



LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION LIDO KEY MATTERS DECEMBER 2018

Events Calendar

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

January 19	February 16
March 16	April 20
May 18	

"Meet and Greet"
Happy Hours 5-7 pm

The second Tuesday of the month at: **Kokomos, Holiday Inn**

President's Letter

Season Greetings to everyone

Good morning from Lido Key. I would like to start off my letter with what's is going on with the weather here. We had some rough weather last Friday and the beginning of this week (Christmas). Some areas around Sarasota had upwards of seven inches of rain and winds gusts of 60 mph. Yesterday (day before Christmas eve) the weather cleared out and for the next several weeks the weather is going to be mid-70s to low-80s and almost no rain.

December 2018

Our annual Breakfast Meeting is just around the corner (Saturday January 19th 9:00 am). The City of Sarasota's Planning Director Steve Cover will be the guest speaker. Please send in your reservation form right away as it is filling up fast.

There are a few important items coming up in January that involve Lido Key. The first being the beach renourishment that has started approximately a month ago. The weather we were having has slowed down the project, but with the weather getting better it should get moving. Cindy has been sending out the project updates from the city engineer (Alex Davis-Shaw).

There is a major fund raiser for the Beach Legal Fund the 29th of January being sponsored by the Ritz Carlton at the Beach Club. There are more details in the Newsletter.

The other big issue is what the City plans to do with the Lido Pavilion. On January 14th at 1:30 pm (this is the only issue scheduled) in the Commissioner's chambers at City Hall, they will decide the fate of the Lido Pavilion. I hope a lot of people will be back for season by then and plan to attend to voice their opinion.

I hope everybody had a safe and happy summer and fall. I look to seeing everyone as season is beginning.

I want wish everyone season's greetings and a Happy New Year.

God Bless and see you soon

Carl Shoffstall

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Tom Barwin

Sarasota City Manager

Dear Lido Key Residents,

Seeing the interim Lido Beach renourishment project begin was the best holiday present possible for many of us. I would be remiss if I did not give a big thanks to city engineer Alex Davis-Shaw for her expertise and dedication to the cause, backed at each turn by Mayor Alpert and the entire city commission.

The same teamwork also resulted in the 50-year shoreline protection plan, undertaken with the Army Corp, being accepted, budgeted and permitted by the federal and state governments. It has been noted that our project was the only new start program selected in the entire country in 2018.

By this time next year, we remain hopeful that the first elements of the 50-year Lido Shoreline Protection plan will have been completed with future renourishments to follow at regular intervals.

As the sun rises on 2019 we look forward to continuing to work with the LKRA to monitor our shoreline and improve upon the very best shoreline management practices possible.

Throughout 2019 we will also be strengthening our relationships and communications with Mote to do all we can to understand and address Red Tide.

Overall it was a remarkable year of achievements for Lido Key and our community. 2018 will be a year which should go down in local history as one which was critical to providing ongoing quality of life enhancements for future generations.

On behalf of city hall and our entire staff, best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and safe travels. See you around town.

Tom Barwin

City Manager, thomas.barwin@sarasotafl.gov



Liz Alpert, Esq.

Sarasota Mayor and City Commissioner

As the year comes to an end, it is time to reflect on the year's accomplishments and look forward to the year ahead. As I write this, the interim beach renourishment project is moving ahead. The hope is that this temporary fix will alleviate some of the worst erosion until we can begin the more permanent renourishment. Although the permanent renourishment project is working its way through the court system, that has not stopped our moving forward with the renourishment.

The Commission approved the plan for a new hotel that will replace the former Helmsley. It is an exciting new project that should provide some needed hotel rooms on Lido.

In the next year, a decision will be made on the Lido Beach Pavilion project. Commission will be holding a special meeting on January 14 beginning at 1:30 p.m. The decision to be made at that meeting is whether the project meets the City's criteria for major conditional use.

The parking garage on St. Armands Circle will be completed by the middle of January. At that time, the parking meters that are being installed will be activated. In addition to parking, the garage will contain bathrooms for the public. In the median on the opposite side of the Circle, new free-standing bathrooms are scheduled to be constructed.

Finally, I would like to wish all of you a very happy and healthy new year!



Emergency Patch Project:

The interim emergency patch project started pumping sand from New Pass in late November onto the North end of the Lido Pavilion beach area. Progress has been mediated somewhat by intermittent unfavorable weather conditions, but the project has been making steady progress and is currently just to the North of the rock groin/jetty at the South end of the public beach. The crews have been working at every point that weather has permitted. We are grateful to the City and the construction crew for getting this patch project in place and underway. The approximately 185,000 cubic yards of sand from this project will restore a bit of the beach that has moved to the south over the past year or so.

It has been a long time since the beach was this devoid of sand, and many unusual things have been uncovered including old fence posts and footings for some long-forgotten structures. It might be a good opportunity to take a picture or keep a memory of these things which will hopefully never be in a position to be exposed again.

USACOE Main Project

The USACOE project or 'Corps Project' is the main endeavor that has been in the works for over a decade. The first iteration of this project will recycle up to 1.3 Million cubic yards of sand that has flowed down into Big Pass and bring it back to Lido Beach. Note that Big Pass is currently more than 10 Million cubic yards over its equilibrium volume.

The Corps will create a design 'template' for the target profile of the beach above and below the water. They will use the initial project iteration to fill in this template. The design of the template accounts for a portion of sand that will flow south over time. Future iterations, approximately every five years, will recycle much smaller amounts, probably just a few hundred thousand cubic yards, to return what has flowed south back to its place in the template. Two rock groins will be installed to slow the process and delay the nourishment recycling intervals.

On Dec 22nd it will have been two years since the FDEP released its notice of intent to issue the permit for the US Army Corps of Engineers project, which had been in the planning and development stages for many, many years prior. On December 29th it will have been two years since Siesta filed a request for an extension of time to file a petition for a formal administrative hearing regarding the intended permit. This began the process of what became known as the DOAH hearing, and after hundreds of filings, five days of hearings, expert witnesses and thousands of pages of transcripts, the hearing ended a year ago on December 18th, 2017. Afterward there were more months of wrangling over the Recommended Order, which came out on May 8th, the FDEP Final Order and permit followed on June 18th. Senators Rubio and Nelson made sure the project, which had been congressionally approved many years before, was funded immediately.

During the DOAH hearing Siesta also filed a Civil case which was held in abeyance during the DOAH hearing. It then became active again after the FDEP Final Order was submitted. The Civil case was dismissed a few months ago without prejudice, was refiled by Siesta, and faces another dismissal hearing this Thursday, Dec. 20th.

Beach Update

Additionally, Siesta has threatened to file a Federal suit against the Army Corps, which could have been filed a few weeks ago but to my knowledge has not yet been filed as of this writing. However, they have been actively raising money for a Federal suit over these past months. If and when Siesta files a Federal suit we will take a look at it and determine to what, if any, extent LKRA's involvement is necessary.

Over these past two years we have had excellent representation by Lewis, Longman & Walker. We firmly believe that the positive and just outcomes we have had so far are due to their hard work and expertise.

Civil case and potential Federal case notwithstanding, as things currently exist the Corps project is slated to begin in the Fall of 2019!

Happy Holidays!

Jay

Alex Davis Shaw

City Engineer

Nourishment Project

The Lido Key Beach activities started on Lido Key on November 5, 2018 and will continue through February 12, 2019. The project is being constructed as an interim beach nourishment project, and will place approximately 185,000 cubic yards of material on the island. Sediment from the project will be obtained from the New Pass channel, located off the northern end of the island.

The construction project extends from north of the intersection of Benjamin Franklin Dr. and Tyler Dr. to South Lido County Park. Construction activities will progress from north to south. About 300-ft to 400-ft of beach will be closed at a time for beach construction, equipment storage and safety buffers. A staging area is located in a portion of the parking lot between Lido Beach Pool and Lido Beach Resort, opposite Garfield Drive and will be closed to the public. Construction will occur 24 hours a day, seven days a week, barring any weather or mechanical delays. Progress will be updated on a weekly basis; conditions are subject to change.

SAVE THE BEACH SOIREE



TUESDAY 29TH OF JANUARY

5:30PM

1234 BEN FRANKLIN DR.
SARASOTA, FL 234236

\$250 PER TICKET

COCKTAIL ATTIRE

JOIN THE LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION FOR AN EVENING AT THE RITZ CARLTON BEACH CLUB.

FEATURING COCKTAILS AND HORS D'OEUVRES ON THE LOWER TIDES TERRACE. DINNER: ELEGANT FOOD STATIONS ON THE UPSTAIRS SUNSET TERRACE. GOURMET SALAD BAR, GRILLED FREE-RANGE CHICKEN BREAST, BRAISED SHORT RIBS, SALMON ENCROUTE. COMPLIMENTED BY ASPARAGUS RISOTTO, ROASTED VEGETABLES AND ASSORTED DESSERT SELECTIONS.

WE WILL HAVE RAFFLES AND SILENT AUCTION, MUSIC AND FABULOUS EMCEE THROUGHOUT THE EVENING.

REGISTER ONLINE AT: [HTTP://WWW.LKRA.ORG/VIP.HTML](http://www.lkra.org/vip.html)
OR MAIL TO LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION PO BOX 884 SARASOTA, FL 34230

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL:
HEIDIMBRANDT@GMAIL.COM

PLATINUM SPONSOR: THE RITZ CARLTON

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE LIDO KEY SAND MATTERS LEGAL FUND

Camille Schwabe

Vice President

LKRA VOLUNTEERS:

This past year LKRA volunteers at the All Faiths Food Bank contributed a significant time and effort on a monthly basis. Please consider participating as a volunteer in the coming season. LKRA Volunteer participation details are:

3rd Wednesday of every month, 1:00-3:00 pm--starting December 19, 2018

Volunteers will sort/pack boxes of various sizes with food for distribution to recipients. Volunteers should be able to lift 15-30 lbs and carts are available to aid.

If you will be joining us for the first time please....

1. advise Camille Schwabe, huricancamille@gmail.com or Nancy Solar, nbsolar@comcast.net
2. fill out a form at allfaithsfoodbank.org/volunteer under "Create Profile".

There is a "type" window for groups, please enter "Lido Key Residents Association". If you cannot register online prior, please send your information (name/address and email address) to Nancy Solar for completion prior to your arrival.

All Faiths Food Bank address & phone #: [8171 Blaikie Ct. Sarasota, Florida 34240, 941.379.6333](#)

Park in the lot as you pass the building. Entrance is up the wheelchair ramp on the street side of the building.

We look forward to your participation ANY 3rd Wednesday 1-3 pm as you can! It is a wonderful

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>



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.

PLEASE NOTIFY US THAT YOU WOULD PREFER A HARD COPY BY MAIL

ALL CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE EMAILED.

THE NEWSLETTER IS 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.

JANUARY 14TH: CITY COMMISSION LIDO PAVILION HEARING

We are one month away from the City Commission hearing on Lido Pavilion. This is *THE* hearing. It is critical to show up for this hearing. There are no do-overs. It begins at 1:30pm at City Hall, breaks at 4:30 pm for dinner, and reconvenes at 6:00 pm. Please come to the entire hearing if you can. **Wear RED** to show your opposition to the proposal which would put a destination bar & restaurant in the pavilion, fundamentally changing its character.

Why does the City already have the money to upgrade Lido Pavilion?

Lido Pavilion used to be maintained by Sarasota County. The County was forced to participate in maintaining City Parks due to a lawsuit in the 1970s. City taxpayers pay both County and City taxes, and the courts agreed that City residents weren't getting their fair share of services in exchange for our tax dollars. The County was forced to provide services, and the settlement included City park maintenance.

In 2007, knowing the parks settlement agreement would be expiring soon, City voters approved setting aside \$1.25 million to upgrade Lido Pavilion. Those dollars continue to sit in City coffers. They must be used as the voters directed, and not for any other purpose. This is more than enough money to make simple upgrades that are FEMA compliant.

The applicants have promised millions in upgrades to woo the public and City Commission. The applicants promised \$4 million in upgrades during the November 2017 lease hearing. That number dropped to \$2 million during the March 2018 neighborhood workshop. The lease the City signed does not specify an amount. FEMA has reviewed the proposal submitted by the applicants and determined their plans are not FEMA compliant. The upgrades proposed exceed half of the value of the existing building. **Bottom line:** the City has enough money to upgrade the bathrooms, improve the facility and be FEMA compliant. We don't need a private partner. We can use the money set aside since 2007, improve the place, and keep our piece of laid back, family-friendly and wildlife friendly Old Florida.

What can you do now?

If you have not written to the City Commissioners, please email them at commissioners@sarasotafl.gov and let them know you oppose the major conditional use and site plan changes. Let them know you want the City to do its job and use the money we set aside years ago to update our Pavilion.

Share the petition! Ask City residents and Lido lovers to sign the petition to let our City Commission know this is a bad plan that the public opposes. Here is the link:

<https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/save-lido-pavilion>

I'll be in touch over the next four weeks with more information. Community involvement makes all the difference. Lido Pavilion belongs to the public. Let's make sure it remains a real park for everyone. Let's stop our beach access from being choked by a destination bar/restaurant which monopolizes our parking, creates more traffic, creates noise, disrupts wildlife with an ill-conceived "resort-style" beach bar amenity.

Happy Holidays!

Cathy Antunes

On behalf of your neighbors working to Save Lido Pavilion

**LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
PO BOX 884
SARASOTA, FL 34230**

**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 19, 2019
BREAKFAST STARTS AT 9:00 AM
SPEAKER - STEVE COVER: CITY PLANNING
DIRECTOR WILL START AT 10:00 AM
\$25.00 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,

Beth Dilworth

Potential Future Speakers

January 19, 2019 - **Tom Barwin & Steven Cover: Sarasota Updates**

February 16, 2019 - **Mote Marine**

March 20, 2019 - **Stevie Freeman-Montes: Sarasota Sustainability**

April 20, 2019 - **Tod Kettering: Hurricane Preparedness**

Heidi Brandt

Membership

Official 2019 membership starts on January 1st. At present, our membership consist of 509 households. 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 55% of households donating to the legal fund, which is up 10% since our January meeting. PLEASE GO TO: www.LKRA.org, click on Lido Key Sand Matters Legal Fund

Heidi

OUR APPRECIATION TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE CREATION, PUBLICATION, AND DISTRIBUTION OF THIS NEWSLETTER

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2019 LKRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

2019 DUES: \$30.00 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:** _____

Questions? Contact Heidi Brandt: heidimbrandt@gmail.com. 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:

LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION, PO BOX 884, SARASOTA, FL 34230

NOTE: 2019 DUES IS \$30.00

DONATIONS to LEGAL FUND NEEDED:

To donate, go to www.LKRA.org, click on Lido Key Sand Matters Legal Fund

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