



LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION LIDO KEY MATTERS JANUARY 2017

Events Calendar

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

February 18

March 18

April 15

“Meet and Greet” Happy Hours 5-7 pm

February 7	Kokomos, Holiday Inn
March 14	Ritz Carlton Beach Club
April 4	Lido Beach Pavilion
May 2	Kokomos, Holiday Inn

President’s Letter

Greetings to All

The 2017 season is in full swing. With that said, our January breakfast Meeting was a huge success with approximately 200 people attending the breakfast/meeting. Tom Barwin (City Manager) and Marlon Brown (Deputy City Manager) gave us an update on the Shoreline Protection issue along with Todd Kettering (Emergency Management).

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection Agency issued the permit for the dredging project for Lido Key on December 22, 2016. Several appeals have been filed by Siesta Key groups within the allotted time period. The City of Sarasota, as well as our LKRA Beach Committee, has tried to reach out to them to work with them. Sadly enough, none of the Siesta groups has returned our request to have a meeting with them.

The City of Sarasota as well FDEP and ACOE has retained legal consul. At the meeting, we discussed the need to hire Legal Consul to protect our interest in this matter. I am happy to announce we have retained Lewis, Longman and Walker (LLW) attorneys at law and we met with them this past Friday to see how we move forward. They are regarded as one of the best environmental law firms in the State of Florida. With that being said, it comes with a price, and we have started soliciting donations from everyone. WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP. We are working on setting up the ability to be able to donate on our web-site, as well as renewing your membership. I am hoping this will be up and running in the next few weeks. Any legal fund money left at the end of this litigation will be returned to donors on prorated basis.

We will keep everyone informed as our legal consul advises us to do.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone who has donated money already a heartfelt thank you, as well as members who will be contributing in the days ahead.

In conclusion, we are in the fight for our property and our Lido Key way of life. I speak for the LKRA Board of Directors that we will do our humanly best to move this project to a successful fruition.

With warmest regards

Carl Shoffstall
LKRA President

SHORELINE PROTECTION UPDATE

As those who attended last Saturday's Lido Residents Association breakfast heard, like you, the City of Sarasota is beyond frustration and disappointment with those who are working to obstruct the City, Army Corps of Engineers, FDEP approved permit to stabilize the Lido Key shoreline by renourishing the beach.

Although we will continue to try to work with our neighbors on Siesta challenging the permit, in hopes they will work us, it appears, sadly, that they do not have any empathy with our situation.

As we face the era of rising sea levels and continue to face Florida's exposure to tropical storms and hurricanes, it is critical we see the permit through to establish a long range plan and funding to protect our shoreline in a timely fashion.

Recycling local sand that has accreted to the north side of Big Pass will likely prove to be a sensible and cost effective strategy. Our voluntary efforts to beef up the monitoring of our beaches, shoals and navigation channels, in conjunction with the dredging, will serve to document what does and doesn't happen as a result of a recycling local sands back to the beaches and end the speculation in favor of facts, science and documentation. If in the unlikely event recycling local sand does cause an unanticipated adverse impact, we can and should make a course correction.

Once we get beyond the immediate and urgent challenge we must retain a focus on maintaining the shoreline in the future and look for the best practices we can find. With our communities' concern and passion for the environment, we can become leaders in innovative shoreline protection in conjunction with smart environmental policies.

As we work through the legal and time consuming challenges related to our pending permit, (which could take up to a year or more) city staff led by Alex Davis Shaw are exploring 3 interim strategies, which are:

1. A permit for hot spot renourishment – we are exploring all possible options to assist in this effort.
2. Attempt to expedite a permit to replace sand lost during or as a result of Tropical Storm Hermine. Our hope is for a permit and cost sharing agreement to recycle up to 50,000 cubic yards of sand from a burrow site south of New Pass. We could also ask Sarasota County (or perhaps Siesta Key) to contribute additional sand to this effort, and
3. Identify vulnerable locations where jersey barriers, sand bags, or other measures may be appropriate (as was done in the 1990's) and work with private parties to respond to their requests for installing and permitting protective measures on their properties at their requests.

I would like to thank Lido residents for their fortitude throughout this challenging process. Although the waves of our times are now crashing on our human habitat we must patch our battered shoreline where and however we can, keep our eyes on the horizon, and remain fixed on a solid, long term solution to what will be an ongoing challenge. If anyone can do it, Sarasota and its fine residents, businesses and civic organizations can and will.



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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.

January 14, 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 \$50k 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

St. Armands Urgent Care Center

Kim Savage

Urgent Care or. Emergency Room: Know When to Go

Unlike many other walk-in medical centers, patients always see a doctor at Sarasota Memorial's urgent care centers, usually in 30 minutes or less.

All six, including the newest one on St. Armands Circle, are staffed 8 am-8 pm, seven days a week by Sarasota Memorial's team of board certified emergency, internal and family medicine physicians. They include general radiology and lab testing to provide quick, comprehensive treatment for a wide array of non-life threatening illnesses and injuries.

But keep in mind, they are not emergency rooms. If you are experiencing breathing problems or signs of a stroke, heart attack or other life threatening condition, don't take any chances. Call 911 immediately so paramedics can provide life sustaining care while transporting you to the nearest ER.

"Urgent care centers are not mini-ERs," said Reuben Holland, MD, medical director of Sarasota Memorial's emergency and urgent care centers. "Our centers are equipped to treat many urgent conditions, like minor lacerations, fractures and burns, but they don't have access to all the life-saving medications, specialists and equipment in an emergency department."

For tips on when and where to seek medical care, watch Sarasota Memorial's Urgent Care – Fast Facts video series on its YouTube education channel: [youtube.com/smhcs](https://www.youtube.com/smhcs), or visit smh.com/urgentcare for more information services available at its urgent care centers.

Paul Caragiulo

Sarasota County Commissioner

Greetings Lido Residents and Happy New Year,

As expected, much is happening in Sarasota County. I would like to take this opportunity to report on two items. The first is that Sarasota County has released its 2016 Annual Report which takes a comprehensive look at the county's most important projects, programs and initiatives and how it is meeting its goals. It is an excellent document that summarizes what occurred in 2016. The report is available on the county website; www.scgov.net, just type Annual Report in the search bar.

The second item is that the Atlanta Braves have announced that Sarasota County is the desired destination for the team's new spring training complex, and the team is in exclusive negotiations with the Sarasota County, The City of North Port and The West Villages Improvement District. If all goes well the stadium facility will be open for the 2019 season.

Thank you all and have a great 2017.

Paul Caragiulo

Liz Alpert**Sarasota City Commissioner**

Traffic!! That has been the topic of discussion for years in Sarasota, especially during the “season” when the roads fill up with part-time residents and visitors. Now with all the new construction in downtown Sarasota, this subject has again moved to the forefront. Residents want to know what the City is doing to alleviate this problem. City staff spent five years, \$350,000.00 in consultant fees, and conducted over 40 meeting with the public to get their input to craft a thoughtful, well-written, up-dated Transportation Plan. The Plan was to be submitted to the State for review. Due to opposition from some well-meaning residents, we lost that opportunity, even though almost all the suggestions from the residents were incorporated into the Plan that was to be submitted. This has delayed the City in moving forward with a comprehensive mobility plan. However, I am hopeful we will be able to work together to get back on track and craft a plan that everyone can support.

EDITORS NOTE:

City Manager, Tom Barwin, mentioned at the January breakfast meeting that the Sarasota Police Department is investigating placement of officers at the junction of John Ringling Boulevard and Bayfront Drive to facilitate traffic flow at peak hours.



Rep. Vern Buchanan

United States Congressman

Protecting the Florida Coastline

Florida's white sandy beaches are vital to our economy and quality of life. But offshore drilling, red tide, and erosion could jeopardize our natural resources and alter our coastline.

Recently, legislation was proposed in the House and Senate to lift an existing ban on drilling within 125 miles off our coast. As Co-Chair of the Florida Delegation and a longtime opponent of any efforts to increase drilling off our shores, I've co-sponsored bipartisan legislation to extend the current ban until 2027.

Meanwhile, Lido Key is has been impacted by numerous storms that have accelerated beach erosion, increasing the probability of significant and costly damage to the existing infrastructure. I have asked the Army Corp of Engineers to consider including federal funding for beach renourishment in their budget, which will save taxpayer dollars and maintain Lido Key today and in the future.

Finally, the recent red tide bloom is devastating vulnerable marine life and discouraging tourists from visiting our beaches and coastal businesses.

I am working in Congress to help protect our seashore by boosting red tide research and mitigation programs.

Southwest Florida is a beautiful, vibrant place to live. I will continue to work in Congress to help keep it that way.

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.

Mote Marine:

Are you ready for some football? Mote Aquarium’s resident manatees Hugh and Buffett are! Come cheer on Mote’s manatees at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, as they predict the Super Bowl for their 10th year in a row.

Will they choose the New England Patriots or the Atlanta Falcons as winner of Super Bowl LI? Whether you’re a fan of the Patriots, the Falcons, or just manatees, you won’t want to miss the fun!

Hugh and Buffett serve as ambassadors for wild manatees. Each year, they help thousands of Mote Aquarium visitors learn about these endangered mammals and how to protect them.

Also, Hugh and Buffett are highly trained in behaviors that support their care.

“The training we focus on in our manatee exhibit revolves around husbandry behaviors, which help facilitate veterinary care, and research,” said Kat Boerner, Manatee Research Supervisor. “By having the manatees trained to go to targets, we are able to maneuver them around the exhibit and ask them for a variety of behaviors. This helps during veterinary procedures and during our research training sessions, which focus on manatee senses. The Super Bowl predictions are much like target training; we place a square PVC structure in the exhibit with a photo of each of the teams competing in the Super Bowl. Hugh and Buffett take it from there to touch one of the two team logos.”

Buffett has accurately predicted the Super Bowl winner eight of nine times and Hugh has been right five of nine times.

Here is a record of Hugh and Buffett’s Super Bowl winner picks:

YEAR	WINNER	VS.	BUFFET’S PICK	HUGH’S PICK
2016	Denver	Carolina	Denver	Carolina
2015	New England	Seattle	New England	Seattle
2014	Seattle	Denver	Denver	Seattle
2013	Baltimore	San Francisco	Baltimore	Baltimore
2012	NY Giants	New England	NY Giants	NY Giants
2011	Green Bay	NY Giants	Green Bay	NY Giants
2010	New Orleans	Indianapolis	New Orleans	Indianapolis
2009	Pittsburg	Arizona	Pittsburg	Pittsburg
2008	NY Giant	New England	NY Giants	NY Giants

Super Bowl LI will take place at 6:30 p.m. EST Sunday, Feb. 5, in Houston, Texas.

More about Hugh and Buffett

Hugh and Buffett are the world's most extensively trained manatees. Training not only helps their care run smoothly; it also allows them to participate in innovative research about how they use their senses, such as hearing and touch to survive, and about their physiology. Mote's research is designed to help resource managers protect these endangered mammals.

UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS

BETH DILWORTH

FEBRUARY 2017 - **Meet City Commission Candidates** **Update on 2020 Bayfront Project**

MARCH 2017 - **Jerry Fogel , Director of Sarasota Parks and Recreation**

APRIL 2017 - **Alex DavisShaw, City Engineer, Beach Nourishment**

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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These shirts can be still purchased at the monthly Saturday meetings of our Lido Key Residents Association . They are a colorful unifying statements for all important events! Only \$20.00!

At-Large City Commissioner Candidates

OFFICIAL CANDIDATES QUALIFYING FOR 2017 CITY MUNICIPAL AT-LARGE ELECTION

Candidates listed below have been placed on the ballot for the First Election to be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, with a Runoff Election, if needed, to be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2017.

The following eight persons have pre-qualified as candidates for the two At-Large City Commission seats. To view each candidate's webpage containing the pre-qualifying documents and contact information, go to the Sarasota City website:

Jennifer Ahearn-Koch, neighborhood leader

Fredd "Glossie" Atkins, former mayor

Hagen Brody, attorney

Susan Chapman, incumbent city commissioner

Patrick Gannon, planning board member

Martin Hyde, small business owner

Mikael Sandstrom, marketing and technology professional

Matt Sperling, retired investment banker

Voters can vote for two candidates. The voting registration deadline for the municipal election is February 13. The victorious candidates assumed their roles on May 12.

Meet and Hear Them At Our Association Meeting February 18, 2017

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