

LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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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.

**Annual Breakfast Meeting
January 8, 2011
The Helmsley Sandcastle
Breakfast at 9:00 am**

**LKRA 30th Anniversary
Dinner-Dance
Thursday, February 24, 2011
Lido Resort Hotel**

**Sunset Cocktail Party
Sun and Surf Colony
Beach Club
Thursday, March 24, 2011**

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

Letter from the President

Dear Residents:

2010 is coming to a close, the Holidays are fast approaching, and the weather is showing signs of cooling down, this year seemed to fly by and it was a very productive one with the new tables and umbrellas at the pool and the election of new Police Chief. and many other happenings this year.

I want to wish each and every one of you a Happy Holiday and a Happy and Healthy 2011.

If you are traveling this holiday be safe and I will look forward to seeing you again in the new year.

Just a reminder about our Annual Breakfast at the Helmsley Sandcastle on January 8th 2011 at 9:00 am.

The price for the breakfast buffet will be \$12.00 per person all checks should be made out to Lido Key Residents Association.

Please make sure your checks are sent in before the Breakfast Meeting to LKRA, PO Box 884, Sarasota, FL 34230 OR Tony Lagunovich, 350 S Polk Drive, Apartment 506, Sarasota, FL 34236.

Thank you for a great year.

Until we meet again
Tony Lagunovich

**LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2010****MARY MOSS**

The November membership meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President Tony Lagunovich. Other Directors present were Carl Shoffstall, Mary Moss, Debbie Comer, John Kirker, John Lambert and George Hafitz.

President Tony Lagunovich introduced Chief Michael Holloway and Lt. Randy Boyd, District Commander from the Sarasota Police Department. The Chief invited people to tour the new police facility and Lt. Boyd encouraged people to call him direct with non-emergency concerns. Randy's email is Randy.Boyd@Sarasota.gov.com. His cell number is 941-915-1589.

The number for emergencies of 911 was emphasized. Other issues discussed included cross-walks where cars are not stopping for pedestrians. The police have been issuing tickets, frequently to local residents. Removal of a parking spot which blocks vision when turning from John Ringling onto Washington was also raised. They are also working with the parking valets on the circle to improve traffic flow.

Other guests in attendance were City Commissioners Dick Clapp, Terry Turner, and Susan Atwell. Dick Clapp spoke to traffic movement on the circle. This item will be on the next city commission agenda.

This was followed by a presentation from Joe Mathis, a volunteer from Mote Marine's speaker's bureau. It was focused on Mote Marine's state-wide facilities, educational and other programs available along with the research being done. Their website is <http://www.mote.org/>

The Business meeting was called to order at 11:00 am.

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of 10/29/10 was \$12,784.91.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the last association meeting of 10/16/10 and the board meeting of 11/12/10 are available for review.

Membership Report: People are signing up and are encouraged to continue to do so.

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LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING (CONT'D)**PROGRAMS**

Sign up sheets will be available at the desk in the foyer for CPR and First Aid Classes. Classes will be scheduled sometime in February 2011.

Condo membership: George Hafitz will attend the next Presidents' Meeting.

Lido Pool. The new table and umbrellas are in place. Two were provided by the association and two by the county.

Cindy Klein reported to our President that there will be fitness swimming offered at the pool on M-W-F at 10: am. Aquatic exercises may start in January. (see article in this newsletter)

CCNA: Carl reported that chickens are coming.

The city commissioners all made brief comments. Susan Atwell spoke to the positive efforts to enhance the city. Terry Turner encouraged people to contact him. Dick Clapp supported the comments by the police representatives and announced that he will be up for reelection.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

SARASOTA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

District One	Carolyn Mason	(941) 861-5344	cmason@scgov.net
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CITY OF SARASOTA COMMISSIONERS

District One	Vice Mayor Fredd "Glossie" Atkins	(941) 954-4115	Fredd.Atkins@sarasotagov.com
District Two	Richard Clapp	(941) 954-4115	Richard.Clapp@sarasotagov.com
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At-Large	Terry Turner	(941) 954-4115	Terry.Turner@sarasotagov.com

MIRACLE SWIMMING INSTITUTE**MELON DASH**

Miracle Swimming Institute began teaching swimming lessons for children and adults at Lido Pool in June of 2010. It will resume when ambient temperatures warm Lido Pool to 86---88 degrees, which is expected in May. At these temps, cold is not a distraction.

Parents: there are swimming lessons and there are swimming lessons! Most lessons teach stroke mechanics. But strokes do not make swim students safe in deep water. Miracle Swimming Institute teaches all students to be reliable for their safety in deep water. Then it teaches strokes.

Our goal is to assist whole families in being able to swim; and to provide confidence in both pool and the gulf. Classes in the gulf are offered after pool classes are completed.

Miracle Swimming Institute was founded in 1983 in Berkeley, California. It's the leader in innovation in adult swimming lessons. Students and instructor---trainees come to Sarasota from all over the world to learn. In 2010, MSI adjusted its system to children's lessons, shortening the time needed to learn to swim by making all lessons comfortable. Any child or adult who is uncomfortable in water is especially urged to sign up for MSI lessons, lessons that cannot and do not fail.

For more information, visit www.miracleswimming.com or www.conquerfear.com; listen to The Learn To Swim Show by founder M. Ellen ("Melon") Dash on internet radio anytime; or call Miracle Swimming Institute at 941---921---6420. Or, email your request for a 2011 schedule to be emailed to you when it's set: char@conquerfear.com.

LT. RANDY BOYD

As you all know, we are starting another season on the Island and with that, comes the issues of vehicular and pedestrian congestion. We ask that each of you practice as much patience as possible. I know at times it seems that no one is listening to your requests for help, however I assure you, we are listening and taking your suggestions into consideration. There have been a couple of changes already that should help, however they will not fix the problem entirely. I will continue to work on this issue and report back to you as soon as possible.

Also, during this holiday season please make sure that you are aware of your surroundings when you are walking to and from your car. Have your car keys in your hands as you are walking to your car. Look around before you exit the store and if you see somebody that makes you feel uncomfortable, trust your instincts and don't leave the store. Ask a store employee to walk you to your car.

I will leave on this, please don't drink and drive.

Thanks, Lt. Boyd
Lieutenant Randy D. Boyd
Sarasota Police Department
E-mail: randy.boyd@sarasotagov.com

Coalition of City Neighborhoods Association (CCNA) CARL SHOFFSTALL

The CCNA held its monthly meeting December 4th, 2010, at the Waldemere Ave Fire station. Kate Lowman (President) called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. The reports (minutes, presidents and treasurer) were read and approved. Attending were—24 of the neighborhood associations along with 9 alternates and 24 guests. City officials who attended the meeting were Mayor Kelly Kirshner and Commissioners Susan Atwell, Richard Clapp and Terry Turner. Other city officials attending were Robert Bartolotta, Mike Taylor, Tim Litchet, and Ryan Chapeldane, Jan Thornburg, Nancy Kelly, Marlon Brown. Police chief Michael Holloway and officer Anderson. County commissioners were Joe Barbetta and Nora Patterson. Candidates running for upcoming city commissioners race for district 3 were Pete Theisen and Shannon Snyder and for District 1 was Frederick Williams.

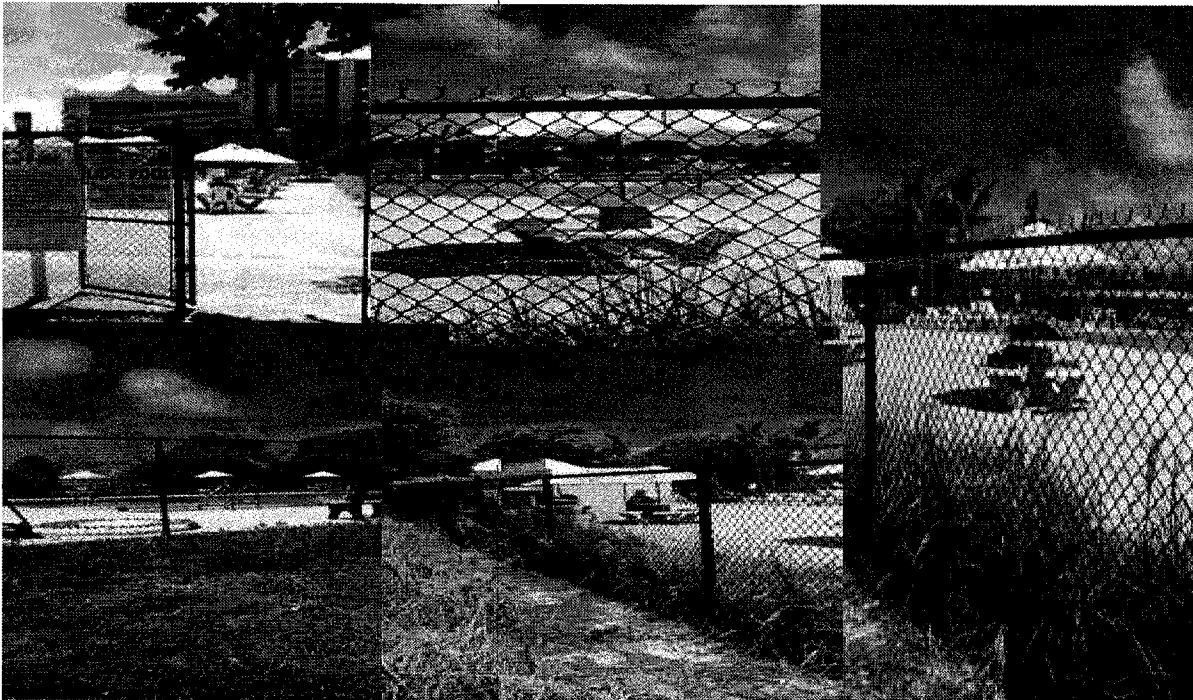
Neighborhood reports were given by their representatives.

The presentation for this meeting was the upcoming ordinance for site plan review and compatibility. Mike Taylor and Tim Litchet, Director, Neighborhoods and Development, gave a brief update on how the process was going to happen. A handout was available for everyone's review, along with a hand out of the planning division pending zoning approvals.

After a discussion on the upcoming ordinance regarding the city allowing residences to raise chickens in their yards. There was a vote called for on what stance the CCNA should take on the issue which subsequently passed by a vote of 14 in favor and 9 against. It was also voted on and passed that another presentation will be held at an upcoming meeting on what will be proposed by the city.

After the business meeting adjourned, the association held their annual Christmas party.

If anyone is interested in attending these meetings, they are held the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 at the Waldemere Fire station.



SPECIAL EVENTS**DEBBIE COMER****Mark your 2011 Calendars for these SPECIAL Events****Thursday, February 24****Dinner-Dance-Celebrating LKRA 30th Anniversary**

Enjoy a festive Island Evening in the Ballroom of the Lido Beach Resort. Tropical Island Music will fill the air as the Festive Buffet Dinner is enjoyed. Dinner followed by live music, provided by Lido's favorite performer, Mark Anthony Roman.

All are invited to wear "tropical" attire, and "dancing shoes" for a FUN evening. 6:00 Cocktails (cash bar) 7:00 Dinner

Cost is \$25.00/person. Cash bar available all evening.

Guests: \$36.00/person.

Confirmed Reservations need to be received by Feb. 16

Send Checks payable to LKRA to:

Debbie Comer, 1800 Ben Franklin Dr. #1104, Sarasota, Fl 34236, or bring to Breakfast meeting, Jan. 8.

Thursday, March 24, 5:30**Sunset Cocktail Party on Lido Beach****Member Appreciation Event.**

Get to know your island neighbors, enjoying Lido's beautiful sunset, good food and beverages.

This annual event is again being held at Sun and Surf Colony Beach Club (1148 Ben Franklin Drive).

Fantastic Musical entertainment and appetizers provided. B.Y.O.B. Spread the word, bring a friend, guests are \$10.00. (a great opportunity to invite your neighbors to join LKRA)

Sign up sheets will be available at the January and February general meetings.

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR 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.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The new tables and umbrellas are a welcome addition and are used daily by pool visitors.

Lido Residents are now able to have pool instruction without leaving the island. Classes in swimming are now being offered at different times through the Miracle Swimming Institute, LLC. These lessons are tailored for adults who want to learn to swim; or to improve their swimming. The instructor, Melon Dash, is a nationally ranked swimmer with a Masters Degree in education and has taught swimming on college campuses. She can be reached at 800-723-SWIM (7946). Also, she has a website at info@miracleswimming.com

The other type of pool instruction (more in therapy/exercise than swimming) is offered by Shawn Snyder (941-706-5787) on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays throughout November. She teaches aqua aerobics, aqua strength and aqua kata (to increase balance, range of motion and relaxation). She is a certified lifeguard and is trained in aquatics exercise therapy.

Submitted By Marion Coufoudakis

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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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2011 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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