

# LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## LIDO KEY MATTERS

SEPTEMBER 2013

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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  
Upcoming Meetings:

Nov 16th

Jan 18th

(Annual Breakfast Meeting)

Feb 15th

March 15th

April 19th

### **“Meet and Greet”**

**Island Neighbors**

**Happy Hours**

**5 p.m.—7 p.m.**

**February 20th, Lido  
Beach Resort**

**December 12th,  
Hemsley Sandcastle**

**January 23rd - TBD**

**February 13th - TBD**

**March 27th - TBD**

**April 10th - TBD**

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

### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello everyone, the season is just around the corner and it has been a while since I last wrote to you.

The off shore power boat races were a great success again this year with the estimated crowd in attendance rumored to be in the 100,000 range. Unfortunately with the beach erosion still going on, space on the beach was at a premium, along with parking. After years of the area being in a drought, rainfall has been quite abundant over the past few months, which was greatly needed. The Lido Pool Pavilion concessioner (Gabe) has had live entertainment almost every Sunday and it has been very successful. Of course, the food is as good as ever. Turtle season is just over and we had a record number of nests on Lido Key. A Sarasota police officer, along with a few locals and tourists, discovered a gaggle of hatchlings headed in the wrong direction after “Breaking Out” of their shells. They were sent back to the water and hopefully will return someday.

It was quite a busy summer with many things going on within the city political arena as well as on the county level. Here is my over view on what happened and possibly how it might affect our way of life on Lido Key. The Politicians (city/county) are finishing up the current budgets for this year and for the tax payers it does not look to be good. They are saying there will need to be more cuts made to already diminished services. They have just approved an 8.5% tax increase. However, on a positive note, construction of the south park restrooms (by the county) are underway.

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**LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT****CONT'D**

At this time, I have nothing new to report on the Lido Pool/Pavilion project. Hopefully, we will get it moving this year. There are several important meetings with officials regarding beach renourishment in the coming months. Please see the article in this newsletter for dates and times.

We have a great line up of guest speakers for our membership meetings along with our social events.

In closing, I look forward to seeing everyone in the very near future.

Be safe and my best wishes to all.

God bless and see you soon.

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**LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS****MARY MOSS**

Greetings to the returning Snowbirds and to the year round Lido Key Residents. As we head into another year of activities for the Lido Key Association, we're asking all members to participate and support the board. Keep in mind that we have an active and involved board which works hard for the members.

At the Annual Meeting in February we will be electing several new or returning board members. It is most likely that some of the retiring board members will choose not to run again. Therefore, we are asking ALL of you to seriously consider joining the board.

It is a most rewarding experience to work with the other board members and become involved in the life of Lido Key. Speak to any of the current board members and they will let you know how you can become involved.

**BEACH PROJECT PRESENTATIONS****JOHN KIRKER**

Several meetings have been held since last season between the City, County and the Army Corps of Engineers to discuss how the beach renourishment (also known as shoreline protection) on Lido Key is going to move forward.

Below is a list of meetings that have been set up, the first being on September 18<sup>th</sup>. **It is very important that we have as many people as possible attend this meeting, and all the subsequent meetings.**

Several articles have been published in the local press and we want clarification on what is actually being proposed.

September 18<sup>th</sup>, Coastal Advisory Committee, to be held at the Sarasota County Commission Chambers, 1680 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota, 3 pm to 5 pm

October 22<sup>nd</sup>, City Commission/County Commission Meeting, "Think Tank" to be held at the Sarasota County Administration Building, 1660 Ringling Blvd, at 2 pm

November 16<sup>th</sup>, at the regularly scheduled Lido Key Residents Association, to be held at the Lido Beach Resort, at 10 am

December 5<sup>th</sup>, at the meeting of the Siesta Key Association, St Boniface Episcopal Church community room, at 5 pm

December 7<sup>th</sup>, the regular Sarasota Yacht Club boaters breakfast meeting, 1100 John Ringling Blvd, Sarasota, at 8:30 am

A slide presentation of the City's most up to date plans can be found at:

<http://sarasotagov-com.gowest1.gowesthosting.com/ftp/ftp10.cfm>

**UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS**

**BETH DILWORTH**

- NOVEMBER 2013 City Commissioner, Susan Chapman and  
City Engineer, Alex D. Shaw
- JANUARY 2014 Randall Reid, Sarasota County Manager
- FEBRUARY 2014 Virginia Haley, President, VISIT SARASOTA
- MARCH 2014 OPEN
- APRIL 2014 Candidates who are running for election for County  
Commissioner

**MEMBERSHIP**

**JOHN LAMBERT**

Once again it is time to remind you how important our membership is here on Lido Key. Each year we lose members and we must continue to rebuild it. If every member would get one new member we would be well on our way to 1000.

**Won't You Help?????????**

If anyone has any ideas on how to get new members please let me know.

**(CCNA)**

**CARL SHOFFSTALL**

The monthly meetings of the Coalition of City Neighborhood Associations (CCNA) are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month (except July) at the fire station on Waldemere Ave. There are approximately 27 neighborhood associations represented each month.

There is a scheduled topic for each meeting with a speaker addressing the issue that affects the neighborhoods. The meetings are open to the public and anyone can attend.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL 5K CLASSIC****ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2013****CINDY SHOFFSTALL**

(Carl and I did this last year and had a great time at the post race festivities at South Lido Park)

Good afternoon Carl and Cindy,

We are gearing up for the 5K Classic on Sunday, November 10, 2013. Once again the event benefits the Special Olympics in Sarasota County and will be staged on the same course to and from South Lido Park.

We would like to invite your Lido Key residents to participate again as volunteer course monitors or, if they are interested, as runners or walkers with a discounted registration (special registration form attached) being offered to the LKRA because of the great support you showed for the event.

I have provided the event details as follow:

The Germain Toyota of Sarasota 5K Classic is Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and starts from South Lido Park at 8:00 a.m.

This is the 14<sup>th</sup> annual 5K Classic road race (3.1 miles) and benefits the Special Athletes of Sarasota County and Special Olympics. We are expecting 400 runners and would like to invite the residents of the area and members of the Lido Key Resident Association to participate and volunteer as course monitors along the course. Volunteers generally have fun cheering on the runners and are an important element of the road race to ensure the runners safely and prevent them from getting lost on the course. The course monitors are positioned at intersections to guide and watch out for the runners and walkers. The Sarasota Police will be stationed at the intersections requiring vehicular traffic control. The course monitors will know the first runner is approaching by the lead police car and will know the last runner by the following police car.

It is a daunting looking list (almost 20 different positions) and we would not expect that all would be filled with your members but we are happy to have as many of the residents who would like to participate. We are asking that all course monitors be at their assigned intersection by 7:45 a.m. so we know the course is ready for runners.

The duties would be finished after the passing of the last runner which will vary with the position along the course but all should be complete by 9:00 a.m. Volunteers are invited to join us at South Lido Park for the post-race festivities but would have to use caution if driving to the park for the runners and walkers!

I have included a flyer on page 7. The basic course map is shown on the flyer, for reference.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL 5K CLASSIC  
ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2013,**

**CONT'D**

**We are looking for monitors at the following intersections:**

Ben Franklin Drive at Taft Drive (2 volunteers-longest duration 7:45  
to last runner-expecting no later than 9:00 a.m.)

Taft Drive at S Blvd of the Presidents

S Blvd of the Presidents at Roosevelt Dr

S Blvd of the Presidents at McKinley Dr

S Blvd of the Presidents at the median at the split of S. Blvd of the  
Presidents

S Blvd of the Presidents at Cleveland Dr

S Blvd of the Presidents at Garfield Dr

S Blvd of the Presidents at Tyler Dr

S. Washington Dr (will also be SPD officer)

S Washington Dr at Jackson Dr

S Washington Dr at John Ringling Blvd (will be 2 SPD officers)

John Ringling Blvd at Polk Dr

North Lido parking lot entrance (2 volunteers)

**THE ABOVE INTERSECTIONS ARE THE ONES NOTED AS CRITICAL**

**BELOW ARE INTERSECTIONS TO BE MANNED IF WE HAVE ENOUGH  
VOLUNTEERS:**

Ben Franklin Dr at Garfield Dr

Ben Franklin Dr at Cleveland Dr

Ben Franklin Dr at Harrison Dr

Ben Franklin Dr at McKinley Dr

Ben Franklin Dr at Roosevelt Dr

Ben Franklin at the Lido pavilion entrances (3 volunteers total)

I hope you will consider participating again this year and welcome any questions or inquiries.  
Sincerely,

Karen Haynes, Race Director  
2013 5K Classic  
Phone/Fax 941.312.4955  
[karen@activesuncoast.com](mailto:karen@activesuncoast.com)



# ★ 5K CLASSIC ★

## 14TH ANNUAL Sunday, November 10, 2013

**Directions to South Lido Park:**  
I-75 exit 210, (SR 780) Fruitville Rd.  
West on Fruitville Rd to US 41  
(approx 5 miles). Turn left onto  
US 41 and head south for 0.3 miles  
to the first traffic light. Turn right  
onto John Ringling Boulevard, across  
two bridges to St.Armands Circle.  
Follow signs to South Lido Park.

Special Athlete Boosters, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charity dedicated to raising money for Sarasota County Special Olympics. They support over 475 intellectually disabled athletes that train and compete in 12 sports throughout the year. The Boosters organization also maintains the GeneWhipp Sports Center for Special Athletes, which is the only privately funded center in the United States designed for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

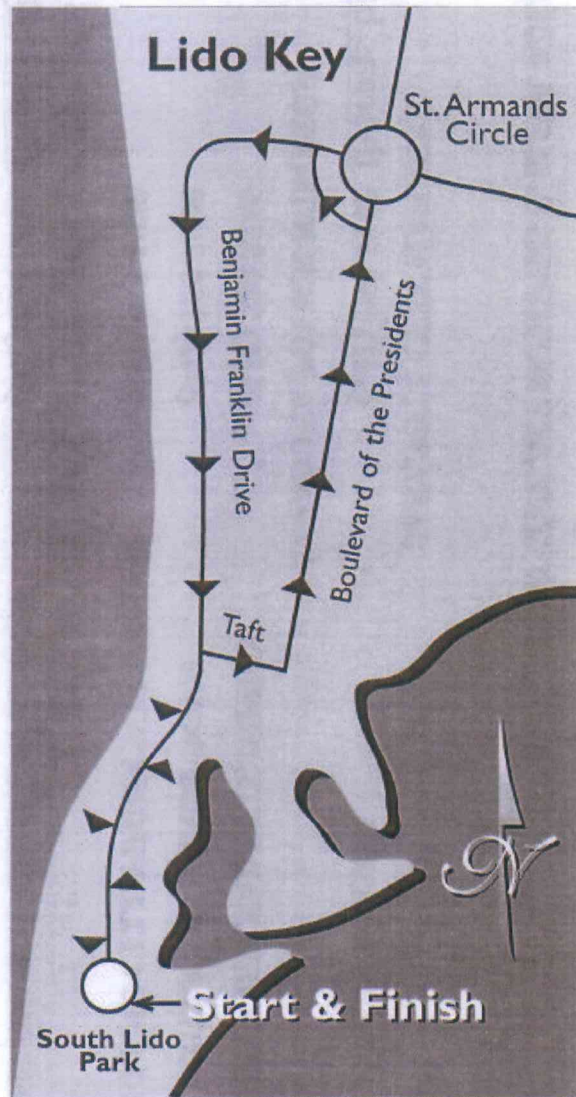
**You Can Sponsor An Athlete For One Month  
For Just \$30 Or \$350 For A Whole Year!**

For questions or information about the 5K Classic or to become a race or athlete sponsor, contact:  
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To Benefit The Athletes of  
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Florida  
Sarasota County



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**2014 DUES: \$20.00 Annually Per Household  
\$30.00 Annually Per Condo Association or Hotel**

**PLEASE PRINT:**

**Member Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Spouse/Partner:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Condo (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lido Key Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**If you would like to volunteer for a committee, please check your choice below.**

- Membership  Condo Liaison  Special Events  Program
- Newsletter  Directory  Traffic & Safety  By-Laws
- Finance & Audit Committee  Parks/Beautification  Beach Renourishment

***Thank you – You Will Be Contacted***

**Have a question? Call Carl Shoffstall at 813-967-2687. Send Membership Form and Check to Address Below. Memberships Meetings are held the Third Saturday in the months of November, January, February, March and April.**

**RETURN FORM TO:**

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