



# City of KEY WEST

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## BIKE AND PEDESTRIAN PATH NAMED FOR IMPORTANT ADVOCATE



The Key West City Commission voted unanimously to name the bike and pedestrian path that runs along Palm Avenue and North Roosevelt Blvd. after the Jim Malcolm. Malcolm died unexpectedly in October.

Jim worked for the city since 1999, coordinating bicycle and pedestrian safety, ensuring easy and equal access to all residents and visitors under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and he worked closely with the city's Development Review Committee. But everyone agrees that Jim was much more than the sum of those parts. He was passionate about bicycle safety and was an activist for city improvement long before he came on board as an employee. He was instrumental, literally, in bridging the gap between the city and bike safety. The Staples Avenue Bridge is but

one symbol of his tireless work for a bike and pedestrian friendly community.

Now officially known as Jim Malcolm Way, the path along Palm and North Roosevelt serve as a permanent reminder of a man who loved his community and worked tirelessly to see that it lived up to its potential.

Jim's influence was limitless: he worked on the state Scenic Highways Board, served two terms as Chairman of the Board of the Lion's Club and played a big part in the building's renovation.

And Jim's passion for safety lives on in the next generation through his efforts to show kids how important helmets are for safe biking.

Everyone who knew and loved Jim will recall his dedication and his irresistible smile every time they ride or walk Jim Malcolm Way.

## VIEW FROM THE TOP

Cruise ships may have been a contentious subject in years past, but as Key West has become a favored port of call over the



years, most residents agree that cruise visitors enhance the island's economy by diversifying the ways our tourists get here.

The last week in October held one of the industry's most important conferences, the Caribbean Cruise Association Conference. This year, with the help of District II City Commissioner Mark Rossi and Port Director Raymond Archer, the City of Key West worked hard to ensure that the big lines continue to bring their guests into Key West. As Wall Street and the national economy contract, it's crucial that the city maintain its economic viability, and these visitors play a big role.

Last year, cruise ships poured more than \$6.2 million into city coffers. On top of that, each passenger and many crew spend money in local businesses.

Networking and lobbying are crucial elements to ensuring that these cruise companies continue to consider Key West a prized destination.

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*Questions? Comments?*

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In a spectacular show of updated technology, the city is replacing some antiquated concrete piers at Garrison Bight with new floating docks. In October, Port Director Raymond Archer, Garrison Bight Supervisor David Hawthorne, District II City Commissioner Mark Rossi and City Manager Jim Scholl watched as pieces of the Marlin Pier were lifted from trucks and lowered into the water. Liveboard residents will find, says Archer, that floating docks mean their front doors will stay even with the dock, no matter what stage of tide!

## GOING PAPERLESS!

Key West is embarking on a new means of keeping the island clean and green. This year the City Commission approved the budget to go paperless with commission packets.

The information necessary to prepare the commissioners and mayor for and average two meetings a month adds up to reams of paper, but a new Web-based system should be in place by early 2009 that will allow easy access to information while saving trees.

“An average City Commission meeting agenda uses 2000 pieces of paper,” says City Clerk Cheri Smith. “That adds up to an average of 42,000



sheets of paper a year. When you consider all the other boards and committees that also use paper packets, it makes financial and environmental sense to use a Web-based application.”

The automated agendas will streamline the work that goes into putting a packet together and they'll be just one click away on everyone's computer.

# FOUNDATION BEAUTIFIES DUVAL



On October 16, the Tropheia Butterfly Foundation donated \$3,000 to the City of Key West for the planting and beautification efforts along the length of Duval St. Present at the occasion and accepting for the city were Mayor Morgan McPherson, Commissioner Barry Gibson and Cynthia D. Coogle. Presenting for The Tropheia Butterfly Foundation were Sue Sullivan, Cherre Marchak and George Fernandez.

The combined efforts of Cynthia D. Coogle, Urban Forestry Program Manager for the City of Key West Landscape Division of Parks and Recreation Dept. and the gracious contributions of the members and supporters of the Foundation who made this financial gift possible, made the planting of 26 beautiful flowering and native trees a dream come true along the length of Duval. Cynthia emphasized that, "the City and I are certainly appreciative of the partnering of community groups, including The Tropheia Butterfly Foundation, in beautifying not only Duval Street, but other city projects as well."

The Duval Street project featured eight varieties of trees, and include many that are butterfly host plants as well as enhancing the landscaping with

their unique weeping foliage and colorful flowers.

The Tropheia Butterfly Foundation, established in January of 2003, is the non-profit community service arm of The Key West Butterfly & Nature Conservatory. Since its grand opening, it has been actively pursuing the mission of restoring and preserving the butterfly populations in Key West through habitat rehabilitation, public education and community outreach. Eleven projects have been completed to date, including Glynn Archer Elementary School, the Custom House, and Bayview Park.

The Foundation is committed to fostering the ideas that Sam Tropheia, President of the Butterfly Conservatory, had as a young man in building a breathtaking natural habitat. Through the years he has inspired a volunteer organization actively and enthusiastically involved in projects that have fulfilled a dream, a vision and the reality of the Foundation.

In March of 2006 the The Tropheia Butterfly Foundation began spearheading the "Restore the Magic" beautification project aimed at replacing and planting new trees along Whitehead St. and other areas in the community.

## FAMILY HOLIDAY EVENTS

It's time to gear up for the 11th Annual Key West Parade and Children's Holiday Festival. If Fantasy Fest is known for its bawdiness, this two-day event is custom made for families. Beginning at 7 p.m. on December 6th, residents and businesses come together in a festive parade that starts at the corner of White Street and Truman Avenue.

The next day, the Holiday Festival at Key West's Bayview Park runs from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

The entire event is good old fashioned fun for every generation. There will be carollers, floats, bands, and even horses!

It wouldn't be a proper kickoff for the holiday season without Santa, the grand marshall of the parade, and Key West's is a very special Santa.

In addition, the tree lighting is December 1 at sunset in Bayview Park.

For more information, contact Maria Ratcliff (MRatcliff@keywestcity.com) in the City Manager's office at 809-3881.

In addition, this event is funded 100% by community donations. If you'd like to support this wonderful family fun, please give Maria a call.



# LOCAL HERO!



Key West Police Chief Donie Lee commended Key West resident David Lybrand for heroically protecting a woman and her child from what might have been a deadly attack. Lee made the presentation at a City Commission meeting, and Lybrand earned a standing ovation from the packed house for his bravery.

Lybrand stepped into action when he saw a man attacking a woman and her 3-year-old daughter with a tree saw. Though he was injured, Lybrand stopped the attack, then followed the suspect as he ran from the scene. With Lybrand's help, the Key West Police Department was able to arrest Christopher Ferrell for the potentially deadly attack.

There were several others who helped that day, including Franklin Roberts who also followed the suspect and was able to point out where Ferrell had disposed of evidence. And Susie Delaune, a nurse that lives in the neighborhood, rendered aid to the victims.

## NOVEMBER PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Clean and Green: Nov. 1
- City Commission: Nov. 5
- HARC: Nov. 11
- City Commission: Nov 18
- Key West Bight Management District Board: Nov. 19
- Code Compliance Hearing: Nov 19
- Planning Board: Nov. 20
- Development Review Committee: Nov. 21
- HARC: Nov. 25



## OCTOBER/NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Dorothy Austin - Code Compliance - October 1            | Michael Budde - Fire Department - November 1           |
| John Barlow - Police Department - October 1             | John Sellers - Fire Department - November 1            |
| Charles Burns - Bight Maintenance - October 2           | Raul Franco - Fire Department - November 2             |
| Jesus Mendez - Public Works - October 2                 | Jim Scholl - City Manager - November 2                 |
| John Guieb - Public Works - October 3                   | Kathynn Wanciak - Police Department - November 2       |
| Brian Leahy - Police Department - October 3             | Paul Cassidy - Public Works - November 4               |
| Ronnie Tabag - Mallory Square - October 3               | Michael Malgrat - Police Department - November 4       |
| Douglas Bryan - Garrison Bight Operations - October 4   | Oscar Ladino - Public Works - November 5               |
| Deborah Millett-Fowley - Code Compliance - October 4    | Mark Sellers - Fire Department - November 5            |
| Sterling Sands - Key West Bight Maintenance - October 4 | Enrique Brown - Public Works - November 6              |
| Nancy Gibson - Finance - October 5                      | Yolanda Gardner - Recreation - November 6              |
| Charles Sawyer - Project Construction Team - October 6  | Christopher Saunders - Fire Department - November 5    |
| Patrick Wright - City Planner - October 6               | St. Tilien Louis - Parking - November 10               |
| Dennis Boyd - Key West DOT Operations - October 7       | Diane Cooper - Public Works - November 12              |
| Dixon Dahlgren - Garrison Bight Operations - October 10 | Robert Spencer - KW Bight Maintenance - November 12    |
| Gregory Veliz - Public Works - October 10               | Mark Newby - Police Department - November 14           |
| Alberto Fernandez - Fire Department - October 11        | Derek Cisneros - Fire Department - November 15         |
| Anita Woods - Finance - October 11                      | Jean Riche - Public Works - November 16                |
| Misty Arnold - Elections - October 14                   | Rick Barber - Fire Department - November 17            |
| Frank Duponty - Police Department - October 14          | Thomas Bouchard, Jr. - Fire Department - November 17   |
| Raymond Archer - Port Operations - October 16           | Charlie Pons - Public Works - November 17              |
| Angie Rodriguez - Police Department - October 17        | Pablo Rodriguez - Police Department - November 17      |
| Daniel Kolhage - City Commission - October 18           | Jeffrey Hernandez - Fire Department - November 18      |
| John Malott - Fire Department - October 18              | Carla Pelote - Police Department - November 19         |
| Jeffery Williamson - Police Department - October 18     | Margaret Scanlan - Finance Department - November 19    |
| Michael Shouldice - Police Department - October 19      | Nicholas Bentley - Fill Ops - November 20              |
| Salvatore Devito - Public Works - October 20            | Lynn Hadley - Finance Department - November 20         |
| Randall Hartle - Police Department - October 20         | Cheryl Garcia - Police Department - November 21        |
| John Cruz - Building & Zoning - October 21              | Jane Newhagen - Public Works - November 21             |
| Kenneth Wardlow - Fire Department - October 22          | Terence Richardson - Building & Zoning - November 25   |
| Francisco Zamora - Police Department - October 23       | Connee Gates - Finance Department - November 25        |
| Brunilda Torres - Finance - October 24                  | Lucretia Monroe - Building & Zoning - November 25      |
| Susan Lozada - Garrison Bight Operations - October 25   | Pamela Blackwell - Fire Department - November 26       |
| George Coburn - Garrison Bight Operations - October 27  | C. Bittinger - Police Department - November 28         |
| Ronald Herrington - Fire Department - October 28        | Onelia Diaz - Police Department - November 28          |
| Mary Canalejo - Police Department - October 30          | Alice Gates - Recreation - November 28                 |
| William Kaye - Fire Department - October 30             | Cynthia Domenech-Coogle - Recreation - November 29     |
| Michael Beattie - Police Department - October 30        | Dara Font - KW DOT Operations - November 29            |
|   | Jose Gallardo - Fire Department - November 29          |
|   | Brett Wright - Project Construction Team - November 30 |