

# LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## LIDO KEY MATTERS

AUGUST 2012

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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  
Upcoming Meetings:

November  
January  
February  
March  
April

**Presidents Dinner**  
**Helmsley Sandcastle Hotel**  
**Thursday, March 21, 2013**  
**\$45.00 Per Person**  
**Entertainment and Buffet**

**“Meet and Greet”**  
**Island Neighbors**  
**Happy Hours**

**Schedule To Be**  
**Announced**

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

### Letter from the President

Greetings to all Members,  
I look forward to everyone returning for the new season over the next few months. It has been a very hot summer, but shortly the weather should be turning nice in time for everyone's arrival.

Here is a brief recap of things that have gone on during the summer:

In late June, tropical storm Debby stalled in the gulf and wrecked havoc on all the beaches up and down the west coast of Florida. We had a severe loss of sand on our beach. Since the storm, John Kirker, LKRA board member in charge of beach renourishment, has been in contact with city and county officials to expedite the shore line protection project.

The boat race was still held the weekend of July 4th, although there were tight quarters on the beach due to the loss of sand. It was another great turnout for the event.

New underground sewer lines were run along Blvd of the Presidents with minimal disruption to traffic.

At the end of last season, it was agreed to ask the City for two traffic calming signs to be installed along Ben Franklin Blvd. They were installed a few weeks ago.

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Over the summer, a preliminary budget was produced by the City for the renovation of the Lido Pool and Pavilion. There will be a meeting 8/24/2012 between the Lido Pool Committee and the City staff to discuss.

On the mainland:

Two roundabouts have been completed on John Ringling Blvd and Fruitville Rd has been repaved. The construction of the lift station on Mound is continuing.

On the political front:

Gridlock seems to be the order of the day. The city has finally hired a new city manager after an arduous search process. He is scheduled to be starting the beginning of September. The City has started a search for a new police chief to replace Mikel Holloway, who is retiring.

Our social calendar last year was a great success and it looks to be as exciting as ever for this season. Look for details in upcoming newsletters.

We are in the process of scheduling guest speakers for our monthly meetings. I anticipate a very interesting and informative line up and we are hoping for increased attendance.

In conclusion, it seems the city is continually cutting services that affect our Lido Key due to budget constraints. Everyone who owns or rents property on Lido has a stake in this. I urge every Lido Key Resident to become involved with the association. We are a very strong organization, well respected by the city officials and other neighborhood associations in the City. We need to stand united. I look forward to seeing everyone again and if you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me. See you soon.

Regards,

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**CITIZEN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM****BETH DILWORTH****Make a Difference – Join Today!**

- Are you civic minded and interested in improving the quality of life in the City of Sarasota for residents and visitors?
- Would you like to provide additional support to the Sarasota Police Department and serve as a goodwill ambassador at special events?

Are you interested in participating in vehicle or foot patrols in neighborhoods and business districts?

If YES, then the **Sarasota Police Department Citizen Volunteer Program** is an excellent opportunity for you to join a team of Volunteers who are committed to serving the community.

Volunteers have been adding support to the Sarasota Police Department since the program began in September of 2000. After completion of training and receiving your uniform, you will be part of a dedicated group of Volunteers who participate in patrols throughout the City and provide clerical assistance at Headquarters.

The Citizen Volunteer Program meets the second Monday of the month at the Waldemere Fire Station, 6:00 PM. Guest speakers present further insight into the operations of the Sarasota Police Department. Social time prior to the meetings provides new members an opportunity to get acquainted with fellow Volunteers, arrange patrols, coordinate participation in special events, and enjoy the camaraderie that is an important part of our program.

If you have at least eight hours a month to commit to your community, please contact Officer Ford Snodgrass of the Sarasota Police Department Crime Prevention Unit, 954-7056, for more information on the Citizen Volunteer Program.



## 7 MONTH ANALYSIS FOR 2012

## SARASOTA POLICE DEPARTMENT

LT. RANDY BOYD

Crime/Activity	2010	2011	2012	Change	%
Felony Index Crime	1,132	1,1052	929	-203	-18%
Murder	3	4	2	-1	-33%
Sexual Battery	12	18	16	4	33%
Robbery	95	95	94	-1	-01%
Agg Assault/Battery	122	110	110	-12	-11%
Burglary	515	393	385	-130	-25%
Grand Theft	306	356	265	-41	-13%
Motor Vehicle Thefts	79	76	57	-22	-28%
Traffic Citations	7,548	7,256	7,800	252	3%
Field Interviews	972	1,493	1,218	246	25%
Drug Arrest	463	480	474	11	2%
Alcohol Arrest	284	420	486	202	71%
Total Arrest	2,517	2,698	2,974	457	18%
Calls for Service	35,701	37,637	39,446	3,745	10%

Felony Index crimes in the City of Sarasota have been **reduced by 18%** since 2010. As a result in the drop in crime, there were 203 fewer victims of these serious crimes in 2012 (compared to the same 7 months in 2010). With no increase in staffing, officers handled 3,745 additional calls for service and made 457 more arrests.

The North District crime reduction numbers are even more impressive. From 2012 compared to 2011: Index Crime reduced in the North District by 23%. Murder -67% (from 3 to 1), Sexual Battery -33% (12 to 8), Robberies -28% (58 to 42).

Congratulations to everyone whose contributions made these accomplishments possible.



**MEMBERSHIP**

**JOHN LAMBERT**

Membership is the life blood of our organization. We continue to strive for increased membership but have never reached our goal. If each member brings in one new member we will be well on our way in achieving our goal.

Now go after them now.....Let's reach our goal in 2013.

**(CCNA)**

**CARL SHOFFSTALL**

The monthly meetings of the Coalition of City Neighborhood Associations (CCNA) are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month (except July) at the fire station on Waldemere Ave. There are approximately 27 neighborhood associations represented each month.

There is a scheduled topic for each meeting with a speaker addressing the issue that affects the neighborhoods. The meetings are open to the public and anyone can attend.

Many city and county officials attend. Anyone interested in going to these meetings let me know and I will give the time.





**ANNUAL PRESIDENTS DINNER****JOHN LAMBERT**

Reserve the date of Thursday, March 21, 2013 at Helmsley Sandcastle Hotel. We will have room for 120 Lido Key Resident members. So when the info is sent out reserve immediately. Price for the event is \$45.00. This includes tax and service charge.

Some of the buffet items will be red snapper, prime rib carved, snow crab legs, steamed clams and mussels in butter, shrimp, salads, fruits, desserts and much more. We are also planning entertainment, etc . If anyone is interested in assisting John T. Lambert or Beth Dilworth call 941-228-0667 or 570-421-4364. Hope to see you all there!!!!!!!!!!!! Reserve Thursday, March 21, 2013.

**MEET AND GREET****DEBBIE COMER  
SPECIAL EVENTS CHAIR**

Last season, Five New Opportunities to MEET AND GREET your Island Neighbors were held. All Meet and Greet—Happy Hours were very popular, and well attended. Meet and Greets were held at various locations, including the Helmsley Sandcastle, Lido Beach Resort, and the Lido Pool Pavilion. Happy Hours began at 5:00. We were given special drink prices and/or snacks/appetizers, but most important an opportunity to mingle, and make new friends. Be watching for this season's dates plan to attend, and bring a neighbor.

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*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.*

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Hi Carl,

I know you are aware that the County has approved the landscaping grant money for Gulf Beach from my memo to the Presidents Club.

Most importantly, I want to thank LKRA for the overwhelming support in our endeavor. You have always been there for us and I can't even say how much that means. We have a wonderful neighborhood here on Lido Key and wonderful people that go out of their way to help each other.

We are very excited about finally being able to improve our property, and the support of LKRA helped tremendously.

I will keep trying my best to impress on our absentee owners how important it is to support LKRA and all that you do.

Sincerely,

Judy Wilson

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**WHY SHOULD  
I  
JOIN LKRA?\***

**\*Lido Key Residents Association**

**Because each of us is only one voice, but the Association with many voices can make a difference;**

**Because LKRA continues to work with law enforcement in preserving the safety and security of our Key;**

**Because my membership will help LKRA remain strong and unified as it faces whatever changes may be proposed in our pool/pavilion in the coming year;**

**Because Lido Key, with its array of new condos and old Florida architecture, is my home and I want to preserve the “quiet island” by adding my voice to the growing membership of people who live, who rent and who visit second homes here;**

**Because to accomplish these goals for Lido Key it takes all of us, but the amount of time required is minimal (just to stay educated and able to support).**

***\*Membership Details on the back of this sheet\****



2013 LKRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2013 DUES: \$20.00 Annually Per Household
\$30.00 Annually Per Condo Association or Hotel

PLEASE PRINT:

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Condo (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Lido Key Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: ----- State: Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

City: State: Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #1: Phone #2: \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to volunteer for a committee, please check your choice below.

- Membership Condo Liaison Special Events Program
Newsletter Directory Traffic & Safety By-Laws
Finance & Audit Committee Parks/Beautification Beach Renourishment

Thank you - You Will Be Contacted

Have a question? Call Carl Shoffstall at 813-967-2687. Send Membership Form and Check to Address Below. Memberships Meetings are held the Third Saturday in the months of November, January, February, March and April.

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