

FARO BLANCO MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Goings On In Town



BOARD REPORT

Reminder to all Owners regarding the upcoming Board of Directors Meeting. April 5, 2023 @ 5:30pm; for those wanting to participate the open forum please have your open forum participation form back to the Secretary of the Board, Crystina Bass at crystina@fbcondo.com no later than 5:30pm on April 4, 2023.

Bat Relocation Project

The bats have been successfully relocated to their new home in the bat house just outside the tennis courts and a few may have found other accommodations elsewhere. We would like to thank all owners for all their patience during the relocation of the bats. Yes, it can be a bit disconcerting being greeted by a wayward bat but keep in mind they are essential to our environment as natural insect control.

Elevator Modernization & Hallway Updating Project

The elevator modernization project is just around the corner. We will also be updating the hallways; paint, new flooring and window repairs. **As stated in the previous newsletter the anticipated start date is July 2023. We expect the project to take 90-120 days. For those that are unable to use the stairs during this time it is advised they make arrangements for other accommodations elsewhere.**

Trash

Construction debris (carpet pads, carpets, doors, toilets etc...) are to be disposed of via a construction dumpster **not the association dumpster.**

If it does not fit in a trash bag it does not go in the dumpster.

Large household items DO NOT go in the dumpster.

Large household items are to be set to the side of the dumpster in the trash enclosure, and the unit owner has to call Marathon Garbage Service at 305-743-5165.

Owner must provide the following to them; description of the items you are disposing of, where it is located within trash enclosure (not in the dumpster); and, give the address of 1998 Overseas Hwy. condo dumpster, give them the unit #, as well as a your phone number.

Marathon Garbage Service will arrange for bulk pick up accordingly.

Faro Blanco Resort & Yacht Club

Yes, our little community is separate from the Resort, the Marina and the Marriott but we are all part of a community. Just as we came together as community within our walls over the past year so must we also be part of the immediate community that surrounds us.

To that end we will be updating our residents of our neighbors upcoming events. As well as construction projects. As we were previously informed the Resort was to have begun the demolition and upgrading to the pool area this past February. However, due to complications with the permitting process this project has been delayed. We will do our best to keep you informed as to when that project is back on track accordingly.

Suntex Marina

Suntex Marina's acquired the Faro Blanco Marina almost two years ago. In that time they have done several improvements including but not limited to live camera surveillance. This was done in an effort to avoid fencing off access to the docks but to give boaters/tenants a sense of security. For those that have not been to the Marina in the past few months you will also notice access after sun down is limited. Pedestrian traffic is allowed only up to the light house after sundown. That also means the fuel dock is also off limits after hours. Though they have only set up cones keep in mind they now have live camera surveillance. Let's be great neighbors and respect their boundaries.

They do have a new dock master her name is Annie Wilson. Her door is always open and she is very welcoming. In speaking with Annie she explained some of their upcoming projects like; enlarging the beach area and beautification projects. Stop by when you get a chance and introduce yourself .

Upcoming Events

Typically an upcoming event is usually listed under "Goings on in Town" but this event will effect our community. April 28-30th Faro Blanco Yachts Club and Suntex Marina will be bustling with activity. The Boat Races are coming to town.

The Faro Blanco/Suntex is the Wet Pits for the inaugural 7 Mile Offshore Grand Prix. From boats to people our community will be jammed packed! Expect the boats to start arriving in town midweek. For more information about this event and all of the events surrounding the races visit <https://raceworldoffshore.com/marathon/>.

Insurance

The Association provides insurance coverage for the structure (Hazard, Wind, Flood).

As these policies renew those unit owners that have mortgages will receive notices from the mortgage holders asking for evidence of insurance naming the mortgage company as the certificate holder.

Owners need to contact the Association's insurance provider directly:

Insurance Office of America,
Mel E. Montagne
Phone 305-743-0494
MEL.MONTAGNE@IOAU.SA.COM

By contacting them directly not only will you get a timely response to your request but in the future as policies renew certificates are automatically generated to the mortgage companies accordingly in their system.

Renters

A reminder to all owners, if you rent your unit; vacation rental ,longterm or short term you are responsible for your tenants and their actions. The unit owner is to provide all tenants with rules and regulations for the Association along with where to dispose of their trash and where to park their cars. All of this information is readily available on the association website under the "Public" page.

Expect an increase in vehicle traffic entering and existing the resort, as well as lots of foot traffic during this weekend.

FKAA Transmission line replacement

FKAA has begun the 130 mile transmission line replacement project. This project will take decades to complete. The first phase is Islamorada which began this past February. This is a two (2) year project with an anticipated end date of March 2025. Yes, there will be water service disruptions on occasion and you may experience low water pressure from time to time, but that is part and parcel for this type of project. This past month Faro Blanco experienced water service interruption along with everyone else south of Islamorada. Keep yourself up to date by visiting FKAA website; fkaa.com

Not only will this affect water service, but it will affect traffic. Expect traffic delays when traveling through Islamorada. Pack your patience and keep an eye out for construction zones and workers on the road.

Utility Contacts

FKAA (Florida Aqueduct Authority) - fkaa.com , 305-296-2454, 1100 Kennedy Drive Key West, FL 33040.

FKEC (Florida Keys Electric Cooperative) - fkec.com, (305) 852-2431, 3421 Overseas Hwy, Marathon, FL 33050

Comcast/Xfinity - xfinity.com, (800) 266-2278, 1010 Kennedy Dr #101, Key West, FL 33040

Board Members

Contact information for board members, please note the email change for Board Member Maria Fernandez Julian:

President: Greg Stroh [REDACTED]

Vice President: Shirl Brinser; [REDACTED]

Secretary: Crystina Bass; [REDACTED]

Treasurer: Veronica Stefan; [REDACTED]

Board Member: Maria Fernandez Julian; [REDACTED]