

KC BEE LINE



Key Colony Beach
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER

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Key Colony Beach lost a good friend and neighbor with the passing of Commissioner Ron Sutton on Tuesday, October 25th. Our condolences to Kitty his wife, in this time of sorrow.

He was always there to help the KCBCA whether it was in his professional capacity on the Commission or as a concerned, caring citizen of Key Colony Beach. You would see him daily driving around town, checking on everything, caring for everyone. He loved KCB and its people. He will be missed.

The KCBCA Board and Membership



PRESS RELEASE October 25, 2022

The City of Key Colony Beach grieves the loss of our friend Commissioner Ronald A. Sutton. Ron gave 18 years of service to his beloved City of Key Colony Beach. Commissioner Sutton began his service to the City of Key Colony Beach as a member of the Utility Board prior to his election as a City Commissioner. During his 18 years of service as Commissioner, Ron served as Mayor, Vice-Mayor, and Secretary-Treasurer.

Ron's love of the city, its residents and staff has always been apparent in all of his actions. Ron will be deeply missed and will always hold a special place in our hearts. Please keep his wife Kitty and his family in your prayers.

The City of Key Colony Beach has truly lost a great man and friend!

Mayor Patricia Trefry
Vice-Mayor Tom Harding
Secretary-Treasurer John DeNeale
Commissioner Beth Ramsay-Vickrey
City Administrator David Turner

FROM THE MAYOR



I had the honor of sitting next to Commissioner Sutton on the dais for 4.5 years. During that time, Ron demonstrated to me what dedication and a life of service truly means. Ron possessed a deep and abiding love for his beloved City of Key Colony Beach. Ron and I had a relationship of mutual respect and even when we did not agree on an issue, we treated each other with the utmost dignity. He was always a mentor to me, and I have been fortunate to call both Ron and his wife Kitty friends. He will be truly missed. Please keep his wife Kitty and family in your prayers.

City updates can be found on their website KeyColonyBeach.net

KCBCA NEWS

Welcome back, everyone! Time for a new KCB winter season. Hope you're ready!

Our annual Welcome Back Party kicks things off on Thursday, November 17, at the KC Inn. Music, Happy Hour priced cash bar, dinner buffet with all of your KC Inn favorites, the opportunity to meet your new neighbors and catch up with old friends. What more could you ask for?

This year we are selling tickets online on our KCBCA.org website. So get your credit cards out, and buy your tickets now! No reservations; paid tickets only. Seating is limited, and we aren't sure we will have any availability at the door. Doors will open around 5pm. See the flyer on page three for a link to purchase tickets.

That night we will introduce our new board members and others who are heading up our various events. We have a great crew and are excited about 2022/23. Your KCBCA Board:

Pres. Gail Cortelyou, VP Ted Fischer, Treasurer Richard Pflueger, Sec/Membership Barb Quick, Members: Anita Alferes, Brad & Sue Thomson, Toni Appell, Jan Pflueger, Carol Fischer, Kim & Dalton Sallee.

Committee Chairs:

Volunteer Chair - Ted Fischer, Signage - Brad Thomson, Welcome Back Chair - Ted Fischer, Santa Comes to Town - Anita Alferes, Coconut Crawl Chair - Sue Bradford, KCB Day Chair – Available, KCB Day Vendor Coordinator and Webmaster - Jean Hering, Concert Chair - Carol Fischer, Event Hot Dogs/Food – Barb Quick, Anita Alferes, with Chefs Tom Martorano and Rick Quick, 50/50 Chair – Sue Bradford, Bee Line Editor – Gail Cortelyou.

We always need volunteers to help out especially on KCB Day. Signup sheets will be available at the Welcome Back Dinner. Give it some thought and let us know how you can help. Contact Ted Fischer for more info, ted.fischer1@verizon.net, 302-841-9812.

The Coconut Crawl is back on after a COVID hiatus. Sue Thomson is in charge this year, so it should be a blast! More info on that event in future Bee Lines.

Carol Fischer has been busy during the summer lining up a great venue for our free Concerts in Sunset Park series. Here's the line up:

Welcome Back Dinner, November 17, 5-7:30 Johnny Live

2/5: John Bartus 4:00-6:00, 2/12: Super Bowl Sunday no concert, 2/19: Rick and Dayna, 2/26: Ericson Holt and Friend, March 5: KCB DAY Music all day with Papa Pete, David Quick and the Rick Lieder Trio, March 12: Ukalalics, March 19: Abstract Radio, March 26: Lady A Band, April 2: Bob and Crystal Carew

If you haven't already renewed your dues, please do so now. This will be your last issue of the Bee Line if you do not renew.

Your Board will be working hard to make this season the best ever!

See you soon.

Please Renew Your Membership Now! Application on the last page of this newsletter or sign up on our website KCBCA.org

OneBlood Bloodmobile in KCB Wednesday, Nov. 9 9:30-2:30 Please Make Your Appointments Here: [LINK TO APPOINTMENTS](#)

FL KEYS HISTORY with Brad Bertelli

The lighthouse located out at Sombrero Reef is called Sombrero Key Lighthouse for a reason. In J.W. Norie's "Piloting Directions for the Gulf of Florida, the Bahama Bank, & Islands" (1828), he writes, "About 5 miles S. 1/4 E. from the west end of Cayo Vacas, there is a small sandy kay on the reef, called by the Spaniards Cayo Sombrero; this is the easternmost kay on the reef."

John Lee Williams, in his early account of Florida, described the small spit of land as, "the easternmost islet on the reef. It is situated six or seven miles N.E. from Bahia Honda, and four miles S.W. from Knight's Key, the western key of the Vaccas group. It is but a patch of rock, covered with a few mangroves and pieces of wreck."

It was not the original site of the planned lighthouse. Work had initially begun at Coffins Patches Reef, but the work platform was destroyed by a hurricane on August 29, 1856. Plans for the light were reassessed and it was decided to relocate the light to its current locale nine miles to the south (west?). The chosen area was also known as Dry Bank.

In 1857, the United States Light House Board issued a statement announcing, "The most important lighthouse structures underway in this district are the Dry Bank lighthouse ... and the first class masonry tower at Dry Tortugas."



Check out Brad's Facebook page with all kinds of history about the Keys.

KCBCA 2022/23

Thursday, Nov. 17	Welcome Back Party & HH
Sunday, Dec. 11	Fishing & Boating Club Boat Parade
Christmas Eve	Santa Comes to Town
Saturday, Jan. 21	Coconut Crawl
Sunday, Feb. 12	Concerts in Sunset Park
Sunday, Mar. 5	66th Annual KCB Day

Season Events

Stop! Why shouldn't you touch a starfish?

All over the body of starfish are papules called dermal gills. Carbon dioxide gases are exchanged for oxygen between the coelomic liquid of the starfish and the water. Essentially, it's how they breathe, like having hundreds of tiny noses all over your body.

As fresh air is toxic to starfish and they can't hold their breath for very long, each

time they're lifted out of the water for a photo op, they are drowning and suffering from a build up of carbon dioxide. It's the equivalent of someone filling your lungs with water for a little while and then emptying them again. It's not a good day out. When this is done repeatedly, it's a flip of the coin as to whether the poor creature can die from drowning or the stress of being semi-drowned so many times.



Wildlife are not our playthings. Just because a creature is slow enough to be caught by human hands, that doesn't give us the right to do so, and the social media attention gained certainly does not justify the harm caused to the critter.

This is an act we're all guilty of at some point. What was happening to that animal in the moment didn't cross our minds. But now we know better, so we must do better.

KCB BOOK CLUB

Can you believe our 2022/2023 season is here? We will be starting our Book Club Season discussing *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles.

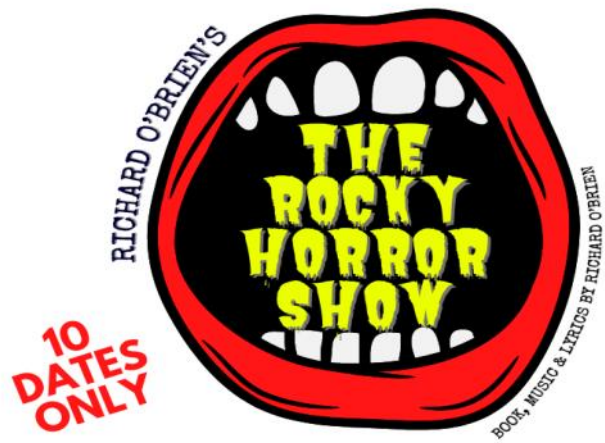
A breakdown of the novel follows:

In June, 1954, eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the juvenile work farm where he has just served fifteen months for involuntary manslaughter. His mother long gone, his father recently deceased, and the family farm foreclosed upon by the bank, Emmett's intention is to pick up his eight-year-old brother, Billy, and head to California where they can start their lives anew. But when the warden drives away, Emmett discovers that two friends from the work farm have hidden themselves in the trunk of the warden's car. Together, they have hatched an altogether different plan for Emmett's future, one that will take them all on a fateful journey in the opposite direction--to the City of New York.

We will meet near the bench by the Post Office on Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 3:00P.M. and decide where to hold our meetings for this Season. If you have any ideas before the 10th please let us know. Hope to see you on the 10th. For more info contact Marie De Graw, 305-393-9482

"Reading brings us unknown friends" - Honoré de Balzac

MARATHON COMMUNITY THEATRE proudly presents



Directed by Jimmy Zimmerman, Musical Director Allison Sayer, RICHARD O'BRIEN

THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals. www.concordtheatricals.com

OCTOBER 27 – NOVEMBER 12, 2022

WARNING: 18+, Adult Language, Sexual Situations

- This will be **UNLIKE** any show you have experienced at MCT!
- Sing-a-long if you know the words!
- Do **THE TIME WARP** in the aisles!
- Dress up as your favorite **ROCKY HORROR CHARACTER!**
- Call-back classic zingers to the Actors (script provided)!
- Audience Participation Prop Bags will be available for \$5
- No outside props will be allowed per the Director!

TIX: \$33/EACH
before sales tax

Tickets are available at
305-743-0994 (M-F, 12-4pm)
www.marathontheater.org

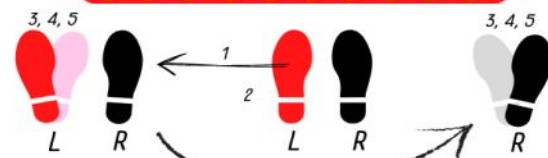


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1. (It's just a) **JUMP TO THE LEFT**, with hands **UP**
2. **A STEP TO THE RIGHT** (we suggest a very wide step)
3. (with your hands on your **HIPS**) **YOU BRING YOUR KNEES IN TIGHT.**
4. (then) **THE PELVIC THRUST** (if repeated **five** times, it nearly drives you **INSA-A-ANE**)
5. **HIPSWIVEL** (if not driven **INSA-A-ANE** by step four)
6. **LET'S DO THE TIME WARP AGAIN!!**

KCB
Mugs, License Plates
and Other Items for
Sale in City Hall



Key Colony Beach Community Association's **Welcome Back!**

Happy Hour & Dinner Party See Old Friends, Meet New

Everyone Is Welcome!

Where/When: Key Colony Inn on the Patio, Thursday, November 17th, 5 PM

**Music by Johnny Live - Happy Hour Price Cash Bar
Dinner Buffet**

\$35 per person (includes tax & tip)

Tickets must be purchased by Saturday, November 12th.

Seating is limited so please get your tickets early.

Tickets at the door day of \$40pp. No guarantee tickets will be available at the door.

If available must be purchased by 5pm

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

KCB LADIES GOLF LEAGUE



It's almost November and time for the KCB ladies golf league to start.

Golf league opening day is Wednesday, November 30, Shotgun start at 8:30 AM.

League dues are \$20 plus weekly greens fees

15 weeks of play at KCB par 3 golf course

Shotgun start ever Wednesday at 8:30 AM

To join or if you have questions, contact Cynthia Catto at ctcatto@aol.com or text at 802-224-6469.



MARATHON GARDEN CLUB

Marathon Garden Club Holiday Bazaar

November 26, 2022

On Saturday, November 26th, the Marathon Garden Club, at 5270 Overseas Highway, MM 50, will hold their annual Holiday Bazaar from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., featuring gently used Christmas decorations and holiday items. There will also be raffle items, a plant sale from the club nursery, and numerous vendors offering orchids and unique holiday gifts.



Calling all Captains and their Crews

Key Colony Beach Christmas Boat Parade
December 11th starting at Dusk
Contact Ted Fischer, 302-841-9812, to register

RENEWED CODE ENFORCEMENT POINTS OF EMPHASIS



Dear Property Owner/Property Managers:

The Key Colony Beach City Commission, City Administrator, Police Department, Building Department, and Code Enforcement have agreed to renewed, uniform enforcement of code violations, both roadside and canal side of all houses, and in furtherance thereof this letter identifies common violations to be strictly enforced moving forward. Please check your properties for compliance with all ordinances, but specifically note these:

As for the "street side" of houses:

Every house must have the address number conspicuously visible from the street. This is a public safety issue. (sec. 6-51).

Only one trailer or recreational vehicle or commercial vehicle per dwelling unit may be parked within the property boundaries, unless one is COMPLETELY garaged behind a closed door. (sec. 6-59). This applies to owners in residence and tenants.

Trash cans, when not roadside for pick-up, must be stored within a carport, garage or garbin. (sec. 7-7). That means if you have a garage or carport the cans are stored there. If you have a garbin, use it. The goal is trash cans not ready for pick-up should be discreet from view, not lined up in the front of the house.

Trash cans must have owner's address numerals on them. (sec. 7-7.1). Lids for trash cans must be used for storage and for roadside pick-up. (sec. 7-6). All garbage should be bagged, bags then placed in cans. (sec. 7-5,6). Recycling refuse goes in blue recycle cans. There are far too many cans placed out for pick-up in which there is loose garbage, food debris, commingled recycling items, etc. Marathon Garbage Service will refuse to handle cans in this condition. This is also an unsightly health hazard and attracts flies, Iguanas, birds, rats, and racoons.

All boat trailers stored on your property may not be closer than twenty (20) feet to the center of the road. There is no grandfather exception for this, all trailers must meet this requirement. (sec. 5-82).

As for the canal side of houses:

All rental properties must have house address numbers on the canal side to pass the requisite safety inspection. The Key Colony Beach Police Department STRONGLY recommends all houses are numbered canal side, this is a public safety measure which lets first responders know exactly where they are when patrolling the water.

All elevator lift forks must meet the following code requirements:

Maximum protrusion of the forks into the canal or waterbody is twelve (12) feet.

Elevator lift forks may remain submerged without a boat on the lift only when a white marine buoy is attached to the end of one (1) of the forks. Reflective devices must be affixed to the ends of the lift forks. (sec. 5-43).

Boats and boat lifts must be contained within the property boundaries and riparian lines. No part of the boat or lift may protrude onto neighboring properties or across riparian lines. There is no grandfather exception for this, nor is there a "consent of a neighbor" exception. (sec. 5-43).

Seawalls, bulkheads, docks, piers, davits, boat slips and boat lifting devices must be maintained in a safe and sturdy condition. There are far too many seawalls in disrepair, which jeopardizes neighboring properties. Should the city undertake repair the cost of work will be assessed to the owner of the property and may constitute a lien on the property. (sec. 5-62). The Building Department has already sent numerous individual notices.

All floating docks must be approved by the city commission and shall be permitted subject to the same dimensional and locational restrictions applicable to other docks. (sec. 5-37).

Furthermore, going forward all noise violations will be handled as follows: each noise complaint will result in a code officer/police officer response, which first appearance may result in a citation depending on circumstances. If the issue is not immediately resolved and a second response is required, a citation against the property will definitely be issued. In each instance the property manager will be put on notice and narrative notes recorded. In the event a property presents a continuing problem, or a repetitive problem over different rentals, the Code Enforcement Board will be implicated, and both the rental license and the property manager certification may be in jeopardy.

For further reference please read and know all the KCB Code of Ordinances and Rules and Regulations available online on the KCB website).

Please also note all citations are lodged against the property owner. Owners are ultimately responsible for compliance on/off their property. Furthermore, a warning about a violation may be given depending on the circumstances, but neither owners or renters should expect a warning about a violation. The Key Colony Beach Police Department will be enforcing the Code in the same manner.

I urge all of you to appreciate that the maintenance of Key Colony Beach Code standards improves the quality of life and preserves property values.

If you have any questions about the policies and procedures, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Barry G. Goldman

Code Enforcement Officer, City of Key Colony Beach, P.O. Box 510141, Key Colony Beach, FL 33051
(305) 289-1212, codeofficer@keycolonybeach.net

2022/23



Membership Application

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 Association, 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. Annual membership is July thru June.

\$15 1st Member: _____

\$10 each additional member same household:

\$ _____ TOTAL enclosed

Mailing address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Addresses: _____

The Association membership includes a newsletter, the Bee Line, which is sent via email November-April

Attach check payable to: KCB Community Association (KCBCA)
Mailing Address: PO Box 510884
Key Colony Beach, FL 33051-0884

For more information or additional applications please go to

KCBCA.org

If you are reading this, you are already a member of the KCBCA.

Why not email this application to someone who isn't a member and help support your KCBCA.

RENEW NOW for NEXT Season Thank you.



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Any articles, photos, questions, comments are welcome. Please send them to:

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KCBCA Membership is from Oct 1-Sept 30. Annual dues are \$15 for 1st in household, \$10 each additional same mailing address.

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