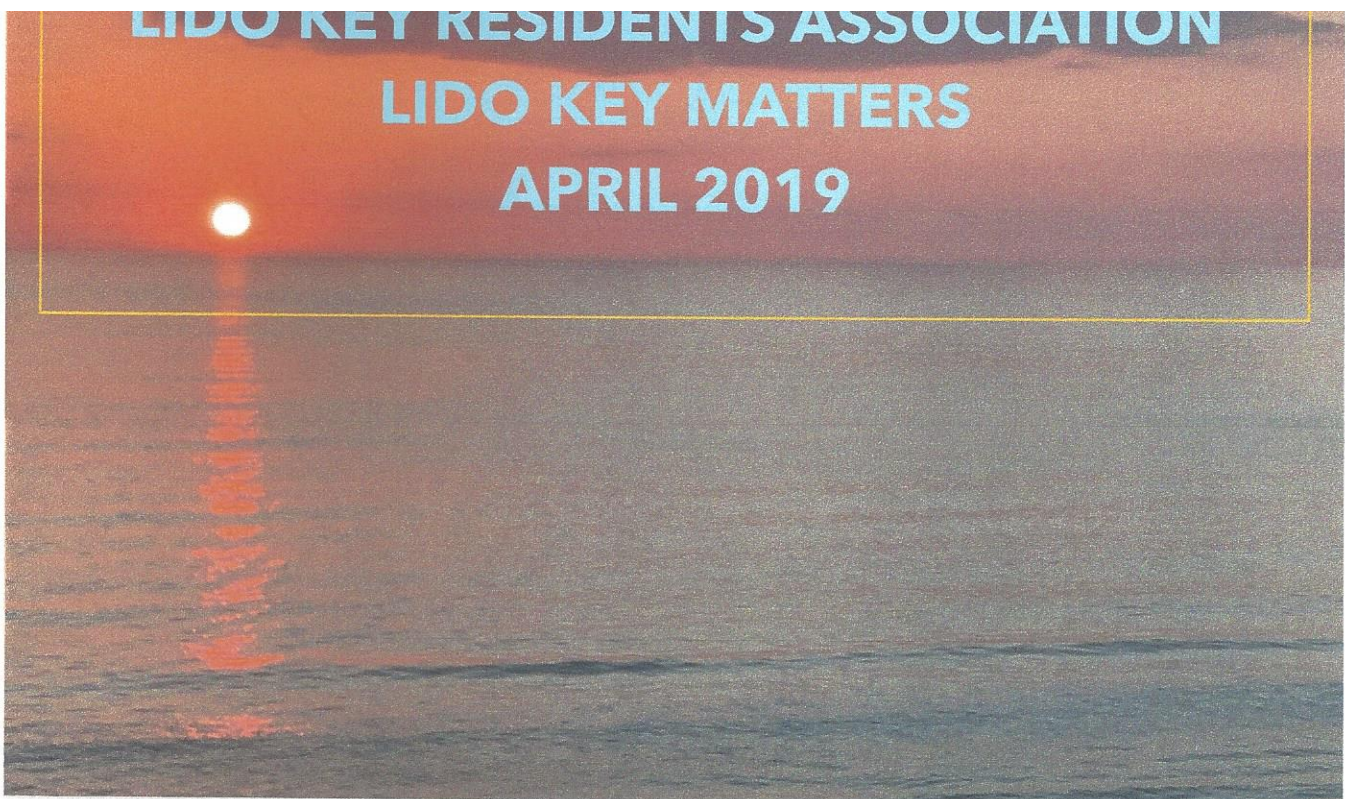


LIDO KEY MATTERS

APRIL 2019



Events Calendar

All Membership Meetings held at Lido Beach Resort 8th floor, 10:00 on the 3rd Saturday of the month:
April 20

NEXT MEETING: October 19

"Meet and Greet"
Happy Hours 5-7 pm

The second Tuesday of the month at: Lido Key Holiday Inn Kokomos, Holiday Inn May 14, at 5 PM

With a special LKRA menu!!

Presidents Letter

Good morning to all members of the Lido Key Resident Association:

Happy belated Easter to everyone and their families. Season is rapidly winding down for this year. The weather for the last six weeks has been outstanding. We have one more meet and greet for those who are still here as well as full time residents (more details in newsletter).

To say this past season was busy would be an understatement. To review some of the more important issues we dealt with there was the Lido Pavilion - the City was going to give it to a private developer to redevelop property. It was not what our Lido and many City residents wanted. With a group effort we got it stopped when it went before the City Commission for the last time. The property is now a City park, and will stay under the Parks Department purview. At this time, is it under review to decide what will be done to renovate it. When we hear anything, you will get an update.

The City and the ACOE are now working on trying to finalize the big project that is planned to start in September/October 2019 (see article in newsletter for update). We had two great fundraisers this past season for our legal fund. We also had great news on the efforts of trying to get our Association 501c(3) status. We are in the process of how to administer the process with our accountant. A great heartfelt thanks to George Foster (LKRA member) for his help in getting this done.

There are some projects in the works for Lido Key that I am just finding out about, sidewalks on Polk and Ford Drive, and new solar lighting down Ben Franklin. As I get updates from the City, we will be passing on to everyone.

We are working on presentations for next season. If anyone has something they would be interested in hearing about let any of the Board Members know and we will look into it.

Last and most importantly, I cannot be more proud or say enough about the people that volunteer their time to make this association one of the largest and most recognized in the City of Sarasota. I want personally to thank the LKRA board members, Mark Wash (Ocean Properties) and his staff, John Havarias (Lido Beach Resort GM), Damien Oriordan (Ritz Carlton GM) and his staff for all their support of our Association.

It is my honor to serve as your president LKRA and to be able to live in one of the most beautiful places anywhere. I hope everyone has a very safe and happy summer whether you go to another home or you are here.

Until I see you again

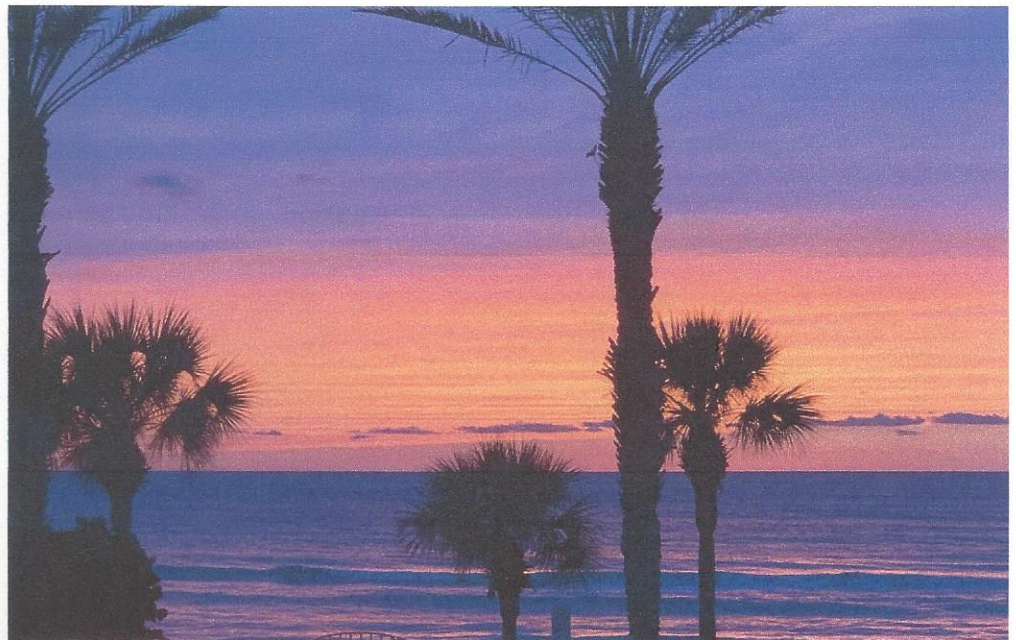
God Bless

Carl Shoffstall

President LKRA

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that the City does to address growth and transportation. As I listened to each of them talk about their various plans, I was wishing that more City residents could hear them. So often we hear about how government allows uncontrolled growth without considering any of the consequences, but anyone listening the panel's presentation would realize that nothing could be further from the truth.

Then just last week, I also attended a Transportation Forum hosted by the Metropolitan Planning Organization. This is a regional board consisting of elected officials that make the decisions on transportation planning for the region. Commissioner Shaw and I are the representatives to the MPO for the City. Again, I wished that more people had heard the presentation and saw what was involved in creating a 25-year transportation work plan.

The planners look at such things as projections for population growth, where the jobs will be, what kind of housing will be needed, and where the housing will likely be located. They also consider such things as autonomous cars, the move to more electric cars, and what other kinds of transportation there might be. So, the next time you are sitting in traffic and wondering why there hasn't been more thought put into all of the growth. Please be assured that we actually are doing the planning.

If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact me.

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the Lido Beach Pavilion, let me be amongst the first to congratulate Lido Key residents on your astute choice of where to live, work, invest and do business. What you already knew, is now, officially out of the bag! In case you haven't heard, the venerable US NEWS and WORLD REPORTS, the 85-year-old "news to use" organization, that rates America's Colleges, and Hospitals now rates cities.

And last week US NEWS and WORLD REPORTS ranked Sarasota as the 18th Best Place to Live in America.

Think about that for a second. Of the 30,000 local jurisdictions in the entire United States, our city and region are ranked right at the top. Of course, quality of life is a subjective matter and different people are looking for different things, so these ratings are done by comparing general data points and through surveys. But overall, when the data and interviews are rated for Desirability, Value, Job Market, Quality of Life and Net Migration to the area, we are the number 1 place to live in Florida. And although we are by far the smallest city in America's top 20 cities, we are ranked right up there with Austin, Denver, San Francisco, Minneapolis and Des Moines.



more importantly, for including my late wife's paintings as part of the items donated . . . it was a very comforting way of honoring her work and keeping her memory alive . . . it's heartwarming to know that she is on the walls and living on in the one place on earth that she loved so much.

We want to continue this effort and raise more Legal Fund monies . . . Blair was very active in the Sarasota art scene in the 1990's and early 2000's and there is still many paintings left in the studio . . . if you have a blank wall or a room to liven up, and would like to help the Lido Beach Legal Fund, check out this website and call me if you would like to discuss a piece of art . . . all of the proceeds from any of Blair's art sold will go directly into supporting the beach renourishment legal fund . . . Blair wouldn't have had it any other way! The website is www.blairashbystudio.com. My cell # is 941-284-5732. I look forward to talking and helping the beach.”

Scott Ashby





Benjamin Franklin's 1.6 mi. corridor (from South Lido Park to Washington Drive) to meet Sea-Turtle protection, roadway design, Multi-Use Recreational Trail improvements, and pedestrian crossing requirements in accordance with City's sustainability goals. The existing 30-ft tall precast/prestressed concrete poles were placed approximately 40 to 50 years ago and are rapidly deteriorating resulting in prolonged outages.

Two proposers are to installed temporary poles (2x) along Ben Franklin Dr for evaluation. This is the first (developmental) phase in determining the pole and fixture that will be selected. These locations were strategically selected in order for selection committee members to conduct technical review including photometrics, conflict points, etc. As part of the RFP process, the poles will be evaluated on site and removed once the evaluation is completed.

Once final selection is made, we will request completion of design plans which will determine pole placement/spacing and photometrics. The selection committee will also evaluate the light assembly based on esthetics consistent with City Commission's Strategic Planning, Renewable Energy commitments, Local, State, and Federal minimum lighting requirements. Staff will hold a community meeting along with making a presentation to the Lido Key Residence Association prior to final design. Lastly, this project has been reflected on our CIP program for the past 2 years and is expected to be fully funded in FY 2020-21 with construction to begin tentatively in Summer 2020.

Georges Nicolas

Cell: 941-376-4535

Sidewalks for Polk Dr and Ford DR

In alignment with the City's Comprehensive Plan, Engineering and Design Criteria Manual, and 2016 Strategic Plan, the Citywide Sidewalk Connectivity Plan was completed to identify missing sidewalk segments connecting to schools, trails, parks, commercial areas, business districts, recreational areas and public facilities. The plan, which can be viewed online via <http://arccg.is/1K5vyS>, reflects both the existing sidewalk network and future proposed sidewalks that will provide for safer and uninterrupted pedestrian access/connectivity throughout the City.

As part of the Citywide Sidewalk Connectivity Plan, the City of Sarasota will be installing a sidewalk in the public right-of-way on S Polk Drive connecting the existing sidewalk on S Boulevard of the Presidents to Ford Drive as well as a sidewalk on Ford Drive between S Polk Drive and the existing pedestrian crossing on Tyler Drive; providing a pedestrian connection to Lido Beach. The new sidewalk is expected to be completed Summer 2019.

should be done by the end of April. However, they need a few easement signatures, and are waiting for permission to use S. Lido Park for access. If they are denied access to S. Lido, they may need to ask nearby condo associations for access to their property.

The Army Corp project is going out for bid soon. The project is scheduled to start in September from the south potentially ending by December. Notices will be provided along the way to the affected parties. Two groins, consisting of boulders, are planned – one near the park and the other in front of the building that sticks out into the water.

Initially, sand will be visible on the top of the groins. Going forward, after the first year, some groins will be seen. The currently existing groin will remain and be buried. The South Lido project will extend past the park. The current project does not include dunes reconstruction. They may be reconstructed in the future, but project may need to involve condo association participation. The required sand should be available no later than October 1. Any damaged trees may be replaced by the County.

Carl advised that Charlie Hines is the County Commission Chair, and letters to him outlining your suggestions and support for the project are very important.

Todd Kerkerling, Sarasota Emergency Manager

Hurricane Predictions mean nothing, as they are rarely correct.

He advised:

1. we are a Level A Evacuation Zone, which means our storm surges could reach 10 feet,
2. the Category of a hurricane indicates its wind speed,
3. there are 12-13 Sarasota shelters, and the closest to Lido are Booker High School, Southside Elementary, and Brookside Middle
4. dogs and cats are allowed in all the shelters
5. proper identification, such as a driver's license with a local address, a property tax bill, or anything that would show ownership of a local residence, will be needed to return to Lido,
6. first responders are housed at Sarasota High School,
7. police officers will not be on the streets if the winds reach 45 mph,
8. make sure your insurance is up-to-date, and take photos of your residence and your possessions when preparations for a storm,
9. prepare a disaster kit of your meds, clothes, and non-perishable food,

12. maintenance crews will only be allowed access if they can show a letter on the Company's letterhead with the maintenance crews' driver's license numbers, and signed by management,

13. National Guard may also be on patrol.

An attendee asked about burying the John Ringling power lines. Todd responded that the cost is \$1 million/mile, so he doesn't believe it will happen any time soon.

He responded to another question about the Australian palms, and he advised that they are slowly coming down.

He was asked to discuss the various zones and how to determine where you fit. He advised a visit to the Sarasota County Website will provide the Flood Zones and Evacuation modeling for your address, and a visit to the FEMA Flood Zone Property App Website and FEMA Mapping Center will provide additional information.

If you have questions, **Todd Kerkering is available at 941-363-5811.**

Carl Shoffstall's President's Report

1. Pat Nicosia, Chair of the Lido Key Condo Association has a detailed list of rated contractors, if you need repairs. He may be reached at 941-388-5145.

2. the St. Armands's power lines project will begin May 2019 and end some time in 2020. Some Australian pines will also be removed during that time.

3. the Annual Breakfast Meeting was held on February 16, at 10 AM, at the Lido Key Beach Resort, 8th Floor Conference Room.

4. as of February, ***our association has 501-c-3 status***, which George Foster helped to establish,

5. the Lido Key projects for sidewalks on S. Polk and streetlights on Ben Franklin, are scheduled,

6. the City Commissioners approved Phase 1 of the Bayfront Project, which means the historic G-Wiz building will be demolished soon

7. the plans for Fruitville Road which would have added three roundabouts and improved its walkability were denied.

The Ritz-Carlton, The Founders Club, 15 South, The Columbia Restaurant, Shore, Tommy Bahamas, Coconuts, Caragiulos, Rico's, Key Culinary Tours, Owen's Fish Camp, Venezia, Veronicas, Surf Shack, Lynch's, The Resort at longboat Key Club

Artisians Bee Nails, Speaks Clam Bar, The Lazy Lobster, Blue Kazur, Clantro Gril, Le Colonne, Stottlemeyer's Smokehouse, Screaming Goat Taqueria, Amore Restaurant, Goodfellows Café and Winery, Scarpino's Family Restaurant, Mandeville Beer Garden, Kilwins, Burns Court Bistro and Wine Bar, JDubs Brewing Co.

The Ritz Fundraiser raised \$60,000.00, and the Mardi Gras Event raised \$17,000.00.

Jay Elsasser

Lido Beach Litigation Update

Civil Case:

There is an evidentiary hearing on Friday July 19th at 9:00am.

It will be held in the Lynn Silvertooth Judicial Center

2002 Ringling Boulevard

Courtroom 6C

Sarasota, FL 34237

We would appreciate as many residents as possible show up to display our support for our side of the case.

Federal Case:

It has been fast tracked and is essentially looking to only review the FDEP and CORPS process as it was accomplished. Siesta is threatening to seek an injunction if the case cannot be finished by the time work is scheduled to begin. LKRA is taking serious consideration of intervening.

From: City Manager Tom Barwin

Subject: Operations and Renovation of Lido Beach Pavilion

With the February 21, 2019 decision to terminate the pending Lido Beach Pavilion Concession lease, staff is beginning to move forward to provide for concessions at the facility and develop modest restoration plans within the current pavilion's building footprint.

The following actions are now underway:

- A. The current concessionaire has agreed to a six-month extension of the current use permit as we prepare a request for proposals to solicit a new concessionaire agreement.
- B. A fresh appraisal is being secured to inform our compliance with FEMA regulations for any future renovations which must be made.
- C. Staff is researching repair to the vending hood/system in the concession area which the health department has expressed some concerns with. The current vendor had installed the system years ago.
- D. We are having our contracted architectural firms tour the building and give us cost estimates for their services to prioritize repairs to the facility which will include bathroom upgrades, possible kitchen improvements, a review of lifeguard facilities and the roof, with said improvements to be made from within the \$1.25 million in funds available, in compliance with FEMA regulations.
- E. Contingency plans are being contemplated for a food truck vendor if the hood venting system can not be repaired for a reasonable fee and is necessary for a period during any building renovations.



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Heidi Brandt Membership

Official 2019 membership starts on January 1st. Our updated membership total is 845 members. Many of you have already paid. If you are unsure of your current status, contact us for an update. THE YEARLY MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR 2019 is \$30. The membership application is on the next page of this newsletter.

When filling out your application, write legibly and fill out all the blanks. Please put your condo number with your street address. Please provide your EMAIL ADDRESS and PHONE NUMBER in order to receive our regular updates and notifications of things pertaining to Lido Key. You can have additional email addresses if a husband and wife both have their own emails.

Subject: LKRA Legal Fund Contributions

We were up to 63% of households donating to the legal fund. PLEASE GO TO: www.LKRA.org,

ONLINE PAYMENT LINKS FOR LEGAL FUND DONATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP

<http://www.lkra.org/lido-key-sand-matters-legal-fund.html>

<http://www.lkra.org/membership-1.html>

PLEASE PRINT:

Member Name: _____

Spouse/Partner: _____

Condo (if applicable): _____

Email Address: _____

Lido Key Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #1: _____ Phone #2: _____

PLEASE CHECK HERE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A HARD COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER BY MAIL TO YOUR MAILING ADDRESS ABOVE _____

Have a question? Call Carl Shoffstall 813-967-2687. Or email membership director Heidi Brandt heidimbrandt@gmail.com Send Membership Form and Check to Address Below. Or visit our website and pay online with credit or debit card. Memberships Meetings are held the Third Saturday in the months of October, November, January, February, March and April.

Additional info available on our website – www.LKRA.org

**RETURN FORM TO:
LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION, PO BOX 884, SARASOTA, FL 34230**

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.

CINDY SHOFFSTALL NEWSLETTER

WE HAVE HAD MANY REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS THAT THEY WOULD PREFER TO RECEIVE NEWSLETTERS AND OTHER INFORMATION THROUGH EMAIL AND NOT THROUGH THE POST OFFICE..

THE BOARD HAS DECIDED THAT UNLESS YOU NOTIFY US THAT YOU WOULD PREFER A HARD COPY BY MAIL, ALL CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE EMAILED.

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