

City of

KEY WEST

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New Parking Machines Offer Convenience

With the new park and pay machines cropping up all over Old Town, you can now take your parking with you! The City of Key West has installed 27 new machines that allow you to pre-pay for your parking. And once you've purchased that block of time, you can move your car from one space to another. With old-fashioned parking meters, if you fed the meter, you were locked into that space. Now you can take the receipt from the park and pay machine and park in any metered spot on the street -- as long as there's still time on your ticket. That means you can park in one spot, go to the theatre, then move to another for dinner. You can even park in front of an old-fashioned parking meter! Just be sure you display your paid receipt in the window of your car.

The new machines also offer the benefit of no longer having to carry a pocketful of change if you want to park; just swipe your credit card and you're ready to go. Additionally, sidewalks are safer and better looking without a crop of parking meters on poles!



Calendar Truck



Some people like them with kittens, other prefer pinup girls. Scenery is ever popular, and sometimes kids' artwork is the highlight. Wall calendars are as American as apple pie and big red fire trucks, and now the Key West Fire Department will be featured on a calendar in 2011.

Local firefights, along with Chief David Fraga, rolled out the shiny new Pierce Velocity pumper this month for professional photographer John Lewis to shoot. They took several shots at the Southernmost Point, then a few more at the foot of Duval Street. The chrome-encrusted truck will be part of the Pierce 2011 Fire Apparatus Calendar.

"The calendars are extremely popular throughout the entire United State," said Chief Fraga, "and to be picked as one of 12 departments nationwide is indeed prestigious."

He noted that hundreds of fire departments across the nation apply year in and year out to be part of the popular calendar. The city's inclusion in the calendar is an honor, says Fraga, that will help focus national attention on the state-of-the-art equipment used by the Key West Fire Department.

In the photo, photographer John Lewis, shooting for Pierce Manufacturing/ Medtec Ambulance, takes a photo of the newest piece of equipment owned by the Key West Fire Department. This truck, like most others, was purchased primarily with grant funding.

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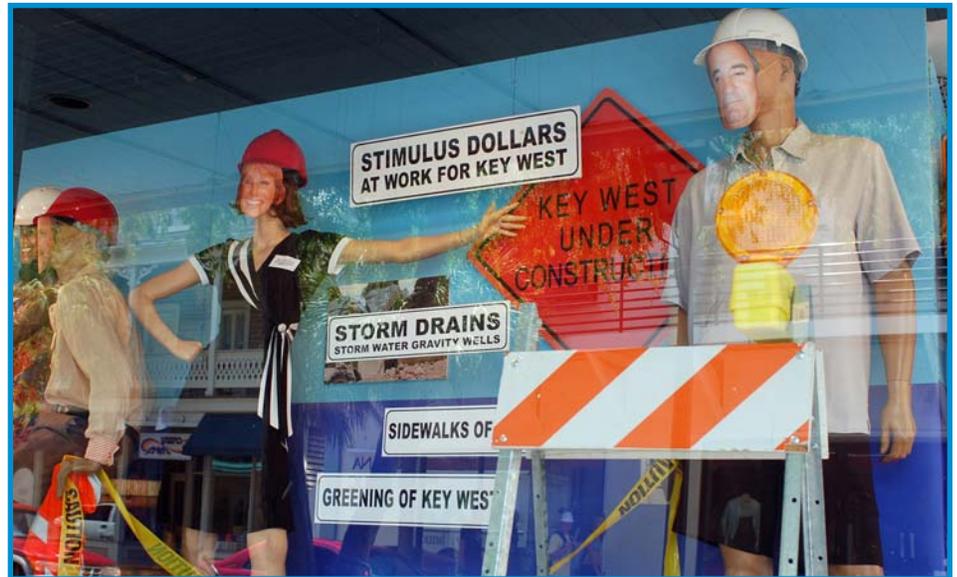
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Education in a Window



Anyone traveling along Duval Street will enjoy a wonderful primer about Key West's storm water gravity well construction, thanks to the window artists at Fast Buck Freddie's. Owner Anthony Falcone and designers Ann Lorraine, Larry Roybal and Tim Mills have created another of their renowned window displays, this time focusing on the construction that has affected much of Old Town.

Mannequins wearing the faces of the city's commissioners, the city manager and the mayor are arrayed among orange construction cones and barricades. Signs explain that federal stimulus funding is paying the lion's share of the cost. Explained, too, is the importance of the wells in maintaining the pristine quality of the island's nearshore waters.

The city is in the process of installing 27 gravity wells and five outfall pollution control devices with the help of federal stimulus grant funding. Because of federal deadlines, many of the projects were undertaken at once. That means that most of the construction will be wrapping up in the next few weeks.

All six commissioners, along with Mayor Craig Cates, City Manager Jim Scholl and several city staffers are represented in the windows. The fabulous display includes many photos and extends into the entrance of the store.



City Begins Move to Temporary Space

It was a long weekend for many Key West City workers, but the newly relocated departments are open for business. You may still see a box or two, but the move has been practically seamless.

All of the offices previously located in the Madeline Bean Building at 604 Simonton are now housed at Habana Plaza, 3100 Flagler Avenue. The relocated departments include Planning, Building, Licensing, Engineering, General Services, Code Compliance and HARC.

The move is the first stage of a multi-phased effort to eventually replace the antiquated City Hall at 525 Angela Street while bringing all the city's departments together under one roof. The Madeline Bean Building, like City Hall, was built in the early 1960s and is beyond repair.

The next stage will move finance and other offices currently housed in leased space on Duval Street. The offices within City Hall itself will follow. Once the move to Habana Plaza is complete, only the fire station will remain and construction will begin on a new facility. City officials are still exploring several options for the final reconstruction. In the meantime, it's estimated that Habana Plaza will be the temporary City Hall for about two years.



Upcoming City Meetings Broadcast Live on Channel 77

Bahama Village Redevelopment Advisory
Committee: July 1
Truman Waterfront Advisory Board: July 2
City Commission: July 6
Strategic Planning Committee: July 7
Tree Commission: July 12
HARC: July 13
Transient License Workshop: July 14
Planning Board: July 15
City Commission: July 20
KW Bight Board: July 21
Strategic Planning Committee: July 21
DRC: July 22
Citizens Review Board: July 22
HARC: July 27
Code Enforcement Hearing: July 28



Mayor Craig Cates is joined by Mote Marine Lab Executive Director David E. Vaughan in celebrating the 55th anniversary of the lab. Vaughan noted that in addition to five and a half decades of providing marine education to students and the public through its Sarasota facility, Keys residents have enjoyed a satellite facility for 12 years. In addition, Mote Marine is responsible for the living coral reef display at the Florida Keys Eco Discovery Center at the Truman Waterfront.

Sponsors Sought for 5th Annual Police Officer's Ball

The Key West Police Department is readying to host the 5th Annual Police Officer's Ball. Always a special event, this year it's being held on September 11th, a day with special meaning for police officers, firefighters and those in the military as well as the nation as a whole. The Key West Police Department is inviting the community to support this event and join in the remembrance of our fallen heroes.

This annual soiree is also a fundraising event, raising money for the Love Fund. The Love Fund has already helped numerous families keep their heads above water, and its there in the future for any officer and officer's family faced with unforeseen difficulties. It helps support spouses and children of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty or who die of natural causes as a result of the extraordinary pressures created by the profession. It helps officers facing almost any catastrophe, be it illness or the loss of a home. It provides help when no other resources are available to officers and their families in times of extreme need.

The Department is looking for help in putting together this year's Ball. We need items donated for the silent auction as well as charitable contributions to offset the cost of the event. As in the past, the Westin Resort and Marina is providing an unparalleled venue for the party. Tickets are \$100 a plate.

To become a sponsor, donate to the silent auction, or make a charitable donation, call Lt. Jim Benkoczy at 809-1027 or (305)923-0567.



Officer Thomas Anglin (shown here with his canine partner Ferro) is one of the officers who made it through dire times with the help of the Love Fund.