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Sheriff's Office Weekly Rap-Up

Editor's Note: The Sheriff's Office Weekly Rap-Up comes out on Friday afternoon, and includes any announcements, important messages, or not so important messages that employees of the Sheriff's Office would like to communicate to the rest of the agency. If you have something you would like to get out to everyone in the agency, please send it to me and I will be happy to include it in the Weekly Rap Up. Send it to my email at beckyherrin@keysso.net, or in the courier to Deputy Becky Herrin, Community Relations Division, Headquarters building on Stock Island.

Don't forget to also check Public Folders, including the "Announcements" Folder and the folder labeled "Community Relations" for more information and for upcoming events.

Happy Birthday this week!

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	DOB
Greene	Joni	12/1
Sosa	Gladys	12/2
Mendez	Lissette	12/2
Hill	De Sjeun	12/3
Alvarez	Esteban	12/4
Shine	Derek	12/4
Hill	Thomas	12/5
Moyer	Carlton	12/6
Scaramuzzi	Mary Frances	12/7
Prince	Alexander	12/7
Selander	Jeanne	12/7
Morales	Juan	12/7
Maleport	Timothy	12/7
Jean Baptiste	Kenson	12/7

Happy Birthday next week!

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	DOB
Greene	Beverly	12/8
Fenech	Donna	12/8
Bourcier	Leon	12/8
O'Dea	Thomas	12/10
Van Leuven	Brandon	12/10
Cruz	David	12/11
Mathews	Christopher	12/12
Armstrong	Terrie	12/12
Brady	Jake	12/13
Larrauri	Josefine Marban	12/14

Beneficiary Paperwork

By Tamara Snider

There are times in our lives that we are faced with changes that are beyond our control, and when these changes occur there are things that we just don't think about. One of those things is your beneficiary paperwork. When a "life event" occurs (i.e., marriage, divorce, birth of a child, etc.) we tend to forget to change that information listed on each of these cards.

Beneficiary paperwork is usually filled out at the time you are hired on with the Sheriff's Office, and it tells us whom you would like for your benefits to go to should something happen to you. You should have at least 3 beneficiary cards in your personnel file: (1) The County's Policy – Employee Benefits, (2) The Sheriff's Policy – Standard Life, and (3) Federal benefits card.

Please take a moment to review the information in your file. You can change it as often as you like, and if you have any questions at all, please feel free to call me directly at 292-7092 or via e-mail at tsnider@keysso.net.

Christmas at the Animal Farm

The Animal Farm will be hosting our annual Christmas on the Farm event on Sunday, December 14th, from 1pm to 3pm. Santa will be here with gifts for the children. We will also have games, coloring, reading of holiday stories, photos with Santa, face painting, the HOB jazz band, and more. Everyone is welcome to attend!

If you are interested in being a **VOLUNTEER** to help out with the festivities, please call or email me!

Thanks,

Jeanne Selander, Farm Supervisor

Christmas events in Key West

Santa arrived in Key West Monday with the annual tree lighting ceremony, and he's sticking around for a festive holiday season. Key West's annual Holiday Parade is the first thing on Santa's agenda. Beginning at 7 p.m. on Saturday, the parade starts at the corner of Truman and White streets. It will flow down Truman to Duval, ending at Caroline Street. The judge's stand will be located at the corner of Duval and Fleming streets.

This year promises to be one of the best holiday parades in memory with over 50 entrants. Float entries range from the Pool Man's Frosty the Snowman and the Florida Keys Dragon Boat Club float to the Key West High School Marching Band and the Key West Police Honor Guard. The South Florida Miata Club has 24 cars entered and Cowboy Bill's is teaming up with Just 4 Kids, a non profit that provides hundreds of gifts for community kids.

The parade is also an opportunity for Coca-Cola to showcase its new hybrid delivery truck that promises to help the city of Key West in its efforts to make a difference in the environment.

In keeping with tradition, many of the entrants will be tossing candy to the kids that line the parade route. Key West Police Chief Donie Lee wants to remind parents to keep their children out of the streets and let the candy come to them. Anxious little ones tend to move into the parade route looking for goodies, so everyone needs to be aware in order to ensure a safe event.

Also in keeping with tradition, Santa and Mrs. Claus will ride at the end of the parade.

The next day Santa flies solo, visiting with kids at the Key West Children's Holiday Festival.

The Sunday festival runs from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. at Bayview Park. Food vendors, artists, and crafters will offer goods and goodies. There will be face painting, cookie decorating, bounce houses and even a pirate or two.

Toyz for Keyz Kidz Bowlathon

On Sunday, December 14th there will be a Bowlathon to raise money and collect toys for kids this Christmas. The event will be held at the Fish Bowl in Islamorada from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person and an unwrapped new gift. This includes shoes and unlimited bowling. For information, contact Sgt. Dennis Coleman at 797-0884 or Peggy Bryan at 853-3211.

Donations of vacation time – Nancy Alvarez

Nancy Alvarez is asking for donations of vacation time to assist her with issues arising from her current illness. Anyone who wants to donate time can send an email to yrodriguez@keyssso.net letting her know how many hours.

HospiceCare of South Florida presents Holiday in Paradise – a luncheon and silent auction to benefit HospiceCare

Date: Saturday, December 6, 2008

**Time: 11am - Doors Open to Preview Silent Auction Items
12pm - Luncheon and Silent Auction Begin**

Location: Elk's Lodge - 92600 Overseas Highway, Tavernier

Spend a great afternoon for an AMAZING cause and get your holiday shopping done all at the same time! Silent auction bidding starts at 60-75% off retail prices! Items include gold, diamonds, rubies, sapphires, musical instruments, fine chocolates, gourmet foods, original artwork, gift and travel packages, breathtaking pieces -- you're not going to believe the quality of these items!

We all know what hospice is, and almost everyone has had an experience with them or knows someone who has. This is an incredible way to spend a few hours with friends, have a great lunch catered by the wildly popular Caribbean Catering, get your holiday shopping done and contribute to an amazing cause.

If you're coming from Miami and you buy your tickets NOW, the first who do so will receive Friday night's (December 5th) accommodation free at the wonderful Stone Ledge Paradise Inn in Key Largo! This peaceful and relaxing little inn is right on the bay and will sing to your soul with its beauty! You and your companions will share an enjoyable night away from home, all to help others in their time of great need. Call HospiceCare at (305) 852-3223, get your tickets and let them know you want to stay at the inn.

Tickets are only \$65 so get them now at:

**HospiceCare of Southeast Florida
91256 Overseas Highway
Tavernier FL 33070
305-852-3223**

Girl Scout Cookies!

The Girl Scouts are taking pre-orders for cookies. They're \$3.50 a box and I understand that the boxes are smaller this year. Contact Tamara Snider (tsnider@keyssso.net) or Michelle Quad (mquad@keyssso.net) to order.

The cookies arrive on January 10th and will be delivery sometime after that date.

The choices are:

- Lemon Chalet Crèmes
- Dulce De Leche (Latin Inspired Caramel)
- Trefoils
- Chocolate Chips
- Do-si-Does (Peanut Butter Crème)
- Tagalongs (Peanut Butter Covered in Chocolate)

- Samoas
 - Thin Mints
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Habitat for Humanity asks for your help

In my job our company strives to build affordable homes for hard working people and families in Key West, and I believe we succeed. However, there are always people that we cannot help, and this is why I am on the board of Habitat for Humanity. It is my pleasure to give my time, money, and knowledge to help rehabilitate and build homes for families that otherwise could not afford to own a home in our wonderful city.

I am e-mailing you today to ask if you would consider making a donation to this incredibly important organization in Key West.

I know that times are tough and it is difficult at the holiday season, however there is a great reason for you to give now!

Habitat for Humanity of Key West & Lower Florida has been given the opportunity to gain significant financial support in the form of a matching grant. We have not directly solicited funds since 2006, but we are coming to you now and asking for your help in meeting our goal of creating affordable housing opportunities in the Lower Keys. We request that you give what you can today, keeping in mind **your gift received by December 31, 2008 will be doubled**, thanks to our challenge grant.

Any donation is wonderful \$10... 20... 50... or whatever you can give will be appreciated and will be used to help rehabilitate and build homes right here in Key West and the Lower Keys.

Habitat has made great strides over the past few years. Our local organization was recently recognized as one of the TOP 50 U.S. affiliates by serving the most families domestically and internationally in 2006. Recently we have:

- Repaired over 140 homes for fellow residents who experienced hurricane damage
- Begun construction of 18 homes on Big Coppitt, due for completion in Spring 2009
- Completed a single family modular home on Newfound Blvd. in Big Pine Key
- Acquired 6 condominiums in Key West, three of which will be sold as affordable condos while the others are affordable rental units
- We have a bright future ahead of us.
- We are working through the Monroe County Planning Department to build 12 more homes on Big Coppitt between Emerald and Sapphire Avenues.
- We have land near Cudjoe Sales on which we can build 16 new affordable homes.
- We have plans to purchase more affordable rental homes as they become available.

We, and the many local families who are depending on us, need your help today to keep moving forward in our mission to help create affordable housing opportunities. There is no better time than **NOW** to make a contribution, because your gift is doubled between now and the end of 2008.

If you would like to make a donation please let me know via e-mail and I will come and pick up the donation, or simply write a check to Habitat for Humanity and mail it to: 402 Applerouth Lane Suite 3 Key West, FL 33040

Please let me know if you have any questions about Habitat or the work that we do. I am more than happy to talk with you about this wonderful organization.

Thank you so much for your time and generosity,

Debbie

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For Sale

\$277100 Townhome for Sale (Key West)

Brand new two story home with great yard and enclosed parking. Main level is an open living/ dining area with a deck overlooking backyard. Second level has two spacious bedrooms with great storage space. Yard is fenced in and has plenty of room for a pool. This is an affordable housing unit, buyers must qualify. 1st time on the market. Need to sell FAST! Many more pictures available upon request Contact Cory Held Realtor @ 305-294-3181

For Rent

Gated Waterfront Community w/Fantastic Views (Marathon, FL MM 53)

Reply to: Sheila at sheila@kobyinc.com or 305-394-3277

Beautifully furnished waterfront home in gated community

Includes 31' dock just outside your door - quick and easy access to both Gulf and Ocean

Fantastic views of the bay from your first and second floor decks

3 Bedroom - 2.5 Baths

Gourmet kitchen with SS appliances, granite counters, D/W, W/D, C/A

Pool and gym on property

6+ month lease, \$2,400 month + utilities, FLS

No smokers, no pets E-mail or call 305-394-3277