

KC BEE LINE



Key Colony Beach
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER

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KCBCA NEWS

March means KCB Day! Again this year we are having this one day celebration of KCB's incorporation in the 7th St. Park.

We also have a new event, a Pooch Parade & Costume Contest. What fun to have something new for our KCB Day. See the flyer below for the details.

Thanks to our T-Shirt sponsors: AM Companies, Brutus Seafood, Bike Marathon Bike Rentals, Ocean Sotheby's, Weekly Newspapers, Royal Furniture, Keys Ocean Vacation Rentals, D'Asign Source, The Island Fish Co, and Promotions Guy.

Thanks to all of our volunteers who have stepped up to help out. Without their help, we would not be able to have KCB Day.

So come on out, enjoy the music and the food. Shop the vendors and have a great day in the Keys!

We are in the process of revamping our website, KCBCA.org. There will be a members page for most of the information that you now get in this



66TH ANNUAL Key Colony Beach DAY

THE CITY'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023

9AM TO 4PM • KCB 7TH ST PARK, MM 53.5

MUSIC BY

PAPA PETE • DAVID QUICK • RICK LIEDER BAND

BRING A LAWN CHAIR AND
ENJOY THE ALL DAY MUSIC

FOOD • DRINKS • VENDORS
BARRACUDA & DUCKY RACES

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DONATIONS ACCEPTED TO BENEFIT MARATHON SPCA

Key Colony Beach DAY SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023



HAS GONE TO THE DOGS!

PRIZES TO BE
AWARDED

POOCH PARADE & COSTUME CONTEST

REGISTER AT 7TH ST PARK BETWEEN 10:30 & 10:45 AM

PARADE STARTS AT 11 AM

For More Information Contact Barb Heitman (414) 322-4698



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newsletter. We haven't quite worked out all of the details but it will be very convenient for all members to get up to date info from the KCBCA.

Our very successful Concerts in the Park series will continue after KCB Day on March 12th with Bob Howard & the Ukalalics.

The season is dwindling down so take advantage of all that is offered and have a great time!



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

St. Patrick's Day ~ Parade ~

Sponsored by the
Key Colony Beach Community Association
~ March 17 @ 5 pm ~



Decorate your bikes, cars/trucks, golf carts or decorate a float to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Toss candy to the kids along the way. Wear your green and join us for some fun!

Motorized vehicles assemble at 4:00 at 15th Street Circle, walkers/bikes meet at Sunset Park by 4:30 pm
Parade route is West Ocean Drive to East Ocean Drive and 1st Street.

To sign up contact Larry Smoot
MOboatn24@gmail.com
Or call 816-550-8560 by March 10th.

Most of you know that KCB has a St. Patrick's Day Parade for years! Melvin Sola was our local Leprechaun for quite a few of those years. In recent years Jack Crowley took over this annual event. As always, things change. This year the KBCA is the sponsor for the parade and Larry Smoot is our newest parade organizer.



Melvin

The parade will start at 5pm from 15th St Circle in Key Colony Beach and continue down W Ocean Dr to the end of E Ocean Dr at 1st Street.

Past parades have included the participation of the American Legion Post 0154 Color Guard and Women's Auxiliary, the Elks Lodge, BPOE 2139, Monroe County Police Bagpipers, DAV 122, Loyal Order of the Moose, the U.S. Coast Guard, Henry, the Pigeon Key Train, the Shriners, Marathon High School Marching Band, Marathon Brownie Troup of the Girl Scouts, the Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Key Colony Beach and gaily decorated marchers and bicycles, autos and trucks, the Pickle Ball Brigade and many more.

All organizations, lodges, clubs, associations, and/or individuals are invited to join the Parade. All that is required is the "wearing of the green" - decorate yourself, your car, bicycle, truck! Floats are welcome. Parade assembling will begin at 4pm for motorized entrants at 15th St Circle and walkers/bicycles etc. will congregate in Sunset Park by 4:30.

Concerts in Sunset Park

Scheduled Concerts in Sunset Park
Feb 5 John Bartus
Feb 19 Rick Leider Band
Feb 26 Ericson Holt with Mick Kilgos
Mar 5 Special KCB DAY Music 7th Street
Papa Pete, David Quick,
Rick Leider Band
Mar 12 Bob Howard & the Ukalicis
Mar 19 Abstract Radio
Mar 26 Lady A Band
Apr 2 Bob, Crystal, Patty & Joe

Free Concerts
Sundays 4-6pm

Bring a chair, blanket, refreshments.
All are Welcome!

Parking is limited. Please share a ride, bike or walk to the park



2023 KCB 7 meter BRIDGE RUN

WHAT'S YOUR HURRY? YOU'RE HERE!

Thurs., Mar. 9 2pm
Check-in 1:30pm

Post-race awards @ Key Colony Inn
Costumes encouraged
contact 218/639/1855

FL KEYS HISTORY with Brad Bertelli

When a Key lime is sliced in half and freshly squeezed, its juice is the perfect accompaniment to a glass of rum, a filet of fresh hogfish, conch ceviche, or into perhaps the most famous of all its gastronomic infusions, the Key lime pie.

The origin of the quintessential Florida Keys dessert is about as murky as the mix of its essential ingredients: eggs, Key lime juice, and condensed milk. What is absolutely certain is that the invention of the tartly sweet dessert post-dates the creation of Gail Borden's 1856 patent on one of the three primary ingredients, condensed milk. Condensed milk is raw milk that has been boiled, mixed with sugar, and canned to create a viable milk product with a lengthy shelf-life.

The culinary genius who first combined the product with egg and lime juice, thereby creating the tangy-sweet delight ultimately known as Key lime pie, will, seemingly, forever be a mystery.

The story is considered a hooker's tale. Hookers, in this case, refer to the term used to describe fishermen who used hooks attached to long wooden handles to harvest sponges from the ocean floor. They are also considered in most local histories to be the salty gourmets that invented the dessert's earliest incarnation. No one can say for sure who the first person to combine the ingredients was but whoever it was did so while working out on the water. It was not long before the habit of "cooking" the tart treat while working out on the open water became common practice.

Sponging crews kept cans of condensed milk on board to sweeten their coffee. The stories say that when they needed to soften their hard Cuban bread, they would soak it in the cans of condensed milk. Eventually, someone cracked a bird's egg into the milk can and then decided to squeeze lime juice over the mixture. They scrambled the egg with the milk and the lime and then let it sit in the can while they went out and hooked some sponges. While they were gone, the citric acid of the lime cooked the creation, and the hookers were left with a tartly sweet treat.

From there, it was only a matter of time before the recipe moved ashore and became refined in local kitchens. The woman generally attributed with the official creation of the first Key lime pie is Key West's own Aunt Sally. For a long time, when this part of the story was told, Sally was portrayed as a black Bahamian woman employed as a cook for William Curry. Curry, a Bahamian himself, would become Florida's first millionaire.

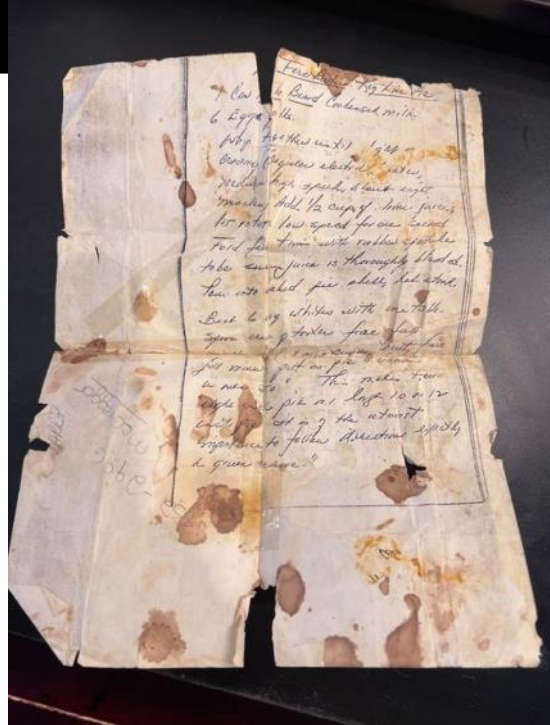
Research done by Key West's own Key lime pie expert David Sloan has uncovered a wrinkle that adds a twist to the Aunt Sally legend. As it turns out, Aunt Sally was not a servant at all. Sloan contends she was Sarah Jane Lowe, who was not employed by the Currys but was a relative. The basis of his theory is that once upon a time, Sally was used as a nickname for women who were named Sarah.

Whoever and however the succulent treat was created, these days it is practically impossible to open a menu in the Florida Keys and not find some form of Key lime pie on the menu. Sometimes it is piled high with toasted meringue, and sometimes it is topped with a dollop of whipped cream. Occasionally, it is frozen or dipped in chocolate. Always, it is delicious.

For local legend Fern Butters, who became nationally recognized for her Key lime pie, it became a specialty. She began developing her recipe after moving to Key Largo in 1927 and discovering a small lime grove in a lot near her roadside motel and restaurant.

"They were so good," Fern said. "I made lime pies like the old-fashioned lemon pie. When I wasn't too busy during the week, I kept using the lime to make different kinds of pies until I came up with one I thought was good."

This image that was shared by a local and is said to be a handwritten recipe for Fern Butter's Key lime recipe. The recipe alone is a fascinating read. [#floridakeyshistory](#) [#floridakeys](#) [#keylimepie](#) [#hookers](#)



KCB LADIES GOLF LEAGUE

The Key Colony Beach Ladies Golf League hosted a KAIR fundraiser game on February 15. Over \$300 was raised and boxes of nonperishable foods and supplies were donated to KAIR.

KAIR is a non-profit organization seeking to serve those individuals and families in Marathon and the Florida Keys who have found themselves in crisis. Working in partnership with other agencies and organizations, every effort is made to return people to self-supporting, productive lives.

If you would like more information or to find out how you can help:

Email KAIRonline@bellsouth.net or

visit their website kaironline.org

3010 Overseas Highway, Marathon, FL 33050

305-743-4582

For more info on the Ladies Golf League:

[cynthia.catto <ctcatto@aol.com>](mailto:cynthia.catto@ctcatto@aol.com)



YOU'RE INVITED



**Thursday, March 2 at 10 a.m.
Key Colony Beach
City Hall Annex**



Featuring guest speaker, Drew Grossman, Baptist Health Fishermen's Community Hospital and Mariners Hospital CEO. Both hospitals are an integral part of the Florida Keys community. Learn more about the services available to you, right in your neighborhood.



The City of Key Colony Beach is pleased to host Fishermen's and Mariners Hospital CEO Drew Grossman on Thursday, March 2 at 10:00 am for an informational presentation. Mr. Grossman will discuss locally available medical resources, as well as additional healthcare offerings available on the mainland through the Baptist Health South Florida system. Please join us at the City Hall Annex to learn more about how Baptist Health can serve you.



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**5TH ANNUAL
KCB GOLF TOURNAMENT**
BROUGHT TO YOU BY KCB FISHING & BOATING CLUB



Sat March 11th

8:00 am check in - 8:30 Shotgun start

18 hole - 4 man scramble

**Cash prizes for 1st, & 2nd place teams,
closest to pin on hole #1**

Cost \$200 per Team

(check payable to KCB F&BC)

Register your team at KCB Golf Course

KBCA.ORG

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