



LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

LIDO KEY MATTERS

FEBRUARY 2025

Events Calendar

All Membership Meetings
held at Lido Beach Resort 8th
floor, 10:00 on the 3rd Saturday of
the month:

NEXT MEETING:

**March 15, 2025 Selby Gardens
Phase 2 update**

April 19, 2025 Liz Alpert

April 4, 2025 2025 Beach Party

MEET & GREET

**3/11/2025 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
at the Daiquiri Deck**

Presidents Letter

Good morning to LKRA members

It has been about 5 months since we had the Hurricanes and things are slowly returning to somewhat normal. It's a slow process that will take many more months to return to was what we know. Many of you are waiting to start your remodeling or have started, we were fortunate that we have finished putting our condo back together. I hope everyone has a good experience with their remodel.

The weather is beautiful once again, but we are going to have a cold front come through next week and the temperature will be much cooler for a week or so. Soon we will be looking for cooler weather as we move toward spring and summer.

This past Saturday we had our annual breakfast meeting with Greg Steube (our federal congressman, 17th congressional district of Florida) giving a presentation on various topics. The big one was on you will be able to amend your tax returns for some of the damage from the hurricanes/storms. We will be posting a link to his website if you want to investigate it. We also did not hold an election for new board members for the next term, since all of the existing board members wanted to stay on. We will hold an election at our next board meeting to appoint new officers.

Our next member meeting will have Selby Gardens doing a presentation on phase 2 of there expansion. The phase 1 portion is beautiful. I suggest if you have not seen it, you should go. Lastly the county is working on repairing Ted Sperling Park, hopefully it should open soon.

I am going to finish up by what I said in our last newsletter (“Our little slice of paradise was severely damaged and has displaced many residents on Lido as well as St Armands and Lido Shores. The entire west coast of Florida has been devastated”). I truly believe that all the barrier islands are strong and resilient and will come back stronger than ever.

The city is continuing to do an outstanding job of getting the debris cleaned up and we all need to be patient with the process. I am honored to represent the Lido Key Resident Association.

Until we see each other again

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Scott Moranda, Division Manager, Beaches & Water Access Sarasota County

The following is the February 7th report for Ted Sperling Park from Sarasota County Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources: South Lido Beach update

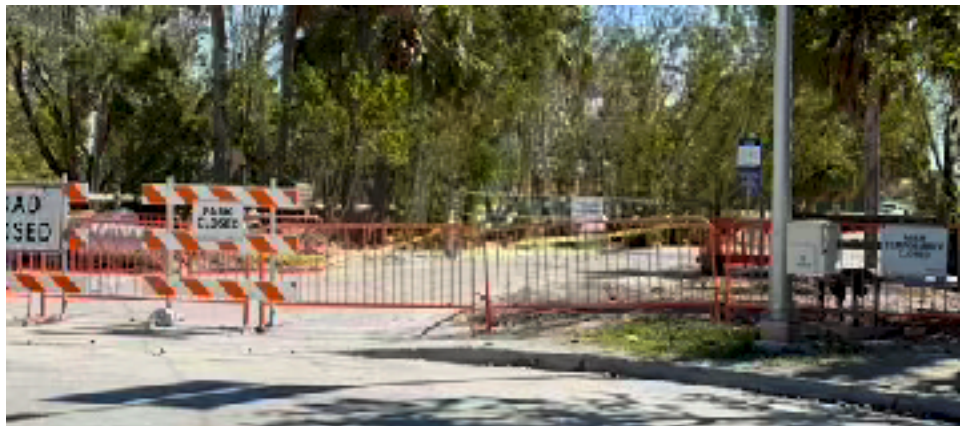
The park presently remains CLOSED to the public.

There is no power to the facilities currently. FPL and Facilities Maintenance have been informed.

On January 11, 2025, Ceres finished sand operations and debris removal.

On January 11, 2025, Crowder Gulf finished mitigating damaged trees caused by Hurricane Milton.

On January 13, 2025, Olive Branch Tree Service removed 22 stumps around the picnic area and parking lot. On January 22, 2025, BWA staff re-installed 7 memorial benches, and 16 picnic tables retrieved from the waterway.



Allied Security hired to monitor the main gate on the weekends from 9 AM to 5 PM. Security is currently redirecting hundreds of visitors every day to other beaches on Lido Key.

Sarasota Police Department continue to monitor vehicles parking along Benjamin Franklin Drive and addressing visitors jumping over barricades and gates to enter the park.

On January 7, 2025, BWA staff successfully deployed barricade throughout the park minimizing foot traffic from beach walkers and boaters.

Mark Smith

Sarasota County Commissioner

Is Ted Sperling Park a nature preserve?

I met with Nicole Rissler, Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Director this week. I asked about Ted Sperling Park being a nature preserve. Nicole referred to the agreement between the city and the county when the property was purchased, that it was not designated as a preserve but a **public beach**.

I stated that boats and jet skies are not allowed to be beached at Siesta Beach, why then at Ted Sperling Park? She responded it's a law enforcement issue, not a parks issue.

I asked for a copy of the agreement between the city and the county when the south Lido Park was purchased.

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Jesse Mendoza

Sarasota Herald-Tribune

Lingering red tide at Sarasota Beaches

Dead fish covered many beaches in Sarasota and Manatee County beaches over the long Valentine's Day weekend, and the impacts of red tide rolled into Presidents Day on Monday.

Morning visitors walking along Lido Beach stepped over dead fish and avoided closed encounters to Gulf waters that reeked of red tide in Sarasota on Monday. Conditions that could cause respiratory irritation could be present at local beaches affected by red tide, but winds blowing away from shore make for mild conditions. The bloom had largely stayed near the Collier and Lee county area since the start of 2025, but slowly drifted toward Sarasota over the past week.

"It wouldn't take more than about six to 12 hours of winds out of the south to bring that water up towards our shoreline," Sarasota Bay Estuary Program Director Dave Tomasko told the Herald-Tribune. "It could be that the fish could have been killed by the red tide, but not right there. Sarasota County does not rake dead fish from beaches unless the situation meets specific criteria.



Are Lake Okeechobee discharges causing the red tide bloom?

Environmental advocates have long criticized a practice used by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to release nutrient-enriched waters from Lake Okeechobee out into the Gulf because of concerns that it fuels naturally occurring red tide bloom. Tomasko questioned whether the ongoing red tide, which bloomed off the Florida gulf coast in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, has remained in local waters longer than the norm because of recent Lake Okeechobee water releases. "One of the biggest things going on is that over the last couple of months we've taken over 100 billion gallons of water that was in Lake Okeechobee now is in the eastern Gulf of Mexico," Tomasko said. "Why is this red tide so big? Why is it so long lasting? They are lowering the lake by 4 feet, and they are pumping out about 1.3 billion gallons a day. They've been doing it for more than two months. "Literally Lake Okeechobee water is now fueling this red tide," he said.

Tomasko said that it remains to be seen how the red tide bloom will react in local Sarasota and Manatee County waters. He said the most notable source of human-caused nutrient enrichment is Bradenton's wastewater treatment plant, which has discharged millions of gallons of sewage into the Gulf over the past year because of chronic infrastructure woes.



You can make red tides worse with something as big as Lake Okeechobee or frankly as small as Bradenton," he said. "If you remember how bad red tide was in 2018, that was the worst year we had for wastewater overflows in Sarasota Bay. I don't think that was by chance."



Lido Beach Shore Protection Project: Moving Forward with Renourishment and Dunes

The City of Sarasota is actively working to secure the necessary approvals and funding to move forward with Lido Beach Renourishment and Lido Beach Dune projects within the next two years. A major step in this effort is leveraging the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) signed by the President in 2025, which provides new flexibility in easement requirements for federal beach projects.

Historically, the United States Army Corps of Engineers worked with the property owners and the City on perpetual easements for beach renourishment projects, and they have updated their policy recently. However, WRDA now allows cities like Sarasota to proceed with existing project easements for two years, which helps remove barriers to completing the project on time. We are working closely with Representative Greg Steube's office to ensure this process moves forward efficiently.

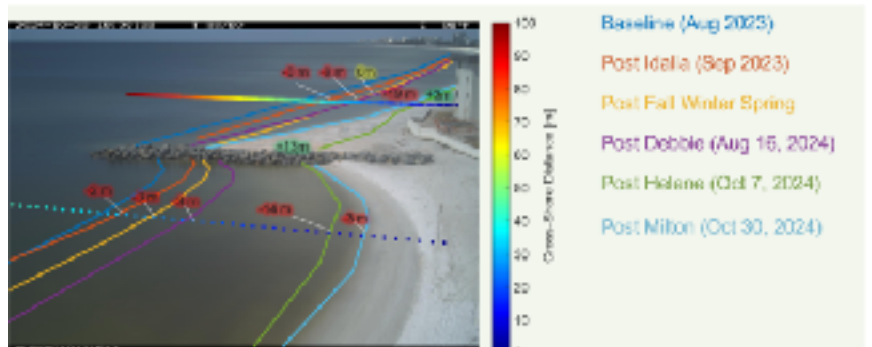
Lido Beach Dune Restoration and Future Renourishment

In addition to renourishment, the City is finalizing plans for a 1.57-mile-long dune system along Lido Beach, which will help protect against flooding and erosion. The project, stretching from John Ringling Boulevard to the southern tip of Lido Key is **designed to:** Reduce storm surge impacts and protect nearby properties; Retain sand and prevent erosion; Enhance the natural coastal ecosystem.



The plans developed in 2023 to secure permits are being updated to account for the new beach topography. Moving forward in the design, we will be working with residents to finalize plantings and other design elements. Construction is pending based on coordination with USACE and interpretation of the WRDA. In the meantime, we are exploring options to complete the dunes before the nourishment to maximize the benefit to residents.

Lido Beach has faced severe erosion in recent years due to storms, including hurricanes in 2024 that eroded 60 feet of beach width. The rock groins located at the southern end of Lido continue mitigate losses and aid in sand accrual until the beach until the next nourishment.



For the New Pass Dredge project, the USACE is completing an additional survey of the pass to better understand the sand available after the recent storms for our next beach nourishment. Complicating matters going forward, the New Pass sand source is nearly depleted, requiring federal assistance to secure alternative sand sources.

Next Steps

The City is actively advocating for: Ensuring the Army Corps of Engineers applies WRDA's easement flexibility, allowing renourishment to proceed on schedule. Securing federal funding for alternative sand sources to sustain the beach over the long term. mLido Beach is a critical part of our community, and we remain committed to its protection and preservation.

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Amal Jewelers
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Mote and Partners Field-Testing Promising Red Tide Initiative Technologies

Mote Marine Laboratory is excited to announce that three promising red tide mitigation technologies have completed rigorous laboratory testing and received regulatory approvals to begin the field deployment research stage. These advancements mark a significant milestone in the fight against Florida's and harmful red tide, *Karenia brevis* blooms, and offer a science-based path toward reducing their detrimental effects on marine ecosystems, public health, and Florida's economy.

Red tides, or red tide harmful algal blooms, are a higher-than-normal concentration of microscopic alga that occur in ocean and coastal waters. In Florida, the toxin producing *Karenia brevis* is the species causing most red tides. Red tides in Florida have been documented since the 1700's and can harmfully affect sea life, lead to massive fish kills, cause human respiratory problems, close beaches, and determinately impact shellfish, fishing, hotel, restaurant, recreational, and tourism industries.

To address this challenge, Mote partnered with the State of Florida through the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to establish the Florida Red Tide Mitigation and Technology Development Initiative. This Initiative, is an independent and coordinated effort among public and private research entities to develop prevention, control and mitigation technologies and approaches that will decrease the impacts of Florida red tide.

Since its inception in 2019 in response to the devastating 2018–2019 red tide bloom, the Initiative has funded more than 50 external partners, supported over 40 projects, and examined hundreds of compounds and mitigation technologies. Among these, three are now in the field deployment testing stage, with several others advancing toward pilot-scale testing. Field trials allow for the collection of in-water data under field conditions, building upon the laboratory research with natural ecosystem components from Mote's state-of-the-art HAB testing facility.

Three of the Initiative's projects are in the field deployment stage (with several others to be considered over the next year) and nearing the implementation testing stage:

CLEAR

Principal Investigator: Dr. Dana Wetzel

CLEAR is a novel, naturally derived biocide developed by Mote's Environmental Laboratory for Forensics. Harnessing the properties of natural plant-based compounds, CLEAR targets *K. brevis* with no environmental impact. CLEAR's active ingredients are classified as Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) by the FDA, and studies show no measurable accumulation in the environment. The all-natural biocide degrades fully within half a day, ensuring its safety for marine ecosystems. Regulatory approvals from the EPA, FDACS, and DEP allow for rapid deployment of CLEAR in the event of a bloom. Mote has developed multiple formulations of CLEAR to ensure versatility. Engineered particle treatments can be deployed on surface waters via vessel-mounted blowers, drones, or backpack sprayers. For underwater applications, remotely operated vehicles (ROVs) or autonomous underwater vehicles (AUVs) deliver the liquid form directly into blooms. This liquid application may also be deployed sub-surface with a specially equipped boat. CLEAR-embedded dissolvable beads provide sustained protection for 30–60 days, ideal for canals, marinas, and other vulnerable areas. This multi-faceted approach ensures targeted and effective mitigation.

Xtreme

Principal Investigator: Dr. Rich Pierce

Xtreme is a natural, non-toxic water treatment product developed by Heartland Energy Group. Previously used for blue-green algae (a freshwater HAB), Xtreme has demonstrated significant effectiveness against *K. brevis*. Lab testing and mesocosm experiments at Mote confirmed Xtreme's ability to reduce red tide cells and brevetoxins while posing no harm to marine life, including commercially important clams. Xtreme offers a natural solution that could help control blooms. This product is deployed by a large handheld sprayer.

Ozonix

Principal Investigator: Dr. Rich Pierce

OZONIX® is a patented, chemical-free water treatment technology that combines several processes to eliminate *K. brevis* cells and their toxins. It uses hydrodynamic cavitation (a process that creates bubbles in the water to break apart harmful substances), ozone injection (adding ozone gas to the water, which helps break down toxins), ultrasonic acoustic cavitation (using sound waves to create bubbles that break down harmful materials), and electrochemical oxidation (a process where electricity helps remove contaminants). These techniques work by running large hoses into the water that are connected to a trailer outfitted with a complex water system. Together, these techniques effectively address the red tide algae and its toxins. This mobile technology has been used successfully in demanding industries for over 20 years and is now being adapted for red tide mitigation. Mote's studies demonstrate that Ozonix effectively destroys red tide and toxins without harming marine organisms. With its mobility, scalability, and ability to rapidly deploy, Ozonix can treat large volumes of water, preventing blooms from expanding into severe outbreaks.



Mote Marine Laboratory's Red Tide Initiative exemplifies a proactive, science-driven approach to tackling one of Florida's most persistent environmental challenges. With CLEAR, Xtreme and Ozonix now ready for testing and deployment in open water, Mote is advancing solutions that offer hope for healthier marine ecosystems, reduced public health risks, and a stronger economy.

"Our work through the Red Tide Initiative demonstrates the power of innovation, collaboration, and scientific rigor in addressing a complex environmental issue," said Dr. Michael P. Crosby, President & CEO of Mote Marine Laboratory. "The technologies we are advancing will have a lasting impact on Florida's environment and communities, and we are grateful for the continued support from the State of Florida and our research partners."

Mote and Partners Conduct First-of-its-Kind Red Tide Mitigation Field Test During an Active Bloom

On Friday, February 14, Mote Marine Laboratory and partners successfully conducted the first-ever field test deployment of two Florida Red Tide Mitigation and Technology Development Initiative products and technologies to an active red tide bloom.

The two products, Mote's CLEAR and Heartland Energy Group's Xtreme, which both have completed rigorous laboratory testing and received regulatory approvals, were deployed by Mote scientists in collaboration with Heartland Energy Group and A-C-T Environmental & Infrastructure, in select canals during an active bloom in Venice. These advancements mark a historic step forward in the fight against impacts of Red Tide blooms (*Karenia brevis*) in Florida's coastal waters. CLEAR, a natural biocide designed to target *K. brevis*, was applied through a boat-dispersed liquid treatment targeting the mid-depth within the water column. Xtreme, another liquid treatment solution, was applied using the same specialized sprayer system from a boat, optimizing its distribution for maximum efficacy.

Post-deployment analysis of both products demonstrated significant reductions of *K. brevis* cells, as expected based on years of successful large-scale multi-species mesocosm laboratory testing.

"Today is an important moment in the ongoing advancement of the Florida Red Tide Mitigation and Technology Development Initiative," said Dr. Michael P. Crosby, Mote Marine Laboratory President & CEO. "This is the first time these products and technologies have been deployed during an active Florida red tide bloom. We are transitioning from controlled laboratory studies and field testing of real-world red tide bloom applications to the next critical phase of this initiative, which focuses on engineering large-scale deployment technologies required to safely and effectively mitigate the impacts of harmful algal blooms in our coastal waters."

What's Next?

Ongoing Monitoring: Scientists will be closely monitoring the deployment sites to collect data on water quality, marine life impact, and red tide concentration changes.

Public Reporting: Findings will be shared with state agencies, environmental partners, and the public as data analysis progresses.

Next Steps: This initial field test is part of an expedited strategy to refine, scale, and expand red tide mitigation efforts across Florida.

Additional Technologies: Mote has been working with its partners to move additional products (i.e., Prescott Clean Water Technologies - Ozonix and BlueGreen Water Technologies - Lake Guard Oxy) that have completed lab research through the final permitting process to be allowed to deploy them during red tide events.

Doctors Hospital physician, Nicholas Fusco, answers questions about red tide and human health

Red tide is known to cause respiratory irritation in people, although it can affect those with chronic pulmonary diseases and the elderly more severely. Dr. Fusco indicated symptoms often disappear soon after people affected leave areas affected by red tide. He recommends visiting a medical provider if symptoms do not subside, or if they become severe.

What happens when you are affected by red tide?

"People will just start getting a cough, maybe a little chest pain when breathing. A lot of the symptom control is just supportive care, so removing yourself from the environment ... and using your home medications if you do have chronic lung disease. But should the symptoms persist despite those treatments, that's when we want you to come and seek care just to make sure there's nothing else going on."

How long do symptoms last if you are affected by red tide?

"Typically, symptoms will get reversed with supportive care so if you are able to get treatment quickly hopefully only a couple of hours. With more frequent exposure the toxin can build up in the pulmonary tissues, and symptoms can last longer or take longer to treat. That's why if you start feeling symptoms, avoid that area entirely. People with chronic lung diseases will have inhalers, nebulizer treatments at home. So should they start developing symptoms we would want you to try those first. If that doesn't completely resolve the symptoms there may be need to prescribe steroids or additional treatments that we can provide."

What happens if you remain at the beach while you continue to have these problems?

"Not being able to breathe is obviously a big deal, so that's why we would want you to remove yourself from that situation. Maybe get into a car or somewhere that you can get some air that's filtered through something. You don't want your symptoms to get worse."

How can you tell the difference between allergies and respiratory irritation from red tide?

"Really, we look at the demographics. If people are saying, 'We were at the beach and we're coughing a lot,' that's when we really fine tune and say, 'Okay, this is probably due to this bloom that we know about.' If they were in their house and they are getting the sniffles and wheezing, definitely more allergy related."

Have you seen an increase in patients affected by red tide?

"With the bloom just starting (to affect the area), not yet, but I do anticipate we will see respiratory complaints from beachgoers - particularly those with chronic illnesses. Last year we did see an influx after the blooms did start. Many times we will see an increase in pulmonary complaints before we know the bloom is there, and then we'll see the effects on fish later."

What happens if you eat fish affected by red tide?

"A lot of the time you have a lot (gastro-intestinal) upset, nothing too much more than that, but we definitely advise not eating local fish if there is an active bloom going on."

Shorebird stewards ready for start of breeding season in Florida

Early spring means the return of snowbirds, but also nesting shorebirds. Shorebirds like least terns, black skimmers and snowy plovers nest along Florida's coasts and, in the Sarasota area, particularly like some spots on Longboat and Lido Keys. **Shorebird breeding season officially began on Feb. 15** for Sarasota and Manatee counties, but Program Manager for Audubon Florida Holley Short said the shorebirds in this area won't start to nest until closer to March. Short manages the program through Audubon Florida which collects volunteers to become shorebird stewards to raise awareness about nesting shorebirds and keep an eye on the colonies once the birds start to nest.

In years past, Lido Key's black skimmer colony has continued to be strong in the area, but Short wonders how that might change this year given how the beach's topography changed with Hurricanes Helene and Milton. The north end of Longboat Key also sees a good amount of shorebird nesting activity, usually with least terns and black skimmers. Snowy plovers also have nested in the area of Whitney Beach in the past, Short said.



Photo by Lou Newman

Nesting shorebird colonies are vulnerable populations. Adult shorebirds use the area to rest or forage for food, Black skimmer chicks have started to appear on Lido Beach. The eggs or chicks can be snatched easily by predators. Sometimes, it's humans that cause the biggest problems for these species. For colonies like those on the north end of Longboat Key, the surroundings of a location could lead to some issues.

"Nesting near public access areas comes with its own hurdles for the birds to try and get over," Short said. Last year, a nesting colony of least terns on the north end of Longboat Key was abandoned. Former Sarasota Shorebird Steward Coordinator Emily Briner suspected from trail camera footage that humans going too close to the nests caused the adults to leave the site altogether. When heading to the beach during these busy spring months, Short said it's important people be aware of their surroundings and look out for beach signage and posted nesting sites. "Keeping an eye out for any signs or areas that are closed to the public is going to be so important because we want to leave those areas undisturbed," Short said. "Even if you can't see the bird — which could easily be the case sometimes with snowy plovers — you want to assume that something is there and you don't want to disturb it." Short added eggs and chicks are often well-camouflaged, so beachgoers should remain diligent near nesting shorebird colonies. This is especially important as the chicks start to explore.

When beachgoers see a large flock of birds, Short said it's important to walk around the groups and not walk through them. The adults need to rest and feed, and disturbing them could impact the colony. This includes keeping dogs away from nesting colonies and only bringing dogs to designated areas, Short said. On Longboat Key, dogs are not allowed on any beaches. Lastly, Short emphasized the importance of not leaving behind any litter on the beaches, especially scraps of food. The litter and food scraps could attract scavenger species like crows, gulls and raccoons. Short said, once attracted by the litter, these species would then look for another easy snack nearby — chicks and eggs. For more information or to volunteer, sign up, emailFLConservation@audubon.org.

EXCITING NEWS!!!

We are having another: LKRA BEACH PARTY!

Save the date! Friday, April 4 / No Rain Date

Where: Lido Beach Resort at the Sand Garden on the beach

Time: 5:30-9:30 PM

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Dance Like a Mermaid

LKRA Elections information

Annual elections for the LKRA board were not conducted this February. Carl Shoffstall, Jay Elasser, Kathy Kussy, Bruce Abramowitz, and Diane Sterner, have all elected to remain on the board for a two year term.

For those who are not interested in a board position at this time but might be interested in the future, or those of you who would like to help out by serving on a committee, let us know of your interest. We are always eager to get others involved and there is always a lot to do.

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PO BOX 884 SARASOTA, FL 34230

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