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SPRING FLING

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Though the number of attendees for the Spring Fling was smaller this year, it sure didn't dampen the enthusiasm for those who were present! It was a beautiful sunny day, and the addition of a soft breeze kept everyone very comfortable. Ken Ostrowski, along with his assistant (and mom) Susan, served up a ton of hotdogs; pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, macaroni and cheese, and pasta salad. Cotton candy, cupcakes and cookies topped off the picnic lunch and surely no one left hungry! A DJ entertained the crowd with music on one end of the deck, and a humongous Safari Challenge blow-up beckoned the kids just outside the gate. A very talented young man mesmerized the kids as he manipulated lifeless balloons into cute critters and other clever creations while they worked their way to the front of his long line! The face painting table was also was a popular spot…recognize any faces below? (Lions and tigers, and butterflies - oh my!) Oh yeah, there were lots of adults there too, and all seemed to be engaged in the joy of food, friends, and fun.

All in all, it was a well-planned event - thanks, Lisa, for coordinating all the elements to make this such an enjoyable community gathering. *tp

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY SUNDAY, JUNE 16TH
to all the Dads and Grampas in our
KEY VISTA COMMUNITY.

Month at a Glance

1st Tuesday of the Month
Pool Closed Maintenance
6:00 am - 2:00 pm

Water Aerobics 10:00 am
Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Pickle ball 9:30 am
Monday, Thursday, Saturday

Blue Bag Pickup
Every other Thursday

Community Open House
1st and 3rd Saturday
of the Month

Villas BOD Meeting
4th Monday of the Month
7:00 pm

Master BOD Meeting
MAY 22
6:30 pm

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SPRING FLING

Concerning the Clubhouse

Have you taken the opportunity to visit the recently-renovated Clubhouse? The more colorful paint choices (good riddance to the peach) and smooth tile floors that replaced the carpeting lend a clean and cheery look throughout the rooms. The granite countertops in the kitchen area are beautiful, and the new, large-capacity sink will be a great asset when cleaning up after an event.

LOVE the ladies room off the pool area! The new tile and fresh paint went a long way in brightening up the room. (I'm sure the same can be said of the men's room; I've just chosen not to be privy to their privy.) The granite chosen for the sink area is exquisite, though the light fixture above it seems inadequate to enhance the counter's color nuances. The new showerheads offer the bather a soft, gentle spray, and there's a niche carved out of the shower wall to hold the users' body wash, shampoo, etc. (A nice touch - previously one had to balance these items on a grab bar). Several hooks hanging across the wall are also new additions and will be particularly useful for those with kids & their "stuff". I'm assuming there will be new lockers replacing those that have been removed. And isn't it nice it to have new toilet stalls that don't scream rust around the ridges.

Has anyone figured out what the new machine in the gym is meant to do for one's well-being? My husband refers to it as a rock & roller flabber-mover. Be forewarned…it does nothing for your self esteem as you shake and shimmer in front of the mirror. Just sayin'.

Finally, be sure to thank the a board members for their efforts in completing this renovation project. Not only is the clubhouse a place for us to gather and recreate, it is also an important component of Key Vista, and its appearance speaks volumes to people who are considering purchasing a home here. *tp

FYI by Ellen Maracotta

Master Clubhouse - During the Spring Fling, most of the old furniture and silk plants were sold in a silent auction. No word on when they will be replaced with new ones. Soon, we hope.

Still waiting for open shelving to arrive that will replace the old lockers in the pool locker rooms.

Wondering about the new exercise machine, the Power Step Plus, in the workout room. Haven't seen anyone use it yet at least during the hours that I use the facilities. I tried it and thought that it was fun to shimmy. I'm sure that there is more to it than that. Anyone know? Lisa says that she sees it used every day. Someone let us know what you think. There's a video demonstrating its use in the aerobics room. Time to check it out.

Our maintenance man, Clyde has ordered new garbage pails for the front entrance to replace the rusty pails now there. Cigarette disposal receptacles have been installed at the front entrance and back in the smoking section on the pool deck. Now there will be no more flying butts instead of tennis balls around the tennis courts. Some of the faded entryway floor mats will also be replaced.

The Spring Fling was an overwhelming success with great fun for all and perfect weather. There were pulled pork hoagies and goodies galore. Kids had a blast on the blow-up obstacle course slide.

Anyone want to try out the "9 Minute Workout" on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 AM in the aerobics room? Yes, NINE MINUTES and you'll sweat but you'll be done. It's unofficial and not sponsored by the board; just a bunch of us trying to get fit in less time. See the workout at doctoroz.com. Immediately after, we do some easy yoga; again just for fun and just we amateurs. All are welcome (men and women) although there is a limit to the room capacity.

Bocce Ball - Lisa states that she received at least 30 responses requesting that we install bocce ball courts. Most of the Master Board members expressed unwillingness to discuss the possibility at this time. They felt that repairing the monuments must receive first priority. Only one bid to build the courts was received and they are still waiting for the second bid. Hope that the monuments are repaired soon so that we can think about bocce ball again.

New Towing Company - Does everyone know that no money is spent by the Master Board (your money) in contracting with the towing company? That's right, the Key Vista Master Board does NOT pay the towing company for their services, nor does the board receive any remuneration if a car is towed.

Tennis Courts - The tennis courts got some much needed new wind screens. Thank you, Clyde.

Tidbits - Voyager 1, launched in 1977 on a course to reach the outer limits of our solar system and beyond, should reach the edges of the solar system in a few months. At least the scientists THINK it will reach the edges of our solar system. Or maybe not. There seems to be some debate about just where the solar system ends. This is because the Sun's gravitational pull may extend farther out than was previously believed. If this is so, then at the end of our lifetimes, the boundary of the Solar System will still remain far, far away.

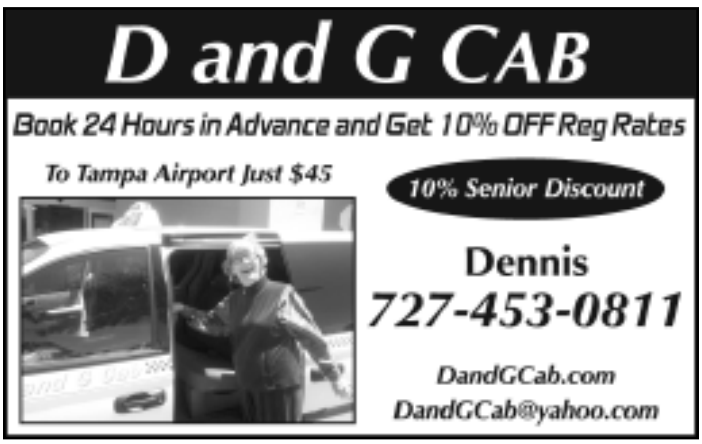
The Bobcats are back. One was seen last week at a screen porch and again crossing one of KV's streets. Cool.

Your Bright House bill went up again - penny here and a penny there - this time 2¢. And once again the Federal Government is the culprit…for cell phones to those who can't afford them as well as free internet and school libraries.

What's Happening in June - National Rocky Road Day the 2nd, Repeat Day (I said "Repeat Day") the 3rd, World Oceans Day the 8th, Flag Day the 14th, Father's Day the 16th, Summer Solstice (day and night are of equal duration) the 21st, National Pink Day (unofficial) the 23rd. The month of June is also noted as National Adopt a Cat Month, and the Candy Month. Now I have an excuse to eat chocolate all month long.

Book Club - July's selection is Beach House Memories by Mary Alice Monroe. Meet at the Villas Club House (gate will be open) at 7PM on Monday, June 3rd.

Memorial Day Celebration at the Villas - the Key Vista Villas Social Committee sponsored a Memorial Day Party at the Villas clubhouse. It only cost $3 for a lot of food and fun. They always do it up right and have a great time.



SUMMERTIME AND THE LIVING IS EASY...

School's out for the summer, parents take vacation time to relax and spend with the family, and many nearby locales offer fun -and free - entertainment for all. Check out the following venues: All ages are invited to nearby Anclote River Park (1119 Baillies Bluff Rd.) for a movie on the beach on Friday, June 7th. Kevin James provides the laughter in HERE COMES THE BOOM at 8:30pm. Bring chairs, blankets, and mosquito spray! For the star-struck among you, Starkey Wilderness Park is offering a Star-Gazing opportunity that same evening from 9:00 - 10:30pm.

The following Saturday, June 15th, Tarpon Springs is holding a Wine Walk in the Tarpon downtown area as well as along the Sponge docks. Thursday, June 20th, is the date for the Sunset Beach Concert Series, featuring the Crystal Beach String Band. The concert begins at 7:00pm, and one can park at the Tarpon Springs High School and hop a free bus to get you and your family there and back. Though vendors are on the premises, you can bring your own snacks and (non-alcoholic) drinks if you wish. Bugs love music, so be prepared with your favorite spray. The Tarpon Springs Cultural Center will be featuring Smithsonian's Journey Films featuring locally significant immigrant stories from 7:30-9:00 on June 22nd. There'll be an upcoming performance of Fiddler on the Roof in mid-July, so you might want to reserve tickets for that much-loved musical. This will be held at the Tarpon Springs Performing Arts Center.

The cute and quaint city of Dundedin is a short thirty-minute drive south of us, and during June it's featuring free musical performances at Weaver Park (91249 Bayshore Blvd.) on Saturday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm. First up on June 8th is Tropical Vibrations featuring reggae music and steel drums; on the 15th Wendy Barmore entertains with blues and soul music; the 22nd presents Jimmy-Bufffet wannabees De Lei'ed Parrots, and the 29th rocks out with Ron & the Classics, with songs from the 50s - 80s including vocal impersonations.

Take time to relax and enjoy the many local venues that are close to our vicinity…have a fun summer! *tp

SPOOKY HIDES IN THE JUNGLE

by Ellen Maracotta

The cold weather was inadvertently providing a playground for the two boys, Frankie T and Spooky. The cold weather requires that I bring in all the orchids (seems that I cannot resist buying them) and the Christmas cactus. These are all lined up in a corner of the living room opposite the couch. In front of these I placed two Boston ferns - large Boston ferns - and thus have created what the boys feel is their private jungle. The ferns were not designed to withstand marauding by two active teenage cats. So, the "jungle" became thinner and thinner.

Looking up from a book I was reading, I noticed that fronds of one of the ferns were shaking. As I looked more closely, I realized that I was staring into two amber eyes. Tiger in the jungle. One or the other little guy would hide among the plants until the other would sneak up and take a flying leap into the leafy hiding place. Frankie T was on a stakeout for an unsuspecting Spooky. But Spooky had spotted Frankie T hiding in the plants and was slowly creeping up ready to pounce.

There ensued much leaping into the air and mad dashes around the house until one or the other called for a time out. Peace in the living room. Two pooped kitties. Two bedraggled Boston ferns.

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

Trash pickup is every Tuesday and Friday. Please do not put your trash out before 6PM the evening before.

All **commercial fertilization signs** should be removed after 24-Hours.

Please observe the **School's FLASHING LIGHTS**. They are there to protect pedestrians and motorists.

Please **curb your dog**! Bags are FREE and may be obtained at the receptacles.

Pasco County Sheriff's Department: 727-844-7711
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Paper Recycle Bin is located in the parking lot of the Master Clubhouse. NO GARBAGE PLEASE. They are for brown paper bags, cardboard, cereal boxes, construction paper, gift wrap, magazines, newspaper, paper, and phone books.

Key Vista email mailing list: If you are not receiving any messages from the clubhouse, please contact Key Vista Master Clubhouse Manager 727-943-0295.

Input to the *Pelican* must be submitted by the 10th of each month. Contact: kvclubhouse@mykeyvista.com

Make sure vehicles do not block sidewalks, are not parked on grass, or parked over night. Any of these will result in towing at owner's expense.

Community speed limit is 20 MPH! Key Vista Boulevard 30 MPH.

Community **garage sales** are held twice a year. Individual garage sales are not permitted.

Blue Bag pick-up is every other Thursday. These are the items that can be recycled: Aluminum cans; metal food cans,- #1 and #2 plastic bottles and jars; and clear, green and brown glass bottles and jars. Clean and rinse your items and please remove caps and/or lids since they cannot be recycled. NOT TO BE INCLUDED IN BLUE BAGS: Aerosol cans, batteries, oil/paint cans and containers, hazardous chemicals ceramics, crystal, light bulbs, mirrors, pyrex, window panes, aluminum foil, egg cartons, pie tins. Blue bags may be put out the evening before.

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PEACEFUL CO-EXISTING IN PARADISE By Georgie Watson Boehlen

"Noooo, Annie," I cried to my mischievous Cavalier Spaniel. "Don't eat the lovebugs. They will make you sick." My beloved Springer Spaniel Molly was completely confused why ANY DOG would want to eat ANY BUG. Ignoring me, Annie used her excellent fly catching skills, and snatched them from the air. With a very surprised look on her face, she coughed them up immediately. I guessed they weren't exactly "gourmet"!

The Florida lovebug, or Plecia nearctica, Is a member of the family of march flies. It is also known as the kissing bug, or double-headed bug because of its unique ability to mate while airborne and continue flying while combined until both insects die. Usually they are only noticeable in their adult form as the larvae are small, remaining in and living on decaying vegetation… sort of like Natures own garbage collectors. Lovebugs do not sting, bite, or carry disease. Nor do they destroy vegetation in either their larvae or adult state, during which time they eat nothing. Admittedly they are annoying when they get stuck on one's suntan lotion or are found swimming the backstroke in one's favorite summer beverage!

Lovebugs are frequently plentiful during May and June and again in August and September. There are many reported incidents of vehicles which have had their finishes damaged because their poor drivers had to plow through throngs of these bugs. Although basically harmless, the lovebugs' somewhat acidic body chemistry can wreak havoc on some car finishes. So much so, that some travelers' warnings exist about their presence! Newer car finishes are pretty much impervious to lovebug mush, but it's probably is a good idea to park your cream puff 65 ? Mustang or vintage Corvette in the garage until lovebug season is over. The adult lovebugs live only long enough to mate and lay eggs; usually three or four days, T h e r e exists some folklore that lovebugs were created synthetically in University of Florida laboratories in hopes of developing a species of insect which eats mosquitoes. In actuality, however, they originated in Central America and likely hitched rides on cargo ships between there and the gulf ports in Texas. From there, they spread to Florida, residing mostly in the northern part.

Fortunately, Annie's constitution was considerably stronger than the finish on a vintage car, and we all continued on our walk….Molly, enjoying Florida's beautiful weather and Annie, looking for more trouble.

Reprinted from 2009

My friends and I were enjoying a delightful time at the beach—the sun was warm, the Gulf, a beautiful color of aquamarine, and the waves were rocking us with their soft rolling. Suddenly I felt a very wet thud on the back of my neck. Disregarding it as an unusually harsh wave, I continued to talk with my friend when he got whacked in the mouth with a fish! Another friend had a fish jump into her bathing suit. As she frantically tried to grab the slippery fellow before it slid down any further, we were besieged by dozens of 3-4 inch long fish jumping into our backs hair, faces. Accordingly, along flew dozens of noisy gulls and diving pelicans. Since the natives were definitely restless we decided now was a good time to dry off on shore, before we were used for batting practice between fish and fowl.

These renegade jumping fish were mullets. Biologists don't know exactly why they jump out of the water like they do. It may be to avoid predators. Since they were practically jumping into the mouths of the pelicans, hopefully it wasn't something more terrifying, like a shark. But then again, they seem to jump for no reason (for joy?). Some scientists think it is to clear their gills of silt from the shallow waters they frequent and to obtain higher oxygen levels. Whatever the reason, the bigger the fish gets, the harder the whack gets. We were lucky these were only juvenile fish. An adult can be 47 inches in length and weigh between 14-17 pounds. Imagine trying to explain those bruises to your spouse when coming from a routine day at the beach!

They live within waters of dense vegetation; eating dead plants, zooplankton, and surface scum formed by microalgae. Since algae can devastate the shallow waters along the beaches, mullets are good fish to have around as long as they are not whacking you in the head. According to the Florida Museum of Natural History, Ichthyology Department, mullets are fine food fish, although I haven't served in any restaurants. It is a perfect bait fish, especially for tarpon, and for this reason was over harvested. But a 1995 Florida law banning net fishing for mullet saved it from becoming endangered, and now it is not even thought of as a threatened species. Although we felt pretty threatened as they were pelting themselves at us.

Living in paradise can get pretty precarious—squirting walking sticks and jumping mullets, not to mention alligators. But the soft, rolling, sea green waters, sterling beaches, and beautiful sunsets are awe inspiring. And the sun, that glorious sun, is why most of us are here in the first place. Living here means to love the perfect along with the pernicious.

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