



# KC Bee Line

## KCBCA Update

IN with the new but NOT OUT with the old ... Tiki(s) at Sunset Park!

In case you missed it, Sunset Park just got a whole lot more special! We are thrilled to announce the addition of our new 15ftx20ft Tiki Hut, bringing another touch of paradise to our beloved park. In addition, we were able to relocate the old Tiki Hut to its new home on the north side of the park, near the restrooms.

### What's New:

- The new, larger Tiki Hut is set to be the stage for an incredible lineup of musicians selected by this year's volunteer entertainment coordinator, Denise DeCrow of 12th St. Get ready for an amazing series of Sunday Concerts in the Park starting on Jan 28th.

### Delicious Upgrades:

- The relocated Tiki Hut will now be the hub for mouthwatering freshly grilled hot dogs and fixins every week, prepared with love by Tom Matorano and Rick Quick, and sourced by his wife Barb all from 10th St.

Heartfelt Thanks: We owe a huge debt of gratitude to the visionaries behind this project: Dave Nussdorfer of 11th St. and Richard Pflueger of 8th St. Their dedication led to the realization of this improvement. Special thanks to KCB City Administrator, Dave Turner, and Mike Yunker (Castillo Del Sol) for navigating the intricacies of planning, zoning, and contracting.

We also want to acknowledge Mike Tiziani, manager of the local Sunbelt Rentals store, for donating and operating the lift equipment essential for preserving and relocating the old Tiki's roof. Oh, and Rick Quick, your interest and siting advice was invaluable - it was hot out

there....huh?.

Enhancements for All: The City has not only added electrical outlets for the bands but is also planning to install ADA-approved floor pads under each Tiki, ensuring shaded accessibility for everyone.

Community Power: Ever wonder where your contributions to your KCBCA go? Your annual dues, event ticket fees, KCB Day T-shirt purchases, hot dog donations, and more, all play a vital role. We're excited to share that this project was made possible through a generous \$10,000 donation from the KCBCA to the City and the help and leadership of our local volunteers!

Sunset Park is not just a place; it's a community, and together, we continue to make it an even better place to gather, celebrate, and enjoy life

Here's to a year filled with music, delicious bites, and the joy of community!

Ted Fischer, President, KCBCA

## Membership

November was a busy month with lots of annual renewals still coming in. We are especially excited that we have 36 new members to the community association this year. As of today, we have 317 members and as people filter back into KCB for the winter season, this number will continue to grow.

It's time for a password change for the The Members Only page on our website (kcbca.org). This year's password will be "24KCB". If you forget, don't worry, just send me a message and I'll send it to you again.

Please help us by telling your friends and neighbors about the community association. We regularly hear from people that have lived here for years that have never heard about us. Or if you have suggestions on how to better communicate, we welcome any and all ideas.

Jan Pflueger, Membership Chair



# Key Colony Beach 2023 Christmas Boat Parade

Brought to you by KCB Fishing and Boating Club and KCB Community Association

## Sunday December 10th @ dusk

Boats of all sizes and shapes are welcome, entry is free - open to all!

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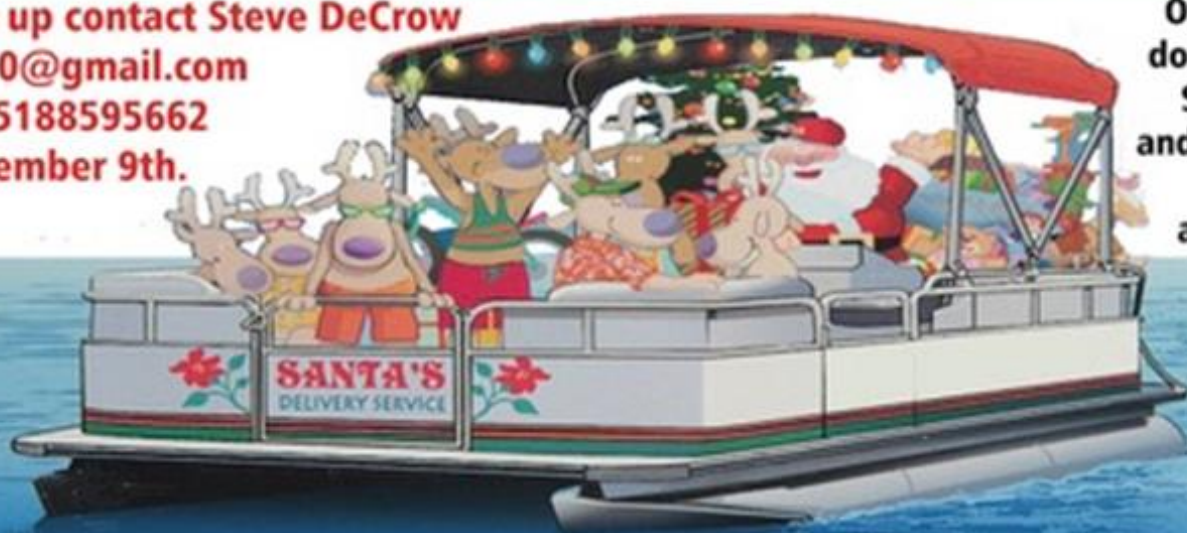
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## From the Line...

We have a lot of things going on in and around town. The two big things this month are the Christmas boat parades. The long standing tradition of these parades in the Middle Keys continues on thanks to the efforts of many.

Give some thought to participating in them, whether it be by putting your boat in one or both of the parades or by watching from the shore or from your boat.

It also has been a long time tradition of Santa coming to KCB. Details are still being ironed out but you will get an elblast when we have them.

January will be our Coconut Crawl, a combo poker run (more like "walk") and pub crawl, all within walking distance of city hall.

There will be prizes for best and worst hands and costumes are always encouraged.

We always need volunteers to help with the Crawl and our other events. If you want to see how you can help, click here:

**VOLUNTEER**

More info about the Crawl in next month's Bee Line.

We wish one an all a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

See ya round town!

## A Bit of History

From the Kaycee Bee Line, April/May 2000

"OCEAN VIEW PARK ACQUIRED...AND POSSIBLY MORE TO COME."

The long negotiations for acquiring the pie-shaped, 2/3rd acre, waterfront lot at the end of West Ocean Drive concluded successfully on March 31. The City now owns 177 feet of shoreline at the base of 12th Street, next to Key Colony Point Condo. Mayor French's magic pen made it work for the community. He spent many hours figuring if we can do it, how to make it happen, and can we pay for it. Cost was \$1,200,000 to be financed through a local bank.

Excess undesirable foliage has been removed to im-

## Boot Key Harbor Christmas Boat Parade

**Boot Key Harbor Boat Parade Saturday Dec 9th, 2023.**

Our Marathon Sail and Power Squadron is passing on the torch to Ilene Clark to organize this annual parade. Capt. Sam Nelson and I started the Boot Key Harbor Boat Parade in 1996 with the Power Squadron as its annual sponsor. This is held the second Saturday of December each year. The Power Squadron is no longer sponsoring this annual parade but want to keep it going for the community.

– Capt. Gregory Absten, SEO MSPS

Ilene Clark has stepped up to organize and put this community parade together for Saturday December 9th, keeping the tradition of the 2nd Saturday of December. Please would anyone interested in participating please contact her via Facebook, email [iclark317@comcast.net](mailto:iclark317@comcast.net) or phone 561 542-2727. She will put the list of whom is interested in participating together and plan a meeting for the Tuesday before for all participating. This will be a fun community parade, with no judges, no prizes (unless someone else wants to organize donations or such). We need to keep the tradition going. Thanks for any help or suggestions. Please share this with any and all pages, posts, family, friends, etc. Irene has participated in the parade for the last five years and just wants to keep the tradition started by the Marathon Sail and Power Squadron alive.



prove the view, which, when Mr. Sun cooperates at sunset, is spectacular. But KCBers are finding it a pleasant stroll to the waters edge at any time. Soon there will be a walkway, additional benches, plantings of trees and flowering bushes, and perhaps a tiki hut.

The property has already been initiated as a location for special events. Former city receptionist, Ann Benjamin, chose the new park for her wedding the middle April."

We thought this piece of KCB history was appropriate considering the improvements recently made thanks to the KCBCA and the ideas and work of many helping hands.

Next month, the second slice of the pie!

# Welcome Back Party



Key Colony Beach remembers how to Rock and Roll!!! Many came out to the Key Colony Inn on November 18th for this year's Welcome Back Party. We enjoyed reconnecting with our friends and neighbors with 70s music, fashion, food and trivia. A number of volunteers conspired to pull this off as well as turn the Inn back in to the groovy mood of the 70s, including Anita Alferes, Sandy Bachman, Jo and Chris Corso, Denise DeCrow, Ted Fischer, Barb Heitman, Kandi Kelderman, Diane and Bob Merna, Judy and Doug Lipke, Jan and Richard Pflueger, Brad and Sue Thompson and Ann and Rich Vieth. Also, a big thank you for the wonderful and delicious spread of food provided by Andy, Ali and crew at the Inn. We certainly kicked off the season with a bang!



You can see that it takes many volunteers to keep the fun rolling. You can find information regarding upcoming events and volunteer opportunities on the website, [KCBCA.org](http://KCBCA.org). If you aren't already a member, consider joining today. It's well worth the registration fee of only \$15.

Ann Vieth, Welcome Back Party Chair

A few photos from the party. Many more on our website [KCBCA.org](http://KCBCA.org) and on our Facebook page [facebook.com/keycolonybeachca](https://facebook.com/keycolonybeachca)



## Pickleball

Make a difference and win big! Support KCB Pickleball with a donation, and you'll be entered for a chance to win an exhilarating Aventon Commuter Ebike.

Picture this: cruising through our vibrant community on your sleek new Ebike, feeling the fresh wind on your face. It's not just a ride; it's a thrilling adventure powered by your generosity.

As we express gratitude this season, your contribution helps us build ten Pickleball courts and other amenities—enriching the lives of our community members. Every donation, big or small, is a step towards creating a healthier, happier, and more connected community. The drawing will be held on February 10th during the donor party with entertainment gifted by Rick and Dayna.

To donate, send a check payable to "City of Key Colony Beach" for Pickleball Expansion to:

KCB Pickleball, PO Box 510737, KCB, FL, 33051

Attention: Pickleball Expansion

Your support not only enters you into the Aventon Ebike giveaway but also leaves a lasting legacy in our community. Thank you for considering our proposal, and may your holiday be filled with joy and exciting possibilities!

With gratitude, Mary Conditt, Fundraising Chair

## KCB Ladies Golf League

Attention lady golfers!

We play 9 holes at 8:30 AM every Wednesday at the KCB golf course starting November 29th for 15 weeks.

The cost is \$20 for league dues plus greens fees, which are \$15 per game or \$180, if you purchase a special KCB ladies league 15 play card.

All levels of play are welcome!

For more info or to sign up, just email Cindy Catto at [ctcatto@aol.com](mailto:ctcatto@aol.com) or call 802-224-6469.

## KCB Book Club

On November 9, the Key Colony Beach Book Club met at the KC Inn. We had an interesting discussion about Remarkably Bright Creatures by Sheby Van Pelt. Not everyone had read the entire book, but the discussion was interesting enough to persuade all who have not read it to pick it up and read it or finish it if they had already started.

The next Book Club Meeting will be December 14, also at the KC Inn, at 3:00 p.m. The book we are reading in preparation for the meeting is Don't Forget to Write by Sara Confino. A fun plot with some interesting hitches and surprises. This book should prove to provide thoughts and opinions for a lively discussion. Come join us. Everyone is welcome. Make new friends and connect with old acquaintances.

## City News

Officially announced via a proclamation presented to his wife Kitty, KCB will celebrate every Oct. 2 as Ron Sutton Day, in honor of the late commissioner who passed earlier this year.

City Administrator Dave Turner announced that donations for the city's redesigned and upgraded pickleball facilities already total more than \$100,000. With dissent among the commission over the installation of a permanent sign to honor high-dollar donors, the issue will be revisited at a future commission meeting.

Building assistant Karl Bursa provided an update on the city's recent Community Rating System (CRS) verification visit, used to establish flood insurance discounts for residents. With lower scores equaling higher discounts via the program, which incentivizes community floodplain management practices, Bursa said he was hopeful the city's rating would drop from a 7 to a 5 or 4, reflecting at a minimum an additional 10% in premium discounts that should total more than \$417,000 in savings throughout the city.

[Click for Link to City/Community December Calendar of Events](#)

**2023/24 Season Event Dates,**

Saturday Nov. 18 Welcome Back Party KC Inn  
Sunday, Dec. 10 Boat Parade KCBF&BC  
Monday, Dec. 24 Santa Comes to Town  
Saturday, Jan. 20 Coconut Crawl  
Sunday, Jan 28 Concerts in Sunset Park Season Begins  
Sunday, Mar. 3 **67th** Annual KCB Day  
Sunday, Mar. 17 St Patrick's Day Parade



The new-look KCB City Commission. From left: Joey Raspe, Thomas DiFransico, Mayor Pro Tem Beth Ramsay-Vickrey, Secretary/Treasurer Tom Harding, Freddie Foster. Photo ALEX RICKERT/Keys Weekly



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## Membership Application

October 2023—September 2024

If you are new to KCB or have never become a member of the Association before, now is your opportunity to join and enjoy all the KCBCA has to offer. For those of you who are loyal members of the KCBCA, please take a moment to renew your membership now so you don't miss a thing! Having all in your household join, helps the KCBCA grow and offers extra support to future programs.

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which is sent via email November-April

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Mailing Address: PO Box 510884  
Key Colony Beach, FL 33051-0884

For more information or additional applications please go to

**KCBCA.org**