



# LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION LIDO KEY MATTERS MARCH 2017

### Events Calendar

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All Membership Meetings held at Lido BeachResort 8th floor, 10:00 on the 3rd Saturday of the month:  
April 15

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**"Meet and Greet"**  
**Happy Hours 5-7 pm**  
**April 4 Lido Beach Pavilion**  
**May 4 Kokomo's Holiday Inn**

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## President's Letter

Greetings to All

It is hard to believe the 2017 season is almost over, seems like it only just started. It has been an extremely busy season with the ACE Shoreline Protection and the Lido Pavilion projects. I want to extend my thanks to all the new members, as well as returning members, who have joined the Lido Key Residents Association and welcome you to the family. As I have stated many times over, you are now a member of one of the largest neighborhood associations in the City of Sarasota.

. We are going to have our last member meeting of the season on April 15th. We have had five meetings to date. All were well attended. Speaking with City Staff regarding topics and attendance, they are quite impressed with our Organization.

As most of you are aware, we have hired Legal Council to represent us on the shoreline protection project (ACOE and City of Sarasota) which is critically needed. We will have an update at the April meeting on this matter, as well as throughout the summer, as the legal challenge plays out. I want to personally thank everyone who has contributed to the legal fund. If you have not donated yet, I urge you to do so as every little bit helps. For your convenience, you can now donate online through our website – [www.lkra.org](http://www.lkra.org)

On a lighter note, we have two more meet and greets this year. They are a lot of fun and you get to know other members. Also the Thursday Veggie Market has been a real success and I like how everyone has been in support of it.

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.

If you are going back to your home elsewhere, I hope you have a safe and great summer. If you reside here, I will see you around the Key.

With warmest regards

Carl Shoffstall  
LKRA President

Here is short summary of where we are with **Beach Nourishment**.

We have three efforts underway on Lido Beach.

The Long Range plan with the US Army Corps of Engineers:

The USCOE and City submitted for the Florida Department of Environmental Permit (FDEP). In December 2016, we received the notice of intent from the FDEP. The FDEP received objections to the issuance of this permit and this will now go through the administrative hearing process with the State of Florida.

Post Storm project:

We are working with our Coastal Consultant CBI on a submittal for funding consideration for the damage done by Hurricane Hermine. We haven't heard back from FEMA on the Federal participation yet but expect to in the next 3 weeks or so.

Protective measures:

We have hired Taylor Engineering to help develop some temporary protective measures to put in place before Hurricane season to provide protection of City beach areas and access points. We will also review with residents other measures private property owners could consider. This project planning should start by the end of the month.

Thanks

Alex



**Tom Barwin**

**Sarasota City Manager**

## **SHORELINE PROTECTION UPDATE**

**Thank you for your ongoing efforts to keep Lido residents informed on our ongoing efforts to shore up the Lido shoreline.**

Alex has outlined the basic efforts underway for short, mid and long range shoreline protection.

As these strategies, which will also require permits work themselves through the regulatory channels, we also continue to explore creating a much improved beach, shoals and pass monitoring system with the county and perhaps Siesta Key.

As you know the Sarasota City Commission recently created a \$2.5 million self-insurance fund to be available to respond to any unanticipated adverse impacts once the Corp-City project proceeds. In addition we continue to explore all ideas with Siesta Key representatives to see if any compromises are available to advance our Corp-City shoreline protection permit. I have also spoken with Katherine Luckner from the Siesta Key Village association last week to advise her personally of the \$2.5 million self-insurance fund, and to share perspectives and look for common ground. We have both expressed our confidence in and willingness to dialogue with former County Commissioner Nora Patterson to continue to be pro active in looking for solutions, long and short term to the ongoing challenge of protecting our shorelines, people and property as sea level continue to rise.

As you know objectors to the pending permit have suggested that we seek to secure sand from inland or far out into the gulf. Both of these options also have environmental and cost implications. What is less known however, which I am attempting to communicate to leaders on Siesta who have filed objections to the pending permit, is that the costs of hauling sand or boating or pumping sand in from far away could be four to five times the costs of the Corp-City permit. So far voices from Siesta objectors have not expressed a willingness to help cover any portion of the astronomical rise in costs associated with hauling in sand from distant locations.

The city is also advocating in Tallahassee and Washington DC for increased levels of funding for shoreline protection at both the state and federal levels. They have basically remained level or underfunded for many, many years.

I hope both my and Alex's updates below bring Lido residents up to the moment in terms of the options we are advancing.

I am also happy to report that the recent testing of the reverse 911 system went very well with over 3,000 residents having received successful practice warning messages.

Public safety staff is also exploring a practice evacuation from Lido this fall. We will keep you updated.

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**Buchanan Chairs Meeting on Red Tide, Water Quality**

Thirteen members of Congress from both parties heard about the harmful impact of red tide and toxic algae on the state's environment and economy.

"Let's get the politics out of this and make a difference," said Buchanan, who co-chairs Florida's congressional delegation with Rep. Alcee Hastings, D-Fla. "We should be doing all we can to preserve the natural beauty of our state's beaches and waterways. Coasts, lakes and rivers are key contributors to Florida's thriving economy and serve as a vital habitat for plants and wildlife." Red tide outbreaks have recently left thousands of dead fish along the Suncoast's shores.

"Red tide should be an inconvenience, not a crisis," said Dr. Richard P. Stumpf, an oceanographer with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Stumpf discussed improving forecasting for red tide and getting more information to the public.

Red tide produces a toxin that can harm and kill a variety of animals, including birds, fish, sea turtles and marine mammals such as dolphins and the endangered Florida manatee. It can also have devastating effects on humans, as shellfish from active red tide areas can cause poisoning.

Red tide season usually takes place from late summer to early fall. However, red tide has lingered in the Gulf of Mexico this season, washing up on Southwest Florida beaches in December and earlier this year.

This was the first meeting of the 29-member bipartisan Florida congressional delegation in 2017. Buchanan was joined by Florida delegation members U.S. Reps. Neal Dunn, Gus Bilirakis, Darren Soto, John Rutherford, Francis Rooney, Charlie Crist, Al Lawson, Ted Yoho, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Frederica Wilson, Brian Mast and Lois Frankel. Others panelists appearing before the delegation included Army Corps of Engineers Lt. Col. Jennifer A. Reynolds and Sarasota Mayor Willie Shaw.

Sarasota Mayor Shaw discussed the economic and environmental impact of beach erosion and the need for renourishment. Shaw said the coastline is not only essential to the quality of life in Sarasota, but also serves as a "shield against disasters." Lido Key Beach, Shaw said, has a \$151 million annual impact on the economy.

"Without renourishment we lose. We lose as a city, we lose as a state," Shaw said.

Congressman Buchanan said he was encouraged that the meeting helped reinforce for members the importance of protecting Florida's waters for future generations.

"We need to find bipartisan solutions to keep our waters clean," Buchanan said. "Our state's residents and visitors are depending on us."



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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

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

- **St. Armands Urgent Care Center**

**Kim Savage**

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**.St. Armands Urgent Care Center Can Help You Manage Your Blood Thinners**

Sarasota Memorial provides comprehensive treatment for a wide array of non-life threatening illnesses and injuries at its Urgent Care Center on St. Armands Circle.

But did you know it also has an outpatient clinic to help people manage blood thinning medications?

One of seven convenient locations, SMH's anticoagulation clinics help people at any stage of therapy safely manage their blood thinning medications, including warfarin sodium, Coumadin and Jantoven, and increase the amount of time their blood tests remain in the appropriate range. The clinical teams are specially trained to help you manage conditions that require the use of short-term or long-term anticoagulants, including atrial fibrillation, mechanical heart valves, deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism or other forms of blood clots.

Services include:

- € Lab testing with simple finger-stick technology.
- € Immediate results and dosage adjustments as needed.
- € Advanced medical assessments and interventions as warranted.
- € Education and support

Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance cover some or all of the services. For appointments or more information, call 941-917-8889.

**Liz Alpert**

**Sarasota City Commissioner**

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A lot is happening for residents of Lido Key in the next year. The biggest of those right now is the beach renourishment project. The City has put aside over \$2 million dollars as “insurance” against the devastation that could occur due to the delays in getting the renourishment project going. These funds will be used to do emergency beach renourishment when necessary.

In addition, the roadway improvement to Lido Key from the mainland should begin soon. It will create some delays in the short term due to road closures, but the long-term impact should be positive. Finally, the improvements to the Lido Beach Pavilion are still being finalized. I should have an update for you in the next newsletter if not sooner.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at [liz.alpert@sarasotafl.gov](mailto:liz.alpert@sarasotafl.gov) or 941.228.5979.

Warm regards,

Liz Alpert, District 2 Commissioner.

Sarasota County Government Update

Hello Lido Beach residents and visitors, we hope you are having a wonderful. Every year the Sarasota County Commission presents a list of priorities. On February 17, 2017 the Board adopted the following:

2017 Priorities

1. Secure partnerships and funding for adult homeless initiative.
2. Carry out public safety referendum.
3. Complete plan development of the north extension and south connector of The Legacy Trail.
4. Update land development regulations/zoning.
5. Facilitate a community-based effort to help identify creative solutions to address affordable housing.
6. Develop a funding strategy for River Road.
7. Open North Port joint library facility.
8. Implement a replacement plan for Venice Library.
9. Enhance the diversity in hiring plan.
10. Complete Comprehensive Plan update.
11. Host a successful 2017 World Rowing Championships event.
12. Develop a Parks, Preserves and Recreation Master Plan.
13. Increase public access on SCG preserves.
14. Complete the Comprehensive Operations Analysis (COA) of SCAT.
15. Upgrade emergency radio system.

Paul Caragiulo, Chairman, Sarasota County Commission.

Many of our members were very interested in volunteer opportunities. The Philanthropy Committee (Camille Schwabe, Diane Pate, and Janet Watson – others are welcome) of the LKRA has been busy identifying group volunteer opportunities within Sarasota that focus on the homeless population. The LKRA goal is to provide public service and opportunities for our members to get to know each other better and build stronger relationships amongst all members.

On Thur. March 9, the LKRA's first group volunteer activity – serving dinner at the Salvation Army was a tremendous success. Everyone who participated enjoyed themselves and would like to serve dinner again! If there is more volunteer support, more dates will be arranged.

Our April volunteer activity is supporting All Faiths Food Bank. We need approximately 15 volunteers on Thurs. April 6 from 9 – 11am to help pack backpacks. Each week All Faiths Food Bank provides backpacks (actually Publix type plastic bags) of non-perishable food to the children in the Sarasota and DeSoto county school systems that are receiving free or reduced lunches. Many of these children would go hungry over the weekend if not for this program. It is a relatively easy task – you do need to be able to walk continually – and the program really makes a difference. All Faiths Food Bank is located off of Fruitville Rd. east of I-75. We will supply directions and all details after you volunteer.

For more information on All Faiths Food Bank go to their website [www.allfaithsfoodbank.org](http://www.allfaithsfoodbank.org).

The Salvation Army provides 600-700 meals per day, 365 days each year. Food is provided by All Faiths Food Bank, restaurants, commercial bakeries and supermarkets. 20% of Sarasota's homeless population are children. Their Emergency Shelter has 240 beds and the goal is to stabilize the individual's situation, long-term goal is for transitional housing. The Salvation Army has 12 furnished apartments where the residents pay a maximum of 30% of their income, the utilities are free. While in this housing, the residents are taught various skills to allow them to move to a more traditional housing situation. These skills included financial counseling and planning, family case management, life skills, and support services. They want to keep the family intact. There are individual volunteer opportunities available in the training area. For more information, the Salvation Army's website is [www.salvationarmyflorida.org/sarasota](http://www.salvationarmyflorida.org/sarasota).

We will be collecting donations of goods at the next LKRA Saturday meeting. Goods needed include: men's medium & large white socks, used backpacks, feminine hygiene products, diapers, general supplies – sheets, blankets, pillows, towels, washcloths, school supplies, laundry detergent and cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer/wipes, mosquito wipes, small sizes of toiletries, shampoo, soap, lotion, deodorant, disposable razors, toothpaste, toothbrushes, brushes, combs, paperback/small dictionaries & thesauruses, bicycle locks, bicycle tire tubes.

If you have any questions about this initiative or would like to volunteer for this committee, please contact Janet Watson at [jsw17130@yahoo.com](mailto:jsw17130@yahoo.com) or 941.879.8734.

# VEGGIE MARKET THURSDAY'S 9-1 THE LIDO PAVILION



## David Riedlinger

## Pavilion Update

On Tuesday January 17th, at the City Commissioners regularly scheduled meeting, it was decided the City would continue on the journey of negotiating an agreement with the Lido Beach Redevelopment Partnership. The agreement is to be established and presented to the Commissioners for approval by mid April, according to David Boswell (City Purchasing Manager).

The City has decided they will use the \$1.2 million allocated for the Pavilion improvements to other uses within the City.

Carl Shoffstall has asked that the Pavilion Committee Chairman, David Riedlinger be involved in the negotiation process.

Hopefully, the Pavilion will soon see some of the long awaited and much needed repairs.

## PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR NEWSLETTER!!

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Submit your letter in 150 words or less to the Editor at [carl@floridaplaystructures.com](mailto: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.

## CINDY SHOFFSTALL

## NEWSLETTER

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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.

## UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS DILWORTH

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## BETH

APRIL 2017 - **Alex Davis Shaw, City Engineer, Beach Nourishment**

## Heidi Brandt

## MEMBERSHIP

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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:**

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Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have a Question? Call Carl Shoffstall at 813-967-2687. Send Membership Form and Check to the address below. Membership Meetings are held the third Saturday in the months of October, November, January, February, March, and April.

Additional information available on our website: [www.LKRA.org](http://www.LKRA.org)

**RETURN FORM TO:**

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

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