

# LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## LIDO KEY MATTERS

FEBRUARY 2009

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### Calendar of Events

All Membership meetings held at the Lido Beach Resort—8th Floor, 10:00 am.

**Sunday, February 15th:**

Sarasota Marathon  
(See attached Info Letter from Tony Lagunovich)

**Saturday, February 21st:**

Membership Meeting-Speaker

**Saturday, March 21st:**

Membership Meeting-Speaker

**\*\*Revised\*\***

**Thursday, March 26th:**

Sunset Park @ 5:30 pm at the Sun and Surf Colony Beach Club Ben Franklin Drive. Snacks, Appetizers, music provided. B.Y.O.B

**Saturday, April 18th:**

Membership Meeting-Speaker  
(last one until Fall)

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### Letter from the Vice President

Greetings,

Our Association has gotten off to a good start this season. Attendance and interest has been great at our monthly meetings. Our February meeting is of great interest since City Commission candidates will make presentations. The City Mayor issue will also be presented. Up for grabs are two at large seats. Plan to attend and bring your friends and neighbors.

We are nearing the magic number 11. At the present time we have ten board members.

They are as follows:

John T. Lambert, Vice President

Tony Lagunovich, Treasurer

Blayne Thompson, Secretary

Debbie Comer

Beth Dilworth

George Hafitz

John Kirker

Jeff Long\*

Blair McMillan\*

Carl Shoffstall\*

\*denotes new board members

If any members have projects they wish to chair contact any board member. The Board will discuss the merits of the project and hopefully support it.

Your Board will reorganize in February and new officers will be elected. Let's all support our new officers and volunteer, volunteer, and volunteer.

Thanks again for all your support. Let's all keep striving to keep our jewel, Lido Key, the best place to live in Sarasota.

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**The Lido Key Residents Association Membership Annual Breakfast Meeting, January 17th, 2009 was well attended and below is a brief overview of what was presented to the members:**

- Board Members present: John T. Lambert, Beth Dilworth, Tony Lagunovich, Blayne Thompson, John Kirker, and Debbie Comer.
- The Pledge was said at 9:00 am and introductions to our many guests, including but not limited to, Lou Ann Palmer, Ken Shelin, Chief Peter Abbott, Lt. Jeff Karr, Commissioner Joe Barbetta and Capt. L. Bonner were made. The new Board Members, Carl Shoffstall and Blair McMillan were then introduced.
- Our Speaker, Vernon Buchanan, who was accompanied by his aid, Chris Ziegler, then addressed the membership on beach renourishment, Sarasota Bay & Philippi projects, Red Tide, the National CAT Fund, off shore drilling, small business & jobs, Transportation, FAA & Veterans. Afterwards, a question and answer period was held.
- John T. Lambert presided over the business meeting and called it to order at 10:45 am.
- The Secretary's report was available for the memberships' review.
- Treasurer Lagunovich reported that we have a balance of \$12,970.89. He also reminded everyone of the upcoming Marathon and there was a brief discussion and a show of hands that indicated that most are not in favor of spending \$50.00 per person for an evening at the Bird Key Yacht Club.
- Carl Shoffstall addressed the Membership as the Newsletter Chair and asked for correct contact info and input.
- Lou Ann Palmer updated and asked for everyone to carefully consider upcoming proposals on the connectivity of our waterfront.
- An update was given on the new Fire House by the Fire Chief as was an update given on the new Police Station by our Police Chief.
- Past President, Sandy Bower was presented with a plaque for her outstanding work for the benefit of the association.

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**LKRA Membership**

**by Beth Dilworth**

We have strived for the past ten years to increase our membership to 1000. Membership is very important when we travel to the City Commission for support. However, we can't seem to get past the 700 mark. Right now, go to your neighbor and sign them up. Let's show we do care. Don't wait for someone else to do the recruiting.

Last week you received your membership forms, etc. Due are payable by March 31st, 2009. PLEASE print clearly. If you have e-mail be sure to give that info also.

Membership is the backbone of any organization. Let's make that backbone stronger by each one of us getting a new member. For 2009 let's reach 1000.

**Coastal Island Group (C.I.G.)**

**by Beth Dilworth**

This is a very important committee which has been meeting on a regular basis. The City Comprehensive Plan included nothing for the Barrier Islands of which Lido Key is one. City Commissioner Ken Shelin encouraged our organization to become involved. City Staff was assigned to work with the group. We now have a Chapter for the Barrier Islands. The name has been changed to the Coastal Island Group since it is more comprehensive. Several months ago a presentation was made to our group. The group is now working on some revisions. They are also monitoring various City projects which will affect our beautiful Key. Congratulations to this group for their faithful work.

## North Lido Park By Jeffery Karr

## Volunteers!!

Do you enjoy to walk, pause and listen to birds, hear the breeze past through the leaves, feel the sun on your face, along with the camaraderie of friends working together for a common goal? If this sounds like you and you are looking to volunteer your time and energy a few hours a week to help in the North Lido Park Restoration Project, please contact Lt. Jeff Karr, he is coordinating the efforts of the volunteers already working at the park.

You'll need a pair of work gloves and sunscreen to start. You can help pull non-native plants, pick up litter, plant native plants, and even help monitor the bird colonies during nesting season. Come and partner with the Sarasota Parks Department, Sarasota Police Department, Sarasota Audubon Society, and the National Bays and Estuaries Program to restore our unique part of Sarasota to its intended natural habitat.

The association has applied for a grant to help with the front entrance of the park on Emerson Drive and once we know we have the grant approved work will begin to restore the entrance to native vegetation and a new sign and fencing will be erected to enhance the park entrance for all who visit.

You can contact Jeff via email at [jeffrey.karr@sarasotagov.com](mailto:jeffrey.karr@sarasotagov.com).

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**Beach Renourishment Project****by John Kirker**

The City Commission on January 20th, 2009 voted 4-0 to award a contract to Weeks Marine, to place sand on Lido Beach. The D.E.P. permit arrived on January 26, 2009 and the Army Corps of Engineering permit has not arrived as of this report. The City Engineering Department expect the Corps permit the first week of February. A pre-construction meeting will follow.

Approximately 20 members attended the meeting at City Hall to show our interest in this project. We should have filled the Chamber, maybe next time!!

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**Habitat for Humanity****by John T. Lambert**

Many of our members are involved in organizations which support Habitat for Humanity. They have a need for furniture, etc. which can be sold in their store here in Sarasota. They come and pick up your contribution by calling Dr. Peter A Wish. 941-363-0303.

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**Lido Key Residents Contribute \$\$****by John T. Lambert**

At our last meeting money was collected for food for the homeless at the Salvation Army. We contributed \$234.80. Your Vice President delivered the money and was given a very informative tour of the facilities. Approximately 700 were served lunch that day and approximately 200 were housed there in the evening. Several wonderful programs are provided for the folks seeking assistance. Volunteers are always needed. If any of our members are interested in a tour, let us know and we will set it up. If you wish to go on your own, call Glenda Leonard, Development Director, 941-364-8845 x221. Thanks for sharing and hopefully we can do more since most of us have been blessed.



Submit any pictures to  
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for future publication

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**Lido News Items****by Richard Clapp, City Commissioner**

The City Development Review Committee has a pending (upon resubmittal) approval of the plan for a 9 story 50 room hotel at the Coquina on the Beach Resort site. This part of the Waldorf project. It will require a two conditional use permits (major and minor). Harvey Hogle of the city planning staff is the contact.

The Lido Beach Renourishment permits have been received and the contract has been let for the dredging process. Work should begin in February and finish before turtle nesting season. Sand will come from the New Pass shoal and should be nice fine white sand.

Two requests have been received from Lido residents to extend the MURT to the North—i.e., up to Ken Thompson Parkway. This request has been passed on the city staff for a response. They will have to consider potential cost and timing.

The Bayfront Conductivity Study and potential Master Plan has generated much interest. Questions from the barrier island residents concern traffic engineering practices. This Workshop can be found on the City website. During the Workshop a presentation was given by Mayor James Brainard of Carmel, IN. Carmel has installed more than 50 roundabouts and the residents there believe they work better than traffic in terms of safety, traffic flow. You can view the Workshop at [City Commission Workshop](#).

The consultant presentation is at the beginning of the Workshop and the Carmel presentation begins at about the 50 minute mark. It is very instructive to view this presentation. More information about roundabouts in the Carmel can be found at [Carmel, Indiana Department of Engineering](#).

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**Lido Pool Hours**

Monday—Closed

Tuesday thru Friday 10:00 am—5:45 pm

Saturday and Sunday 12:00 pm—5:45 pm

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**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.*

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