

02-19-2026 Citizen Correspondence - Regular Meeting

The City Clerk's Office received the following correspondence:

- 02-05-2026, Roy Virost, 80 7th Street, wrote to the City Commission requesting to lower the speed limit on the island from 25 mph to 20 mph.
- 02-13-2026, Tammy Monarch, Gaithersburg, Maryland, wrote to the City and the Beautification and Recreation Committee, thanking them for the improvements to public spaces and parks.
- 02-14-2026, Jo and Chris Corso, KCB Residents, wrote to the City Commission with a suggestion to bury overhead wires to make it safer and more beautiful.
- 02-18-2026, 980 Shelter Bay Drive, Theodore Bently wrote the City Commission questioning the recently installed No-Overnight-Parking signs along Shelter Bay Drive.

In addition, the City Commission received resident correspondence with concerns about the installation of license plate reader cameras in the city from

- Jan Pflueger, 240 8th Street,
- Sandy Bachman, KCB Resident,
- Laurie Swanson, 620 9th Street, and
- Theodore Bently, 980 Shelter Bay Drive.

All correspondence has been shared with the City Commission and will be attached to the meeting minutes for today's meeting.

Thank you,

Silvia Roussin

City Clerk

Silvia Roussin

From: rsveets@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, February 5, 2026 3:58 PM
To: Silvia Roussin
Cc: KCB Mayor; Doug Colonell; Tom Harding; Tom DiFransico; Kirk Diehl
Subject: 25 MPH Speed Limit in Key Colony Beach

Sylvia - hello my name is Roy Virost and I reside at 80 7th Street in the winter. I have copied the Commissioners on this email as well and ask that you include it in the information for the next commissioners meeting. I am not sure of the procedure to make that happen so if I need to take further action please advise.

Thanks Roy Virost

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing about the request by someone to lower the speed limit on the island from 25 mph to 20 mph.

In a nutshell, the accepted norm in the U.S for residential city streets is 25 mph. The problem here is not the speed limit but rather the problem here is the lack of enforcement of the limit. The cited statistics to justify the decrease simply does not apply to Key Colony Beach nor does the comparison to Key West. This reduction is uncalled for and in a word is just plain dumb.

Simply enforce the existing limit and the problem is solved. Do not change the speed limit in Key Colony Beach.

Sincerely,

Roy Virost

80 7th Street

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Mr. Rick Monarch
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Gaithersburg, MD 20882-1524



KCB Beautification Committee
KCB Recreation Committee
KCB Parks and Rec. Dept.
c/o Sandy Bachman

Dear Sandy and All others
on the Committees and
Departments listed on the
envelope,

I want to write to tell
all of you how wonderful
the island looks from end
to end! My name is Tammy
Monarch, and my husband
and I, along with another
couple, have been coming
here to stay for the
past seven Februarys. I
walk every day, and your
public spaces and parks
have never looked more

lovely. From the new
paved sidewalks to
the sailsheet awnings
to the rubber mats
under the playground
equipment, everything
looks so neat, clean,
and pristine. I especi-
ally love the two new
fountains at the end
of 7th and 8th Streets.
That area used to
be an eyesore, but
now, it's beautiful!
All of you are to be

praised and thanked
for the time and energy
that you put into making
KCB such a special
and heartline magical
place. ^{your work}
Hallmark COMPANY
does not go unnoticed!

With much appreciation,

Tammy

P.S. - Thanks also for
the hot dogs, wine, and
music last Saturday!

The four of us
thoroughly enjoyed
ourselves.

We just wish
we'd won the 50/50 raffle!

Thank
You

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Silvia Roussin

From: Carolyn Jo Corso <jocorso@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 14, 2026 9:25 PM
To: KCB Mayor; Doug Colonell; Kirk Diehl; Tom DiFransico; Tom Harding; John Bartus; Silvia Roussin; letters@peopleareasking.org
Subject: Overhead wires

One thing that would make this town the most beautiful town in Flordia is to bury the overhead wires. They are an eyesore and a liability. The wires were buried on Sadoaski Drive and everyone will admit it looks great.

We all know the advantages of buried lines, but I would also like to add another advantage. The electrical lines and poles especially along West Ocean Drive if removed would make it possible for another sidewalk. It would make a safer and more attractive road for all the walkers and bikers.

Is there some kind of grant we could obtain to achieve this mission? Or is there some money somewhere to get this done? I am sure the power company would like this done and the residents would like this done.

Phase one could start on West Ocean in front of the new city hall, and extend to the Sunset park. Just think how pretty it would be with no overhead wires.

If we all are pleased with the results maybe phase two we can do the rest of the city.

Sincerely , Jo and Chris Corso

Silvia Roussin

From: Theodore Bentley < tcbentley1@gmail.com >
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2026 12:06 PM
To: KCB Mayor; Doug Colonell; Kirk Diehl; Tom DiFransico; Tom Harding; John Bartus; Silvia Roussin; letters@peopleareasking.org
Subject: No Parking Signs

The city of key Colony Beach recently installed No Parking Overnight signs along Shelter Bay Drive. I have lived in Key Colony Beach for for over 13 years and never have I witnessed many vehicles parked overnight along Shelter Bay Drive.

This is a solution that never was a problem.

What's the purpose? Is it to penalize residents and sometime guests that live on Shelter Bay Drive?

Did the City notice the residents before installing these signs?

Why only Shelter Bay Drive and not 7th street?

This is again a waste of our tax dollars. The signs are not only ugly but obstruct normal use of the parking meridian that the residents sometimes use for trailer backing. Please remove the signs as soon as possible perhaps they can be used elsewhere in the city.

Sincerely,
Theodore Bentley

980 Shelter Bay Drive

From: RICHARD & JAN PFLUEGER <rjpflueger@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2026 4:53 PM
To: Silvia Roussin
Subject: Causeway LPR Camera Installation - Please Share with Mayor, COP, Commission, & City Admin.

Dear City Commission Members, Mayor, Chief of Police, and City Administrator,

I am writing as a resident to ask for additional information and community discussion regarding the license plate reader cameras I recently saw being installed on the causeway.

I understand that the purchase of the two cameras was approved at the July 17, 2025 Commission meeting at a total cost of \$19,700, and I appreciate the City's efforts to support public safety. At the same time, new technology like this raises understandable questions for residents about privacy, data use, and oversight.

In the spirit of transparency and community trust, I respectfully ask that the city review and explain how these cameras will be used at a public commission meeting **before they are activated**.

Specifically, it would be helpful for residents to understand:

- How and when the cameras will be used

- What system or vendor stores the data and for how long
- Has KCB established a clear policy or oversight for their use
- Who has access to the data outside the Key Colony Beach Police (law enforcement, private detectives, insurance companies, data brokers) and is information automatically fed to other agencies or just upon request due to an ongoing investigation.

Thank you for your service to the community and for considering an open discussion on this matter. I appreciate the City's efforts to balance safety, privacy, and public trust.

Respectfully

Jan Pflueger

240 8th St.

Key Colony Beach

Silvia Roussin

From: Sandy Bachman <sandy.bachman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 2, 2026 8:56 AM
To: Silvia Roussin
Subject: License Plate Cameras

Please pass this note to the commissioners and Police Chief -

Requesting that the city of KCB postpone turning on the license plate reader until we have knowledge on who will have access to this data and who can request the data once recorded.

Please add this topic to the next commission meeting.

Sandy



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Silvia Roussin

From: Laurie & Fred Swanson <swansonfj@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2026 5:15 PM
To: KCB Mayor; Doug Colonell; Tom Harding; Tom DiFransico; Kirk Diehl; John Bartus; Silvia Roussin; Chief Kris DiGiovanni; %20kcb852@keycolonybeachpd.com; kcb856@keycolonybeachpd.com; kcb855@keycolonybeachpd.com

Good afternoon KCB Commissioners and KCB Police Officers,
I am writing to the commission and the police department in KCB to express my significant concerns about the operation of the license plate reading cameras at the end of the Causeway. I was at the commission meeting when the ALPRs (Automated License Plate Readers) on the Causeway were approved. Very few questions were asked, and little explanation was given for the necessity of installing these cameras. I assumed at the time that they were to catch speeders on the Causeway as we have no significant crime problem in KCB.

Please call a town hall meeting to inform the citizens of the significant risks, to citizen's privacy and well-being, of activating the license plate reading cameras on the Causeway. Below I state my reasons.

There is no reason the newly installed cameras cannot be turned on Monroe County citizens in retaliation by those in power if deemed expedient to their purposes.

Here are the Cons of license plate readers:

Cons of License Plate Readers

- **Privacy & Mass Surveillance:** Critics, including the [ACLU](#), argue that ALPRs create a "warrantless surveillance" network that tracks law-abiding citizens' movements without cause.



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Jay Stanley

Build it (an authoritarian tracking infrastructure) and they (expanded uses) will come

- **Accuracy Issues:** Most systems have a 90%–95% accuracy rate; however, factors like weathered plates, poor lighting, or high speeds can lead to misreads. This can result in innocent drivers being pulled over by police at gunpoint due to "false hits".
- **Data Security Risks:** Vulnerabilities in some ALPR hardware have been identified, potentially allowing hackers to access live feeds or historical location data.
- **Lack of Regulation:** There are currently few statewide or federal statutory standards in Florida for how long data can be kept or with whom it can be shared, leading to concerns about "indiscriminate" data sharing across state lines.
- **Potential for Abuse:** There is documented potential for individuals or officers to use data to stalk partners, neighbors, or political groups for reasons unrelated to law enforcement.

My questions for the commissioners and the police:

1. Why, with 4 or more KCB police officers, do we need to record license plates in and out of KCB? I am not aware of any crime in KCB. Please avail the citizens of crime statistics for KCB that would be alleviated by the use of license plate reading cameras.
2. What information could be gathered by outside organizations invading the privacy of individuals in KCB by the license readers on the causeway?
3. What organizations will be able to see or download the information from our cameras? Who will have access to that information? In other words, how does the DOT, HWP, MCSO, FWC, CBP, and I.C.E. obtain and use the information?
4. How long is the information stored for by any of the recipients? What are all the possible uses for the information gathered using our license plate readers? Could law enforcement use this information to stalk a person who he has a conflict with? A partner? Divorce?
5. How is this not an invasion of my privacy and an invasion of privacy for every driver of a vehicle entering and exiting KCB?

I have recently become aware of the Flock cameras around Marathon and I sometimes see Highway Patrol and the Sheriff's patrolmen running plates and or recording speeds of passing cars. It has come to my attention that these traps are also reading plates to identify immigrant vehicles. This is information they share with Customs and Border Patrol as well as ICE. Yesterday, I was privy to just such an arrangement. A junior from Marathon High School was stopped across from McDonalds by Border Control. While the boy was waiting in his car for his kidnapping to be completed, a MCSO drove, up high fived the CBP agent, ran the kid's license, then the CBP agent handcuffed and put the young man in his car. That boy was a member of the Marathon Community and a student at Marathon High School. He had no record of doing anything wrong. HE IS NOT A CRIMINAL! No rights, no call, no lawyer, no judicial warrant—just disappeared.

Before the Causeway cameras are activated, please call a town hall meeting to share with KCB citizens the risks and rewards of the CAUSEWAY LICENSE PLATE READING CAMERAS.

Laurie Swanson
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Silvia Roussin

From: Theodore Bentley <tcbentley1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2026 11:50 AM
To: KCB Mayor; Doug Colonell; Kirk Diehl; Tom DiFransico; Tom Harding; John Bartus; Silvia Roussin; letters@peopleareasking.org
Subject: Surveillance Cameras

Besides more cost to the citizens of Key Colony Beach what is the purpose of these cameras? Will they prevent a crime? Solutions for problems that do not exist is a waste of tax payer funds. The reality is the city of Key Colony Beach has an extremely low crime rate and the extra cost and potential liability if the system is not constantly monitored does not meet the needs test. This is a want.

Sincerely

Theodore C. Bentley
980 Shelter Bay Drive