

LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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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.

**Annual Breakfast Meeting
January 8, 2011
The Hemsley Sandcastle**

**February 24, 2011
30th Anniversary Party
Lido Resort Hotel**

**Watch for Upcoming
Announcements for the
Annual Sunset
Cocktail Party**

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

Letter from the President

Welcome Back Friends

Well here we are at the end of September, with the Holidays just around the corner.

We all had a great summer here in Sarasota, and I hope your summers were also great...

There are many issues on the agenda for the upcoming season, some are old and some will be new to you.

I will be looking forward to sharing these with you in our meetings.

We finally got our tables and umbrellas installed, I would like to thank Kristen Steffen and her staff from the Parks and Recreation Department for matching our donation of 2 tables with umbrella's making a total of 4. This has make a big difference at the pool, people have lots more shade than ever before. Pictures are on page 5.

Mike T Holloway will be sworn in as our new police chief the beginning of October, we have plans to introduce him to everyone at a future association meeting.

I would like to make you aware of some dates and events to remember for the upcoming year:

January 8, 2011—Annual Breakfast Meeting @ The Hemsley Sandcastle
February 24, 2011—30th Anniversary Party @ Lido Resort Hotel
CPR and First Aid classes sometime in February
Annual Sunset Cocktail Party sometime in March

Looking forward to seeing you at our first meeting on October 16, 2010 at the Lido Resort. There will be a debate between Joe Barbetta and Cathy Antunes and a debate between Nora Patterson and Mark Hawkins, Sr., all running for County Commissioner. It should be a good meeting so come prepared with all your questions.

This sounds like a great way to start our new season.

Until then, stay safe, stay well.

Tony Lagunovich

President

Lido Key Residents Association

NEW SOUTH AREA DISTRICT COMMANDER FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

LT. RANDY D. BOYD has replaced **LT. JEFF KARR** in the position of South District Commander.

LT. Randy Boyd was born in Sarasota. My wife (Janet) and I have three children and we both graduated from Sarasota High School. I have been a police officer for 19+ years. I have held many positions within the police department starting in 1991 as a patrol officer. During my career I have been assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division, FBI Violent Crime Task Force, Tactical Officer, Field Training Officer, Training Officer and Training Sergeant.

Lieutenant Randy D. Boyd
Sarasota Police Department
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ALL Candidates Were Invited to Contribute to this Month's Newsletter

THE VALUE OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

JOE BARBETTA

It is important to realize that people who become involved with their Community or Neighborhood Association benefit from the following :

- they are more likely to have a safer neighborhood and a lower crime rate
- they take ownership in their community and therefore are more supportive
- they have the opportunity to hear other opinions and make better informed decisions, knowing the whole picture
- they become a voice of advocacy for those who cannot speak
- It allows for the sharing of assets in both directions
- It's an opportunity and an open invitation to share talents and skills with the community
- they feel better connected to others; the thread or link in the community
- they are healthier
- they learn, apply, and refine negotiation skills that can be applied in other facets of their life
- they have standing in conveying opinions
- they have more power through influence rather than an overpowering or demanding style
- they are better networked to find support and partnerships with others, including government, other associations, businesses, non-profits, etc.
- they are more informed, become better voters and develop a collaborative voice
- they are more likely to hear differing points of view, remove themselves from isolation
- they tend to take responsibility for themselves, and don't leave decisions and their future to others

Sarasota County is most fortunate to have an incredible network of Homeowners', Neighborhood, and Residents' Associations, all of which continue to remain actively involved in Community topics, various programs, and the overall political process. This is just another example of why Sarasota has an outstanding quality of life, and continues to be highly ranked, throughout the Country, as a great place to live.

Joe Barbetta is a Sarasota County Commissioner, and the current Chairman. He is our District Commissioner, and he is currently seeking re-election to a second term.
His website is: www.votejoebarbetta.com

Letter From Nora Patterson**(Running For Re-election for At-Large County Commissioner)**

I have lived in Sarasota County for 40 years and love this community. I have run a business, taught school, sold real estate and together with my husband invested in commercial property which we manage. I have served on numerous not for profit boards including the United Way, and the Sarasota Education Foundation.

Today I am on the board of the Independent Transportation Network whose mission is to bring door to door rides to seniors who can no longer drive. I am also on the board of the Florida Association of Counties and represent the county on numerous regional boards.

I was elected to the Sarasota County Commission in 1998 and before that served on the Sarasota City Commission. I played a role in the rebirth of the city's downtown and believe I have also been effective in county government.

This is a critical time. Unemployment rates are high. Property values have plummeted, creating problems for citizens as well as local governments. Fortunately Sarasota County has been prudent. During good times we cut county taxes, improved the road system, enlarged the library and park systems, put away a large hurricane reserve plus an additional 90 million dollar fund balance which will help us outlast this recession. More recently we have cut staff by 14% and are working on in house consolidations and increased use of technology and volunteers.

I am experienced at dealing with county budgets and have a history as a fiscal conservative. In the next few years we will focus resources and energy on diversifying the economy of the county and creating new job capacity. We have made good headway in the last year and assisted both expanding and relocating businesses to create new jobs but there is much to be done. To insure a full recovery from this recession, we must also see that we retain the quality of life we are accustomed to in Sarasota County.

www.norapatterson.com

Cathy Antunes**Sarasota County Commissioner, District 2 Candidate**

I am an independent candidate, seeking public office to ensure that the public's priorities are heard and respected. Our current commission litigated for four years against Sarasota voters' 2006 paper ballot mandate, worked against a referendum on stadium debt, and failed to include the public in planning meetings about major land use decisions. When public officials are on the public record discussing how to get around a legally required referendum, we need change.

I bring 20 years of successful sales and marketing experience to the table. Our current commission has overlooked numerous opportunities that would aid in our economic recovery. Sarasota' marketing budget is significantly less than competing counties - we must invest in tourism promotion, a fundamental element of our economy. I will support and leverage our arts, small businesses, world class healthcare, and higher educational institutions to provide diversification and a firm foundation for economic recovery and growth.

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CCNA MEETING**CARL SHOFFSTALL**

There were meetings held over the summer except in July. They were held at the fire station on Waldemere Ave. Here are brief synopses of the agendas:

At the May meeting, turnout was light and there were no guest speakers scheduled. Neighborhood representatives gave reports on what was going on in their areas

The June meeting had a presentation on amendment 4 which is on the ballot for the upcoming election. The speakers in support of it were Dan Lobeck, neighborhood assoc attorney and president of Control Growth Now and David Merrill, president of Osprey Civic League and former mayor of the city of Sarasota. The two speakers opposing the amendment were Steve Queior, president of Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce and Jon Thaxton, Sarasota County Commissioner. Arguments for both views were presented by both sides and a question and answer period followed. For more information on all of the amendments on the upcoming ballot go to www.voteanywhere.org.

The presentation for the August meeting was about the New Waste Management Schedule. Alison Albee, Environmental Specialist with the City, and Melissa Doyle from Waste Management Inc were the guest speakers. Several handouts were given out and we were told that collections would be once a week only, with more stress on the importance of recycling. For more information contact the City of Sarasota or Waste Management Inc regarding pick up schedules and if you need more recycling bins.

The September meeting had two presentations, the first being traffic calming, by Alex Davis-Shaw and Ryan Chapdelain, both from the City of Sarasota. The second half was on the Pineapple Square project in downtown Sarasota. Courtney Mendez, Sarasota City Planner, spoke on what they would allow. Joel Freed and John Simon, representing Pineapple Square, want things approved so they do not have to go through the whole process again.

The most recent meeting in October had the candidates running for county commission. The speakers were Joe Barbetta incumbent vs. Cathy Antunes for district 2 and Nora Patterson incumbent vs. Mark Hawkins Sr. There was a question and answer period after their presentations These people will be the speakers at our first LKRA meeting of the season.

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.



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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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2011 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)

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| 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 |
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