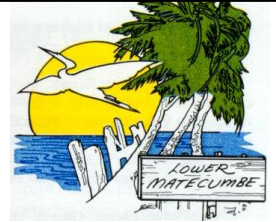


Matecumbe Neighbors



Newsletter of the Lower Matecumbe Key Association

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LMKA:

ALIVE and WELL

Nearly 30 years ago the Lower Matecumbe Key Association (LMKA) was formed in order to provide a means for property owners to join together to assure a better future for the island. Over the years the Association has proven to be a formidable and effective voice as a result of its efforts.

For the last couple years the energy of the group diminished. There was a possibility the group would be disbanded. The good news—there were nine volunteers that agreed to serve on the board, determined to re-energize the group.

So now there is new life and continuing purpose! The board members are ready to undertake new efforts in the association's continuing purpose to make Lower Matecumbe an even better place to live and enjoy.

Join us at our scheduled February meeting: meet the board, meet island neighbors, get involved!

Membership Meeting:

Where: Boy Scout SeaBase administrative building, right side off U.S. 1, MM73.8

When: Feb 13, 6:30 PM

Meet the new Village Manager:
Seth Lawless

Past Accomplishments of the Lower Matecumbe Key Association

- LMKA spearheaded the effort to create Anne's Beach, now one of the loveliest parks in the Keys.
- As a result of years of persistence by members, our bike path was completed long before bike paths became common in the Keys.
- LMKA worked with DOT and the Village of Islamorada on several projects resulting in the landscaping of the right-of-way.
- LMKA worked with the Village to get an EMS/Fire Station on our island.
- The Association has had annual "walks" inviting government officials to walk along to brainstorm with residents and find ways to improve the community.
- LMKA has had candidate forums before local Village Council elections.
- Since the mid 1980s LMKA has worked with Monroe County, South Florida Regional Planning Council and the Village of Islamorada to help establish long range planning for the island, promoting the goal of remaining a low-density island.
- Matecumbe Neighbors newsletter proved to be an excellent vehicle for property owners to learn about the issues that impact the area.
- Monthly meetings held during the winter months provided educational programs and an opportunity to get to know neighbors.

Do you have concerns...contact the Islamorada Village Council

Email Village Clerk, Kelly Toth, at clerk@islamorada.fl.us and ask her to distribute your email to council.



Mayor
Jim Mooney



Councilwoman
Cheryl Meads



Councilwoman
Deb Gillis



Vice Mayor
Chris Sante



Councilman
Mike Forster

Interesting Links

[Www.islamorada.fl.us](http://www.islamorada.fl.us) Get a wealth of information... staff and their contact info, meetings scheduled, agendas, minutes, links to Village Charter, Comp Plan and Village Code and much more. Even candidate financial reports. You can also watch council meetings online—go to webcast on the home page menu.

IslamoradaMatters.com ... information about the Sea Level studies and impact on Islamorada

<http://www.fdotmiamidade.com/current-projects/monroe-county.html> —for Florida Department of Transportation current projects in Monroe County

<http://www.firmkeys.org/> - go here and join—Fair Insurance Rates in Monroe—they are doing an incredible job working to get us all better insurance rates.

Lower Matecumbe Key Association Statement of Purpose

The Lower Matecumbe Key Association, Inc. shall actively work to preserve and enhance the quality of life and environment through participation and democratic process by the residents.

Goals shall include:

1. Monitoring activities such as zoning and construction.
2. Communicating with all members to alert them to potential problems or opportunities.
3. Coordinating the efforts of the individual neighborhood associations on common objectives.
4. Providing an open forum for presentation and discussion of issues.
5. Taking appropriate action on behalf of the membership.

Board of Directors: Mark Riley (president), Dennie Zei woch (secretary), Hermine Zavar (treasurer), Fernando Franco, Chuck McWhirter, Roland Moore, Bill Rivenbark, Enrique Zamora, Chris Zeher

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The opinions in this newsletter are not necessarily the opinions of the Board of Directors of LMKA.

Articles submitted with opposing points of view are encouraged.

Help Recharge LMKA—send your dues today!

Participate!

As a new era arrives for our association, we hope that the Lower Matecumbe Key Association will continue to grow and thrive, helping our island be the best it can be.

The best way to assure LMKA success is through the participation of members.

The association has worked diligently for nearly 30 years now to make improvements large and small on the island. Often our strength has been our unified voice... but we need to hear from all of you when you have ideas, comments, concerns. Send us emails to tell us what you think is important to you. And please rejoin our effort today!

Volunteer to help. A few hours or even minutes of your time, combined with hundreds of other volunteer hours, can make a huge difference.

Let us know what you'd like the Association to undertake.

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Aren't You Curious?

PARMALEE PROPERTY

Do you know what's happening next at the serene and beautiful Parmalee property behind Sapodilla Drive? more than just a single small home and a nest of bald eagles are in the works.



THE FILL

Have you been following the debates between Florida Department of Transportation, local residents and the Village Council as to the "landscape" plan for the fills between Upper and Lower Matecumbe that has become such a popular weekend destination for so many?

RED STREET LIGHTS

Do you know why some of the street lights along U. S. One on our island glow bright red at night?

FLORA AND FAUNA

Don't you want to learn more about the monarch butterflies being raised by residents of Lower Matecumbe; controlling iguanas; the sphinx moth caterpillars impacting frangipani trees; crocodile facts and figures?



THE SEWER SYSTEM

Now that it is available and in use, do you know what to do to hook up, who to call for help, and other important information that impacts all of us?

THE ISLAND HISTORY

Want to learn more about our island years back? First homes, impact of 1935 hurricane, fresh water supply for Indian Key... and much more?

Join LMKA! Learn about these issues and more in future newsletters and at LMKA meetings.

Best \$20 investment you can make!

President's Corner:

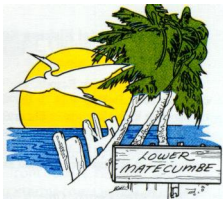
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Most important...Volunteer to help. We have a long list of ideas to make the island better, and you can help with just a small contribution of time.

Mark Riley, President



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Islamorada, FL 33036



Membership Application/Renewal

First Name(s): _____

Last Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Local Address: _____

Phone (local): _____

Other phone: _____

Email: _____

Provide your email please!

Get your newsletter faster and save LMKA printing/postage costs! We only use the email address to send newsletters, information and reminders about Lower Matecumbe.

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