants to be a police officer, and it was his first day on his internship. He attends the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial High School in downtown Miami, so we know Jaden is all in!

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opinion

July 4, civic spirit, mayor's race: A trifecta



Editorial by *Islander* Publisher
JUSTO REY

The 4th of July, community spirit and the mayoral race. They are an interrelated trifecta.

For me, it was my first July 4 on the Key, as last Wednesday I had the pleasure to participate in the island's 4th of July parade. What a treat! I have been in many community parades, but nothing like the one Key Biscayne puts on. The turnout was fantastic, the enthusiasm contagious and the mood festive, as July 4 should be.

What is even more impressive is that unlike many communities, this parade is 100 percent put on by volunteers. Sure, the Village lends its support, but the bulk of planning and executing the plan is done by citizens just like you and me, all committed and dedicated to one thing – to make sure our country's independence is celebrated in typical Key Biscayne way: first class. My heartfelt thank you and congratulations to the many women and men responsible for this effort.

Which leads me to the next two items. It was obvious by the crowds at the parade that Key Biscayners care. Moreover, that caring desire, that strong sense of community, that pride in this island made me think of the upcoming mayoral race. What a huge responsibility to be an elected official in Key Biscayne!

As you read in the June 28 issue of *The Islander News* in the article written by Editor Kelly Josephsen), Luis de la Cruz and Michael Davey are vying to have the honor to lead the Council as Mayor for the next two years. Now, I realize many of you reading this editorial know both these fine men and public servants better than me, and I hope to get to know them just as well. However, as I read about their families and ideas, a couple of thoughts entered my mind.

In the article, and in their own words, both Luis and Michael presented a long and comprehensive list of things they each see as issues facing Key Biscayne. Their lists were long, and at this point, we haven't seen how they prioritize the items. Nonetheless, the lists were impressive. Such things as infrastructure development for utilities, traffic congestion, MAST, storm drainage made the list, as did what many residents tell us is top of mind for them: Virginia Key and how plans there have a significant impact on the island's quality of life.

In addition, while Luis's and Michael's lists were not mirror images of each other, there were many, many similarities, which makes getting to know the man behind the pledges that much more important for voters. Both Luis and Michael pledge to be open and accessible. Take the opportunity to get to know these candidates. While that important November 6 day seems far away, it will be here before we realize.

At *The Islander News*, we are committed to providing as much information on the mayoral race as possible to make help you make the best decision as to who will lead your island in the next two years.

Because, when I buy hurricane supplies, hurricanes never come!



3 THINGS WE WANT TO SEE HAPPEN THIS WEEK

This week, the Key is teeming with opportunities to do good in the world. Here's how residents can show what a big-hearted community this is!

1 Applause for our Police Department

Last week, *The Islander News* got a very pleasant surprise – a visit from Key Biscayne Police Officer Martina Doino and intern Jaden Yerian, who stopped by to express solidarity and support in the wake of the tragic shooting at the Capital Gazette newspaper in Annapolis.

The media and law enforcement don't always have a copacetic relationship, as reporters dig for facts that police sometimes can't divulge. But in Key Biscayne, we're lucky to have a police department that is not only as transparent as possible, but goes out of its way to offer kind words in the wake of a sad event. Since her start with the KBPD over three years ago, Doino has been on the frontlines of the department's public outreach efforts, and she's done a great job.

All of us at the newspaper

thank Doino and Yerian; Lieutenant Daniel Valdes, who is in charge of community outreach; and Chief Charles Press. We hope you'll join us in doing so.

2 Everyone doing their part to clean the beach:

In recent weeks, we've had several residents reach out to us about beach cleanups.

Mia Davey, just 8, was so upset by trash on the beach that she and mom Maria Thorne took to social media to start a movement among young people. Andrew Otazo has taken matters into his own hands to clean up the mangroves. Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park teamed with Florida Park Service, Friends of Cape Florida and Expedition South Florida for a 4Ocean beach cleanup; Crandon Park is next. A couple that recently moved to the island from Pennsylvania suggested a community-wide effort at Crandon. Longtime islander Manny Rionda is spearheading a project to install stations with burlap bags we all can use to pick up. This Saturday, Bill Baggs hosts

its monthly cleanup from 8:30-11:30. Go help keep the beach pristine – or, if you'd rather, collect what you can the next time (and every time!) you're enjoying a day at the beach.

3 Help for our four-legged friends:

One of our favorite parts of each year's budget workshop is hearing from the Community Cats program. This year was no different. The program, which is supported financially by the Village, is a beautiful example of volunteers and elected leaders uniting in common humanity.

With just a little funding and a lot of dedication, volunteers humanely capture homeless cats and provide the spaying/neutering and medical care they need. Then, they adopt them into a loving home if they can or release them back to the wild if they can't. The Village will aid the effort again this year; we hope residents will too. Volunteers and donations of money and cat food are always welcome. Visit KB Community Cats on Facebook.



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opinion

Kill the causeway and we perish



Guest Commentary
by Former Village
Council Member

**RAUL
LLORENTE**

Perhaps some Islander News readers might consider the title of this commentary a dramatic exaggeration. But on Friday, June 29 we all felt the pain of realizing that traffic along the Rickenbacker Causeway was completely and totally shut, closed by a single problematic incident. I hope my choice of words will be excused.

As I continue this commentary about the tragedy that it would be for Key Biscayne to lose the Rickenbacker Causeway, I must clarify that we cannot compare the incident June 29 to other problematic situations affecting the lifeline of Key Biscayne.

But the severe traffic problems created by the Miami International Boat Show on Virginia Key have given us a taste of how easy it is to kill traffic in and out of Key Biscayne. And it makes us aware that if the City of Miami introduces more year-round commercial events the death of the Rickenbacker Causeway will be a reality.

We are fortunate that our Council has dutifully filed lawsuits presenting what Village Attorneys consider evidence of the validity of our opposition. But our case has moved slowly through the courts. So intense have been the moves of the City of Miami to obstruct our objections that it appears they have put our legal team to sleep.

Apparently, this lack of effective action is real, and the City of

Miami has managed to bamboozle our attorneys. As per what I hear, a settlement agreement drafted by our legal experts cancels our complaints for some time. It allows us to later renew our case if they do not keep their promises. Actually, it has been already presented to the City of Miami and not approved by them. Obviously, they did not like the promises we requested.

I hope we are entitled to suggest that our Council at a public hearing will present to our community an explanation that will clarify the details of this settlement agreement already submitted to the City of Miami. The way I see it,

it endangers our position.

Maybe some Key Biscayners have been convinced by City of Miami politicians and event promoters as they claim economic development needed for Miami-Dade. For goodness sake, let's wake up. They are not going to stop until they have turned the causeway into a parking lot. That's not good for anybody in Miami-Dade, and for us it would be a catastrophe.

I hope we all see it clearly. They have ignored land development rules, environmental regulations, deed restrictions, etc. and have demonstrated flagrant disrespect for the rights of a neighbor city. If anybody thinks they are not going

to add more commercial events and tighten their choking grip on the throat of the Rickenbacker Causeway, please attentively review their plans.

It is time to increase with all our municipal power and to the highest possible levels our decisive opposition to this travesty. Complete strangulation of the Rickenbacker Causeway is not acceptable. Our present Council and our future Councils should show total determination to stop this debacle. If we need more attorneys, hire them. Our municipality needs a strong Department of Defense.

Let's get it done as soon as possible.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A thank you to Dr. Landau

I was riding in an Uber from the airport after visiting family in Jupiter, to recuperate from hospitalization for cardiac issues, when I got alert regarding the causeway closing. The driver stopped near the exit from I-95 and we sat for an hour. I directed him to the 17th Ave. Mobil Station and small cafe where I felt I would be safe to await the opening of causeway.

Needless to say, I was uneasy and trying not to stress, when I saw our Island Optometrist, Dr. Martin Landau, who had been waiting in the cafe since early morning.

I was tremendously relieved to see a friendly face and he kindly offered to let me drive with him when the alert was over. We waited what seemed hours when the first alert came, and he assisted me with my luggage as we walked to his car. We had no sooner got in the car and drove on US-1 to just at Vizcaya entrance when a police car pulled in front of us and blocked the street. We had no choice but to pull into the side

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Key Cosmetic Concerns by
DR. MICHAEL KELLY

Two questions from actual patients this week form the basis of my column.

Question 1: "My doctor put me on Eliquis (a blood thinner) for atrial fibrillation yesterday, but I went on the internet and saw how dangerous blood thinners are. I am going to stop it, what do you think?" Question 2: "My doctor put me on a statin to help me lower my high cholesterol, but I consulted Dr. Google who told me I don't need to be on a statin, so I stopped it, what do you think? Aren't I smart



for doing my research?"

Ah the internet, where anyone can become an expert on any topic after 15 minutes of surfing. Every talk show about medicine ends with the phrase, "Be sure to do your research." There are websites on every subject and every health condition. Why not learn as much as you can about your health?

Well, you should. I think everyone should be trying to learn as much as they can about their health, about their medications, and if they are considering plastic surgery, about that too. They should also check their doctors to make sure they

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About Dr. Kelly

Dr. Kelly is a board-certified Plastic Surgeon and partner in both Miami Plastic Surgery and MPS Medspa. He has been in practice over 25 years and has been recognized by his peers both nationally and internationally as one of the best plastic surgeons in the United States. In addition to being an expert on Cosmetic Surgery, his practice encompasses the entire spectrum of non-invasive treatments such as Botox, fillers, CoolSculpting, ultrasound, lasers and radiofrequency. He also believes in giving back to our community, having served on the Village Council for eight years and volunteering as a coach for our youth sports programs. You can email him questions at mkelly@miami-plasticsurgery.com.

Walking on moon doesn't keep you from aging



Advice on Aging by
H. FRANCES REAVES

Buzz Aldrin, the second man to walk on the moon, is 88 years old and has met his fourth wife. The bad news is, the kids don't like her.

Here's what we know from media reports: Dr. Aldrin has sued two of his three children and his former manager. Two children, Andy and Jan, had asked a court to name them as guardians citing his loss of cognitive function and dementia. Warrior that he is, Colonel Aldrin (retired) came out fighting! He sued the kids, claimed they had transferred monies from his foundation for their personal use and used his credit cards without his permission and sabotaged his love life. He made an appearance on Good Morning America excoriating his children and accused them of exploiting the elderly.

The ousted manager, Christina Korp, states that "almost a year ago, some people began to exert undue influence on Buzz. These individuals began to actively try to drive a wedge between Buzz, his children and me, for what I fear is their own benefit." Her argument is that because he has dementia he is vulnerable to manipulation.

My argument is that the kids and manager he is suing are doing exactly the same thing. This "fight" is about who gets to manipulate Colonel Aldrin. His estate is valued at approximately \$12 million. The two children are paid by the Aldrin foundation, as was the former manager.

Lisa LaBonte met Buzz Aldrin because of their shared interest in STEM education (Science, Tech-

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USE YOUR VOICE

Key Biscayne Facts

2018

The year our Beach Club was added to the historical designation and protection list. Any citizen can take the initiative to preserve local history. The club was founded in 1952 and is the oldest organization on the island. It has seen its share of celebrities, both famous and infamous.

1999

The year Stiltsville became a Miami-Dade Historic District. Stiltsville houses were built as early as 1922. Their names are reminiscent of the times.

7

Number of Stiltsville homes remaining.

Miami-Dade Facts

126

Number of historic sites governed by the Office of Historic Preservation to protect cultural, historical, architectural and archeological resources. The Freedom Tower, aka "Ellis Island of the South," is a great example.

43

Number of archeological sites and zones. The most famous is "Miami Circle," part of a Tequesta village, on the north and the south side of the Miami River. It's dated 500 B.C. to 900 A.D.

8

Number of historic districts. They include the Stiltsville Historic District, Lummus Park Historic District, Downtown Miami Historic District and more – all with exploring!

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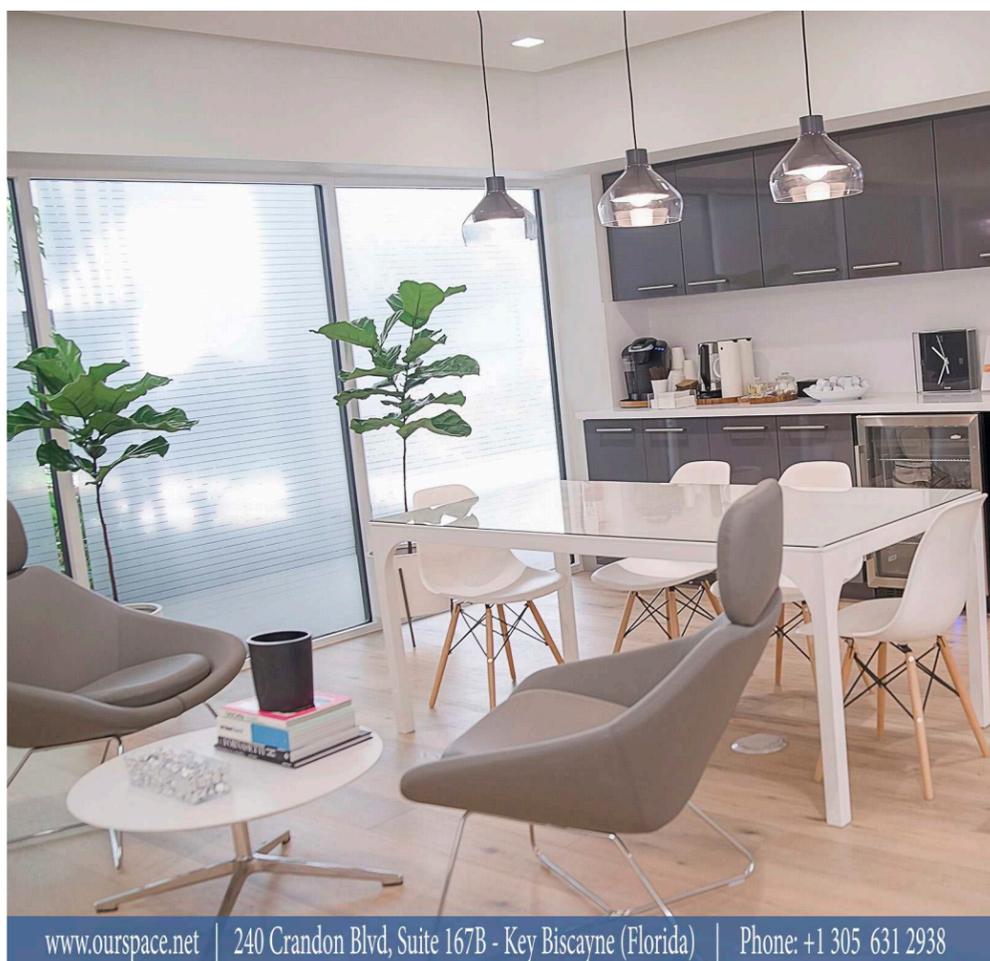
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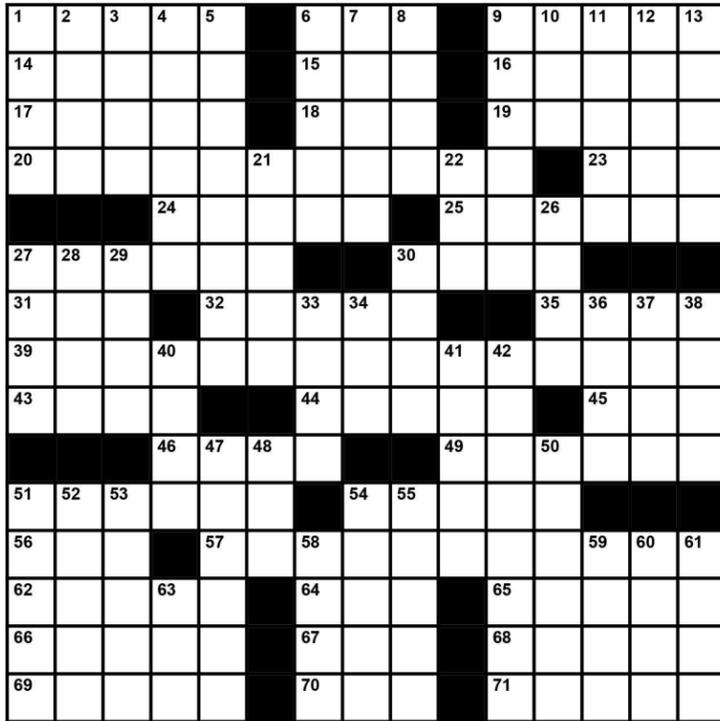


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 - 64. Thanks for the loan
 - 65. "Chicago" star first name
 - 66. Spurred
 - 67. "Boola Boola" collegian
 - 68. Mountaineer's challenge in Switzerland
 - 69. Take in again
 - 70. Intoxicated
 - 71. It's catching
- Down
- 1. Fruity coolers
 - 2. Get to
 - 3. Have _____ (be connect-ed)
 - 4. Cover the hatches, with
 - 5. Abu Dhabi, e.g.
 - 6. Interlocked
 - 7. Giving the go-ahead
 - 8. Do some cutting, maybe
 - 9. Kind of water or training
 - 10. Reading, writing and arithmetic, abbr.
 - 11. Shakespearean "shucks"
 - 12. Instruction for casual dress
 - 13. Asparagus unit
 - 21. Mazda model
 - 22. Mass. cape
 - 26. Black shade
 - 27. Air force, abbr.
 - 28. Sticker
 - 29. Cultural interests
 - 30. Language of Lahore
 - 33. Start of many addresses
 - 34. Ballad's end?
 - 36. Gin flavorer
 - 37. The T in NWT



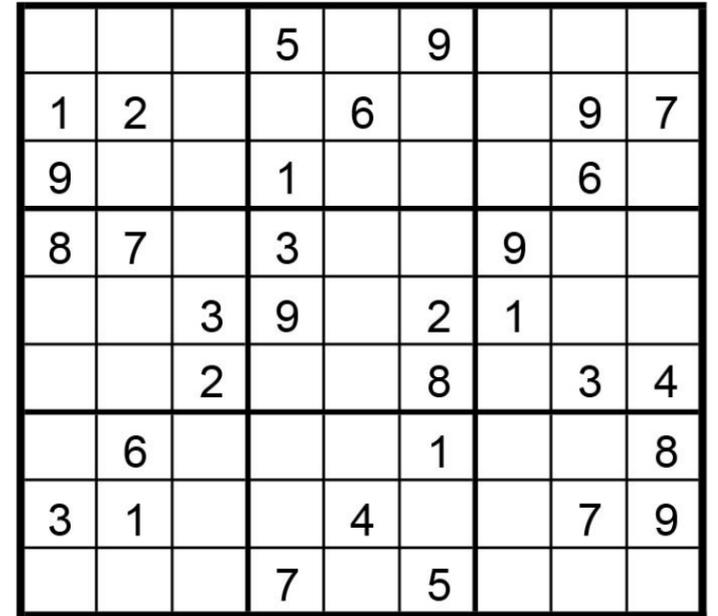
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- 38. Grps.
- 40. Government safety org.
- 41. Letter-shaped opening
- 42. Furniture pieces
- 47. Protect the date, in a way
- 48. _____ di-dah
- 50. Entered
- 51. Tee off
- 52. Cheek color
- 53. Precipices
- 54. Sauce of garlic mayo
- 55. Astronaut's wear
- 58. Cambodia currency
- 59. Sutton Foster's role in Broadway's "Young Fran-kenstein"
- 60. _____-do-well
- 61. "Chicago" star, Richard
- 63. Born as

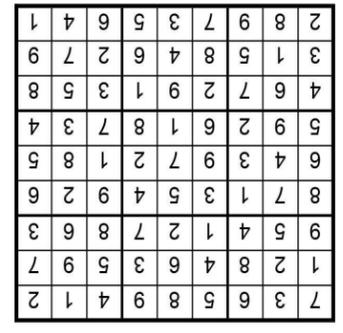
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By Myles Mellor and Susan Flanagan

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Firm to study cost of buried utilities

written by **Kelly Josephsen**
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One of the biggest questions surrounding buried utilities involves how to pay for the project, and local leaders took a step toward answering it last month.

Residents are expected to get more information about that question and the project in general in October when consultants are expected to report back on funding and a project master plan.

The Village Council agreed June 25 to a \$100,000 deal with Raftelis for a utility undergrounding special assessment methodology study that will recommend how the Village can equitably divide the cost of the estimated \$30 million project.

On a related note, Council member Brett Moss updated his colleagues on Underground Utility Task Force meetings. Moss is the Council liaison to the task force.

Local leaders had deferred a vote on the Raftelis agreement June 5 because they wanted more time to review information provided by the task force. At the time, former Vice Mayor Michael Davey, the chair of the Underground Utilities Task Force and a candidate for Mayor, said the board reviewed two companies for the study. "We came to the conclusion, and it was a close vote, frankly, that Raftelis was the best choice," Davey said. "He was presented to us as the guru – the guy who created the formulas for these special assessments."

He said Raftelis did have the higher bid – just under \$100,000 compared to around \$75,000 for the other firm – but the company agreed to a reduction from a higher fee and the task force felt its expertise would serve the community well on the complex project.

On June 25, Moss said he agrees with the task force's recommendation, noting determining how to pay for undergrounding utilities is one of the most important decisions involved in the huge undertaking. "They looked at both proposals very closely," he said. "The main reason the board voted for Raftelis was that the project manager of that company was highly recommended; was one of the founders of the methodology."

Moss noted some properties will benefit from buried utilities more than others; and if the cost was covered by general funds, some residents will pay a much higher share based on who has a longtime Homestead Exemption and who does not. Therefore, he said, Raftelis needs to look at all the properties in the Village, determine differences between properties and come up with a mathematical methodology that will hold up in court.

He said the firm will also help with public relations.

Meanwhile, Moss updated his colleagues on the task force's meetings so far, noting the group is meeting monthly and has focused on monitoring engi-

Project overview

What: Buried utilities (power, phone and cable)

Cost: Estimated at \$30 million

Current status: A project master plan and special assessment methodology study are being done and will be presented in October

What to watch for: The Village plans to debut a project website this summer

neering work and public relations.

He said the PR firm expects to launch a website over the summer, probably in about a month, as a place where residents can go for information. The website will be the first outreach effort, Moss said, and later officials will use direct mailers and more to notify residents.

He said more details on the project should be available in October.

He expects the Village's consultants from Kimley-Horn to be ready to present a project master plan, and Raftelis' report should be available at the same time.

Then, the Council will have a much better idea of what the project will involve, what it will cost and how those costs should be distributed.

At that point, "We would be looking at the Council to start taking some actions to move quickly if we want to proceed forward with the project," Moss aid.

Vice Mayor Frank Caplan and Council member Gary Gross suggested another issue for the task force to look at and report back on: whether the rest of Florida Power & Light's infrastructure is sufficient to serve the Village reliably.

Gross expressed concerns about capacity, noting the Village's power needs have grown and the FPL substation that serves it may not

be adequate; also, he said, some lines that run to the Key are above ground and will be vulnerable to storms even if the Village buries lines on the island.

Gross said if the Village is investing \$30 million in buried utilities, he wants to make sure that investment isn't undermined by something outside the Village's control.

Moss said recent studies show FPL's capacity is sufficient, and that power demand on the Key is actually dropping as property owners use more efficient appliances. He also noted the overhead lines that run to the Key are major feeders, so, "If anything goes down, those are the first things to come back up."

Moss said he'll ask the task force to provide more information about the issue soon.

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The Islander News has a rich tradition in Key Biscayne, so making changes to the newspaper you enjoy each Thursday is something we don't take lightly. On June 28, we debuted a redesigned *Islander* with a new, eye-catching look and a fresh approach to presenting content. We're thrilled with the positive reaction we've received from the community. We wanted to thank our readers not only for embracing an enhanced product that our team at *The Islander* is quite proud of, but for taking the time to tell us what you think. We hope you continue to enjoy *The Islander News* each Thursday, and that we can always be an important part of this wonderful, vibrant community. Please continue to reach out with your feedback – whether good or bad. We are here to serve you, and we always value your input. #islandernewsatwork

WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT REDESIGN

"Love the new look!"
Longtime resident and realtor Ceci Sanchez

"Love the new look – there is nothing I don't like."
Michele Estevez, former Village Council member

"I wanted to congratulate you on the new look for the *Islander*. It is absolutely wonderful. We are fortunate to have your team on the Key."
Robert Duzoglou, owner of RDCA Martial Arts and Chair of the Key Biscayne Chamber of Commerce Advocacy Committee

"You guys hit a homerun! Enjoy it! *te la comiste*" (translates literally to "you ate the whole thing" and means you met your goal.)
Ed Sanchez, longtime resident and realtor

"What a wonderful surprise to see *The Islander's* new, updated look! Love the format and the new font. Much more attractive and readable. Bravo!"
Andrea Britell, longtime resident

"I was reading *The Islander* this morning – a lot of great info. I give it two thumbs up!"
Rosie Suastegui, Executive Assistant to the market General Manager at The Ritz-Carlton, Key Biscayne Miami



What's new

Look for some of our new features each week in the redesigned *Islander News*.

5 Things to Know

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At home

LETTERS

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street where many cars were already stranded, some not even going to Key Biscayne. We waited again for what seemed like hours. I was feeling stressed and dehydrated but Dr. Landau kept the car running and the AC on until we got the alert that the causeway was open. Dr. Landau then drove me to my condo and went on to his office. I need to express my deep gratitude to Dr. Landau for his assistance to me in making this situation less stressful for me and my family, who were less concerned knowing I was being helped by his kindness and caring,
Carol Marcantonio

Praise for O'Brien, Beach Club

The Islander News article about the Beach Club was not only historical but it had a lot of information rarely known by residents. I found it was excellent. I like to add that the members of the Beach Club are very lucky to have a manager like Mike O'Brien. He is not only a loyal resident and an excellent club manager, but he is also an outstanding human being. We all are grateful for his contributions to the club thru so many years.
Jorge L. Blanco

HEALTH

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are board certified and see if they have complaints or any investigations at the Florida Board of Medicine, <http://fl-boardofmedicine.gov/>. These are all part of the public record. But I also want to stress how important it is to know your limitations. Surfing the internet does not make you a

physician and it doesn't make you an expert. No matter how much you learn, you won't have judgment. Judgment comes from experience and training. It requires years to acquire and is one of the most important qualities that a physician can provide to help you optimize your health. Judgment helps a physician select the best path for an individual patient, taking into consideration all of their health needs, preferences,

and individual goals. Dr. Google can't do that. Dr. Google may sound cute, but these are very serious concerns. The first patient would be at high risk of a stroke if she stopped the blood thinner. The second patient will increase her risk of a heart attack 2-3 times over her lifetime by not being on a statin. Do your research, learn as much as you can, but most importantly, listen to your doctor!

AGING

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nology, Engineering, Mathematics). Apparently, the relationship has blossomed into something more. One can speculate as to her motive but the same can be said for the kids and former manager. Further, Ms. LaBonte works for a living and is not paid by the foundation. All of this will be solved

fairly soon as the "mental health" tests have been administered and the Courts will review the three different opinions. I'm only sad that a man who gave his life to service for our country (his children did not) has to defend his honor. The children did nothing for the \$12 million but now feel as though it's theirs to protect. I say, Buzz Aldrin's life speaks for itself. Good for him making a last stand – no matter what

the outcome!
*Editor's note: Through her company Parent Your Parents LLC, H. Frances Reaves works with families as they navigate the process of helping aging relatives. She will be sharing advice and answering questions every other week in *The Islander News* and offers more information at www.parentyourparents.com. To contact her, email hfrancesr@parentyourparents.com.*



world cup weekly

Presented by

And we are down to four teams

Back in June, 32 teams embarked on Russia, all with dreams of hoisting the World Cup! Now we are down to four countries... Belgium, Croatia, France and England. No Latin American countries are left in the field, so we are assured another European winner of the World Cup at Russia 2018. Belgium, France, Croatia and England have battled through five matches to make it to the last four.



BELGIUM VS. FRANCE

After beating England, Tunisia and Panama in the group phases, Belgium obtained a the 1st-place finish in Group G. Then they had a really tough match against Japan in the Round of 16. Belgium, with one of the most astonishing comebacks ever seen at a World Cup, recovered from 2-0 down to beat Japan 3-2 and advance to quarterfinals to face off Brazil. Belgium reached their second ever World Cup semifinal after a thrilling game in Kazan. Brazil could not overcome the Belgian front three of Kevin De Bruyne, Romelu Lukaku and Eden Hazard. Brazil had good chances, but it wasn't enough to beat the Red Devils.

Top Players: Eden Hazard, Kevin De Bruyne, Romelu Lukaku.

How they got to the semis:

- Belgium 3, Panama 0 in group play
- Belgium 5, Tunisia 2 in group play
- England 0, Belgium 1 in group play
- Belgium 3, Japan 2 in round of 16
- Brazil 1, Belgium 2 in quarterfinals

France advanced to the semifinals after going undefeated in group play, often looking like the best team in the tournament. They opened with a convincing win over Australia, followed by a win over a difficult Peru team, then came a draw with Denmark. Now, France is in the semis for the first time since 2006 after a thrilling 4-3 win over Argentina in the round of 16, followed by a 2-0 victory over Uruguay in the quarterfinals.

Top Players: Hugo Lloris, Kylian Mbappe and Antoine Griezmann

How they got to the semis:

- France 2, Australia 1 in group play
- France 1, Peru 0 in group play
- Denmark 0, France 0 in group play
- France 4, Argentina 3 in round of 16
- Uruguay 0, France 2 in quarterfinals

As of press time, we know France defeated Belgium 1-0 to advance to it's final since 2006

CROATIA VS ENGLAND

Croatia is the one Cinderella team left in the field of four semifinalists. They opened group play with a win over Nigeria, followed by a huge victory over Argentina, then defeating a pesky Iceland team to close group play. Then in the round of 16, even though striker Luka Modric missed a penalty against Denmark in extra time, he redeemed himself in the penalties after a 1-1 tie. In the quarterfinals, Croatia beat a tough team from World Cup host Russia in penalty kicks to advance to the semifinals to face off against England.

Top Players: Luka Modric and Ivan Rakitic

How they got to the Semis:

- Croatia 2, Nigeria 0 in group play
- Argentina 0, Croatia 3 in group play
- Iceland 1, Croatia 2 in group play
- Croatia 1(3), Denmark 1(2) in the round of 16
- Russia 2(3), Croatia 2(4) in the quarterfinals

England is the surprise team in the semis. After an opening win over Tunisia, England trounced World Cup first-timer Panama 6-1, followed by a tough 0-1 loss to Belgium to close group play. Then, England defeated a tough and determined Colombia team in penalty kicks to advance to the quarterfinals. In the quarterfinals, the Three Lions sent Sweden home with goals from H. Maguire and D. Alli.

Top Players: Harry Kane, Raheem Sterling and Harry Maguire

How they got to the semis:

- Tunisia 1, England 2 in group play
- England 6, Panama 1 in group play
- England 0, Belgium 1 in group play
- Colombia 1(3), England 1(4) in the round of 16
- Sweden 0, England 2 in the quarterfinals

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The Little (Earth-friendly) Mermaid



A mermaid dropped by the Biscayne Nature Center last month to tell summer campers how they can be protectors of the ocean by eliminating single-use plastics like bags, straws, bottles and utensils. Mermaid Danni Washington talked to the kids about how those objects pollute the water and harm marine creatures and advised them to find environmentally-friendly reusable options. Photo courtesy Biscayne Nature Center

Meeting on capital project priorities set for next Tuesday

written by **Kelly Josephsen**
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Village Council members ran out of time at their budget workshop before talking about projects on their Capital Improvements Plan – as well as how to pay for them.

They plan to take up the issue at a special meeting Tuesday, July 17 at 6 p.m.

The proposed CIP includes big-ticket items like setting aside \$1.53 million for underground utilities, \$600,000 for a new fire truck and \$250,000 for beach restoration.

A memo from Village Manager John Gilbert notes there is \$1.37 available in the FY 2019 CIP fund, and the Village has a list of projects totaling \$3.52 million that need to be prioritized and funded. He said final action will be taken at the budget hearings September 11 and 25.

Under reserves, the CIP includes the \$1.53 million for buried utilities, \$25,000 for Community Center equipment, \$100,000 for Key Biscayne Community Center maintenance, \$50,000 for fire station maintenance, \$100,000 for police station maintenance and \$120,000 for playing fields.

In IT, there is \$30,000 for police software, \$20,000 for a police server and firewall and \$106,000 for a CAD system.

For maintenance, the CIP includes \$10,000 for the Community Center façade, \$15,000 for other facilities, \$5,300 for the Village Hall card and camera system, \$5,000 for tree replacement, \$100,000 for the Mashta Bridge and \$10,000 for street light poles.

In BZP and Public Works, there is the \$250,000 for beach restoration as well as \$25,000 for dune restoration; as well as a \$200,000 line for the Village Hall parking garage, although the item is listed

At a glance

The proposed FY 2019 Capital Improvements Plan includes several big projects:

- Beach restoration:** \$250,000
- New fire truck:** \$600,000
- Buried utilities reserve:** \$1.53 million

If you go

What: Council discussion on the Capital Improvements Plan
When: Tuesday, July 17 at 6 p.m.
Where: Village Council Chambers (back of the fire station)

as “to be determined.”

Finally, under Fire-Rescue, there is the \$600,000 line for a new fire truck and \$100,000 for EMS equipment.

BRIDGE

Wednesday Matinee Bridge

On Wednesday, June 27 the team of Nonie Linker and Bob Simons took first place. Helen White and Ann Ainslie were second. There was no game on the 4th of July holiday.

Wednesday Matinee Bridge meets at 1 p.m. at the Towers of Key Biscayne, 1121 Crandon Boulevard, in the card room. Call Judy Reinach at 305-361-9562 for information.

Towers Bridge

There was no game Thursday, June 28. On Thursday, July 5 Michelle Rodriguez and Briec Claire were in first place. Second place went to Ruth Foss and Bob Knecht, and Helen White and Ann Ainslie were third.

The group meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at The Towers of Key Biscayne. Call Judy Reinach at 305-361-9562 for information.



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NOTICE OF ZONING IN PROGRESS

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The Village of Key Biscayne hereby gives notice of Zoning in Progress relative to proposed revisions to the Village’s Zoning and Land Development Regulations. Amendments are being considered and may be adopted which may regulate or alternatively, prohibit medical marijuana dispensaries and other medical marijuana facilities within the Village.

Public Hearings for first and second reading of an ordinance which will either expressly prohibit or alternatively, regulate the location of medical marijuana dispensaries and other medical marijuana facilities within the Village will be publicly noticed prior to the actual meeting date. Interested parties may appear at the Public Hearings and be heard with respect to the proposed Ordinance.

Dated this 12th day of July, 2018

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Fri. Jul 13	9:23 AM	10:04 PM	2:51 AM	3:13 PM*	6:37 AM	8:14 PM	7:06 AM
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Tue. Jul 17	12:36 AM	1:01 PM	6:29 AM	6:53 PM	6:39 AM	8:13 PM	11:28 AM
Wed. Jul 18	1:27 AM	1:58 PM	7:26 AM	7:51 PM	6:40 AM	8:13 PM	12:27 PM
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Piononos makes some of the most delicious desserts – all by hand

There is no modern machinery or packaging equipment at Piononos, just a couple of ovens and a crew of dedicated bakers, many of whom have worked there for years and do everything by hand. Fruits are meticulously cut; all deserts are prepped and packaged by hand. Owner and operator Maria Luisa Benavides proudly states, “Our processes are pretty archaic, but the total focus is on creating a perfect and tasty dessert every time.” She trains the staff herself and her goal is simple: bring joy through her baking.

Piononos has its roots in Peruvian desserts but is an international bakery with influences from Spain and beyond. Their most popular delicacy is the *pavlova de fresa* (walnut meringue with dulce de leche or Nutella whipping cream and strawberry).

Customers drive from as far north as Palm Beach for the delicious deserts and what Maria Luisa calls “the Piononos” experience – excellence in baking and customer service.

They are in the Galleria Mall, 328 Crandon, Suite 217. They accept special orders and deliver. You can reach them at 786-488-

6770. They are open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. -5 p.m.

Name: Maria Luisa Benavides, proprietor and operator

Question: Where were you were born?

Answer: Lima, Perú

Q: Where do you live now?

A: For the last 24 years, my husband and partner at Piononos, Cesar Ubillus, and I have resided in Key Biscayne with our kids, Isabella, 18 and attending college in Savannah, Georgia; and Alejandro, 15, who will attend LaSalle High School.

Q: How did you get your start?

A: *Sin querer* (by accident) at home! I always had an aptitude for baking, it’s something I love. When Isabella was born, I started baking to be productive and make some money, and it turned into Piononos. This store opened six years ago.

Q: What is your “secret to success?”

A: To do something you love! Have the perseverance to succeed.

Q: What’s your proudest moment?

A: There are many, like when a customer tells you they love your desserts, and when I

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Q&A Restaurant



Maria Luisa Benavides, the matriarch and master chef at Piononos. JUSTO REY/Islander News



Maria Luisa's favorite dessert – enrollado de caramelo (flourless). Submitted



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PIONONOS

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realize how far we've come. We've built a business that supports our family and a lifestyle we enjoy, and Cesar and I get to work as a family.

Q: Any funny or embarrassing stories?

A: Not really. We have a lot of "famous" people, for example, that work on local TV, both on and off island, that love us and, in a way, help us promote the business.

Q: What do you love most about your career?

A: (Laughs) ¡comerme los dulces! (to eat the deserts we make!). There is always room for desert! Love to make it, see it, eat them!

Q: What is your favorite desert at Piononos?

A: I have two: *Enrollado de caramelo* (Caramel and Cream Roll), a flourless vanilla sponge cake filled with dulce de leche and cream. I also love *turrón de nueces*, a chewy walnut cake covered and filled with dulce de leche.

Q: What is your favorite comfort food?

A: *Tacu Tacu!* (Peruvian version of refried beans and rice). If you top it with *lomo saltado* (traditional Peruvian dish of sliced beef, hot chiles and French fries) it's fantastic.

Q: What do you like to do in your free time?

A: Spend time as a family. I love to follow cooking shows and read recipes, always looking to add



#piononosteam artisan staff that preps all deserts by hand. Photos by JUSTO REY/Islander News



Part of #piononos artisan team that preps all the deserts by hand.



Pionono desert, namesake of Piononos pastelería. Submitted

variety. I loved the original Food Channel – the traditional shows, not the contests. I also love to speak with people in the industry!

Q: What's your favorite part about working in Key Biscayne?

A: ¡Key Biscayne es lo máximo (Key Biscayne is tops)! I live



Customer-ordered Brazilian flag strawberry pavlova.

literally across the street, loved raising our kids here!

Q: What would people be surprised to know about you?

A: I'm a self-taught baker. Took one semester of schooling for this, but that's it. I like to try new things, slowly though and always *a traves de mi gusto* (through what I like).

Q: What's your advice for someone just starting?



Turrón de nueces y dulce leche.

A: *Haz lo que te apasiona* (Do something you can be passionate about). Don't get in it solely for money. We are successful now, but, like we say in Peru, I've had to *quemarme las pestañas* - don't worry about the hours, this is a lot of hard work. The American Dream exists but you have to work hard to achieve it.

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calendar

THUR./JULY 12

GROVE-KEY DEMS CLUB BBQ EAT & MEET

The Grove-Key Dems Club is hosting an Eat & Meet from 7-9 p.m. at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 3515 South Douglas Road, Coconut Grove (next to the historic cemetery). Guests can learn about the club and get to know more about the gubernatorial candidates and how to select their favorite in the primary. Find out how you can get election ready. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 786-367-6829 or email ChristinaBracken@gmail.com.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CIRCLE

Looking to practice your English or improve your English-speaking abilities? Join the Key Biscayne Branch Library's weekly conversation group from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

MOVIES AT THE VILLAGE

The free Thursday movie, *Chap-paquiddick*, will be shown at 1:30 p.m. in the Adult Lounge of the Key Biscayne Community Center.

BINGO

A Bingo game will be held at the Key Biscayne Community Center at 3 p.m.

SUMMER ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Retreat from the summer heat and enjoy your favorite ice cream flavor and a mountain of scrumptious toppings following the weekly movie matinee. The event is at 3:30 p.m. at the Key Biscayne Community Center.

TOWERS BRIDGE

Thursday night bridge at The Towers of Key Biscayne begins at 7 p.m. For reservations, call Judy Reinach at 305-361-9562.

AA WOMAN'S MEETING

This closed AA Woman's meeting is at 8 p.m. at the Key Biscayne Community Church.

RISING MOON ZEN MEDITATION

Sit in silence and quiet your mind. The session meets from 7:45-9 p.m. at Miami Meditation Center, 260 Crandon Boulevard, suite 6. The suggested donation is \$10 and instruction is provided for beginners. For more information, contact Bill at 786-218-6332 or bill@kbzen.org.

FRI./JULY 13

ROTARY CLUB

The Rotary Club of Key Biscayne meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Key Biscayne Yacht Club. Breakfast is \$17, payable at the door.

TALK, READ, SING FOR BABIES

Enjoy stories, songs and activities for babies from 11-11:40 a.m. at the Key Biscayne Branch Library.

OPEN AA SPEAKER'S MEETING

Open AA Speaker's Meeting is at 8:30 p.m. at St. Christopher's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church.

SAT./JULY 14

4OCEAN CRANDON PARK CLEAN-UP

Volunteers can help 4Ocean clean the Crandon Park Beach from 9 a.m. to noon. 4Oceanis partnering with Miami-Dade County Eco Adventures, and the cleanup is focusing on the beaches and mangrove areas around the park, as well as Bear Cut Preserve. Both Miami-Dade and 4Ocean will have education tables set up to educate the public of the ocean plastic debris crisis.

FARMER'S MARKET

The Key Biscayne Community Church Farmer's Market is from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

CHABAD SATURDAY SERVICES

Join the Chabad, 101 Harbor Drive, to celebrate good times and pray with your fellow residents during tough times. Share family yarzheits and loved ones' stories. There is a 9 a.m. Rabbi's Learning Class, 10 a.m. services and 11:45 a.m. Kiddish. The Chabad promises a friendly atmosphere, delicious kiddish and a whiskey bar. No membership is needed, and all are welcome.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Get creative and join the Key Biscayne Branch Library for some fun arts and crafts from 11-11:40 a.m.

AA OPEN DISCUSSION

AA holds an Open Discussion at 8 p.m. at Key Biscayne Presbyterian Church, 160 Harbor Drive.

SUN./JULY 15

TAI CHI/QI GONG

Free Tai Chi/Qi Gong is held from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at the second floor of the Key Biscayne Community Center.

OPEN AA BEGINNER'S MEETING

An Open AA Beginner's Meeting is in Room 120 of Village Hall at 7 p.m.

MON./JUL 16

TALKING IS TEACHING

Enjoy stories, songs and activities for toddlers from 11-11:30 p.m. at the Key Biscayne Branch Library.

CLOSED AA STEP MEETING

This Closed AA Step Meeting is at St. Christopher's By-the-Sea Episcopal Church at 8 p.m.

AL-ANON IN SPANISH

There will be an Al-Anon meeting held in Spanish every Monday at 8 p.m. at Albertson Hall in St. Agnes Church.

TUES./JUL 17

SHINE AT KBCC

Medicare advice is now available to Key Biscayne residents thanks to the Alliance for Aging's SHINE program. Every month Active

Seniors on the Key volunteers trained by the program will provide free, unbiased and confidential health insurance counseling to empower residents to make informed healthcare choices. The session is from 10 a.m.-noon at the Key Biscayne Community Center. Call 305-671-6356 for an appointment.

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CLOSED AA MEN'S MEETING

This Closed AA Men's Meeting is at 8 p.m. in Room 120 of Village Hall.

TURN STRESS INTO BLISS

Practice relaxation techniques that will improve your health, relationship and sleep and help you lose weight, restoring the body and ultimately gaining peace of mind. The program is presented by Liesbet Pryke from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Key Biscayne Library.

AL-ANON MEETING

The Al-Anon Lois Kitchen meets at the Key Biscayne Community Church at 8 p.m.

WED./JULY 18

THE CRAFTY NEEDLE SEWING GROUP

Join this group of busy bees as they make fidget blankets and aprons for those suffering from dementia and Alzheimer's disease. These blankets help focus attention, stimulate senses and memory, and exercise hand muscles. No sewing experience is needed. The group meets at 12:30 a.m. in the Adult Lounge of the Key Biscayne Community Center.

WEIGHT WATCHERS

The Key Biscayne Weight Watchers weekly meeting is at noon at the University of Miami Rosenstiel School, 4600 Rickenbacker Causeway, room 103. For more information, call Sally Brody at 305-926-8548.

MEDITATION GROUP

The Into the Silence meditation group meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at the Key Biscayne Branch Library. For information, call 305-361-6134.

CLOSED AA BIG BOOK MEETING

This Closed AA Big Book Meeting is at the Key Biscayne Community Church at 8 p.m.

WANT YOUR EVENT FEATURED HERE?

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THINGS I LOVE TO DO

Iggy Larrea What is his perfect day?

You know the feeling: The sun is shining, a breeze is blowing off the ocean and you don't have any reason to leave the island. It is, in short, a perfect day. What do you do with your perfect day on the Key? That's the question *The Islander News* is asking in our Things I Love to Do column. We caught up with Iggy Larrea, who founded and coaches Team Key Aquatics with brother Gaby and recently wrapped up another season with the Swim Fit Championships and Water Polo All-Star Game.

PERFECT DAY

Larrea savors time on the beach, enjoying the island's best food and coaching his TKA family.

START THE DAY

Fitness comes first for Larrea: he starts the day at Bear Cut Fitness for a Crossfit session, noting, "My dudes over there always push me to be better and treat me like family." After working up an appetite, he heads to The Donut Gallery for a Key Biscayne original: "Ted's Special, baby!"

PASSING TIME

Many days find Larrea at the Community Center pool: "At TKA, we're family, and nothing beats spending time with my family. It's rewarding to see our athletes come to love aquatic sports like swimming, water polo and surfing and achieve a higher level of aquatic fitness while developing their mental toughness." When he isn't coaching, his favorite activity is surfing.

END OF DAY

To close out the day, Larrea starts with the great IPA selection at Artisan Kitchen & Bar and some live music, then walks to Novecento where he finishes off the night with their Dulce De Leche Crepe with Vanilla Ice Cream. A great day ends at the beach. "A jog and swim at the Beach Club with my best friend M&M always gets the job done," he said.

SUGGESTIONS

Do you have a recipe for a perfect day on the Key, or would you like to suggest a neighbor to share the things they love to do? Email editor@islandernews.com with your suggestions.

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In the parade, float winners are Top Overall, Nicaragua; Most Patriotic, Federico Padovan, who has won the award 25 of the parade's 59 years; and Top Homemade, Calusa Club.

Judges were Major Jeff Goode and Colonel Bryan P. Hernandez. Goode joined the Air Force in 2001 and has been an F-16 pilot since 2007 and served on active duty for nearly 12 years before joining the 93rd Fighter Squadron in 2016. Hernandez is currently Command Inspector General, U.S. Southern Command; and recently served as Chief of Staff, Office of Security Cooperation, Iraq, in the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad.

For our full 4th of July photo gallery, visit islandernews.com



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KEY COLONY I

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343 TOTALLY REMODELED, OCEANFRONT 3/3 SLOPE UNIT! Raised ceilings, new kitchen with Viking appliances. Marble floors, recessed lightning and built-in sound system in entertainment areas. Jacuzzi/double sinks/ separate shower stall in master suite. Huge laundry room with enormous amounts of storage! \$1,895,000. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

405. OVERSIZED, 1,724 sq.ft. 2/2 +DEN, unit with East exposure and views to the gardens and ocean. Split bedroom plan offers maximum privacy. Huge master suite has room for sleeping area plus sitting room/ office. Hardwood floors throughout entertainment areas. \$849,000. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

927. 2/2 SPLIT BEDROOM PLAN for maximum privacy. High floor unit with views to the ocean and bay. Flexible floor plan offers numerous possibilities. \$749,000. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

KEY COLONY III

241. South side, 2/2 unit with views to the gardens and pool area. Tile floors. Large Terrace. Bright, sunny and private location. Priced to sell \$725,000. **Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

KEY COLONY IV

231. REDUCED TO \$798,000. Totally remodeled 2/2 plus den/office unit. Separate laundry room, marble floors, facing south. **Rocio Granados: 305.586.8380**

474. Remodeled 3/2 apartment with marble floors throughout. New bathrooms and top of the line kitchen. \$919,000. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

KEY ISLANDER

310. Charming 1/1 in beautifully maintained and newly renovated boutique building. Unit features tile floor throughout. Building has a pool and elevator. South exposure offering an abundance of natural light. Short walk to beach, shopping and restaurants. Fully furnished. Owner may have pet up to 20 pounds. \$339,000. **Maureen & Emma Jauregui: 305.798.3124 | 786.201.1707**

312. Cozy and bright 1/1 unit. Tile flooring throughout, upgraded kitchen and bathroom. New A/C unit, sunny southern exposure overlooking the pool. Low expenses and convenient location close to beach, shopping and restaurants. \$324,900. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

LE PHARE

27. Totally redone 2/1.5 two-story condo. Slate and wood floors, open granite kitchen, impact panels, huge private patio opens to gardens, pool and gazebo. Washer/dryer. 2 large dogs OK for owners and renters. Walk to beach, shops, CVS, restaurants, State Park, Village Green, etc. \$455,000. **www.KariMadera.com | Kari Madera: 305.439.3998**

MAR AZUL

7BS. REDUCED TO \$1,399,000. Beautiful 3/3 unit in desired Mar Azul condominium. Marble floors, fantastic view of the ocean, extra large storage. 2,523 sq.ft. Remodeled, a true gem. 3 Parking spaces. **Rocio Granados: 305.586.8380**

OCEAN CLUB CABANAS

112. Tile floors, spiral staircase to the loft, sliding glass doors and 2 stainless steel GE Monogram refrigerators. Views of ocean and gardens. Perfect addition as a guest house, home office, or relaxing place to BBQ and entertain. Only steps to the beach. *Cabanas can only be sold to Ocean Club Owners* \$450,000. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

508 Located in front of Ocean Tower One. Finished with marble flooring throughout and updated kitchen. Large terrace ideal to enjoy and entertain, just steps away from the beach. *Cabanas can only be sold to Ocean Club Owners* \$220,000. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

OCEAN CLUB-CLUB TOWER I & II

I - 706 3/4.5 + DEN/OFFICE, with ocean, bay, sunset, lighthouse and garden views! Contemporary interior features wood floors, recessed lighting, custom soffits, upgraded bathroom fixtures, built -in closets and much more. Bright, open floor plan. Immaculate condition. Shows like a model. \$2,675,000. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

I - PH6. Beachfront corner PENTHOUSE. 3 Bedrooms, 4.5 baths + den and maid's. Glass staircase leads up to magnificent 21st floor rooftop terrace with glass enclosed family room; office, jacuzzi deck PLUS separate sun deck. Panoramic views of beach, bay, Coconut Grove, Coral Gables, Downtown and South Beach. \$3,950,000. **Kari Madera: 305.439.3998 | www.KariMadera.com**

II - 404. 3/4.5 split floor plan unit with garden, pool, lake and city views. Flowthrough unit with plenty of light and sunshine. Two balconies. Amenities include 1,000 sq.ft. of beach, 8 lighted clay tennis courts, spa, gym, volley ball court, children's play ground, beach bar and grill, 9 swimming pools and one gourmet restaurant. \$2,100,000. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

OCEAN CLUB-OCEAN TOWER I

908. High floor, 3/4.5 + family room, CORNER unit with views to the ocean, bay, sunsets, lighthouse and park. Spacious 3,011 sq.ft. Floor plan has been modified to include a larger housekeeper's suite with private bath. Marble floors, built-in wall units/ office, built-in closets, recessed lighting and much more. \$2,895,000. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

OCEAN CLUB-RESORT VILLA I & II

II - 507 Bright, 2/2 unit with tropical views to the gardens, lake, tennis courts and a peek of the ocean. Split bedroom floor plan. Marble floors throughout entertainment areas. Amenities include 1000 ft. of beach, 8 lighted clay tennis courts, spa, gym, volleyball court, children's playground, beach bar & grill, 9 swimming pools and one gourmet restaurant. True resort living! \$899,000. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Nilda Cue: 305.775.3426 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

OCEAN LANE PLAZA

511. Spacious 2/2 unit. Light and airy. Balcony can be accessed from living room and both bedrooms. New washer/dryer, new dishwasher and new range. Amenities include beach path, pool, barbeque area, gym and more. Allow 24 notice to show. **Anne Kramer: 305.519.8456**

OCEAN VILLAGE

4020. Corner 2/2 apartment! South facing unit with views to the gardens. Bright, sunny location. \$550,000. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

TOWERS OF KEY BISCAYNE- "" Crandon Blvd-

C-507. Ocean, State Park and bay views from this designer finished and spacious corner unit. No expense spared in creating this tropical yet modern oasis. State of the art open kitchen with custom cabinetry, quartz counter tops and high-end stainless steel appliances. Porcelain tile floors. Exquisite high-end details include seamless doors, Italian light fixtures, glass doors and custom built closets. \$1,239,000. **www.TowersC507.com | Maureen Jauregui & Emma Jauregui: 305.798.3124 | 786.201.1707**

OCEANFRONT RESIDENCES

307. Rare opportunity to own a place in a quiet updated oceanfront building, spacious contemporary design, floor to ceiling impact glass windows, great living room, open Snaidero kitchen. Two private master bedrooms in-suite! large balcony to enjoy views of ocean and tropical garden, maintenance include all resort style amenities. Watch virtual tour. \$875,000. **Maria Teresa Jarque: 305.613.6151**

TOWERS OF KEY BISCAYNE- "" Crandon Blvd-

D1205. Beautiful, panoramic ocean and state park views from all rooms. Ceramic tile flooring, large terrace, and split bedroom plan make this a very desirable penthouse apartment. Just steps from the beach, pools, and gourmet restaurant. \$749,500. **Maureen Jauregui & Emma Jauregui: 305.798.3124 | 786.201.1707**

F704. PRICE REDUCED. Beautiful and upgraded 1/1.5 with gorgeous views of Bay and partial Ocean. Ceramic tile and wood flooring. Over 1,000 sq.ft. of living space. \$519,000. **Harold Clinton Archambault: 305.439.4629**

ISLAND HOMES

435 GLENRIDGE RD. Almost 3,000 sq.ft. of island home with 4 bd (3 with en-suite baths). All tile floors. Dining/living/ family room open to oversized yard of 7,836 sq. ft. Space to build pool. Maid's room. On sewer, extra wide parking area, 1 block from Village Green, Community Center, Elementary School, etc. Beach Club. \$1,590,000. **Kari Madera: 305.439.3998 | Rocio Granados: 305.586.8380**

390 GULF RD. Beautiful oversized corner lot home located at the prestigious Holiday Colony area. Elevated 2-story home with 4 bedrooms. Elegant finishes, modern flooring, top of the line appliances and a gas stove, remodeled bathrooms. Expansive white wood pool deck surrounded by luscious landscaping. Enclosed 2 garage connected to the house. Great location on the East side of Crandon Blvd. 3 blocks away from the Ocean. \$2,995,000. **Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426 | Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900**

COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

604 CRANDON BLVD. \$60psf.NNN. Unit of 1,055 sq.ft. located in the Key Biscayne Shopping Center, on the 2nd floor near Winn Dixie. Currently built out as a pediatrician's office. Open parking, high visibility, heavy traffic center. Available immediately. **Thania Vernon: 305.582.3761**

RENTALS

SEASONAL RENTALS

COMMODORE CLUB SOUTH #1114. Gorgeous 2 BD corner apartment with views of bay, city and ocean. Furnished. \$4,500/mo. **Geraldine Morales: 305.753.6308**

KEY COLONY I #1223. 2-Story penthouse beautifully remodeled with marble floors. 3/3 + Laundry room and gorgeous ocean and bay views. Available from 6/4/18 to 12/4/18. \$5,500/mo. **Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

290 SUNRISE DR #208. SEASONAL OR ANNUAL. Beautifully furnished and remodeled 2/2 unit, Newport look, available now. Walk to beach, restaurants, shopping and community center. No pets. Annual: \$2,600/mo. Seasonal: \$2,800/mo. One-month: \$3,200/mo. **Ivette Thomas: 786.597.1898**

ANNUAL RENTALS

COMMODORE. CLUB WEST #1202. Panoramic views of ocean, Crandon park and the Miami skyline from this spacious 1/1.5 Penthouse unit. Beautiful, move-in condition. Tile floors throughout. Offered fully furnished \$2,900/mo. Annual or Seasonal. **Maureen & Emma Jauregui: 305.798.3124 | 786.201.1707**

KEY COLONY I #442. 2/2 Split plan apartment with tropical views to the gardens, beach and fountains. Oceanfront pool. Unfurnished, \$4,400/mo. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

KEY COLONY I #927. Best Views in the complex! Unfurnished 2/2 with direct views of beach, pool, bay, gardens. White eat-in kitchen opens to living and dining. Master bath double sinks/separate shower and jacuzzi. Large laundry room. Both bedrooms open onto large preferred south side balcony. \$4,900/mo. **Rocio Granados: 305.586.8380 | Kari Madera: 305.439.3998**

KEY COLONY II #1122. Bright and sunny 2/2 unfurnished. Recently remodeled with tiled flooring in social areas and master bedroom. Southern exposure with views of the Ocean, bay and pool. Available 7/01/18. \$4,680/mo. **Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

KEY COLONY III #444. SPECIAL CORNER UNIT SLOPE! Renovated 2/2 unit with marble floors throughout. New bathrooms and top of the line kitchen. No details have been spared. Enjoy the wonderful views from the oversized Terrace! \$5,300/mo. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

KEY COLONY III #445. New Listing!! Prime 2/2+den slope unit with unobstructed panoramic views of the city, gardens and sunsets. Exquisitely remodeled with marble flooring, custom lighting, top of the line kitchen with granite counter-tops and stainless steel appliances. New bathrooms and finished closets. Beautiful views and sunsets from the spacious 443 sq.ft. slope terrace. \$5,300/mo. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

KEY COLONY III #604. Contemporary design with open kitchen. Renovated. 3/3 with office area. 2 Assigned parking spaces. 2000+sq.ft. Hard surface flooring throughout. Views to the ocean, tennis courts and lush foliage. Excellent condition. \$6200/mo. **Kim Haug: 305-975-7570**

KEY COLONY III #741. Renovated corner slope, 3/3 with unobstructed SW views. Additional detached 130 sq.ft. room with full bath. Bright and private unit with 2,328 sq.ft. A/C plus wraparound terrace. Jerusalem and Bamboo flooring. One of the best views of Key Biscayne. Unfurnished. \$8,400/mo. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

MARAZUL 7BS. Remodeled and unfurnished 3/3 unit. Fantastic views of ocean, 3 parking spaces and large storage. \$6,000/mo. **Rocio Granados: 305.586.8380**

OCEAN CLUB-CLUB TOWER I #702. Prime, 2/2.5 unit with views to the ocean, bay, park, lighthouse and sunsets. Open kitchen, marble floors. Immaculate condition!. Unfurnished and available now. \$7,200/mo. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

OCEAN CLUB-LAKE TOWER I #PH-1. Enjoy all the amenities of Ocean Club living. 3/4 Penthouse residence with 3,112 sq.ft. and 2 prime parking spaces. Marble floors throughout. **Carla Defortuna: 305.606.6629**

OCEAN CLUB-LAKE VILLA I #507. Beautiful 3/3 apartment with 2,174 sq.ft. of living space and a large terrace. Marble floors throughout, galley kitchen with breakfast nook and laundry room. Each bedroom has its own bathroom. Master bedroom has oversized Jacuzzi tub. Available 8/20/18. \$7,200/mo. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

OCEAN CLUB-RESORT VILLA I #306. Tropical views over the lake, gardens and fountains. 2/2 Unit with tile floors throughout, huge balcony, southwest exposure which provides plenty of light and sunshine. Resort style amenities include: Clubhouse, meeting room, one gourmet restaurant, a beach side bar and grill, 9 pools, spa, fitness, tennis, playground and beach. Available 8/01/18. \$4,300/mo. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

OCEAN CLUB-RESORT VILLA I #406. Tropical views over the lake, gardens and fountains. South West exposure provides plenty of light and sunshine. Tile floors in entertainment areas, huge balcony. \$4,300/mo. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

KEY ISLANDER #310. Beach chic fully furnished 1/1 unit in a beautifully renovated boutique building. Just steps to the ocean, pool, beach park, shops and more. Available immediately. \$2,100/mo. **Maureen Jauregui & Emma Jauregui: 305.798.3124 | 786.201.1707**

OFF ISLAND RENTALS

BRICKELL PLACE #B1708. Updated a corner 2/2 unit with 1,660 sq.ft. Eat-in kitchen nook/office area. Tiles floors throughout. Updated baths and kitchen. Beautiful views to Biscayne Bay and Key Biscayne. Covered assigned parking. Close to Downtown, Coral Gables and Grove without city congestion. Great alternative to Key Biscayne. \$3,400/mo. U/A ONLY. **Kim Haug: 305.975.7570**



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