



LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION LIDO KEY MATTERS JULY 2017

Events Calendar

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

October 21, 2017

"Meet and Greet"
Happy Hours 5-7 pm

To Resume in the Fall 2017

President's Letter

Greetings to All

The offshore power boat Grand Prix was held over the July 4th Holiday this past weekend. Two things stand out for me: it was wall to wall people and the weather was extremely hot! But with the condition of our beach, it seemed to me there were not as many people this year as in the past.

I contacted the County staff a few weeks prior to the races to express our concerns about people walking on the dunes and the amount of trash that would be generated. I was very pleased that

the county did step up. They roped off the dunes on both the beach side and the street side. They also put orange fencing around all the turtle nests. They passed out garbage bags and asked people to take their garbage off the beach when they left (which a lot of people did). Cindy and I participated in a beach cleanup Wednesday morning after the 4th and again I was pleased with the little trash that was left to clean up. The Sarasota Police and Sarasota County Fire/EMT Department did an excellent job at the event.

The condition of the beach litigation will be updated in a separate article in this news letter. There are a lot of things starting at the end of this month.

Some other issues that our LKRA is working on are the traffic congestion getting on and off the island. The building boom in the city continues, which will only add the traffic strain of getting on and off the Lido Key.

I hope everyone is having a great and safe summer. It won't be long until we will be having our first meeting of the season on October 21, 2017 (3rd Saturday of October) and look forward to seeing everyone again.

If anyone has any comments or concerns please let me know and the board will try to address them.

Best Regards

Carl J Shoffstall

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Beach Update

Paul Robbins

The hearing for the first court case starts on August 22nd and continues through August 31st. This is the administrative hearing which will determine if the beach renourishment permit will be issued by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) so that we can have a beach again. Following this administrative hearing will be the Civil case brought by Siesta which will likely take place at the beginning of 2018. **Your continued support of the LKRA legal fund is extremely important if we are to hope to protect our interests, our wildlife and our beach.**

Updates will be emailed separately and additional information will be posted to the LKRA website.

If you have any questions please forward them to LKRA

Sarasota Sustainability Manager

Stevie Freeman-Montes

City of Sarasota Climate Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Plan

There are two ways that a city can respond to a changing climate: mitigation and adaptation. Mitigation refers to reducing the amount of greenhouse gasses that are emitted, while adaptation addresses the impacts of climate change. The City of Sarasota has taken both approaches and we are excited to be one of the many cities in Florida conducting a climate change vulnerability assessment and adaptation plan. Through this effort, a team of technical staff is assessing city-owned infrastructure in the transportation, water supply, waste water, and stormwater sectors as well as parks, emergency operations and shorelines. The team has analyzed over 220 assets by using sea level rise, storm surge, precipitation, and heat projections to better understand where the City is vulnerable and what infrastructure needs to be upgraded over time.

We understand climate change, sea level rise and beach erosion issues are important to our barrier islands, therefore a key component of this plan is to receive input from Lido Key residents. There will soon be an invitation to a public input session, planned for mid-August.

This initiative is part of the City Commission's Strategic Plan which directs staff to utilize scientific climate data to better predict future impacts to Sarasota and inform long-range planning, zoning and administrative decisions. The project is being led by the City's Sustainability program with assistance from HDR consultants.

For more information call 941-365-2200 ext 4202 or email stevie.freeman-montes@sarasotafl.gov



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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.

July 27, 2017

To All Lido Key Residents

While most of you will know earlier this week the County Commission decided to take no further action for the moment in the disputed FDEP process for Lido to get our sand back from Big Pass, this development alone does not guarantee our clear path to restoring our beach; which we need for environmental, storm protection, property preservation, and economic reasons.

Unfortunately, Siesta interests are still persisting in fighting against the work the City, US Army Corps of Engineers and FDEP want to do for us in order to save Lido Beach. At least two Siesta interest groups have already filed law suits to attempt to stop altogether or further slow down the work to deliver some sand back to our beach.

Given the new law suits, LKRA has recognized that there is really no option for Lido other than to protect all our interests by obtaining legal representation to help fight these suits and stop the blockade of the much needed work to save our beach.

We will be retaining counsel who are local to the area and specialized in dealing with the kind of legal issues we are facing; they are also recommended and well-regarded.

While we might like to share a lot more information, this is actually not the best way to protect Lido's interests at present. For reasons of not compromising confidentiality, attorney-client privilege, and our position in the new law suits, we will not be using this e-mail distribution list or the website to discuss details of strategy. Know that your committee representatives on LKRA are working diligently and passionately on your behalf with counsel.

We ask you to donate whatever you can in view of the current estimate of \$200k - \$250k we received from the lawyers, which is needed to appropriately represent Lido's interests in the litigation. Checks can be mailed to LKRA, PO Box 884, Sarasota, FL 34230. Please note "Legal Fund "in the memo section of your check.

Also, any money left in the legal fund at the end of the representation will be returned to the donors on a pro-rata basis.

Sincerely,
Carl Shoffstall
LKRA President

Rehabilitation for Vision Problems?

BY SMH OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST CYNTHIA ANDERSON

Vision is the most dominant of all the senses. It plays a significant role in our ability to navigate our environment safely and to complete daily living activities. Vision is important for balance, gait, and posture. Did you know that vision also plays a role in cognition and understanding language? So what happens when our vision is affected by a neurological event?

Vision problems that ensue often include:

Double or blurred vision

Difficulty reading

Intense eye strain, headaches, dizziness

Feelings of instability

Difficulty tracking or focusing on objects, including street signs and curbs

Vision problems can often be overlooked as the culprit of a decline in daily function, so it is important to see the right eye care professional if you suspect your vision has been affected by a neurological event. Start with a visit to a neuro-ophthalmologist (an ophthalmologist or neurologist with fellowship training in the field). They have the training to bridge the gap between neurological issues and their effect on vision.

Although not required, seeing a neuro-ophthalmologist also is recommended prior to participating in vision rehabilitation with an occupational therapist (OT). Vision Rehabilitation programs, like the one at SMH, offer unique, occupational therapy-driven services that focus on vision deficiencies and restoring maximum visual function, whether the goals are reading, safe mobility, or other activities of daily living.

For more information on SMH's OT Vision Rehabilitation services, call 941-917-1385.

Paul Caragiulo

Sarasota County Commissioner

It's a blessing to live where we do. As Chairman of the Sarasota County Board of Commissioners, I take great pride in not only the beautiful, world-class amenities like our parks, beaches and libraries, but also our sound infrastructure, financial stability and focus on being the premier community in which to live, work and play.

Sarasota County continues to be a leader in tourism and sports tourism as preparations for the 2017 World Rowing Championships, which will draw thousands of competitors and visitors from around the world, are on track for the kick-off on Sept. 24.

Of course, the potential departure of County Administrator Tom Harmer marks the end of a successful era for the county's administration, but our board is confident the culture installed by Tom will carry us on to the next phase of prosperity. Our 2,200 plus staff members are the life-blood of our organization, and their dedication as public servants gives me great pride, each and every day.

As we keep moving through our budget cycle and look toward Fiscal Year 2017-18, we will continue to be responsible stewards of the public's trust and tax dollars. We have a lot to be thankful for in this community, and it's both my honor and privilege to serve as your representative.

Liz Alpert

Sarasota City Commissioner

Plans are moving forward on the proposal for the renovation and transformation of the Lido Beach Pavilion. City staff is meeting with the proposed vendors next week to continue refining the details of the proposal. The proposed vendors have assured the City that open access to the public will not be changed. In addition, the proposed vendors will be adding additional picnic tables that will be open to the public where they will be able to bring their own food and drink if they do not want to buy food from the vendors. Further, one of the conditions the City is requiring is that the proposed vendors abide by current noise ordinances. The final proposal will be coming before the City Commission for review and approval. Please feel free to contact me any time with any questions or concerns about any City issues. Liz.Alpert@SarasotaFl.gov or 941-228-5979.

Rep. Vern Buchanan

United States Congressman

U.S. Rep. Vern Buchanan, R-Longboat Key, said he was “disappointed” after President Donald Trump decided to withdraw from the Paris Agreement, disputing the president’s claim that he’s saving jobs by leaving.

“There is a reason why so many business executives support this voluntary and non-binding agreement,” Buchanan said in a written statement. “Growing the economy and protecting the environment are not mutually exclusive.”

The congressman, who has often been for environmental issues, said he was concerned about the country’s stance in the world by leaving, joining the ranks of Syria and Nicaragua that are the only countries not a part of the climate accord.

“It’s also troubling to relinquish control of the climate agenda to China and Europe,” he said. “I would prefer the U.S. stay at the table and help shape international discussions.”

Buchanan’s response was more forceful than that offered by Gov. Rick Scott and other Republican state officials.

CINDY SHOFFSTALL

NEWSLETTER

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

IT WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE.

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.

**Sarasota Bay resident bottlenose dolphin Ginger swims with her second calf on July 6****Mote-Rehabilitated Dolphin Has New Baby in Sarasota Bay**

“Ginger,” a Sarasota Bay resident bottlenose dolphin rehabilitated at Mote Marine Laboratory, was observed with a newborn calf on July 6 by the Sarasota Dolphin Research Program (SDRP), a Chicago Zoological Society program in collaboration with Mote. SDRP has monitored Ginger since her birth in 2005 to a well-known resident Sarasota Bay dolphin.

Ginger stranded at age 3 in December 2008 on Siesta Beach and was brought to Mote’s Dolphin & Whale Hospital, which is dedicated to rehabilitating and releasing sick and injured dolphins and small whales. Ginger was dehydrated and covered with toothrake marks from interactions with other dolphins, and she appeared to be suffering from a respiratory condition called bronchopneumonia. All hospitalized dolphins require plenty of care, but Ginger stood out because she was fed primarily live fish during her time at Mote, with the intent of helping her to stay as wild as possible and be ready for release.

“While Ginger was in our care, trained Mote volunteers spent 1,320 hours monitoring her condition, providing vital information about her progress,” said Lynne Byrd, Medical Care and Rehabilitation Coordinator at Mote. “Ginger ate nearly 4,000 pinfish during her rehabilitation. She was one of the most labor intensive patients that I’ve had the privilege to work with, and it was obviously well worth our effort!”

Ginger recovered successfully and was released in February 2009 wearing a tiny VHF radio transmitter so she could be easily found and visually monitored by SDRP, which has studied Sarasota Bay’s dolphins since 1970 and conducts the world’s longest-running study of a wild dolphin population.

“From the time Ginger was released, she has demonstrated her ability to reintegrate into the local, multi-decadal, multi-generational resident dolphin community and engage in normal dolphin activities,” said Dr. Randall Wells, Director of SDRP, who led Mote’s efforts to create the dolphin hospital in the early 1990s.

This is Ginger’s second calf. Ginger had her first calf in summer 2015, but it disappeared within approximately six months. Loss of first-born calves is not unusual, in dolphins or many other mammals.

The sighting of Ginger with her new calf drives home that she has been thriving as a member of the resident dolphin community in Sarasota Bay. “Successful reproduction is a very good indication of successful treatment in rehab,” Wells said.

Watch out for marine life while enjoying southwest Florida waters.

Up to five concurrent generations of long-term resident dolphins live in Sarasota Bay year-round, and they give birth during late spring and summer. To date in 2017, 18 new babies have been born to well-known mothers using Sarasota Bay and surrounding waters. Dolphins do not, or cannot always get out of the way of approaching boats, and fatal collisions and serious injuries to dolphins occur in Sarasota Bay. The dolphins frequent shallow waters where they may be unable to dive below an approaching boat. Naïve newborn dolphins lack the skills and experience to avoid boats, and have to surface more frequently to breathe than do older dolphins. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s guidelines indicate that boats should stay at least 50 yards away from dolphins.

Heidi Brandt

MEMBERSHIP

Official 2017 membership starts on January 1st. Many of you have already paid. If you are unsure of your current status, contact us for an update. THE YEARLY MEMBERSHIP FEE IS \$20. The 2017 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.

Let’s make 2017 a record year for membership.

2017 LKRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2017 DUES: \$20.00 Annually Per Household

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:** _____

Have a question? Call Beth Dilworth at 941-388-2865. Send Membership Form and Check to Address Below. 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

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Gary La Scalea is pictured above at the first quarterly City sponsored Lido Beach cleanup on Saturday morning, 7/22.

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