

City of

# KEY WEST

September 2010

## New Pump Out Boat Keeps Waters Clean

The City of Key West in September took delivery of a brand new pumpout vessel, serving as a reminder that pumping out your liveaboard is easy, inexpensive, and a vital part of protecting our nearshore waters.

The state-of-the-art 26-foot Pumpout USA 26T-1000 vessel is paid for entirely with grant funding. Company owner Capt. Donnie Brown delivered the boat and, within hours, it was on duty helping collect the more than 3,000 gallons of wastewater pumped out every month.

The city provides the service to

residents of the city mooring field and marinas, and the price is included in their rent. But the cost is nominal for visitors and anyone else living "on the hook." City officials encourage everyone who lives aboard to take advantage of the service; it ensures the protection of near shore water quality and protects the city's status as a Clean Marina facility.

The City of Key West has set an example for the state in establishing a no-discharge zone around the island more than a decade

ago. Since then, city marinas at Key West Bight and Garrison Bight were proclaimed Clean Marina facilities by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.



## View from the Top



*Jim Scholl, City Manager*

We are at the beginning of our new fiscal year. The efforts put in by City staff to prepare and garner approval on the 2010-2011 budget were extraordinary. We set the boundaries and met the parameters with excellent, objective analysis and modifications based on providing core functions while not increasing tax revenues.

At the end, we were asked to cut deeper and the final approval from the City Commission includes a 5 percent reduction in millage that will offer some well deserved tax burden relief for our citizens. This means we will all need to continue to be very frugal in our budget year execution. The entire City staff has done a great job over the last three years in holding the line on spending and eliminating waste in government. We are at the point where we are lean and efficient in most areas.

I appreciate how hard everyone has worked to get us here and I know I can count on all of you to continue to be good stewards of the tax payers' money. Please continue this record of success and continue to set the standard of credible government accountability for all municipalities in the State of Florida. I look forward to a great fiscal year 2011.

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### *Questions? Comments?*

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# Employee Service Awards

*The City of Key West has a hard-working and dedicated group of people whose service ensures city residents and visitors a clean, safe community. The following City staff hit some important milestones in the month of September:*



**Edward Gates, Captain**  
Key West Fire Department  
*25 years*  
start date: 9/23/1985



**Cynthia Domench-Coogle,**  
Urban Forestry Manager  
*20 years*  
start date: 9/19/1990



**Donny Barrios, Police Officer**  
*15 years*  
start date: 9/11/1995



**Ruth Zevnik-Jester, Bus Driver**  
*5 years*  
start date: 9/2/2005



**Jean Cine, Maintenance Worker**  
*5 years*  
start date: 9/28/2005

# PAL Classes Start

School has started and there's no better time to get your children involved in sports and educational programs offered by the Key West Police Athletic League. Classes include boxing, Jiu-Jitsu, Muay Thai and more.

PAL sponsors programs that build kids' esteem in a safe, structured environment. Our programs are supported by a great staff and wonderful, dedicated volunteers.

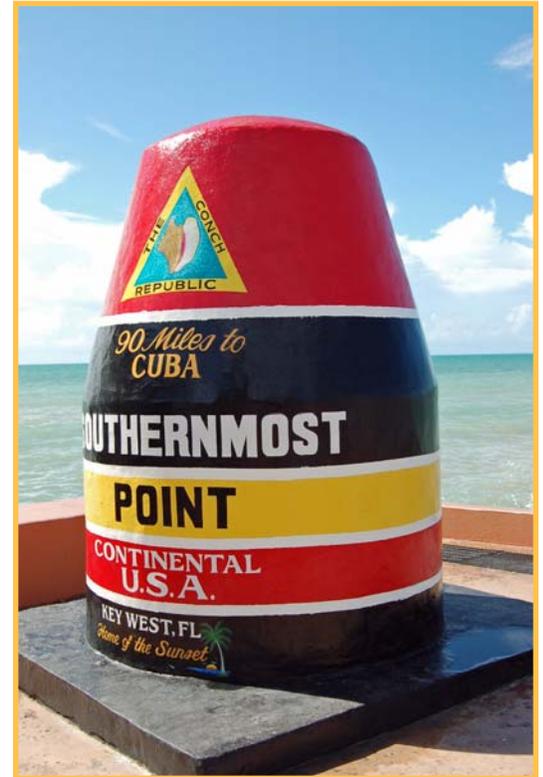
Programs are held at the PAL Gym at the Truman Waterfront, right next to the Fort Zachary Taylor entrance.

There's no better way to help the kids in the community than to serve as a coach. The Key West Police Athletic League is seeking responsible adults to help coach a number of sport activities. Key West PAL is looking for more volunteer coaches in boxing, wrestling, judo, karate, and other martial arts. Come train the kids in exchange for free gym time.

For more information about these programs, call Officer Henry Arroyo at 879-6555.



# Southernmost Facelift



In just a week, City General Services crews repainted one of the city's most photographed landmarks. The gorgeous new paint job is a reminder of the myriad of tasks necessary to keep this island beautiful.



City Manager Jim Scholl bids Annalise adeiu

# Mannix Moving On

After 20 years with the City, Annalise Mannix has decided to retire from government life.

Though she worked hard to reduce the city's carbon footprint, Annalise leaves behind some big shoes to fill. She has spearheaded the City's environmental consciousness, working as a vocal advocate for everything from household recycling to representing this small island in a huge effort to address global climate change.

Though she's no longer a City employee, Annalise will remain in Key West, she says.

"I'm starting my graduate degree with Hodges University, which offers the program here at the Florida Keys Community College," she said at a going-away party held at the city's temporary City Hall on Flagler Avenue.

Annalise is an engineer, and she has worked in many roles in her 20 years with the City. Since she will be remaining in Key West, it's likely we've not heard the last of her. Over the years, she's organized countless cleanups and other volunteer efforts. We think it's in her blood.

## Upcoming City Meetings Broadcast Live on Channel 77

City Commission: Oct. 5  
Bahama Village Redevelopment Advisory  
Committee: Oct. 7  
HARC: Oct. 12  
City Commission: Oct. 19  
Planning Board: Oct. 21  
City Commission: Sept. 21  
HARC: Oct. 26  
Code Enforcement Hearing: Oct. 20



Radio newsman Bill Becker accepted the proclamation when Key West Mayor Craig Cates proclaimed Sept. 26th US 1 Radio Day in honor of the station's 30 years of service.



Florida Keys Outreach Coalition President Rev. Stephen Braddock, former Assistant City Manager John Jones and City Commissioner Billy Wardlow discuss the improvements planned for the KOTS overnight shelter. Jones is assisting the city and FKOC with the rehabilitation of the aging shower facility.

FKOC, the city and the county work together at KOTS to provide temporary overnight shelter for up to 150 men and women nightly. An open house in September gave member of the community an opportunity to walk through the facility and see how it works. Several dozen people walked through and many provided vital feedback.

## City Reducing Carbon Footprint



City government is getting greener, reaching goals set in 2005 to reduce our carbon footprint and help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The city of Key West was highlighted in the ICLEI (International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives) website for the strides made toward green government.

Pointing to the city's annual sustainability report, the article notes that greenhouse gas emissions were 5.6 percent lower in 2009 than in the 2005 base year. "The reduction shows significant progress toward the city's goal of 15 percent fewer emissions by 2015," wrote ICLEI reporter Eli Yewdall.

The report notes that the city is using nearly 19 percent less electricity for buildings, streetlights and traffic signals during that same time period. The waste water treat-

ment plant reduced its electricity use by 6.1 percent. In addition, the switch to bio-diesel and ethanol decreased overall emission by 622 tons of carbon dioxide.

"Our next immediate step is to achieve Green Business Certification for our new city hall," Key West Environmental Projects Manager Annalise Mannix wrote in an email to fellow city staffers. "So keep in mind green issues as you set up your new offices. Use recycled materials, reduce lighting when possible, bring your recycle bins, and remember that every degree a thermostat goes up saves 3 percent of the air conditioning electric bill!"

The lower emissions also translate to thousands of taxpayer dollars saved, says Mannix.

ICLEI is an international membership association of local governments dedicated to climate protection and sustainable development. Key West is a member. The article can be viewed by clicking [www.icleiusa.org/blog/archive/2010/08/23/key-west-fl-reduces-government-operations-emissions-5.6](http://www.icleiusa.org/blog/archive/2010/08/23/key-west-fl-reduces-government-operations-emissions-5.6)