

# 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.

February 20th, 2010

March 20th, 2010

April 17th, 2010

**Sunset Cocktails**  
**Sun & Surf Colony**  
**Beach Club**  
**Thursday, March 25, 2010**  
**@ 5:30 p.m.**

Watch for Upcoming  
Announcements for the  
LKRA 30 Year Anniversary  
Gala

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

### Letter from the President

Welcome

It has been an unbelievably cold January, not the kind of weather we were all looking forward to. I'm sure it could be much worse, with the earthquake in Haiti, and all the snow in the Midwest, we can count ourselves lucky.

We just had our Annual Breakfast Meeting and it was a great success. Mayor Clapp spoke, and his comments were very informative. He addressed many of the issues people were concerned about.

The annual election will be held at the next membership meeting in February. We have two open director positions to fill. Please contact me or any of the other board members if you are interested.

We also discussed our now Annual Cocktail Party to be held on March 25th 2010. I am hoping to see you all there. Last year we had a wonderful time. People really seem to enjoy these get-togethers to mingle and enjoy each other's company and the beautiful sunsets.

So until then, Stay well and Stay warm

Tony Lagunovich  
President  
Lido Key Residents Association

**LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING****JANUARY 16, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by President Tony Lagunovich at 9:45 a.m. It had been preceded by a delicious breakfast prepared by the Resort with approximately 80 residents in attendance. Guests in attendance at the meeting included County Commissioner Joe Barbetta, City Commissioner Suzanne Atwell, Mayor Richard Clapp, Police Lt. Jeff Karr and Police Chief Peter Abbott.

Mayor Clapp provided an update on the following issues related to city business.

- **Baseball:** The Orioles are on Deck. He spoke to the suit regarding the city relationship with the Orioles and funding issues. He stated that no property taxes are being used for funding but that taxes from the tax on tourism are being used.
- **Sailor/Nurse Sculpture:** Questions remain surrounding issues relating to copy write, location, and maintenance.
- **Bird Key Part:** The final plans were presented for the area incorporating the MURT Trail.
- **South Lido Key Park:** Improvement have been approved for the bathroom building and the parking lot and will be completed this year. The park is run by the county.
- **Lido Pool:** It is operated by the county. A joint meeting has been held with city and county commissioners regarding its use. Involvement of residents is requested.
- **Beach Renourishment:** Runs on about a seven year cycle. They are looking for a federal grant to start the planning process for the next renourishment.
- **Oil drilling:** The state controls the water for ten miles out. Discussion is going on regarding this issue. A major concern is the effect this issue can have on tourism.
- **Beach:** Longboat Key is working to contain their sand by building a barrier.
- **Southgate Mall:** Expansion by Westfield has been approved by the city.
- **The city has received a grant of twenty-three million from HUD for neighborhood stabilization.** It will be used around the Newtown area on housing.
- **Palm Ave. Garage:** It will be located behind the Opera House and should be open by fall.
- **Noise Ordinance in the downtown area.** The city is looking at extending the limit by one hour at the request of Paul Mattison. A public hearing will be held on 1/18.
- **Downtown trolley circulation:** The city is in discussion with the county regarding this issue.

After a lively question and answer period, the Mayor was thanked for his fact filled presentation.

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The Membership Meeting was then called to order at 10:35 a.m. by the President.

- Treasurer Jeff Long reported that at the beginning of November we had \$14,945.00 and after income and disbursements had \$14,880.62. It was moved and seconded to accept this report.
- Carl Shoffstall reported 481 members and 25 Condo/Resorts/Hotels. Dues for 2010 Memberships are now being collected.
- Debbie Comer reported that the 3rd Annual Sunset Cocktail Party will be held on Thursday, March 25 at the Sun and Surf Colony Beach Club. MarkAnthony Roman, a one man band will be returning for entertainment. It is free to members for appreciation and \$5.00 for guests. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. Bring your own drinks and a snack buffet will be served. **(See Article)**
- A gala affair in honor of the 30th anniversary of the Lido Key Residents Association is being planned for February, 2011.
- The collection for the Food Bank at the last meeting raised \$200.00 plus food.
- Next month at the Annual Meeting board member elections will be held. The following board members, all of whom were members appointed last year, are up for election. Mary Moss, Debbie Comer, Carl Shoffstall, Blair McMillan and Jeff Long. Two additional Board Members are being sought. The Secretary position needs to be filled.
- **Bylaws:** A vote on bylaw amendments will be held at the next meeting to bring the bylaws in line with current practice. They will be distributed to members, as required, in the next newsletter. **(See Proposed Bylaw Changes)**



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**PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES**

**2/20/10**

**ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP**

Currently: Dues shall be payable January 1 for the coming year.

**Change; Dues shall be collected between November 1 and July1 for each operating year. Any dues paid after July 1 will be applied to the following year.**

**RATIONALE: This span covers the period during which most activities of the association occur.**

**ARTICLE V MEETINGS**

**Section 1**

Currently: The Annual meeting of the members of the Association shall be held on the third Saturday of February of each year. Membership meetings are on the third Saturday in October to the third Saturday in April. There is no meeting in December.

**Change: Add "If a conflict occurs for any of the aforementioned dates a change can be made by the board."**

**RATIONALE: Provides more flexibility for the board.**

**Section 2**

Currently: The Board of Directors shall meet regularly on the second Saturday of each month unless otherwise scheduled by said Board, at such place and time it may determine.

**Change: The board of Directors shall meet regularly prior to each scheduled meeting. These meetings will be held at the discretion of the Board.**

**RATIONALE: Provides flexibility for the board.**

**ARTICLE VI QUORUM**

**Section 1**

Currently: The presence of five(5) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of said Board.

**Change: The presence of a majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of said Board. Telephone participation may occur monthly as required.**

**RATIONALE: Provides for changing numbers of board members and for participation as needed when members may not be in residence.**

**Coalition of City Neighborhoods Association (CCNA)****Carl Shoffstall**

CCNA has had two meetings since our last Newsletter on the first Saturday of the month at the fire station on Waldemere Ave.

The meetings were called to order and the usual reports (minutes, treasurer and presidents) were read and approved.

The agenda for the December 5th meeting was light due to having a Christmas Party. Billy Robinson, who has served the city over 31 years was presented a plaque to express everyone's deep appreciation for his many years of service to our citizens and our neighborhoods. With no other business, the Christmas Party commenced and was enjoyed by all.

At the January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, it was voted on and approved by a majority of the neighborhoods to pass a resolution that supported the stance against oil drilling off the coast of Florida. It was reiterated that everyone needs to contact their local and state representative to voice their opinion on this issue which has far reaching implications on the future of our area and state.

Again, a list of names and contact information for our state representatives follows the end of this article.

The main part of the meeting was a presentation by representatives of SWFWMD regarding the FEMA flood maps that are being re-drawn at this time. Public hearings will be held to discuss this issue. This may have some economic impact on property values in the area. Contact Gerald (Buster) Chapin, Sr Zoning Analyst, Community Rating System (flood rating) coordinator, City of Sarasota at 941-954-4127 x4444 if you would like further information on this subject.

**GOVERNMENT CONTACTS****State Senators**

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

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Senator Mike Bennett, District 21

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**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

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**COCKTAILS ON LIDO BEACH****DEBBIE COMER**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2010 AT 5:30 P.M.  
SUN AND SURF COLONY BEACH CLUB  
1148 BEN FRANKLIN DRIVE  
APPETIZERS, SNACKS, AND MUSIC PROVIDED  
BYOB**

Get to know your island neighbors at the "LKRA Sunset Cocktail Party on Lido Beach" at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday March 25.

This is LKRA's 3rd annual Membership Appreciation Event, and has been an entertaining and fun evening for all. Debbie Comer and her committee, will again enhance the Sun and Surf Colony Beach Club, at 1149 Ben Franklin Drive with festive island décor, and food, .....the perfect beach location for viewing a beautiful Lido Beach Sunset, with friends !!!!!!!

By popular demand, MarcAnthony Roman of 70s Rewind, will return to provide fabulous music for listening and dancing. Please BYOB. There is no charge for LKRA Members, guests may attend for \$5.00 each. Mark your calendar now, so you don't miss the FUN!!

**Like to Contribute to the Newsletter??**

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

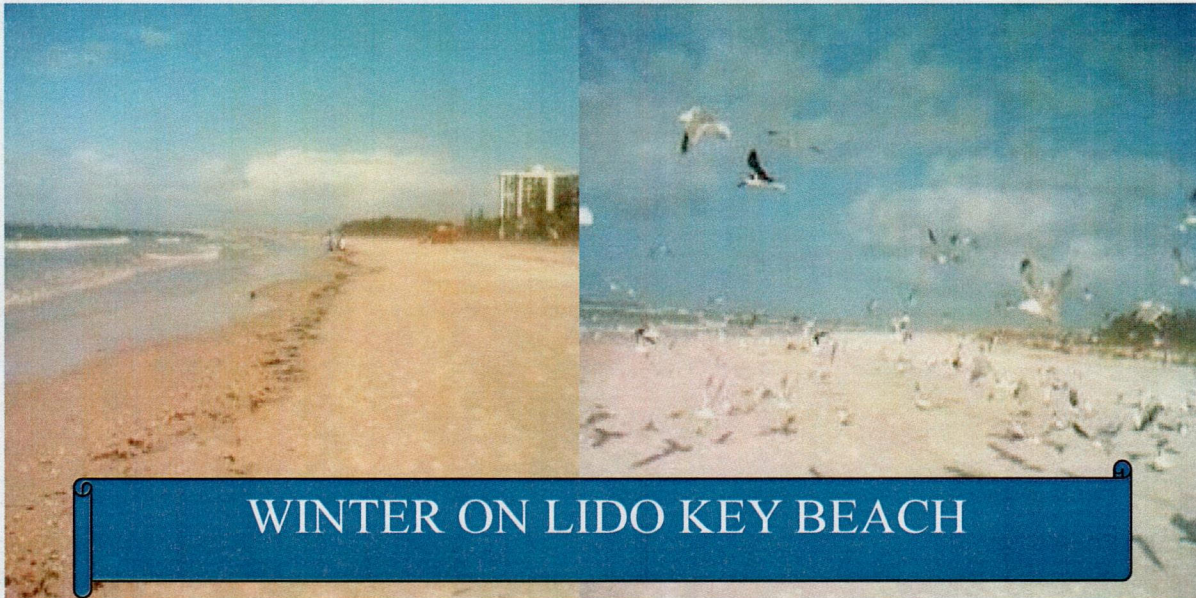
*Editor reserves the right to shorten submissions as necessary and, in case of multiple submissions, the Editor will make a final decision on which letter(s) to print.*

**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



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**OUR APPRECIATION TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE CREATION, PUBLICATION, AND DISTRIBUTION OF THIS NEWSLETTER**

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Lido Key Residents Association  
PO Box 884  
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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
- Garners 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Email 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

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