

LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

LIDO KEY MATTERS

DECEMBER 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:
Jan 18th
(Annual Breakfast Meeting)
Feb 15th
March 15th
April 19th

**“Meet and Greet”
Island Neighbors
Happy Hours
5 p.m.—7 p.m.
December 12th,
Hemsley Sandcastle**

**January 23rd-Lido Beach
Resort
February 13th-Helmsley
Sandcastle
March 27th-Sun and Surf
Colony Beach Club
April 10th-Lido Beach/
Pool Pavilion**

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello everyone, season is just getting started and hopefully the weather is to everyone's liking. I would like to welcome back members who are renewing as well as new members WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION. We had our 1st membership meeting in November and, as usual, turnout was great. We had over 100 people in attendance.

In this newsletter we have listed the dates and times for the Meet and Greets, the January breakfast member meeting and the sunset party. Please fill out and return the Reservation Form for the Breakfast with payment on Page 3. The deadline is 1/10/2014. Also the list of who will be speaking at the meetings along with important phone numbers and e-mail addresses of our city/county governmental services and officials.

As I said at our meeting we have a very important agenda this year regarding our beach renourishment project along with the pool/pavilion renovation. There have been several meetings already with various governmental agencies about the beach.

We had a very important meeting on Friday the 6th at 9:00 am at the Helmsley Sand Castle with the Army Corps of Engineers doing a presentation on what the project will entail. We will keep you informed of any future meetings. All who own property have a vested interest in the outcome of this.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**CONT'D**

I want to thank the board members and volunteers for their work behind the scenes to make this a great organization.

Well that's about it for now, I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season.

And I hope to see you around the key.

Warmest Regards;

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LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS**MARY MOSS**

At the November 16th meeting, presentations were made by City Engineer, Alex Davis-Shaw on the Shoreline Protection Project and by City Commissioner Susan Chapman on the role of being a new commissioner.

It is vitally important that our organization be a voice in the community with full participation by all residents of the Key.

In February we will be electing or re-electing Board Members. Up for re-election are Carl Shoffstall, Debbie Comer, Jeff Long and Mary Moss. There is also one open position on the board. Any one interested in serving on the board can speak to any current board member. The by-laws state that any resident of the Key is eligible for the board. It should be noted that no more than two members can come from any one condo and that only one member can come from any single or small multiple family dwelling.



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**MISSION STATEMENT: WE SEEK TO FOSTER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
AMONG OUR RESIDENTS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE THE
QUALITY OF LIFE ON LIDO KEY FOR ALL RESIDENTS AND OUR MANY
VISITORS.**

**LKRA
ANNUAL BREAKFAST MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2014
BREAKFAST STARTS AT 9:00 AM
SPEAKER - THOMAS HARMER, INTERIM COUNTY
MANAGER, WILL START AT 10:00 AM
\$15.00 per person**

RESERVATION FORM

NAME _____

NUMBER FOR BREAKFAST _____

AMOUNT PAID _____

**Please mail form with check made out to:
LKRA, PO BOX 884, SARASOTA, FL 34230**

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS JANUARY 10, 2014

UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS**BETH DILWORTH**

NOVEMBER 2013	City Commissioner, Susan Chapman and City Engineer, Alex D. Shaw
JANUARY 2014	Thomas Harmer, Sarasota County Interim 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 1st 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.

Meet and Greets:**DEBBIE COMER**

Our Meet and Greet Events were very popular last winter, so the Tradition of FUN, continues! Meet and Greets are a great opportunity to gather with your Island Neighbors, mingle, make new friends, and share a fun, casual Happy Hour with LKRA members and guests. It's a great opportunity to invite a neighbor, who is interested in Lido and our LKRA. All Meet and Greets will be held on Thursdays, making it easy to remember the dates, and a great way to begin your weekend, with lots of Fun ! All Meet and Greets begin at 5:00 and generally end around 7:00. Beverages and food will be available for purchase.

Mark your calendars:

Thursday, December 12- Helmsley Sandcastle

Thursday, January 23- Lido Beach Resort...

Thursday, February 13- Helmsley Sandcastle

Thursday, March 27- Sun and Surf Colony Beach Club
Outdoor Sunset Party with Music, Food, provided. B.Y.O.B. and chair.

Thursday, April 10-Lido Beach/Pool Pavilion

Membership**BETH DILWORTH**

That time of the year has arrived when we renew our dues for the LKRA. There are a few things to be clarified:

First and foremost please write legibly on the membership form.

To keep the mail from being returned, please put condo, apartment or house numbers with the address. We would ask for a contact number so if the mail is returned I try to contact each person to find out why it is returned. We do not share any contact information you give us. Lastly but most important the association charges the same (\$20.00 per year) for residents whether it is a condo, household or time share.

I and the board want to thank everyone for your continued support

Beth Dilworth
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Letter to the Editor Addressed to Channel 7—ABC News**RE: Lido Beach Renourishment**

After watching the Thursday and Saturday evening ABC 7 news stories about the Lido Beach renourishment, I am very concerned that only one side of the story is being told: the side of the Siesta Key residents and boaters who do not want the renourishment to occur.

ABC 7 reported on the Thursday evening meeting on Siesta Key and the Saturday morning meeting at the Sarasota Yacht Club, but there was no report at all about the meeting on Lido Key on Friday morning. That meeting was organized by the Lido Key Residents Association and was held at the Helmsley Hotel. Despite the media being invited, no media representatives were present. Had you attended, you would have heard a presentation by the Army Corp of Engineers and the City of Sarasota Engineer who have worked on this project explaining why it is needed, what would be done, and that it will have minimal if any impact on Siesta Key Beach or boaters.

Your story about the meeting at the Yacht Club stated that the media asked to attend but were not permitted to come inside, somehow implying that information was being kept from the public. The only person interviewed on camera was someone complaining about the project. Why wasn't there also an interview with someone who supports the project? Better yet, why not interview one of the Army Corp of Engineers representatives who gave a presentation at the meeting and who could have explained for the TV audience the entire project, why it is needed, and why the fears being hyped are unfounded.

Had you attended the Lido Key meeting you would have been welcomed inside and you would have learned that over the past few years tons of sand have washed off of Lido Beach and into Big Pass. Only a small portion of this Lido sand will be removed from the Pass for the initial renourishment, and an even smaller amount removed in future years (again from sand that will have washed off of Lido in the intervening period.) Siesta Key Beach was fine before this sand accumulated in the pass and will be fine when it is removed. There is minimal if any danger to Siesta Beach, which is actually quite far away from the sandbar. Across the pass from the South end of Lido are houses with seawalls - not a beach.

Your stories have not given any information to the public about why this project is so desperately needed. Have you walked down Lido Beach at high tide? If you did, you would see that there are several areas that are severely and dangerously eroded. One condo building near the South end of Lido is in danger of being undermined. At high tide, the waves wash up against a seawall only a few feet from a first floor condo. Why is a picture of the waves crashing in front of that condo not a part of the story? Why are there no facts reported about the project? Why is the story only what people say they fear? Why aren't these people questioned to find out if there is a reasonable basis for their fear?

Letter to the Editor, Cont'd

Since when is someone saying, without any stated rationale, that they are afraid something will happen a news story? That would be like me saying that Dolphin Towers should not be repaired because I am afraid it will fall over while the work is being done and I will be hurt. Is my fear something to report on the news? Is that a basis not to repair Dolphin Towers? I think not.

So, I ask you to please contact the City of Sarasota Engineer or the Army Corp of Engineers personnel who have worked on this project now for several years. Interview them. Find out the facts. Then report the facts, not the baseless fears. Your audience deserves no less.

Thank you

Karen Wehner
Lido Key resident

Letter to the Editor Addressed to the Herald Tribune**RE: Coverage of Lido Key Association's Concerns**

Although requested, Eric Ernst did not attend the Lido Key Residents' Association meeting Saturday, December 6, 2013. Nor did any Herald Tribune staff attend. Responsible reporting mandates coverage of the Lido Beach Association concerns on beach replenishment after two articles appeared in the Herald Tribune on December 2 December 6 covering Siesta Key Beach Association's concerns.

Fear does not create reality. Erosion occurs primarily from north to south. Beach replenishment will need to be continuously done. According to the Army Corps of Engineers, using groins plus replenishment will extend the process from 2-2.5 years to 5 years. Big Sarasota Pass shoal continues to enlarge and by using less than 3% of that sand for replenishment should have minimal environmental impact. This sand primarily comes and will continue to come from Lido beach. No action will be environmentally and economically disastrous for the Lido public beach, hotels, condominiums, and businesses especially in the St. Armand's Circle area.

Please report Lido beach community concerns in the future. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Bruce Abramowitz
Lido Key resident

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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