

LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

LIDO KEY MATTERS

SUMMER 2009

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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.
October 17th, 2009
November 21st, 2009
No Meeting in December
January 16th, 2010
February 20th, 2010
March 20th, 2010
April 17th, 2010

Annual Breakfast Meeting Date
January 16th, 2010 @ 9:00 A.M.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT **against crime!**

Tuesday, August 4, 2009
6:00—9:00 PM
Payne Park/Payne Auditorium*
2100 E. Laurel Street
Sarasota, FL 34237
See Last Page for More Info

LKRA
P.O. BOX 884
SARASOTA, FL
34230

Letter from the President

Welcome Summer!!!

As usual our weather here is hot and humid, no hurricanes in sight, but it still early in the season, let's all hope for a quiet one this year.

We just finished celebrating the Fourth of July and the 25th Annual Suncoast Off Shore Super Boat Grand Prix races. Both were a great success with beautiful blue skies and warm sunny days. Our new Beach Renourishment has greatly paid off by giving thousands of people a place to sit and enjoy both the Fourth of July and the Boat Races.

The remaining board and I have already had a meeting, where we discussed speakers for the upcoming fall season. We have since spoken to 4 or 5 people and are awaiting their responses..

Another issue we are working on is changing the zoning of the empty lot on Taft and Ben Franklin (the Azure Property) to conform to the new Barrier Island Comprehensive Plan (which at this time it does not). Any further updates on this issue will be passed on to you as we get them...
In the fall we will need everyone's' help in this matter to make sure it happens, phone calls, letters, etc.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me by phone or email: lagar2@comcast.net

Be safe, have fun, enjoy your summer, and I look forward to seeing you all again in the fall or winter,

Until Next Time
Tony Lagunovich
President, Lido Residence Association

LIDO KEY PRESIDENTS GROUP**Bob Feltz**

The Lido Key Presidents Group, after a lapse of several months, was “restarted” with a meeting on May 4, 2009. Membership of the Group consists of Presidents or knowledgeable Board of Director members of interested Lido Key Condominium Associations. Purpose of the Group is as follows:

- Share association information and experiences
- Leverage contractor bids, where possible, in event of two (2) or more associations having similar maintenance projects at the same point in time
- Work to increase association membership in the LKRA and support LKRA activities
- Present association concerns re Lido key to the LKRA

This Group is acknowledged by the Lido Key Residents Association, however, functions independently of the LKRA.

The May 2009 meeting was hosted by Jeff Long at St. Armands Tower South. The meeting was chaired by John Lambert with Bob Feltz as Secretary. Membership currently consists of fifteen (15) Lido Key Condominium Associations representing 1,025 Lido Key owners. Additional associations are welcome for the membership. The next meeting will be scheduled later this year.

**LETTER FROM VERN BUCHANAN****Congressman**

Dear Friends:

It is an honor for me to represent Florida’s 13th District in Congress. One of my top priorities is to communicate with my constituents and serve as an advocate for you on your behalf with federal agencies.

The U.S. House is working on a number of important issues right now, including jobs and the economy, the deficit and health care reform. I’d like to know what you think about these and other issues. The more I hear from you, the better I can represent you in Congress.

I also welcome the opportunity to assist constituents having problems with federal agencies.

I also encourage you to keep up with legislative issues by signing up to receive our e-newsletter and participate in our insta-polls at <http://Buchanan.house.gov/ewsletter>.

I hope this information is helpful. Please don’t hesitate to contact me regarding any federal matter.

Sincerely,
Vern Buchanan
Member of Congress

LIDO BEACH RECOGNIZED**Cindy Shoffstall**

Lido Beach has been recognized as one of the Best Restored Beaches for 2009 by the American Shore & Beach Preservation Association. The beach was made 150-200 yards wider using 400,000 tons of white sand pumped from nearby New Pass. The City of Sarasota determined that for each dollar spent on the restoration, the Sarasota community would receive \$4.60-\$8.10 in return. The restoration cost \$4.6 million, translating into a potential economic impact of \$21 million to \$37 million. Judging from the recent crowds at the beach this summer, especially on the Fourth of July weekend, this project has been well worth it.

CCNA Meeting**Carl Shoffstall**

Since the last newsletter there were two monthly meetings of the coalition of neighborhoods associations which were held on Saturday May 2nd and June 6th at the fire station on Waldmere Ave. The meeting was called to order and the usual reports (minutes, treasures, presidents) were read and approved.

The agenda for the two meetings were somewhat light due to a lot of people being out of town on vacation. The city had the election for two new at large city commissioners. The new elected officials Susan Atwell and Terry Turner said a few words on being elected. Both said they looked forward to working with the constituents of Sarasota to make it a better place to live and work.

Other issues that were discussed:

Police reports on the recent rash of home invasions. The officer reporting reiterated that if anyone saw someone suspicious in their neighborhoods to report it. The police department has an officer that will do a property survey (residential or condo associations) to see what could be done to improve security of the property. Officer Snodgrass was the name given to contact (941-954-7056).

Zoning issues that will be discussed by the city were looked at.

A presentation on native Florida vegetation for yard landscaping would be available to groups if interested.

A discussion on the City's position to purchase the Michael Saunders property, It was the consensus of the CCNA that they would not support the purchase at the present time due to economic conditions

There was a presentation by the Information Technology Department (GIS Data Viewer). Anyone interested in wanting more information on this may contact Chance Craig –Director.

Due to the July 4th holiday there was no meeting this month. Regular meetings will resume in August.

SUNCOAST SUPER BOAT GRAND PRIX BOAT RACE

By Cindy Shoffstall

The 25th annual offshore power boat race was held on Sunday, July 5, 2009, and again, our Lido Beach provided the best view of the finish line. Race fans started setting up their tents at 5:00 am and by 8:30 the beach was wall to wall people eating, drinking and enjoying the perfect weather. Thanks to our recent beach renourishment, there was plenty of sand for everyone!



The first heat with the smaller boats started around 11:20, after the water was checked for any marine life that might interfere with the race. Around 1:30 the big race started and the crowd favorite again was the Miss Geico. After the race, many fans continued partying on the beach to wait out the huge traffic jam of cars leaving the Key. It seemed that this year was one of the largest crowds I have seen in the past six years. The Sarasota race is one of the longest running races in the county and is the only offshore race on the circuit that is totally for charity. Many of the racers donated their winnings back to the Suncoast Foundation for the Handicapped and other local charities.



LKRA MEMBERSHIP**Carl Shoffstall**

As another season is winding down I would like to take a minute to thank everyone who joined our Lido Key Residences Association. This was my first year to chair this committee and I had the opportunity to meet many of you and hopefully met your expectations. I am always striving to do a better job and any suggestions you may have are greatly appreciated.

With the new season rapidly approaching it will be more important than ever that our membership grows due to the economic climate of the city and county governmental agencies. There will without a doubt be more cuts to services in the upcoming year.

As with many things the Squeakiest Wheel gets the most attention. I would like to make it everyone's goal to sign up at least one new member for the upcoming year. It is my opinion strength lies in numbers. Let's make it a memorable year.

Like to Contribute to the 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.

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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