

LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

LIDO KEY MATTERS

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Calendar of Events

All Membership meetings held at the Lido Beach Resort—8th Floor, 10:00 am. on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

No Meeting in December

January 16th, 2010
February 20th, 2010
March 20th, 2010
April 17th, 2010

Annual Breakfast Meeting Date

**January 16th, 2010 @
9:00 A.M.**

Tentative Speaker: Vern Buchanan

St. Armand Key Fire Station (Adams Drive)

**Behind the Foxy Lady
Ribbon Cutting Event**

**Thursday, December 10, 2009
@ 9:00 AM**

**Come Celebrate and tour this
New Green Firehouse and Meet
our Local Firefighters!
Refreshments Being Served**

**LKRA
P.O. BOX 884
SARASOTA, FL
34230**

Letter from the President

Welcome Back Friends

Well here we are at the end of November, with the Holidays just around the corner.

We all had a great summer here in Sarasota, and I hope your summers were also great.

There are many issues on the agenda for the upcoming season, some are old and some will be new to you.

I will be looking forward to sharing these with you in our meetings.

Some of the Board members and I have met over the summer to discuss different issues and this will also be addressed at the meetings this fall.

We had our first meeting on Saturday Oct 17th, our speaker George Tatge spoke on the upcoming MURT (multi use recreational trail) plans, Lt Karr brought us up to date on the happenings on Lido Key and Jeff Rudge a spokesperson for The Royal Treatment told us about concierge home care.

All in all it was a great way to start our new season.

Our January Breakfast meeting is coming up soon! Prior to our meeting, we will be serving a breakfast buffet for \$14.00 per person.

*****Speaker: Congressman Vern Buchanan*****

1. Prepaid reservations are required for breakfast (no "reserved table" requests accepted)
1. Space is limited; please make your reservations early
2. Please walk or carpool to the Lido Beach Resort, as parking is limited
3. Doors will open at 8:30 am

Please send \$14.00 per person along with name and phone number for each attendee as early as possible but before January 9 to:

**Tony Lagunovich, 350 South Polk Drive, Sarasota, FL 34236 OR
Jeff Long, 101 Ben Franklin Drive, Sarasota, FL 34236**

Questions? Call Tony @ 941-388-1347 or Jeff Long @ 941-388-4164

If you wish to hear the speaker and attend the meeting only, we estimate that portion of the program will begin around 10:00 am.

Until then

Tony Lagunovich

President Lido Residents Association

LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOVEMBER 21, 2009

- Directors Present: Tony Lagunovich, George Hafitz, Beth Dilworth, Debbie Comer, Jeff Long, Mary Moss, and Carl Shoffstall
- President Tony Lagunovich greeted members and introduced Dick Merritt, our local hospital representative. Then presented guest speaker, Michael Harrington, CEO of Sarasota Memorial Hospital. Michael presented very informative details about the outstanding and special services provided by the hospital, and the Master Facility Plan, which is underway. It includes major renovation to several portions of the hospital, a new Central Energy Plant, and new nine story Bed Tower, which will provide a higher number of private rooms, and should be completed in approx. 2 years. The hospital employs 4000 people, 800 of which are doctors, and has received many awards and special medical designations.
- Second speaker was Neil Gaines, MURT(Multi Use Recreational Trail) Rep. from the City of Sarasota. Neil described the progress of the Trail and its location and impact on Lido Key. Much of this project will be completed this spring, and will enhance pedestrian mobility. Both speakers answered questions, and good information was shared.
- President Tony called the Membership Meeting to order at 11:00. Secretary's report was available, but not read. Treasurer's report, given by Jeff Long, stated we had a current balance of \$15,234.88. Both reports were unanimously accepted by the membership
- Membership: Carl Shoffstall announced that 2010 dues are now being collected. A membership renewal form will be included in next newsletter. Newsletter will be sent by end of November.
- Beach: John Kirker discussed current and future progress of Lido's next re-nourishment project, which should begin 2014. City has received grant money to begin necessary design work.
- Special Events: Debbie Comer reported that details are being finalized on an April Sunset Cocktail Party, and another evening event, that may be held to celebrate LKRA 30th Anniversary. Watch newsletter and mailings for dates and times. Also, St. Armand Circle Fire Station will host a Ribbon Cutting /Open House Event on Thursday, Dec. 10, 9:00 a.m. Tours will be available to view this newly opened, totally Green Building.
- Lido Pavilion: Tony reported that LKRA and others are encouraging more use of the pool, especially by neighbors and other organizations in an attempt to keep the pool open and validate the costs.
- CCNA: Carl Shoffstall reported that he continues to attend monthly meetings. Discussion at last meeting presented the threat of local Off Shore Drilling. Carl encouraged all members to contact their State Government Reps. Their addresses will be included in next newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS

- President Tony announced:
- Members should all be receiving Newsletter via email, if not please confirm address.
- New Directories have been mailed. Thanks to Blair McMillan for his efforts.
- Election of Board Members will take place at February's meeting. The Board is in need of a Secretary. Anyone interested in volunteering for Board positions should send their resume to Tony no later than Jan. 5, 2010.
- Tony welcomed and thanked County Commissioner Joe Barbetta, for attending our meeting, and his continued support.
- No Membership or Board meeting will be held in December.
- Next Membership Meeting is January 16, 2010. It is the Annual Breakfast Meeting.
- Breakfast begins at 9:00, at the Lido Beach Resort, 8th floor. Meeting will begin at 10:00
- Reservation Checks need to be sent to Treasurer, Jeff Long. Watch for details in newsletter.
- Our special guest speaker is Congressman Vern Buchanan.
- Thanks to all who donated cash or food to Food Bank.
- Tony wished everyone Happy Holidays.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:45

Transcribed by Debbie Comer
Acting Secretary LKRA

CCNA Meeting**Carl Shoffstall**

Since the last newsletter there were two monthly meetings of the coalition of neighborhoods associations which were held on the 1st Saturday of each month, (October,3rd and November7th) at the fire station on Waldmere Ave. The meeting was called to order and the usual reports (minutes, treasures, presidents) were read and approved.

The agenda for the October meeting was an update reported by Robert Bartolotta, city manager of the on going investigation of the police issues which now have been concluded as of this past week. The city appointed on October 19th a Blue Ribbon Panel of nine local residents as well as one consultant to assist them as an oversight advisory board to the Sarasota Police department.

Another issue that was discussed by Bartolotta was addressing permitting of public events such as craft shows and so called charity events which requires shutting off streets and public areas. The city currently spends approximately \$200,000 annually to cover the cost for staff services and items needed. A number of these events go under the guise of not for profit events but in a lot of cases they are private entities that are for profit which sell booth space to vendors that follow them around. Most are not local vendors which does not support the local economy. The city is looking to recoup some of the cost to administer these services.

Police reports on the recent rash of home invasions. The officer reporting reiterated that if anyone saw someone suspicious in their neighborhoods to report it. The police department has an officer that will do a property survey (residential or condo associations) to see what could be done to improve security of the property. Officer Snodgrass was the name given to contact (941-954-7056). Lt Karr reported to LKRA at the October meeting that crime was very minimal on the key as of this report.

The main topic at the November meeting was Coastal Oil drilling. The invited speakers were Mayor Richard Clapp (against) ,Keith Fitzgerald, Florida House of Representatives, District 69 (against) and Doug Holder, Florida House of Representatives, District 70 (in favor). Mayor Clapp started the discussion saying the amount of local jobs that would be created would be very minimal and most would be from out of state. The potential of an ecological disaster would be devastating to the tourism industry on our coast. Doug Holder (voted in favor) stated that if it did pass , he would want to be able to have a say in how it would be regulated on our coast. Representative Fitzgerald (voted against bill) on grounds it did not work for our state. The discussion had to cut short due to time constraints. This topic will be a top priority when the FL legislature reconvenes for the next session.

It is imperative you let our representatives know your stance on this issue on the far reaching implications this may have on the future of our area and state. Here is list of names and contact information for our state representatives to contact .

State Senators

Senator Nancy Detert, District 23
(Senator Detert has said she would like to receive phone calls.)

District Office:

417 Commercial Court

Suite D

Venice, FL 34292

(941) 480-3547

Toll Free:

1-866-247-4076 detert.nancy.web@flsenate.gov

Senator Mike Bennett, District 21

District Office:

Suite 310-311

third floor county

1660 Ringling Boulevard

Sarasota, FL 34236-6808

Phone: (941) 955-8077, bennett.mike.web@flsenate.gov

State Representatives

Sorry, I don't have emails for the following two representatives, but you can email them by going to the Florida House of Representatives web sites listed below. In both cases you will find an automatic email function in the top right corner.

Representative Keith Fitzgerald, district 69

District Office:

Suite 310-311

third floor county

1660 Ringling Boulevard

Sarasota, FL 34236-6808

Phone: (941) 955-8077

<http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Representatives/details.aspx?MemberId=4370&SessionId=64>

Representative Doug Holder, district 70

District Office:

8486 South Tamiami Trail

Sarasota, FL 34238-2953

Phone: (941) 918-4028

<http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Representatives/details.aspx?MemberId=4372&SessionId=64>

TRAFFIC CITATION FEES

Lt. Jeff Karr

As the new season begins, Lt Karr's is requesting that we all be aware of our driving and always drive safely. There are new traffic citation fees that went into effect 11/1/2009 which are listed below.

NEW TRAFFIC CITATION FEES EFFECTIVE "11/01/2009"
SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA

| | | |
|---|------------------|-----------------|
| PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLE VIOLATION | \$ 64.50 | |
| NON-MOVING VIOLATION | \$116.00 | |
| EQUIPMENT VIOLATION - (defect not corrected) | \$116.00 | |
| EQUIPMENT VIOLATION - (defect corrected) | \$ 96.00 | |
| LITTERING Violations of 403.413(4),(4a),(4c) | \$163.50 | |
| FAILURE TO STOP FOR SCHOOL BUS | \$206.00 | |
| MOVING VIOLATION FOR Failure to Stop for Traffic Control Signal F.S. 316.074(1) and F.S. 316.076(1)(C)1 | \$231.00 | |
| MOVE OVER VIOLATION | <u>NO SCHOOL</u> | <u>SCHOOL</u> |
| Violation of 316.126(1)(b) | \$136.00 | \$143.00 |
| MOVING VIOLATION | <u>NO SCHOOL</u> | <u>SCHOOL</u> |
| | \$166.00 | \$173.00 |
| MOVING WITH SPEED: | | |
| | <u>NO SCHOOL</u> | <u>SCHOOL</u> |
| ➤ 1 - 9 MPH | \$131.00 | \$138.00 |
| ➤ 10-14 MPH | \$206.00 | \$213.00 |
| ➤ 15-19 MPH | \$256.00 | \$263.00 |
| ➤ 20-29 MPH | \$281.00 | \$288.00 |
| ➤ 30+ MPH | Mandatory Court | Mandatory Court |
| MOVING WITH SPEED-SCHOOL/CONSTRUCTION ZONES: | | |
| | <u>NO SCHOOL</u> | <u>SCHOOL</u> |
| ➤ 1-9 MPH | \$156.00 | \$163.00 |
| ➤ 10-14 MPH | \$306.00 | \$313.00 |
| ➤ 15-19 MPH | \$381.00 | \$388.00 |
| ➤ 20-29 MPH | \$431.00 | \$438.00 |
| ➤ 30+ MPH | Mandatory Court | Mandatory Court |

NOTE: If violator holds a Commercial Driver's License they are not eligible for traffic school

DISMISSAL FEE FOR PROOF OF:

- VALID REGISTRATION, DRIVER LICENSE, INSURANCE \$10.00

NOTE: The registration, driver's license, or insurance must have been valid at the time of the offense.

LKRA MEMBERSHIP**Carl Shoffstall**

With the new season beginning it will be more important than ever that our membership grows due to the economic climate of the city and county governmental agencies. There will without a doubt be more cuts to services in the upcoming year.

We have included a 2010 Membership Renewal Form. When completing this form, please print legibly and ensure all your information is correct. Our goal is to distribute more upcoming newsletters via email so the LKRA Association can be more environmentally friendly.

As with many things the Squeakiest Wheel gets the most attention. I would like to make it everyone's goal to sign up at least one new member for the upcoming year. It is my opinion strength lies in numbers. Let's make it a memorable year.

Like to Contribute to the Newsletter??

Submit your letter in 150 words or less to the Editor at carl@floridaplaystructures.com and get your letter and/or picture printed in an upcoming newsletter.

Editor reserves the right to shorten submissions as necessary and, in case of multiple submissions, the Editor will make a final decision on which letter(s) to print.

Lido Pool Hours

Monday—Closed

Tuesday thru Friday 10:00 am—5:45 pm

Saturday and Sunday 12:00 pm—5:45 pm

Lido Beach Snack Shop

10:00 am—6:00 pm

7 Days a Week

**OUR APPRECIATION TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE
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**Lido Key Residents Association
PO Box 884
Sarasota, FL 34230**

Our Association is comprised of a group of neighbors who treasure the lifestyle and environment our barrier island provides. More than ever, Lido Key residents must come together to represent our Key and to preserve its fragile coastal environment and our neighborhood.

The Association provides a strong and organized voice to represent the residents' concerns and wishes in various forums. There are numerous challenges that face us over the next year. Our residents must be seen and heard as many critical decisions are being made that will forever affect Lido Key.

Your involvement is key to the success of the Association. There is strength in numbers and voices-so please join and become a part of our collective voice that will help preserve our key, its green space, its parks, and its charm.

The Lido Key Residents Association-

- Seeks to foster community involvement among its residents to maintain and enhance the quality of life on the key
- Urges the adoption, maintenance, and enforcement of appropriate zoning ordinance and regulations
- Garner support to help maintain and enhance our beaches
- Works to enhance safety of our roads, parks, and protect the fragile estuary and habitat on the Key
- Brings community together with appropriate individuals and organizations to enhance the residential quality of the Key

Have a question? Call Carl Shoffstall at 813-967-2687. Send membership form and check to address above. Membership meetings held third Saturday monthly at 10:00 am at the Lido Beach Resort, 700 Ben Franklin Drive in the months of October, November, January, February, March and April.

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2010 DUES: \$20.00 annually per household \$30.00 annually per condo-association or hotel

PLEASE PRINT:

Member Name _____ Spouse/Partner _____

Lido Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone #1 _____ Phone #2 _____

Neighborhood Alert E-mail Address _____

Skill sets you could volunteer (circle all that apply)

| | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| City/Urban Planning | Grant Writing | Event Planning | Auditing |
| Recreational/Park Planning | Webmaster/Site Dev. | Computer Expertise | Condo Representative |
| Land Use Planning | Legislative Background | Newsletter Editor | Traffic Planning |
| Marketing/Advertising | Finance | Board Member | Recording Secretary |

**RETURN FORM TO:
LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOICATION, PO BOX 884, SARASOTA, FL 34230**