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KEY RETIREMENT

A lasting legacy



Fire chief, police officer, public works director, village manager: John Gilbert did it all during his public service career.

written by **Kelly Josephsen**
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photo by **the Village**

Village Manager John Gilbert helped build Key Biscayne services from the ground up

If it hadn't been for competition from war-tested pilots. If it hadn't been for a hiring freeze that stopped an FBI training program in its tracks. If it hadn't been for a rule that Miami employees had to be 21 to drive city vehicles. If it hadn't been for all these things, John Gilbert might not have helped

start Key Biscayne's fire department, might not have become its chief, might not be retiring at the end of the month having reached the pinnacle of local government as Village Manager. But Gilbert's career and legacy is not one of "if it hadn't been." It is one of recognizing opportunities, using them to the fullest,

and seeing, always, what could be and working hard to make it so.

"I'm not where I'm at because I didn't use all of the life experiences and opportunities I was given," Gilbert said. "But when I look at my career as moments in time when I was introduced to oppor-

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5 THINGS TO KNOW

Scientist Project
1 Join the Citizen Scientist Project tonight at 7 for a lecture by Margaret Miller, Research Director for SCORE International, at the Community Center Lighthouse Room.

Lunch with Author
2 Lunch with an Author is at noon today in the Community Center Island Room with speaker Carlos J. Perkinson.

Beach cleanup
3 Miami Seaquarium hosts a beach cleanup Saturday from 8-10 a.m. at Historic Virginia Key Beach. All participants get free admission to the park.

Beach workshop
4 The Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center hosts a discussion on fecal matter in beaches today at 5:30 pm

Free concert
5 The Winter Concert Committee presents a free classical music concert by the Sunday at 5 p.m. in the Community Center Island Room.



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YOUR QUESTION ANSWERED

Can the Village do anything about seaweed on the beach?



Question answered by **ANDREA AGHA**

We've held our nose, complained, tried to find a clear path into the water – but is there anything we can do about all that seaweed on the beach?

The short answer is yes. The longer answer is it will cost money, time and resources, which local leaders directed Agha to include in the proposed budget they will review for the fiscal year starting October 1.

This Labor Day, seaweed was 5 feet deep in spots. The beach cleaning vendor's usual techniques failed to address the issue, and even with five pieces of equipment and two expert employees onsite, problems persisted. Crews aren't allowed

to bury seaweed in the dunes or put it behind the dune line, and berries in the seaweed that contain hydrogen sulfide began to smell.

Agha outlined her plan at the Council's first budget hearing September 11 to address the heavy seaweed deposits that have plagued the community this summer – a final vote is set for September 25 – suggesting four steps and providing annual cost figures based on pricing in the existing beach cleaning contract:

- Weekend maintenance (currently the beach is cleaned Monday-Friday): \$50,000
- Sand sifting, i.e. using hand tools to pick up trash: \$50,000
- A second cleaning at high tide: \$19,500
- Remove seaweed and dispose of it off-island for three heavy events a year, the number sug-

gested by Village beach expert Tim Blankenship: \$170,000

All said, that would add \$290,000 a year to the current \$186,000 contract, according to Agha.

Local leaders offered support – “I am all for that,” said Council member Luis de la Cruz. “We need to take care of our beach problem. Right now it's the biggest problem we have” – but suggested removing the sand sifting. Council member Allison McCormick noted there's a grassroots effort to pick up trash on the beach, and it seems to be working.

That would take the potential added cost down to \$240,000, and Agha is looking at piggybacking off a Miami Beach seaweed removal contract to get a lower price.

She stressed her proposal

commits to a level of service, not a specific vendor or pricing, and promised more details September 25.

Others agreed the plan is the best way to address the problem. Public Works Director Jake Ozyman remarked, “There are a number of things that can be done to keep the level of resort quality, but that comes at a cost, and we have to have the service seven days a week.”

Andrea Agha is Key Biscayne Village Manager.

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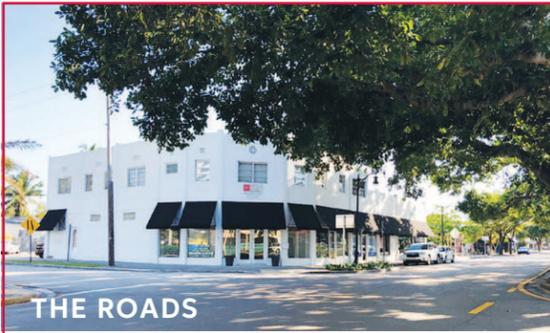


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tunities, I never thought I would get to this place.

“I never thought I’d be watching a building be constructed that would be a \$25 million fire loss. I never thought starting a new fire department would lead to an internationally-recognized service. I never thought I’d take 78 individuals to New York City on September 12. I owe a lot to this community and the friends who have supported me, and I hope I never let them down.”

A fateful classified ad

Before all that, Gilbert had a dream many young men entertain: He wanted to be a pilot. “What stopped me was timing,” he said. “There were military operations in the Far East, and pilots with military experience were coming out in droves. They were the ones getting the jobs.”

He looked to another interest: law enforcement. He met with FBI recruiters, and after graduating in 1971 headed to Washington D.C., started FBI training, enrolled at Georgetown and began his new life. Then, a Nixon-era program dubbed Whip Inflation Now took effect, freezing all new government programs: “We were all put on a screeching halt.”

Gilbert went home to Miami for the holidays, and as the new year of 1972 dawned, a classified ad for the Miami Fire Department caught his eye because of its pay: a hefty \$727 per month. “I’m



Bill Huddleston and John Gilbert started the Key Biscayne Fire-Rescue Department as Chief and Deputy Chief. Photo courtesy VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAZYNE

floored by how much money that is, and I’m more floored by the fact that my father is a firefighter for the City of Miami, and he’s never said a word to me,” Gilbert recalled.

His dad’s reason? He didn’t want to be an undue influence. Had it been a quiet effort to have his son follow in his footsteps, it worked: “I joined the fire service,” Gilbert said. “But I told the chiefs that interviewed me, ‘As soon as I turn 21 I’m going to transfer to the police department.’”

Why wait? Miami employees weren’t allowed to drive City vehicles until age 21. A firefighter doesn’t have to drive the truck. A cop is nowhere without his squad

car.

The best of two worlds

As it turned out, Gilbert had landed in the perfect place.

He spent nine years running fire-rescue calls, and it took a toll. “I was taking it home with me. I had terrible sleep habits. When I started getting a little short, I knew I was approaching burnout.”

Fortunately, a new opportunity emerged. It was the era of the Mariel Boatlift, and anti-Castro extremists were shaking the city with dozens of bombings. Calle Ocho was terrorized by pipe bomb threats at Latin travel agencies, and other high-profile locations were targeted as well.

The Miami Fire Department needed to create an investigative unit to address the violence, and they looked to Gilbert to be part of it. “I actually wore a gun as a fireman for 15 years; I was sent on bomb training, I got to go undercover,” he said. “We saw so many crazy things.”

He later segued to supervisory roles, and then retired from the City. But he was far from done: North Miami Beach recruited Gilbert for its police department to help start a SWAT medic program similar to one he helped form in Miami. It was rewarding work that he enjoyed – but then he got a call from a friend that would change the trajectory of his career.

Starting something new

“My first exposure to Key Biscayne was as a cop,” Gilbert said. “I got a call from one of the detectives in North Miami Beach saying, ‘Do you know Key Biscayne is hiring certified police officers and firefighters for a combined public safety unit?’ The next day I got off duty and drove down.”

He met with HR Director Carolyn Greaves, now retired. She asked Gilbert if he could have an application in by 5 p.m. – her deadline was fast approaching – and he did just that.

However, fate would again intervene: Key residents voted to form a fire department, and the combined police/fire option was eliminated. However, Gilbert’s future with the Village was not: a former Miami fire leader named Bill Huddleston stepped up to become the founding chief on the Key, and, “He called and asked,

‘Would you like to help me start a new fire department?’” I said, ‘Absolutely,’” Gilbert recalled.

Huddleston started May 17, 2003; Gilbert, sequestered in a safe house with North Miami Beach SWAT to ride out the trial of William Lozano, a cop charged with killing a motorcyclist, joined him a week later. “On May 24, we didn’t have answers – we had challenges,” he said. “We had until October 1 to take over all fire activities – building, equipment, personnel, training.”

Gilbert and Huddleston convened in the office of then-Manager Sam Kissinger. “He showed me the office setup, with two secluded offices and one reception office,” he recalls. “We each went into an office and closed the door. We knew he was going to take care of the administrative side and I was going to take control of the operational side. We never said a word.”

Deputy Chief Gilbert and Chief Huddleston soon gained more than an uncanny ESP: an essential ally. Then-Council member Cliff Brody, a crucial advocate for starting Key Biscayne Fire-Rescue, offered to bring in one of his star employees to help with the startup. Years later, Conchita Alvarez – having proven herself invaluable time and time again – would retire from the Key having not only helped set up its fire department, but having served as its Village Clerk.

Bottom line, Gilbert said, “It was the right personalities, the right understanding of what needed to be done, and not wanting to blow a golden opportunity.”

They put plans in place, hired seasoned officers and a mix of experienced and new firefighter-paramedics, and as the calendar turned to October 1, 1993, the Key had its own fire department.

Trials and triumphs

The early years did bring challenges. “We had a medical run involving a child, and it didn’t go as smoothly as we would like because of not enough familiarization to the gated communities,” Gilbert said. “The child survived, but listening to the tapes, there was high anxiety.”

The parents and others sounded an alarm: Should the Key have stuck with Miami-Dade service?

A fire call also tested the new team. As the Ocean Club condo was being built, a small trash fire sparked in its parking garage. It spread quickly, and soon flames were consuming the tower.

It was the first time Key Biscayne activated aid agreements with the City and County, and the blaze led to that \$25 million loss Gilbert recalls so vividly. “The developer said that with a building under-construction, everything afterwards – every crack – is seen as a result of the fire, so they made the decision to implode the building. It was a very spectacular ending.”

Gilbert and Huddleston worked through the challenges and gained trust by being transparent – in the early days, they’d stand before Council with full-blown after-action reports on major calls – and by being present, staying and checking with

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Community Foundation steps up to offer additional water testing

written by **Kelly Josephsen**
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The frequent no-swim advisories at area beaches are a big concern for residents – and local leaders are taking action to get to the source of the problem.

At a September 11 Village Council budget hearing, both of the Village’s candidates for Mayor, Council member Luis de la Cruz and former Vice Mayor Mike Davey, weighed in on the issue of recent “no-swim advisories” due to enterococci bacteria in the water.

De la Cruz brought up the discussion, pointing to advisories at Crandon Park beaches and the Key Biscayne Beach Club in recent months. “It isn’t getting better – it’s getting worse,” he said.

De la Cruz said he reached out to a scientist at the University of Miami Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science, and he’d like Village Manager Andrea Agha to find an expert who can test the water and “get to the bottom of where the bacteria is coming from.”

He noted there are plenty of theories – he’s heard a lot of residents talking about sewer leaks, for example – but no official an-

swers from the authorities. “We need a scientist’s opinion, and we need more frequent water testing readings than we’re getting from the Department of Health and Miami-Dade County,” he said.

Davey suggested the Village hire a vendor to test the water or bring in a DOH official to address residents: “There are companies that can fingerprint this and determine the source,” he said.

He said theories he’s heard don’t make sense. County officials blame pet waste and septic tanks, but Davey said it isn’t reasonable to say that’s happening on the ocean side, where the closures have been, but not the bay side. Another idea – heavy seaweed on the beach is to blame – doesn’t make sense because enterococci comes from the digestive tract of warm-blooded animals.

“Not being able to swim in the water because there’s fecal matter is a pressing issue that has to be addressed,” Davey said. “Everybody seems to be punting the ball around, but we’ve got to get going on this. Let’s get it done.”

Council member Katie Petros suggested the Village hire a water testing company. Ultimately, the Key Biscayne Community

Foundation stepped up to provide more testing.

They took samples at Crandon Park, the Beach Park and a Village bayside location. Testing is underway at an independent lab

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Lions Club Oktoberfest set for Sept. 28

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It is open to the public and features all-you-can-eat-and-drink bratwurst, sauerkraut, potato salad, German beer and wine and more. Food will be served until 10 p.m.

Guests will also enjoy Oktoberfest music.

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Today's Lunch with an Author features short stories in English and Spanish

written by **Rod Coffee**
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Making people think is the goal of this month's guest speaker at the community center's Lunch with an Author series, as Carlos Perkinson presents his latest book entitled: *50 Short Stories* in both Spanish and English today at noon in the Island Room.

Born in Venezuela, the 62-year-old Key resident has written three books while balancing a completely different career. "I'm a mechanical engineer and I have a master's in information systems, but I have been writing since I was 14 years old," Perkinson said. "I started writing because I need to express myself. I try to make people think and get people to see information in a different way

with more empathy. "

Determined to see the world from many angles, the author wants readers to be more than just entertained by his work: "I don't write to make people feel good, I write to make people think."

In *50 Short Stories*, he observes many different scenarios to which he believes everyone can relate. "You take a situation and you see the attitude about something and you write about it with your own interpretation," he said. "It's universal and it applies to all, it's more humankind. It's the way you approach life."

Perkinson came to the United States seven years ago with his wife, Sonia, and children Alberto and Isabella. He immediately saw the benefits of living in the Village. "I love it. It's a really nice place to raise kids," he said. "I

came to Key Biscayne because my country was a mess and I was fed up," he said. "My father is from Oklahoma, so I am a U.S. citizen."

Life on Key Biscayne has been good for the engineer-turned-author, who owns his own software company called Amazing Global. He is looking forward to presenting his book of short stories at the community center. Key Biscayne Community Center: "I have done a lot of presentation in my professional life, but this is the first time I will present my book in

public," he said.

When Perkinson isn't creating software codes or writing prose, he keeps busy enjoying his new surroundings and trying to keep in shape mentally, physically and spiritually. "I like walking on the beach, talking to friends, walking in Crandon Park and going to No Name Harbor," he said. "It's nice. Everything here is near to you."

"I do Yoga and Jujitsu," he added. "It's something for the spirit and something for the fight - it's keeping balance."

Woman's Club kicks off season with fundraising lunch at Randazzo's

The Key Biscayne Woman's Club is holding its first fundraising luncheon of the season at Randazzo's in The Galeria, 328 Crandon Boulevard, suite 112 Thursday, October 4. The event starts at 11.30 a.m.

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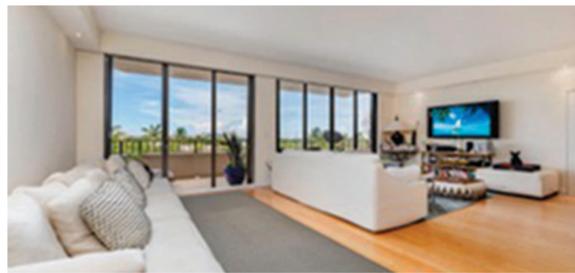
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opinion

Is it all about the beaches?



Editorial by *Islander News* Publisher
JUSTO REY

We are in the midst of political races and election season. Between now and November 6, all the issues confronting our island will be discussed, batted around, argued about, solutions offered and some politicized.

Many we are familiar with: traffic, underground utilities, parking or lack thereof, Community Center, entry lot, drainage system, beach erosion, golf carts driving up and down on Crandon (they are not supposed to), a new library – and you might even hear, as a local bartender recently told me, about the dark side of Key Biscayne.

They are all important issues for sure. However, on a recent Saturday, while swimming at Bill Baggs State Park, looking at our beloved lighthouse, *el farito*, it dawned on me that nothing, nothing, threatens our island’s way of life and economic foundation more than the beaches and waterfront. Think about it from this perspective.

- The Lighthouse
- The Beach Club
- Beach Park
- Yacht Club

These are four iconic landmarks on Key Biscayne. What do they all have in common?

Recently, our friend and *Islander* Guest Commentator Raul Llorente wrote an article with a headline, “Kill the causeway and we perish,” referring to a recent event which closed access to the island for most of the day. Hyperbole or not, we ask ourselves, could the same be said about our beaches and waterfront?

Could anything affect home values in Key Biscayne more than threats to our beaches, ocean or waterfront?

The recent and frequent beach closures and their associated negative impact are a vivid reminder that of all the issues related to our beaches – erosion, infected waters, sea level rise, drainage and related flood vulnerability, especially during high tide – are real. We must bring and maintain those discussions front and center and work with whomever we need to in order to find solutions to this problem.

There is good news. I know our two Mayoral candidates; Luis de la Cruz and Michael Davey, share this concern. Village Manager Andrea Agha has this item on her to-do list. Many residents are talking freely about this. The Miami Waterkeeper organization is holding an event today, September 20, at the Biscayne Nature Center. Antonio Camejo, President of the Key Biscayne Condo Presidents Council, an active civic organization representing condo owners and residents, told me recently they are planning a post-election symposium on the issue of sea level rise. Our Key Biscayne Chamber’s Advocacy Council, chaired by Robert Duzoglou, has this as one of its primary agenda items and priorities. The Key Biscayne Community Foundation recently stepped up to provide additional water quality testing.

All of these are great, and we encourage more civic groups and our Village government to continue discussing this critical item to protect our island’s most treasured and critical resource.



3 THINGS WE WANT TO SEE HAPPEN THIS WEEK

Budget season is upon us, and this week the Council sits between its first hearing last week and its chance to finalize the document next Tuesday.

With that in mind, here are three things we’d like to see this week:

1 More specifics on big projects

The proposed budget document highlights some of the big undertakings the Council is looking at for the fiscal year ahead: underground utility planning, Key Biscayne Community Center expansion, beach restoration, Safe Routes to School, library upgrades, etc.

While all of these projects have been discussed at length in the community, many remain in that nebulous “decision pending” phase. All of them include at least some unanswered questions.

As Council members finalize their budget, we expect they’ll include not only specific line items to move forward with these projects, but a clear message to the community as to what action they can expect in the year ahead. Will Safe Routes construction finally begin? What new programs will Community Center expansion allow? How big – and where – should a new library be?

The way for all of these projects go gain public buy-in – and, in turn, be successful – is to give taxpayers details about how their dollars are spent.

2 A commitment to advanced planning

Reading through the budget proposal, we were impressed by Village Manager Andrea Agha’s suggestion to make “renewal and replacement plans” a specific part of the Capital

Improvements Plan. There are certain projects a government faces that it can’t anticipate, but many that it can.

Sidewalk cracks will need to be repaired. Fire trucks and police cars will need to be replaced. Trees will need to be trimmed. The Council can do itself – and its constituents – a favor by making a small allocation each year to plan for these projects.

It’s already doing so with MAST Academy field artificial turf replacement (set for 2021) and to eventually restore the Village Green to natural grass in about five years.

This is smart planning, and we look forward to seeing it applied more often. Just like few of us pay for our homes in one fell swoop, the Council shouldn’t expect to fund ongoing, predictable projects out of a single year’s budget.

3 Continued support for Village partners

Another part of Agha’s budget presentation we applaud is her decision to include a specific list of private groups the Village partners with to make the community a better place. Art in Public Places, Youth Engagement, Historical Society, Chamber of Commerce, Community Foundation, Trap Neuter Release Program and Active Seniors on the Key. The Village also supports events like the 4th of July Parade, Lighthouse Run, Rotary Spring Fest and July 4 Picnic.

By listing these groups in one place and noting the fact that the Village contributes over \$300,000 to their activities, Agha was able to highlight what makes Key Biscayne so special.



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USE YOUR VOICE

SEPTEMBER 25 is National Voter Registration Day! Take your kids to register. Write about it. Talk to your friends and your family about the importance of voting. Why we do it. Why it is necessary to make democracy work. Share it on social media. Talk about it over dinner.

Key Biscayne Facts

Registration

Key Biscayne Library is one of many local spots participating in efforts to make voter registration easy and convenient.

Paper forms

The library offers paper forms in English, Spanish and Creole on Tuesdays, noon – 8 p.m., and online voter registration; and will mail the form to the Election Supervisor at no charge.

Year-round

Public libraries offer voter registration and don't require a library card or membership to register!

Miami-Dade Facts

Many options

The County offers many ways to register: public libraries, MiamiDade.gov/elections, by mail, all DMV locations, state public assistance agencies (call 305-499-8363), at the Election Department, 2700 Northwest 87th Avenue.

Updates

- It is important to update your registration after a move or name change.
- Remember to update your signature every four years!

Florida State Facts

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Florida is one of 35 states with online registration with a valid government issued ID and your Social Security number.

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Counties in Florida, each with its own Election Department and rules for registration. Reach out to your County's Election Department for more information.

Online

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Advice on Aging

Our veterans – the other seniors



H. FRANCES REAVES

Fort Leonard Wood, outside of St. Louis, Missouri, was where my cousin graduated from Army boot camp. She had joined the elite M.P. unit and is training in the Crime Investigation Division (CID).

I was honored to be invited, and joined her mother (a retired Army General), her father (a retired Army Colonel), and her grandmother (a retired General's wife). For two days we were surrounded by patriotism and pride in our country and its warriors.

During this time I saw many seniors...most of them veterans. Because I can't help myself, I would approach some of these men and ask if they had heard of Veterans Aid & Attendance. Not one said yes! This is infuriating to me, but before I go crazy with exclamation marks, let me explain "Vets Aid & Attendance."

This program resides within the Veterans Administration, which allows veterans who served during wartime to receive up to \$2,200 for care when they become ill. It also allows a widow of the vet to receive up \$1,100 a month if she becomes ill.

Ill is defined as impairment of two of your seven "Activities of Daily Living (ADL)." An ADL is defined as cooking, eating, showering, toiletry...the regular things we do easily when we're healthy. In other words, if you served in the Armed Forces during wartime, you are eligible for benefits from the VA should you become ill.

Yet, none of the vets I talked to were aware of this! Why? Because the VA doesn't inform them.

A Vietnam Vet who is a client of Parent Your Parents had no

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Key Cosmetic Concerns

Don't choose the cheap option when it comes to injectables such as Botox



DR. MICHAEL KELLY

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Answer: Dentists fix teeth. Gynecologists work down under. Family practitioners do checkups. None of them are trained in facial anatomy. None of them do surgery of the face. None of them have been trained in Botox or fillers beyond the classic "weekend course." And most don't know how to treat the complications of these products, nor do they know how to treat people with normal anatomic asymmetries and variations.

So why do they do it? Money. Every specialty wants to increase their revenue in an era when insurance payments are decreasing.

But just because they can legally do it doesn't mean that they are the best trained to do it. I delivered babies in medical school, but you wouldn't want me to be your obstetrician. Injectables are

neither simple nor are they risk free. Nerve injuries, skin necrosis and blindness have all occurred here in Miami as complications of these "simple procedures."

There is always someone willing to do it cheaper, but is that who you want to entrust to inject your face? In experienced hands, these are wonderful products that have transformed our specialty. Many problems that previously were correctable only through surgery and some that were not correctable at all can now be fixed with a 10-minute injection. They are

About Dr. Kelly

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amazing. But in the wrong hands, like everything else in medicine, they can lead to a disaster. The only good news is your problems aren't permanent, and they can

be corrected. Unfortunately, that's not always the case. At the end of the day, don't risk your face to save a few bucks, it's not worth it.

REAVES

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idea he had extra money coming to him because of his service in the U.S. Navy. He has been going to the VA for medical care since he left the service, but not one person there informed him of the Vets Aid & Attendance benefits.

Today, his family can rest easy because of the monthly stipend he will receive to assist with his care.

When you know someone has served in the U.S. military and are ailing, ask them to contact Parent Your Parents. We owe our veterans, and it's a mission within Parent Your Parents to find resources where they exist - for all our clients.

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.

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Tax rate is up to 3.25 for now – but Council may go with 3.0

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Local leaders temporarily set a higher tax rate of 3.25 at their first budget hearing September 11, allowing flexibility to raise taxes but only if it's clear a legitimate need exists. They'll decide at a final hearing Tuesday, September 25 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Vice Mayor Frank Caplan made the motion for a 3.25 rate, but he and others said they may keep the 3.0 rate on which Village Manager Andrea Agha based her proposed budget.

Going to 3.25 would add about \$2.5 million in revenue, and Caplan noted, "We just added about 27 items that are expensive, and we have not touched the Capital Improvements Plan."

Caplan said the rate is purely a mathematical question of what will cover operational and capital needs. "Don't misunderstand my



suggestion to be a predicate on how I will vote on millage," he said. "If the numbers come back and support 3.0, that's where it's going to be for me."

Once the Council sets a tax rate it its first budget hearing, it can lower it at the second hearing, but raising it takes a complicated and expensive process. Several local leaders said that's why they agreed to the higher rate September 11, and they'll look for ways to stay at 3.0: "We just have to sharpen our pencils for the next time," said Council member Luis de la Cruz.

Mayor Mayra Pena Lindsay said, "I don't think we added enough projects to justify an increase, and bigger projects haven't even gone

through the Request for Proposal phase;" Council member Katie Petros added, "I'm much closer philosophically to keeping our rate the same."

Agha's proposed \$34.1 million budget covers operating costs via \$34.5 million in revenues, but she said the proposed CIP "is not comprehensive of all our wishes" – it covers contractually-obligated project and a renewal and replacement program for scheduled expenditures.

That includes the balance of a buried utilities master plan contract (\$450,000), matching funds for a Safe Routes to School grant (\$145,000), lighting the Key Biscayne K-8 Center ballfield and court (\$375,000) the renewal and replacement program (\$750,000), acquisition of the Village Hall parking lot (\$1.4 million) and pump station upgrades (\$350,000).

Not funded are Community Center expansion plans, entry

block acquisition, a new fire truck, Mastha Bridge maintenance, beach and dune restoration, and 530 Crandon development, though the Council asked Agha to return the 530 Crandon project to the CIP for the second hearing.

Even at that, there is a funding deficit. Agha said options for closing it include deferring projects, using the Working Capital Reserve line, financing, raising the millage rate, or a mix of those.



Become a PerSister (or brother) at Saturday meeting

One of the many positive effects of technology is the ease of making connections.

That's what happened over a year ago when Vanessa Espino reached out to friends to start a WhatsApp group to exchange opinions and ideas and get informed about our complex and often confusing politics. The PerSisters have grown to over 100 participants, together creating articles, opinion pieces, information about upcoming events, fundraisers for various causes and more.

What technology lacks is being added in a PerSisters meeting Saturday from 10:30 a.m. - noon at the Key Biscayne Community Center. Meeting face-to-face, learning about new technology, and making connections between phone numbers, faces and issues discussed on the chat is the focus.

Along with voter registration and candidate information, the meeting will let all PerSisters (and brothers) learn specifics about volunteer opportunities and new technology to engage, get information about upcoming ballot amendments, etc. Organizers say the best part of the meeting will be experiencing that jolt of energy that comes from filling a room with ideas and initiative.

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Get Election Ready at upcoming Mayoral, Council candidate forums

There are a pair of Mayoral debates and a Village Council Candidates Forum coming up for residents to learn about the candidates prior to Election Day November 6.

The Islander News and Key Biscayne Chamber of Commerce host a Village Council Candidates Forum Thursday, October 4 from 6-8 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Islander News Publisher Justo Rey said, "We are thrilled to help voters make an educated decision in these important elections. Whether they join us live or by watching on TV, we're confident residents will get the information they need to make their choices."

Chamber Chair Paola Padovan said, "The Key Biscayne Chamber of Commerce is very excited to present these events in conjunction with *The Islander News*. This is a great opportunity for our community to come together and listen to the candidates' stances on the very important issues affecting our community."

Candidates Jeffrey Gonzalez, Luis Lauro, Ed London, Ignacio Seguro and Tony Winton are all invited to share their views on the issues with the public.

The Islander and Chamber are also sponsoring a Mayoral Debate Thursday, October 11 from 6-8 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Candidates Mike Davey and Luis de la Cruz will debate the issues impacting the Village.

Both will be televised on government TV stations.

The Key Biscayne Bar Association will host a Mayoral Debate Tuesday, October 16 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The debate is open to the public and will be followed by a meet and greet with the candidates. The debate will be televised on Key Biscayne Public Access Channel 77.

According to the KBBA, the candidates are invited to share their visions and debate their strategies for issues and challenges affecting the Village. The format will include questions and issues posed by moderators Joe Kellogg and Jim Leshaw. The general public is invited to suggest questions and/or topics via email to info@keybiscaynebar.org.

"We are enthusiastic for the opportunity to host a debate among two such highly qualified candidates for mayor of Key Biscayne," said Kellogg, Key Biscayne Bar Association president.

"It is vital that voters make an informed decision for the person who will lead our Village Council for the next two years and this debate will serve an invaluable role in supplying information

to Key Biscayne residents" said Leshaw, KBBA founder and board member.

The KBBA is a voluntary bar association sanctioned by the Florida Bar, and organized as a nonprofit entity. KBBA is open to attorneys who live or work on the island.

KBBA regularly hosts events which combine continuing education and social interaction. More information on the KBBA is available at www.keybiscaynebar.org.

New home for the Nixon Bell



The Village helped Crossbridge Church officials move the "Nixon Bell" – the bell President Richard Nixon rang to celebrate the end of hostilities in Vietnam – to the front of the church property. There is a temporary viewing site, and the church will be adding a mini park and benches in the near future. Photo courtesy MICHELE ESTEVEZ

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A fire that damaged a Mashta Drive home this weekend was caused by something all-too-easy to miss: the mixing of chemicals from construction materials. Deputy Fire-Rescue Chief Marcos Osorio said firefighters responded to the home last Friday around 10 p.m. A sister and brother and their friend smelled smoke, and, "They walked outside and saw that the carport was fully involved."

He said the Key West-style home was undergoing a redo of its wooden ballasts, so cans of acetone, solvents and other chemicals were covered with a tarp in the garage. "The acetone interacted with the solvents, which creates rapid oxidation," he said. "That creates a heat and ignition source, and can catch fire."

It's fortunate the residents were home and used an extinguisher and hose to knock down the flames after calling 911, he said. Both Key Biscayne units and a Miami unit responded to fully extinguish the fire and check for exposure into the attic and home.

"There was some penetration between the carport and inside of the house due to the size and intensity, but it was smoke and not

fire," he said, adding the incident caused \$30,000 in damage but the home is habitable.

Osorio added one local fire-fighter was transported with heat exhaustion, but is recovering.

He added the response went perfectly, but there are lessons learned. "It was the first fire with our new quint, which operated spectacularly. We couldn't be prouder of the new truck," he said. "We're very proud of the crews and their ability to handle it with the two Key Biscayne units, and the City did a phenomenal job of assisting us with the injured firefighter."

Osorio urged homeowners to read labels of chemicals and know if they're flammable and how they interact. He said not to throw cleaning rags in a pile, as they can be an ignition source.

As for the fire department, it would have helped to have equipment to check whether the injured firefighter was suffering from heat exhaustion or inhalation of toxic gases. "It's a lesson learned for us on how we can do better to assist our firefighters if they get injured."



A Mashta Drive fire caused \$30,000 worth of damage. Submitted

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Positive attitude makes Frank Smith a customer favorite

Guests at the Ritz-Carlton, Key Biscayne Miami will probably never see bartender Frank Smith without a smile on his face – and his positive attitude rubs off on those around him.

Smith, who got his start in the culinary industry after an uncle introduced him to the business, said he’s found his passion working with customers. He aims to share his *joie de vivre* with those around him, making him a perfect fit behind the bar at The Ritz.

Name: Frank Smith

Current job: Bartender

Question: Where were you born?

Answer: Falmouth, Jamaica

Q: Where do you live now?

A: Kendall

Q: How did you get your start in the culinary industry?

A: I studied agricultural science in a technical high school and after finishing I was home for a

few months. I have an uncle who used to work in the hospitality industry. He introduced me to the business.

Q: What is your “secret to success?”

A: The secret to my success is always having a positive attitude, being happy and smiling.

Q: What’s your proudest moment in your career?

A: The proudest moment in my career is when I was selected to work in Austria for three months.

Q: Any funny or embarrassing stories you can share?

A: Most of my embarrassing stories is when I try to prevent someone from drinking too much and they’re acting silly.

Q: What do you love most about your career?

A: The thing I love most about my career is the people. Seeing them over and over and really

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Frank Smith keeps customers happy with a smile as he serves drinks at The Ritz. Submitted



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SMITH

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getting to know them is a wonderful experience.

Q: If you had to choose one meal, what would it be?

A: A fish dish.

Q: If you had to make a recipe or dish for yourself, what would be your favorite recipe?

A: Fresh Snapper prepared with okra, pepper, onions, tomatoes and Jamaican water crackers.

Q: What is your favorite junk food?

A: Coconut chocolate bar.

Q: Is there any food you absolutely don't like?

A: Meatloaf.

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

A: I love to be outdoors and work on my garden.

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

A: I love working by the ocean. It is so quiet and peaceful.

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

A: I think one of the things people don't know about me is my love for agricultural science and animals.

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

A: To love what you do! You have to be patient, stay humble and most importantly, be happy and positive.



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A watermelon cocktail is one of the specialty drinks at the Ritz.

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GILBERT

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patients' families as often as needed, and taking every chance to educate the public, "The community started seeing the value in our work."

A world-class department

That momentum continued, and the recognition grew to a national level. Gilbert led a process to earn international accreditation, an elite honor the department maintains today.

He also got involved with Florida's Urban Search and Rescue Taskforce, a multiagency group that responds to disasters the world over. "It was the beginning of establishing ourselves to do some of the most difficult work in the fire service that I have ever been part of," Gilbert said.

Never was that more poignant than on September 11, 2001.

He knew as soon as the second tower fell that he and other members of the USAR team would be dispatched, and quickly.

And soon, Gilbert learned he would not only send five of his 30-person department, he would be taskforce leader for a crew of over 70. Originally, they were sent to the Pentagon, then called to replace a team at Ground Zero. They would spend over 20 days there helping with rescue and recovery.

"I was humbled, but scared a little bit – this crew and this response were mine," Gilbert said. "It was a big moment for me, and



I have been very, very blessed both with my professional life and my private life. It's been a terrific run so far. Let's see what the next 25 years bring."

— John Gilbert

a big moment for Key Biscayne."

A new opportunity

Over the years, Gilbert continued building the fire department's stellar reputation and also took on extra duties. When former Police Chief Michael Flaherty retired, he led a combined police-fire public safety unit. During a transition for Public Works, he was acting director. And, when Chip Iglesias resigned as Manager, Gilbert was named interim during the search for a successor.

While he notes, "I didn't set out to become Village Manager," he was encouraged by colleagues to apply, and was the Village Council's pick, starting the job in 2011.

He brought his own style, which quickly drew attention from late Council member Jim Taintor. "After a meeting, Jim showed me a piece of paper and said, 'This is

the number of times you spoke, and there's a zero!'" Gilbert recalls. "I told him, 'It's not my meeting, it's your meeting.' The Manager is not there to pontificate, but to provide information."

And to implement policy: Gilbert left each meeting with a pad of paper filled with directives. His philosophy was simple: Listen to the Council and work with staff to carry out its will. "I still believe in that," he said. "The policy-makers should feel comfortable giving direction and having the expectation that their wishes will be carried out."

While there were frustrations – "You have to understand it's going to be discussed on the dais, and then the next morning, it's going to be discussed again at the Oasis," Gilbert laughed – they were outweighed by the rewards of finishing projects like beach restoration, a dog park and pocket park, etc.; and by working with elected leaders who genuinely care about the community.

"In my heart I've always believed that to a person they have the community's best interest in mind. It may get frustrating at times, but I never looked at any one of them thinking this was motivated by a self-serving idea. It was never like that, and I hope it never is."

The next phase

Now, after spending the last six weeks of his career as an advisor to new Manager Andrea Agha, Gilbert says he's ready to pursue the interests he put on a back burner as work took precedence.

While he has hopes for the community to which he devoted over 25 years – he'd like to see decisions on projects like buried utilities and beach restoration – he said, "I've run the race. I'm convinced I have crossed the finish line. I'm not looking back. I want to try things that have been on my mind for years, and find that point where it's about less stress and more enjoyment."

That involves a move to Lake Tahoe, a place where he can enjoy all four seasons and "not get in my vehicle and feel like I just stepped into a 300-degree oven;" and activities like sailing, diving, running and paddling. "I can't tell you why I didn't do those things here," Gilbert mused. "When I was here, my mind was here. When I'm there, my mind is there."

While he has family in South Florida, he's planning to bring his kids and grandkids out west over school vacations, and said he moves into the next phase of his life feeling fortunate all around.

"I have been very, very blessed both with my professional life and my private life," he said. "Because of the paths I took, it was very easy for me to say I didn't know what I wanted to be when I grew up. Am I a cop, or am I a fireman? Am I a Village Manager or Public Safety Director? Now, I finally have an answer, even though it's taken me 46 years: I want to be retired."

"It's been a terrific run so far. Let's see what the next 25 years bring."



Village of Key Biscayne

Office of the Village Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Key Biscayne proposes to adopt the following Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2018 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 200.065 (TRIM BILL); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A Public Hearing on the first reading of this proposed Ordinance has been scheduled by the Village Council for Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Council Chamber, 560 Crandon Boulevard, Key Biscayne, Florida and the Public Hearing on the second reading of this Ordinance has been scheduled by the Village Council for Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Council Chamber, 560 Crandon Boulevard, Key Biscayne, Florida.

Interested parties are invited to appear and be heard. A copy of the proposed ordinance may be obtained at Village Hall, Office of the Village Clerk, 88 West McIntyre Street, Suite 220, Key Biscayne, Florida 33149.

Should any person desire to appeal any decision of the Village Council with respect to any matter to be considered at this meeting, that person shall insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made including all testimony and evidence upon which any appeal may be based (F.S. 286.0105).

Jennifer Medina, CMC
Village Clerk

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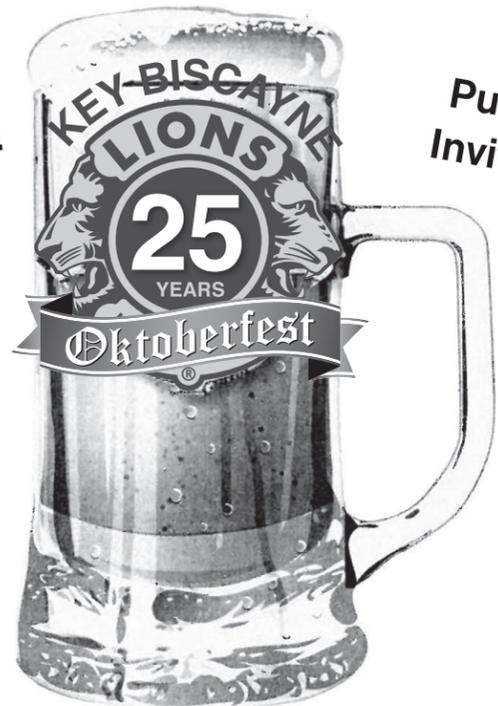
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25. Toronto media inits.
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31. World leader?
33. It precedes "the land of the free"
36. Loosen
39. Narrow shoe designation
40. Snoring description, often
44. Pub stock
45. Jamaican religion
46. Disapprovals
47. Some chocolates
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53. Music genre
56. Aware of
59. Siesta
63. Movado competitor
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25. Connected links
26. Lotto relative
27. Precipices
29. Conjunction
30. Move
32. Bill
33. Neighbor of Kobe and Kyoto
34. Island used for immigration purposes
35. Actress Witherspoon
37. "This _____ surprise!"
38. DIY handicrafts site
41. Slalom maneuver
42. 4x4 vehicle, for short
43. 7:4, for example
48. Obliterate
49. Lush
51. Strapped
54. Water barrier
55. Whale food
57. TV studio sign
58. Mother-of-pearl
59. Thunderstruck
60. Guitar star Lofgren
61. Fr.-Belg. river
62. "That was close!"
63. Surprised interjection
64. Mother's
65. Desperate Housewife, first name

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2. Solos
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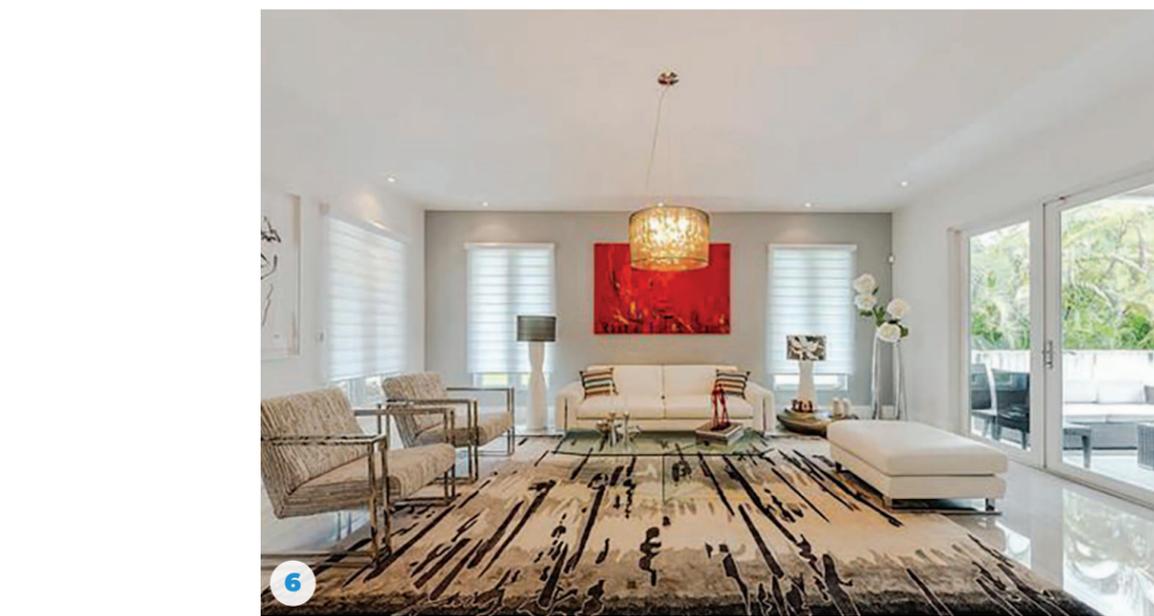
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Key Colony II #204.....	675,000
Ocean Village 4020.....	<input type="checkbox"/> SOLD 540,000
Commodore Club South #207	615,000
Key Colony II #927.....	695,000
Key Colony III #241	725,000
Resort Villa I #206.....	<input type="checkbox"/> SOLD 895,000
Resort Villa II #507	899,000

TWO BEDROOMS + DEN

Key Colony II #405.....	849,000
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THREE BEDROOMS

Bahia Mar #9D.....	1,099,000
Resort Villa I #309.....	<input type="checkbox"/> SOLD 1,195,000
Lake Villa III #PH4.....	1,795,000
Club Tower II #404	1,950,000
Club Tower III #903	<input type="checkbox"/> SOLD 2,350,000

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THREE BEDROOMS OCEANFRONT SLOPE

Key Colony II #343.....	1,895,000
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THREE BEDROOMS + DEN

Ocean Tower I #908.....	<input type="checkbox"/> SOLD 2,895,000
Club Tower III #1901.....	<input type="checkbox"/> SOLD 2,995,000

FOUR BEDROOMS + FAMILY ROOM

Club Tower II UPH4.....	<input type="checkbox"/> SOLD 5,650,000
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CABANAS

Cabana 508.....	220,000
Cabana 112.....	450,000

(Cabanas can only be sold to Ocean Club Owners)

HOUSES

360 Harbor Lane 3/1.....	<input type="checkbox"/> SOLD 1,495,000
390 Gulf Road 4/4 + Maids Quarters	2,995,000

ANNUAL RENTALS

Ocean Village #2017 3/2.....	3,850
Key Colony II #405 2/2 + Den	3,900
Resort Villa I #306 2/2	4,300
Key Colony I #442 2/2	4,400
Key Colony II #834 2/2 + Den	4,900
Key Colony III #444 2/2 + Den	5,300
Lake Villa I #507 3/3.....	6,400
Club Tower I #702 2/2.5.....	7,200
Key Colony III #741 3/3 Slope.....	8,400

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calendar

THURS /SEPT. 20

ENGLISH CONVERSATION CIRCLE

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

LUNCH WITH AN AUTHOR

Join the Community Center for Lunch with an Author, sponsored by the Village. Carlos Perkinson is this month's speaker. Register in advance at the front desk to secure a spot.

MOVIES AT THE VILLAGE

The free Thursday movie, *Ocean's 8*, is at 1:30 p.m. in the Community Center Adult Lounge.

BEACH CONTAMINATION PRESENTATION

Join Biscayne Nature Center in Crandon Park at 5:30 p.m. for a panel discussion on the topic of fecal matter on Miami-Dade County beaches.

TOWERS BRIDGE

Thursday night bridge at The Towers begins at 7 p.m. 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 group meets from 7:45-9 p.m. at the Miami Meditation Center, 260 Crandon Boulevard, suite 6. The suggested donation is \$10. Instruction is provided for beginners. For more information, contact Bill at 786-218-6332 or email bill@kbzen.org.

FRI /SEPT. 21

ROTARY CLUB

Rotary meets from 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Grand Bay Club. Breakfast is \$19, payable at the door.

TALKING IS TEACHING

Enjoy stories, songs and activities for babies from 11-11:40 a.m. at the Key Biscayne 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 /SEPT. 22

FARMER'S MARKET

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

ARTS & CRAFTS

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

MEXICAN NICHOS BOXES

These boxes are used as altar pieces in Day of the Dead celebrations. Bring a picture of a person you would like to honor and decorate your own Nicho Box using various materials. The program is from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Key Biscayne

Library for ages 7-15. Contact the branch to register.

CHABAD SATURDAY SERVICES

Join the Chabad to celebrate good times and pray with your fellow residents in tough times. Share family yartzheits 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.

FAMILY SEAGRASS ADVENTURE

Join the Biscayne Nature Center in Crandon Park from noon-3p.m. to wade in the water to catch and release unique marine animals that live in the seagrass beds off Key Biscayne. Join naturalist guides on this child-friendly adventure (8 and up). Reservations are required by calling 305-361-6767, extension 119 or emailing reservations@biscaynenaturecenter.org. Cost is \$14 per person.

AA OPEN DISCUSSION

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

PERSISTERS MEETING

The PerSisters, an informal group of active voters on Key Biscayne, are meeting to discuss voter-turnout strategies from 10:30 a.m.-noon in the Community Center Adult Lounge.

SUN /SEPT. 23

CHABAD PLAYGROUND OPENING

The Chabad Key Biscayne debuts its new playground with a ribbon cutting at 6:30 p.m. and a Community Dinner in Sukkah at 7:30 p.m.

TAI CHI/QI GONG

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

FREE NEW WORLD SYMPHONY CONCERT

New World Symphony Fellows will entertain concertgoers with a medley of classical music. A complimentary wine and cheese reception will be served at 5 p.m. at the 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 /SEPT. 24

TALKING IS TEACHING

Enjoy stories, songs and activities for toddlers from 11-11:30 p.m. at the Key Biscayne 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 at Albertson Hall in St. Agnes Church.

TUES /SEPT. 25

RISING MOON ZEN MEDITATION

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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.

AL-ANON MEETING

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

WED /SEPT. 26

THE CRAFTY NEEDLE SEWING GROUP

Join these busy bees as they make fidget blankets and aprons for dementia and Alzheimer's patients to help focus attention, stimulate senses and memory, and exercise hand muscles. No experience is needed. The group meets at 12:30 p.m. in the Community Center Adult Lounge.

WEIGHT WATCHERS

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

MEDITATION GROUP

Into the Silence meditation is at 6:30 p.m. Join others in your community for a relaxing evening of meditation and reflection at the Key Biscayne Library. For information, call 305-361-6134.

MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP

Join an ongoing, safe and confidential group to discuss challenges and gain feedback and support from each other. Topics of discussion will include building a new circle of friends, personal growth, stress and anxiety management, self-esteem and relationships with family, friends and significant others. The group meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

CLOSED AA BIG BOOK MEETING

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

THURS /SEPT. 27

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WANT YOUR EVENT FEATURED HERE?

Please submit calendar information to fernanda@islandernews.com by Friday at 5 p.m.



THINGS I LOVE TO DO

Vivian Galego-Mendez What is her perfect day?

The sun is shining, a breeze is blowing off the ocean and you don't have any reason to leave the island. What do you do with your perfect day on the Key? For Vivian Galego-Mendez, Vice President and Managing Broker at Key Biscayne's EWM Realty office, a perfect day involves working with her team at EWM and enjoying all the island has to offer.

START THE DAY

Galego-Mendez said there are no shortage of places to start the day on the Key with a healthy, delicious breakfast and cup of coffee, plus good conversation: "I love talking to friends and fellow real estate professionals on the island."

PASSING TIME

For Galego-Mendez, there's no shortage of rewarding work to do at the EWM office, located at 644 Crandon Boulevard. Galego-Mendez gets to use both her years of professional expertise and her master's degree in psychology from the University of Miami. She loves the opportunity to combine three passions – real estate, helping people and management. It's also a blessing to work in her home town, she said, while still getting to meet people from all over the world. When she isn't busy at work, Galego-Mendez occupies her time with volunteer work: some of her favorite causes include leading and supporting the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and promoting local business through the Key Biscayne chamber of Commerce.

END OF DAY

To end the day, Galego-Mendez takes a moment to appreciate the island's natural beauty. "I just moved to Key Colony and discovered the turtles at the pond. I love being with my husband and three sons in paradise!"

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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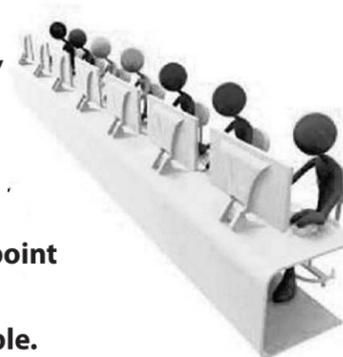
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SALES

BAHAMA HOUSE

203. Cute 1/1 apartment. Remodeled kitchen and bathroom. Conveniently located building between the beach and retail stores. Southern exposure, bright and sunny! \$379,000. **Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

BAHIA MAR

9D Renovated, 3/2 unit with views to ocean, bay, sunsets, city lights and island. Marble floors, recessed LED lighting and Miele washer/dryer. Huge walk-in-closet with built-ins, double sinks and large shower in master suite. Kitchen has white cabinetry, quartz countertops, stainless appliances and an island next to a large window with city views. 2 assigned parking spaces. \$1,099,000. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

CASA DEL MAR

L-2. Sunny and bright 1/1.5. Beach, pool and garden view. Ideal "turnkey", furnished unit! "Vintage" beach style to enjoy or rent out right away. Total of 930 sq.ft. Kitchen recently updated. Must see to appreciate! \$590,000. **Text Carmen Tonarely: 305.338.6106**

3-C. Large (1,875 sq.ft.) and bright 2/2 + den to move right in or remodel to your taste. Open balcony with ocean, pool and garden views. Plenty of amenities for the entire family. Vacant. \$1,100,000. Also for rent. **Carmen Tonarely: 305.338.6106**

COMMODORE CLUB SOUTH

207. South side, 2/2 unit with a Lanai terrace offering a direct pathway to the beach! Updated bathrooms and tile throughout entertainment areas. Garden views and bright, sunny exposure. \$615,000. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

1103. High floor, 1/1.5 unit with ocean and beach views. Long terrace runs the full width of the apartment. Remodeled with an open kitchen, distressed wood floors and much more! \$550,000. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

KEY BISCAYNE

306E. New Listing! Cozy Southern exposure 2/2 unit. Finished with Mexican tile in social areas, carpet in bedrooms. Open kitchen to living room/dining room. Comfortable floor plan. \$450,000. **Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

KEY COLONY I

820. Bright, spacious 1/1.5 apartment with good ocean and bay views. \$560,000. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

1000. Rarely offered 3/3/2cg corner unit with views of the ocean, Miami skyline, Coconut Grove & Biscayne Bay. Flex floor plan with 2,100+sq.ft. Dedicated interior storage. Renovated open kitchen plan. Oceanfront complex with many amenities \$1,775M. **Kim Haug | 305.975.7570**

KEY COLONY II

204. New Listing! 2/2 unit. Bright and sunny apartment overlooking the pool and gardens of the Ocean Sound building. Long terrace can be accessed from living-room and both bedrooms. 1,532 sq.ft., side-by-side floor-plan. \$675,000. **Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

343 TOTALLY REMODELED, OCEANFRONT 3/3 SLOPE UNIT! Raised ceilings, new kitchen with Viking appliances. Marble floors, recessed lighting 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. \$695,000. **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**

435. Spacious 4th floor unit designed to impress. Well maintained & immaculate 2/2, 1800+SF plus flex space for studio/office/bedroom. Open kitchen, upgraded appliances & fireplace complement the unit. Saturnia floors throughout. Large laundry room/interior storage closet. Bright natural stream of light. 2 assigned parking spaces. \$999,000. **Kim Haug: 305.975.7570 | Ivette Martinez-Thomas: 786.597.1898**

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**

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

II - 404. 3/4.5 split floor plan unit with garden, pool, lake and city views. Flowthrough unit with plenty of light. 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 pools and one gourmet restaurant. \$1,950,000. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

OCEAN CLUB-LAKE VILLA III

PH4. 3/3 unit with panoramic views, floor to ceiling windows, to the lake, fountains, bay and Miami skyline. Immaculate interior, marble floors in entertainment areas and hard wood in bedrooms. The kitchen has an induction cooktop, quartz countertops and a stone backsplash. Contemporary décor with custom lighting. Unique floor plan with a large covered balcony and a separate, huge, rooftop terrace! Two enclosed, covered parking spaces. \$1,795,000. **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

3030. Spacious 1/1.5 corner unit in move-in condition. Tile flooring and open kitchen. Natural light throughout with garden views. Large screened terrace. \$419,000. **Maureen Jauregui & Emma Jauregui: 305.798.3124 | 786.201.1707**

TOWERS OF KEY BISCAYNE- 1111 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. \$1,195,000. **www.TowersC507.com Maureen Jauregui & Emma Jauregui: 305.798.3124 | 786.201.1707**

TOWERS OF KEY BISCAYNE- 1121 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. \$729,000. **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

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**

OFF ISLAND PROPERTIES

2127 BRICKELL AVE. #2101 (BRISTOL TOWER). Gorgeous direct waterfront 3bed/3.5bath, 3,065 sq.ft. + 1,000 sq.ft. glass balcony wraparound terrace. Private elevator opens directly to the unit. Living, dining, kitchen, bedrooms all open to balcony. Marble/teak wood floors. 2 Car spaces. Valet, kids' play room, gym, sundry shop, snack bar. \$2,225,000. **Rocio Granados: 305.586.8380 | Kari Madera: 305.439.3998**

IMPERIAL #1601. A jewel on Brickell designed and extensively renovated for the most discerning buyer. Spectacular 180° views of Brickell's cityscape and Biscayne Bay. Corner 3/2.5 unit w/1,792 sq.ft., high end finishes and custom interiors, wraparound terrace. Enjoy spectacular sunrises, sunsets and city lights. Great amenities. \$849,000. **Kim Haug: 305.975.7570 | Ivette Martinez-Thomas: 786.597.1898**

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

CAPE FLORIDA CLUB #311. Cozy, fully equipped 2/2 corner unit, available December to April 2019. En-suite bedrooms, king bed in master BD, 2 twins in 2nd BD. Open balcony with view of spectacular sunsets. Half block from beach. Complex has a pool, tennis court and party room. 3 Months min. No pets and no smokers. \$3,250/mo. **Text Carmen Tonarely: 305.338.6106**

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**

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 BISCAYNE ISLANDER #210. 1/1 Unit steps from the Beach. 1 Assigned parking, Boutique building, nicely maintained. Furnished. \$1,750/mo. **Robert Vernon: 305.606.9539**

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. 2/2, unfurnished and remodeled. Available furnished for the winter season. Desirable Southside with a fantastic view of the ocean. REDUCED to \$4,150/mo. **Kari Madera: 305.439.3998 | Rocio Granados: 305.586.8380**

KEY COLONY II #224. Renovated 3/2.5 with southern exposure. Unfurnished. White hard surface floors throughout. New kitchen, appliances and large pantry. New ventless dryer and washer. Extended balcony accommodates furniture/table/chairs. Seeking conscientious tenant, non-smokers. \$5,600/mo. Available September. **Kim Haug: 305.975.7570**

KEY COLONY II #834. BRAND NEW, TOTALLY REMODELED, 2 BD + den unit. Large slab porcelain floors, stainless steel appliances, built-in-closets, raised

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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 #604. Renovated contemporary design with open kitchen. 3/3 with office area. 2 parking spaces. 2,000+sq.ft. Hard surface flooring. Views to the ocean and tennis courts. Excellent condition. \$6,200/mo. Available now. **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**

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-CLUB TOWER I #1507. Beautiful beach and bay views from this 15th floor unit. Large living area, see-through terraces, designer marble floors and professionally furnished living. Large master room with direct water views. Private storage, 2 covered assigned parking spaces plus valet. Ready to move-in. Great amenities. \$10,995/mo. **Alberto Aguilar: 305.788.2259**

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. \$6,400/mo. **Doug Kinsley: 305.215.5900 | Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**

OCEAN CLUB-RESORT VILLA I #306. Tropical views over lake and gardens.

2/2 Unit with tile floors, 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 VILLAGE #2017. Remodeled split plan, 3/2 unit facing south with garden views. Apartment has impact windows. Available 9/15/18. \$3,850/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**

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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**

COMMERCIAL RENTALS

260 CRANDON BLVD #E-19. Prime commercial store-front located at "The Square Shopping Center". Newly renovated mall offers banks, retail, restaurants and professional services offering great curve appeal that attracts a wide array of foot traffic to the mall. This space serves as retail or office and has 790 sq.ft. \$5,500/mo. Available 9/17/18. **Cristian Gonzalez-Black: 305.775.3426**



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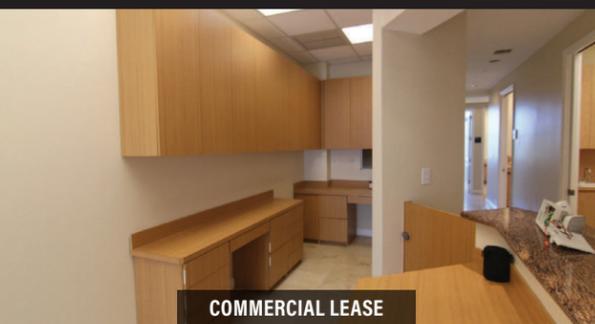
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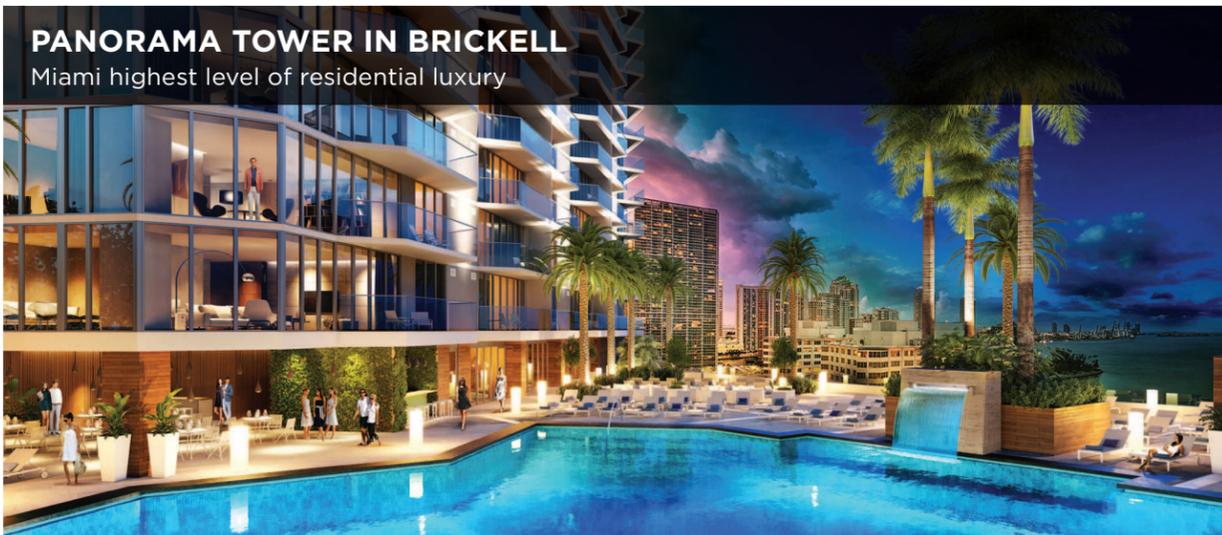


COMMERCIAL LEASE

604 CRANDON BLVD. SUITE 202 \$55psf NNN
Second level retail in the center of the commercial zone of the Island. Near Winn Dixie, approximately 1,100 sq.ft. of space (currently a doctor's office). Front waiting room, private office with plenty of light, handicap baths. Can be rebuilt to suit your needs. Great visible space, open parking.



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