

LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

LIDO KEY MATTERS

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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:

January 9

(Annual Breakfast Meeting)

February 20

March 19

April 16

**“Meet and Greet”
Island Neighbors
Happy Hours**

**February 11
Lido Beach Resort
5 p.m.—7 p.m.**

**March 10
The Sandcastle
5 p.m.—7 p.m.**

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

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to all

As the 2016 season is getting started, I would like to welcome back everyone who is returning and those of you who are already back. I want to extend my thanks to all the new members who have joined the Lido Key Residents Association and welcome to the family. You are now a member of one of the largest neighborhood associations in the City of Sarasota.

We have had two member meetings so far, and both were well attended. We had a wonderful welcome back party in November. It has been a very busy year on Lido Key, as well in the City of Sarasota. Many new projects have started as well as many that are in the pipeline that will be starting in the near future.

Our lineup of programs starts with our annual breakfast meeting on January 9th at the Lido Beach Resort. You should have received a reservation form by hard copy and email. We will have our new District 2 City Commission, Liz Alpert, as our featured speaker.

I would like to urge anyone who has questions or comments regarding any projects to contact any Board Member or myself and let us know your thoughts.

I personally want to thank our Board Members and all the volunteers for the time they spend making my job easier.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**CONT'D**

Finally I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hope to see everyone at the breakfast meeting.

With warmest regards

Carl Shoffstall
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NEIGHBORHOOD AND DEVELOPMENT**ALEX DAVIS SHAW
CITY ENGINEER**

The Long Term Lido Beach Shoreline Protection project is in the permitting phase. We have received a Request for additional information from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The US Army Corps of Engineers and our Consultant CBI are working to respond to the questions in the next 30 days or so.

TRAFFIC/TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS**ALEX DAVIS SHAW
CITY ENGINEER**

The FDOT requested input from the City Commission on the turn lane for northbound US 41 to eastbound Fruitville Road. The Commission directed staff to request option B, the option with the shorter turn lane.

The City of Sarasota held a Fruitville Road Stakeholder meeting on November 17th at 5:30 in the SRQ Media Center to see what changes should be made to Fruitville Road to slow down traffic speeds and make it more pedestrian friendly.

There was a public meeting in the city commission chambers on November 30th. They reviewed possible options for reconfiguration of Fruitville Road.

Information is available on the city website: www.sarasotagov.com

SARASOTA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL RECEIVES APPROVAL TO BUILD ST. ARMANDS URGENT CARE CLINIC

Sarasota Memorial's plan to build an urgent care center on St. Armands Circle received approval from the City Planning Board on Oct. 14.

The Sarasota County Public Hospital Board bought the property at 500 John Ringling Blvd for \$3.6 million late last year. It plans to construct and open a new clinic as early as October 2016.

It will be Sarasota Memorial's sixth urgent care center in Manatee and Sarasota counties, and the first dedicated to the coastal communities surrounding St. Armands, Longboat Key, Lido Key, Bird Key and Plymouth Harbour.

Like all of its urgent care centers, the St. Armands site will be open 8 am to 8 pm seven days a week, including most holidays. Staffed by Sarasota Memorial's board certified emergency, family and internal medicine physicians, the centers provide immediate care for non-life threatening illnesses and injuries, such as fractures, sprains, lacerations and burns, as well as the common cold, sore throats, flu, ear infections, bronchitis and urinary problems. Lab and X-ray services will also be provided on site.

LIDO BEACH'S HIDDEN TREASURES FEBRUARY 11, 2016 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Join a beach naturalist for this free walk along North Lido Beach, through the dunes and into the coastal hammock at the interior of Lido Key. Learn about beach nesting birds and other coastal wildlife, as well as Sarasota County's ongoing efforts to restore the habitat on this section of the key. Be prepared to walk approximately two miles. Participants should wear sun protection, appropriate footwear for beach walking and bring water. Cameras and binoculars are welcome. Meet at the small parking area at the corner of John Ringling Boulevard and Ben Franklin Boulevard.

More information/registration: discoversarasota@gmail.com or (941) 861-5000.

UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS**BETH DILWORTH**

JANUARY 2016	LIZ ALPERT DISTRICT 2 CITY COMMISSIONER
FEBRUARY 2016	DOUG LOGAN DIRECTOR OF HOMELESS SERVICES TOPIC: THE HOMELESS IN SARASOTA
MARCH 2016	THOMAS HARMER COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TOPIC: UPDATE ON THE STATE OF COUNTY
APRIL 2016	RICHARD COLLINS AND ED MCCRANE COUNTY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TOPIC: HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

MEMBERSHIP**BETH DILWORTH**

Official 2016 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 2016 membership application is at the end 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 2016 a record year for membership.

NEWSLETTER**CINDY SHOFFSTALL**

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.

IT WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE.

2016 GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP
APRIL 16, 2016 8:00 AM - 12:00 9:30 PM

Entering its 18th year, the Great American Cleanup is the country's largest community improvement program that kicks off in more than 20,000 communities each spring. Each year, the Keep America Beautiful Great American Cleanup engages more than 4 million volunteers and participants across the country to take action in their local communities to create positive change and lasting impact.

Keep Sarasota County Beautiful, along with other organizations in Keep America Beautiful's national network of community-based affiliates, plan volunteer events and education programs that help to remove litter and debris, clean shorelines and waterways, reduce waste and increase recycling.

Keep Sarasota County Beautiful will be seeking volunteers for this cleanup event at more than 30 parks, beaches, natural areas and other sites throughout Sarasota County. Volunteer registration for the event will open in mid-February. More information/registration: www.scgov.net/kscb or 941-861-5000.

ST. ARMANDS CIRCLE ASSOCIATION

DIANA CORRIGAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Our Fall events have been wonderful this year and we have enjoyed large numbers of well behaved visitors to each event. The Taste of St. Armands was a huge hit this time and the attendees gave very positive feedback.

We have several new businesses on the Circle and the occupancy rate is showing very positive signs for economic stability for our small business community. Keep your eyes open and expect to see even more new surprises in the coming months.

January will be lots of fun as we celebrate the 28th Anniversary of the Ring of Fame. The proud traditions of the circus industry continue to be preserved with honor. Come on out to enjoy this and a few other special events that will again attract a lot of visitors to our fun and unique Circle.

There are a few projects on the table which could bring even more prosperity and enjoyment for all in the coming year. The Urgent Care Clinic is now underway and there has been some positive progress with several other projects which could add value to the quality of life in our community.

PROTECTING OUR COAST**U.S. REP VERN BUCHANAN**

Florida's west coast is one of the most beautiful places on earth. For decades, we have had the wisdom to protect our beaches and marine life from the threats of oil and gas development. But once again, lawmakers are pursuing legislation to weaken the state's coastal protections against offshore drilling.

In 2006, Congress enacted a ban on drilling within 125 miles off the west coast until 2022 and as far as 235 miles in some places. Recently, legislation was proposed in the House and Senate to lift the ban and allow drilling 50 miles off our coast.

As Co-Chair of the Florida Delegation, I have co-sponsored bipartisan legislation to extend the current ban until 2027. Expanded drilling off the Florida coast jeopardizes our natural resources, which are vital to our economy and our quality of life.

I will continue to protect our region from the harmful effects of oil drilling off our coast.

FIRE PREVENTION SAFETY TIPS

Did you know that the number one cause of fires is unattended cooking? It is important to stay in the kitchen while cooking and pay attention to the food that you are cooking. All homes should be equipped with working smoke alarms. If your smoke alarm is battery powered it is recommended that you change your batteries twice a year when you change your clocks. "Change your clocks, Change your batteries." Do you know what the acronym P.A.S.S means for a fire extinguisher? P-Pull the pin, A- Aim at the base of the fire, S-Squeeze the handle, S-Sweep side to side. When using a fire extinguisher be sure to always have an exit to your back and always call 9-1-1.

Fire Station #3 located at 47 N Adams Lane is the fire station that serves Lido Key.

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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2016 LKRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2016 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

**RETURN FORM TO:
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