

LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

LIDO KEY MATTERS

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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.

March 20th, 2010

April 17th, 2010

**Sunset Cocktails
Sun & Surf Colony
Beach Club
Thursday, March 25, 2010
@ 5:30 p.m.**

Watch for Upcoming
Announcements for the
LKRA 30 Year Anniversary
Gala

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

Letter from the President

Welcome:

Well we are halfway through our Season and so far we have had very little sun, a lot of clouds and Cool Cool temperatures, but still this is a beautiful place to be.

At the conclusion of our last meeting we had an election of officers. They are as follows:

Tony Lagunovich	President
Blair Mc Millian	Vice President
Jeff Long	Treasurer
Mary Moss	Acting Secretary

We are still looking for two more board members.

We are in the process of lining up speakers for next year's meetings. If any one has any ideas on who you would like to hear speak at these meetings, please let us know, as we would be happy to hear from you.

We also have another project we will be working on and that is getting some shade at our Lido Pool. The Lido Key Residents Association would like to help that situation, by purchasing and then donating two cement tables with umbrellas, to help enhance the pool area, and provide some shade. We all know how hot our summer sun can be. I will be speaking to several people to see how soon this can happen. I will keep you properly informed on the progress of this project to make our Lido Pool more user friendly.

Hopefully the giving out of door prizes at the last meeting was a success. To those of you that were winners, I hope you enjoyed your prizes. Those who didn't win we will be doing it again at our next meeting, so you will have another chance..

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday March 20th 2010.

Please don't forget our Sunset Cocktail Party on Thurs March 25th 2010.

Looking forward to seeing you at both places.

Until then, stay safe, stay well.

Tony Lagunovich

President

Lido Key Residents Association

**LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Tony Lagunovich with two presentations on the agenda.

LT. JEFF KARR reported that crime stats for the key will appear in the next newsletter. We live in one of the safest areas of the city with no violent crime reported. Burglaries are up a little. In the city there were over 34,000 reports in 2009. On the key there was one call/day. He encouraged residents to call the police department when they notice something or someone out of the ordinary. He also reminded residents to lock their vehicles.

JOE BARBETTA (county commissioner) began by reviewing accomplishments of the county in 2009.

1. Twelve million spent on road resurfacing. He specifically mentioned work on Honore being done to provide another N/S connector for the county.
2. There are three new county parks. He gave as an example the Urfer Family Park on Bee Ridge and Honore and encouraged everyone to visit it.
3. South Lido Pool has been kept open but must break even financially.
4. The opening of the Veteran's Cemetery on Clark Rd.
5. Commented on the excellent EMS we have. Their survival rate has increased by 28%. Also mentioned the new fire house on St. Armands.
6. Peace River Water Reservoir in Arcadia improving water supply.

Concerns

1. Taxable Value down 12 ½ % leading to decreased revenue. The county is looking to cut services but not ones that are valued. County employee numbers are 3300 down from 3700.
2. Beach renourishment
3. Drilling in the gulf-County opposed. County has control for less than 12 miles from shore.
4. Amendment 4 which will be on the ballot in Nov. and states that entire county will vote on every land use change.
5. Economy and jobs- county is losing young people. They are working to bring in industry. Example used of the Aquatic Center for Rowers being developed near I75.
6. Baseball-Orioles are here after approaching county. He stated that no property tax is being used but that tourist tax is.

He then took several questions and was thanked for his participation.

The Annual Meeting was called to order by President Tony Lagunovich at 10:40.

1. Treasurer's Report: Beginning of Dec. \$14,880.81
End of the year \$14,603.81
Moved and seconded to approve the report.
2. Membership: Carl Shoffstall reported that renewals are coming in. He mentioned that there is power in numbers. We now have 580 individual members.
3. Programs: Debbie Comer reported on the member appreciation party on March 25. See attached flyer.
4. CCNA: Carl Shoffstall reported that no issues discussed pertain to Lido Key. Discussion was held on zoning text amendments and school tax referendum.
5. Election of Board Members: No volunteers emerged from the group so the board approved the reappointment of Debbie Comer, Carl Shoffstall, Blair McMillan, Jeff Long, and Mary Moss. It was moved, seconded, and approved to reappointment these individuals. The board will have a short meeting after the annual meeting to elect officers.
6. Bylaws Changes: Mary Moss presented the three recommended changes to the bylaws. They were all moved, seconded, and approved with little discussion.

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7. Beaches: John Kirker reported that Alex Davis Shaw has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Florida Beach Preservation Association and attended the state meeting this weekend. The 2014 beach renourishment project is underway. The sand source will come from 10 miles out and will cover the entire beach of the island. The question was raised about the placement of groins at the south end of the island. John will report when he has more information.

MURT: Parking lot by the Helmsley. There is a meeting of the Planning Committee on March 10 at 6:00 at City Hall. John is willing to represent the association but would also like others to attend the meeting and give him support.

MOTION: For John Kirker to represent LKRA at this meeting to speak in opposition to the current plans. The motion was seconded and approved.

Drilling oil: State Senator Nancy Detert has not given her position on this issue. Will not accept emails but will accept phone calls. Office (941-480-3547) Home (941-493-1987)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.

Special Board Meeting: John Kirker made the motion that current officers remain in their positions. Mary Moss seconded the motion and it was passed.

Below is the contact information for your State Representatives:

State Senators

Senator Nancy Detert, District 23

District Office:

417 Commercial Court, Suite D,
Venice, FL 34292

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Home: (941) 493-1987

Toll Free: 1-866-247-4076

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District Office:

1660 Ringling Blvd, Suite 310-311, 3rd Floor County
Sarasota, FL 34236-6808

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State Representatives

Sorry, I don't have emails for the following two representatives, but you can email them by going to the Florida House of Representatives web sites listed below. In both cases you will find an automatic email function in the top right corner.

Representative Keith Fitzgerald, District 69

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Phone: (941) 955-8077

<mailto:http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Representatives/details.aspx?MemberId=4370&SessionId=64>

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District Office:

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Sarasota, FL 34238-2953

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<mailto:http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Representatives/details.aspx?MemberId=4372&SessionId=64>

Coalition of City Neighborhoods Association (CCNA)**Carl Shoffstall**

The CCNA held its monthly meeting February 6, 2010, at the Waldemere Ave Fire station. Kate Lowman (President) called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. The reports (minutes, presidents, treasurer) were read and approved. The turn out was strong—25 of the 30 neighborhood associations were present along with 10 alternates and 17 guests. City officials who attended the meeting were Mayor Dick Clapp and Commissioners Susan Atwell and Kelly Kirshner. Other city officials attending were Robert Bartolotta, Caroline and Mike Zucker, Mick Taylor, Tim Litchet, and Brian Chapdelain.

There were three presentations. Tim Litchet, Director, Neighborhoods and Development, gave a brief update on the new zoning text amendments. His phone number is 941-954-4147. A handout was available and he highlighted 1) the Bayou Oaks District to RTD-9; 2) front yard parking for two neighborhood associations and SITE PLAN REVIEW CRITERIA, with the addition of non mandatory DESIGN CRITERIA. The key is to define “compatibility”. He touched upon new green space language in the downtown master plan, a new format for his work plan, and his support for the future of rowing regattas. He also discussed the plan to rescind “coverage requirement for garbage containers on St Armand’s”.

Alex Davis Shaw, Sarasota City Engineer, outlined progress on formulating the city traffic plan to comply with SB360 within two years. In the current plan, all monies collected go to road improvements and can only be used for vehicle traffic. The new plan will consider growth, infill, densities, and user fees and multi-modal options. Inventory and data, financial feasibility, and a report are in progress. This will be presented to the City Commission with a request for authorization to move forward. There will be an opportunity for citizen and neighborhood association input.

The last presentation, which was quite contentious, was the upcoming school tax referendum. Pam Truit represented Citizens for Better Schools and spoke in favor of the proposal. She reviewed the previous history, the millage, school statistics, monies collected, and how funding was done. She pointed out the cost of public versus private schools and closed by noting goals achieved and the narrowing of gaps. Walt Agustinowicz represented Better Schools for Less and presented the opposing view. He discussed the school budget, cost per student per year, use of capital funds, debt service, and a controversial concept— certification of participation. He felt the latter doubled cost and was a way to keep decisions from the voters. It was his feeling that we need to hold the school board accountable and to give more funds is not acceptable until expenses are tightly controlled. The members began a series of questions and both speakers responded to all questions. Each closed with a two minute summary and the chair thanked both for their remarks.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35am.

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.

Lido Key's 2009 Crime Report**LT. Jeff Karr**

The following statistical data is an overview of calls for service within the hotel/condo area and residential area, identified as Zone 10, reporting districts 212-214. The only part of the Key not included in this report is reporting district 211, which encompasses Mote Marine, Ken Thompson Park, and businesses located within this area, to include the Sarasota Sailing Squadron.

The recorded calls for service for Lido Key for the calendar year ending December 31, 2009 was a total of 485 calls. The information was obtained from our RMS system (Records Management System)

Calls for service include both citizens reporting an incident or crime and/or the zone officer observing an incident and recording their actions taken to correct/resolve the problem observed. Calls for service are all crimes reported, disputes, civil problems, traffic enforcement, assistance given to other law enforcement agencies or governmental departments (i.e. Code enforcement), and any action taken that resulted in the officer taking a case number for documentation of the incident handled.

Total calls for service using these same parameters for the City of Sarasota were 34,956

The calls for service within the Lido Key hotel/condo and residential areas accounted for 1.3% of all calls handled in 2009 within the City of Sarasota. The average calls for service for Lido Key were one (+/-) call for service per day. The average calls for service for the entire City of Sarasota per day were 96 Ninety five (+/-) calls occurred outside of geographic boundaries establish for this report on an average for each calendar day of 2009.

This report does not reflect any incident not reported to our department and cannot be part of the calculations of this report.

The following breakdown of incidents does not geographically separate the residential area to the hotel/condo area within these boundaries. Any further delineation would require extensive research and additional costs would be the sole responsibility of anyone requesting further separation by residential area to hotel/condo area within these boundaries. Any further breakdown of any category would also require additional research and costs would be the responsibility of the requesting party.

Crime Code(s)	Description(s)	Total Incident(s)
XXXX	Unclassified	1
13024	Aggravated Assault	1
13026	Battery-Non Serious Injury	4
13077	Stalking	1
22000	Burglary-Structure	16
22001	Burglary-w/Assault/Battery	1
22002	Burglary-w/Armed	1
23009	Burglary-Vehicle/Armed	1
23013	Burglary-Vessel Unarmed	17
23016-23020	Petit Thefts-All Classifications	11
23029	Thefts-Shoplifting \$300 to \$20,000	1
23030	Thefts-from buildings \$300 to \$20,000	4
23032	Thefts-from vehicle \$300 to \$20,000	2
23033	Thefts-\$300 to \$20,000	5
23076	Thefts-Credit Card	1
24000	Motor Vehicle Theft	1
26323	Defrauding Innkeeper	3
26545	Fraudulent Use of Credit Card	1

26599	Identify Theft	1
29026	Criminal Mischief	10
29046	Graffiti	1
35007	Possession Controlled Substance	1
36002	Lewd and Lascivious Behavior	1
36004	Indecent Exposure	1
41004	Alcohol Bev-Poss. Under 21	1
90155	Failure to obey LEO	1
90157-90190	Traffic Criminal Citations	10
90255	Fail to return undersized fish	1
90398	Special Interest/Mental Person/Baker Act	7
91125	Trespass-Residential-structure/conveyance	1
91126	Trespass-Commercial-not struct/convey	1
91127	Trespass-TEP	5
91143	Public Nuisance	1
91161	Cruelty to Animals	1
91229	Disorderly Intoxication	1
91230	Loitering/Prowling	1
92000	Runaway	4
95087	Assist	1
96164	Juvenile Problem	1
96201	Attempt to Locate Vehicle	1
96202	S.T.I.P.	2
96203	Unsecured Vehicle	8
96205	Allowing Dog in Public Park	1
96207	Trespass in Park After Hours	3
96211	Noise Violation-Person	5
96214	Threats (All)	4
96215	BF/GF/Family Dispute	11
96217	Family Fight	2
96218	Other Disorderly Conduct	7
96219	Landlord Tenant Dispute	7
96222	Dispute/Fight not Family	16
96231	Lodging Out-of-Doors	1
96232	Trespassing-All Other	6

96249	Misc. Offense	2
96250	Suspicion-General/Unknown	23
96251	Suspicion-Outdoor Lodging	1
96252	Suspicion-Person	12
96253	Suspicion-Vehicle	1
96260-96284	Traffic Civil Citations	8
96292	Abandoned Autos	2
96293	Impounded Autos	3
96300	Missing Persons	1
96299	Lost Property	18
96311	Found Property	8
96220-96335	Vehicle/Pedestrian/Hit Run Accidents	29
96400	Animal Bite	1
96415	Attempted Suicide	1
96420	Deceased Person	3
96450-96451	Miscellaneous Public/Officer	12
96454	Burglar Alarm	45
96457	Open Doors	2
96458	Employee Observations	31
96459	Code Enforcement	1
96460	Attempt to Contact	4
96473	Safety/Seat Belt Violation	1
96480	Abandoned Call	2
96490-96496	Assist Other Agencies	8
96499	Field Interview	44
96504	Violation of a Mechanical Sound Device	2
96513	Possession of Open Container	1
96609	Officer Standby	2
96612	Civil Problem	7
96617	Code Enforcement (Health)	1
96620	Patrol Request	4
96621	Miscellaneous Public	4
96624	Disturbing the Peace	4
TOTAL INCIDENTS		485

You're Invited as a Special Guest !

Lido Key Residents Association

**Presents a Member-Appreciation Evening
Enjoy a fun evening*****Meet your Island Neighbors**

**Please join us for
Sunset Cocktails on Lido Beach**

**Sun and Surf Colony Beach Club
1148 Ben Franklin Drive**

**Thursday, March 25 at 5:30
Appetizers, snacks and musical entertainment provided
B.Y.O.B.**

**Event open to LKRA Members....Guests \$5.00
Membership applications will be available that evening,
So bring a friend**

**RSVP: Debbie Comer by March 22 @
debbieacomer@hotmail.com
Parking limited, please walk, if possible**

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.



WINTER ON LIDO KEY BEACH
ARE WE STILL IN FLORIDA????

OUR APPRECIATION TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE CREATION, PUBLICATION, AND DISTRIBUTION OF THIS NEWSLETTER

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Lido Key Residents Association
PO Box 884
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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
- Garners 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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2010 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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