

Our lineup of programs starts with our annual breakfast meeting on January 21st at the Lido Beach Resort. You will receive a reservation form by hard copy and email as well as in this newsletter. We will have our City manager, Tom Barwin 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.

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

St. Armands Urgent Care Center

Kim Savage

Sarasota Memorial officially opened its newest Urgent Care Center on St. Armands Circle on Oct. 1.

The 5,387-square-foot facility located at the entrance of the circle, 500 John Ringling Blvd, is the not-for-profit health system's sixth urgent care center and first dedicated to people who live, work and vacation in the barrier island communities. Residents in the area have long asked for more convenient access to SMH's network of care, and the St. Armands site is ideally situated to serve not only Lido and Longboat Keys, but also Plymouth Harbor and nearby communities.

SMH expects as many as 10,000 visits to the St. Armands center in its first year, many of them from retirees who have greater need for urgent care services and no longer will have to fight the traffic and congestion on the Ringling Causeway.

Like all of Sarasota Memorial's urgent care centers, the St. Armands center is open 8 am-8 pm seven days a week, including most holidays. The centers fill an important gap between primary care and emergency care, providing immediate care for fractures, sprains, lacerations and minor burns, as well as common cold, flu and infections. Lab and X-ray services also are provided on site.

For information about the St. Armands center, call (941) 952-4750 or visit smh.com/urgentcare for more locations.

Paul Caragiulo

Sarasota County Commissioner

Hello Friends,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer. On October 26, 2016 The Sarasota BCC held a joint meeting with The Longboat Key Town Commission. Several issues relevant to our barrier island communities were discussed but at this time I would like to follow up on one previously mentioned; Barrier Island Traffic.

As you know our community continues to be an extremely popular place that has no trouble attracting visitors and more residents, naturally this creates more traffic. While inconvenient at times this traffic fuels our economic engine. Earlier this year at the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) a project was proposed to analyze our barrier island traffic challenges in a multi-jurisdictional manner. This project has been funded and is currently in the consultant selection phase with The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). When completed, we can expect this study will include both short term and long term recommendations.

I hope to have more information for you this spring regarding this important issue.

Stay Well

Liz Alpert

Sarasota City Commissioner

Here is an update on a few things that may be of interest to you. If there is anything that you would like more information on or that I have not mentioned, please do not hesitate to contact me at liz.alpert@sarasotagov.com or 941.228.5979.

The Lido Pavilion modified proposal will be discussed during the City Commission meeting on December 5. The new proposal is scaled back with no miniature golf course and a reduction in the size of the proposed restaurant.

The inaugural Lido Veggie Market near the Lido Pavilion was held Thursday, November 3 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Application is moving forward for beach re-nourishment project. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is reviewing application.

The Multi-Use Recreational Trail between Bird Key and Coon Key Bridge should begin in January and be completed in 90 days.

City staff, FDOT, and the MPO will be working on getting updated traffic counts in the next 90 days.

Working to create a potential park district to get adequate, stable funding for our parks.

Downtown connector to begin sometime after first of the year.



Fresh Veggie Market Returns to Lido Key

Mike Adkinson

Many locals have expressed their joy with the recent announcement that fresh fruits and vegetables are going to be available on Lido Key. Beginning on Nov 3, the Veggie Market will plan to be open every Thursday morning during hours 9:00 am – 1:00 pm over at the Lido Beach Restaurant pavilion. (400 Ben Franklin Dr.) Brown's Grove Citrus and Produce has been invited to bring fresh local products out and display them weekly as a service to those who enjoy having access to fresh foods without having to endure the bridge traffic. Tim Brown is the third generation of his family to own and operate this reputable farm and his reputation is very positive – even among his competitors.

This concept was tested during the spring and the feedback was awesome. Everyone was in favor of this service because it provides a convenience that is truly needed. There is no source for fresh produce on this side of the Ringling Bridge so this little weekly Veggie Market will provide a needed alternative from driving. Residents and visitors may now enjoy simply walking over with their shopping bag, picking up a few fresh salad ingredients and catching up with a few neighbors while there.

The outstanding food service at Lido Beach Restaurant (Gabe & Gang) will open a little earlier each Thursday so to have coffee and breakfast foods for those who elect to make the most of this adventure.

This Veggie Market project represents a new way of thinking about how local island residents can be served by looking for ways to make life on these islands even more pleasurable – without adding more automobiles to the bridge.

This special project is being coordinated as a committee of the Lido Key Residence Association. Please provide complaints, comments and suggestions for changes to this Veggie Market.

Red tide monitoring updates from Mote in southwest Florida

Mote Marine Laboratory scientists and others are monitoring some elevated levels of the naturally occurring Florida red tide algae, *Karenia brevis*, along southwest Florida. Mote encourages the public to follow online updates.

K. brevis, the single-celled, harmful algae that causes Florida red tide, occurs naturally in the Gulf of Mexico at concentrations considered as “background”. During bloom conditions, concentrations can increase to “very low”, “low”, “medium”, and “high” levels. Recently, some samples in Southwest Florida have revealed “medium” to “not present/background” counts of *K. brevis*.

When Florida red tide algae cells are present in concentrations elevated above normal “background” levels, people can experience varying degrees of eye, nose, and throat irritation while at the shore or on the water. When a person leaves an area with a red tide, symptoms usually go away. People with asthma, COPD or other chronic respiratory conditions are cautioned to avoid areas with active red tides. Red tide concentrations elevated to levels “low” or above can cause respiratory irritation and may also kill fish. Many factors, including algae distribution, currents and winds, can determine whether effects are noticeable.

Recent monitoring results. Water samples collected by the Florida Department of Health Monday, Oct. 10, along Sarasota County and analyzed by Mote showed not present/background to medium *K. brevis* cell counts in all 16 locations. Three locations had medium concentrations of *K. brevis*, including Ringling Causeway, Lido Casino and South Lido Park. North Lido Beach showed low concentrations. Longboat Key Beach showed very low concentrations and the rest of the locations showed zero to background concentrations.

As of Tuesday evening, Mote’s Beach Conditions Reporting System has reported slight respiratory irritation on some beaches including Manasota Beach, Lido Key and Nokomis and some dead fish on Siesta Key. The FWC posts red tide status reports on Wednesdays and Fridays; to view this report and to track red tide blooms, visit MyFWC.com/RedTideStatus.

Additional Red Tide Resources:

- To report fish kills, contact the FWC Fish Kill Hotline at 800-636-0511 or submit a report online.
- FWC’s statewide red tide status reports (on abundance of *K. brevis* algae) are typically updated every Friday afternoon: www.myfwc.com/redtidestatus
- Based on statewide results, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration provides forecasts of potential respiratory irritation: <http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/hab/>
- Mote’s Beach Conditions Reporting System provides shoreline observations as often as twice daily: www.visitbeaches.org
- Red tide background info from Mote and FWC, respectively (including FAQs): www.mote.org/redtide and www.myfwc.com/redtide
- Red tide and human health – information and rack cards from Florida Department of Health: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/environmental-health/aquatic-toxins/red-tide.html>
- FWC’s red tide offshore monitoring program – a way for volunteers to help. <http://myfwc.com/research/redtide/monitoring/current/offshore-monitoring/>

Rep. Vern Buchanan

United States Congressman

Buchanan pushes for federal help against red tide

U.S. Rep. Vern Buchanan, said Thursday Congress should help address the red tide outbreak in Sarasota and Manatee counties as part of the year-end government funding bill.

For the last several weeks thousands of dead fish have washed ashore on beaches in Sarasota and Manatee counties as a result of red tide, harming the Suncoast environment and economy.

Buchanan said upon his return to Washington next month he will urge congressional leaders to include funding to combat the harmful red tide algal blooms, also known as *Karenia brevis*, in any year-end government funding package. He said the federal funds are needed to research how red tide forms, how it dissipates and to understand its impact on humans and animals.

The Congressman noted that while he was encouraged to see the U.S. House recognize the “increasing prevalence” and threat posed by red tide in the committee-passed Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations bill, he said it was only “the first small step in combating the recurring crisis.” He said Congress still needs to provide critical funding necessary to address this issue.

Harmful algae blooms cause \$82 million in economic losses to the seafood, restaurant and tourism industries each year in the U.S., according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

“Red tide is a clear and visible threat to the Suncoast’s environment and economy,” Buchanan said.

“The recent bloom is devastating vulnerable marine life and discouraging tourists from visiting our beaches and coastal businesses. Congress needs to help protect our seashore by boosting red tide research and mitigation programs.”

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.

Alex DavisShaw

City Engineer

For the Lido Beach Long range project - We are still in the permitting phase. We received approval from Manatee County for the seagrass mitigation plan. That was the last item for complete our permit submittal. The FDOT has determined our application in complete. We are now looking forward to a notice of intent to issue sometime in late December 2016.

Hurricane Hermine - We have submitted a request for assistance to FEMA and the State of Florida and are waiting to hear back and this process will take a few months so we will not know for a little while but we are hoping we can get some funding to address the damage caused by that storm.

Thanks

Alex DavisShaw, P.E., PTOE, F.FES
City Engineer
Neighborhood and Development Services

UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS

BETH DILWORTH

NOVEMBER 2016 - **Sarasota Memorial: St. Armand's Urgent Care Center**

JANUARY 2017 - **Tom Barwin, City Manager, Breakfast Meeting**

FEBRUARY 2017 - **TBD, City Commission Candidates**

MARCH 2017 - **Jerry Fogel , 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 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 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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Community Meetings:

November 30: *Army Core of Engineers and Florida Department of Environmental Protection*

Topic: Lido Beach Shore Protection Project

Location: Waldemere Fire Station 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

December 5: *Lido Beach Pavilion Project*

Location: Sarasota City Hall 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

attempting to change time to 6:00 pm

Lido Beach Pavilion Committee

David Riedlinger

On December 5, David Boswell, City Purchasing Manager will present to the City commissioners a proposal that would allow a private entity named the Lido Beach Redevelopment Partners, LLC (aka the Daiquiri Deck), to take control of the recreational area including the entire building, (kitchen, gift shop, bathrooms), pool and parking lot, and make it a for-profit business benefiting a few at the expense of the entire public.

This proposal is changing the Lido Beach Pavilion status as a public park facility and would divert \$1.25 million of taxpayer funds already earmarked/allocated for upgrading and maintaining this City park.

It is not in the best interest of the general public to discontinue the Lido Beach recreational areas historical status as a public recreational area under the leadership of the City Parks and Recreation Department.

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**LKRA
ANNUAL BREAKFAST MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2017 at the Lido Beach Resort, 8th floor
BREAKFAST STARTS AT 9:00 AM
MEETING WILL START PROMPTLY AT 10:00
SPEAKER - City Manager Tom Barwin
\$20.00 per person**

Due to popularity of this event and limited seating (150) the breakfast is limited to current members only.

For questions, please contact Beth Dillworth 941-388-2865

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 15, 2017