

LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

LIDO KEY MATTERS

SEPTEMBER 2014

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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:

October 25 *4th Sat of
Month

November 15

January 17

(Annual Breakfast Meeting)

February 21

March 21

April 18

**“Meet and Greet”
Island Neighbors
Happy Hours
5 p.m.—7 p.m.
LOCATIONS TBD**

November 13

January 15

February 19

March—Sunset Party

April 16

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

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greeting to all members

Hello to all returning members as well as our new people that have joined this great Association. It's been a hot and very dry summer. Soon it will be time when everyone will be returning for a new season here on Lido Key. It has been a very busy summer with a lot of meetings on issues that we have been working on that will be directly affecting our Key this upcoming year. Most of the important matters will be discussed in this Newsletter.

This summer we had two City Commissioners resign their seats to run for County Commission seat (same one). Paul Caragiulo (our representative for district 2) defeated Shannon Snyder (representative for district 3) in the primary in August. The remaining three City Commissioners will fill the vacated seats from a group of citizens that have recently filed applications for the positions for the remainder of their terms (until May). They will take office in November when the general election is held and at the end of May they will run again (if they desire to).

Joe Barbetta our current County Commissioner is at the end of his term limits (2 four year terms). The County race is of great consequence to us, since we are trying to get our beach renourished. Nora Patterson is the other County Commissioner in the same position and will also be replaced. Both have attended many of our LKRA meetings during their time in office and have done an outstanding job for Lido Key. I would like to thank them and wish them all the best in all future endeavors. They are welcome to our meetings anytime to stop by and say hello (JOB WELL DONE).

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**CONT'D**

Our first meeting of the season will be October 25th at 10 am at the Lido Beach Resort and we will have the candidates running for the County Commission seats. I urge everyone to attend and have a question for them.

Everyone needs to understand how crucial these elections are and how it will affect Lido Key. We are a very strong organization (800 MEMBERS) and OUR OPINION DOES COUNT. I will be asking anyone who votes in Sarasota to please do so.

I am very excited about this year's lineup of meetings (speakers) and our social events. We will be announcing a few events that are in the works for this season in the near future. I am looking forward to seeing everyone again. Be safe and I hope to see you soon.

Aloha

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GREETINGS FROM UP NORTH**MARY MOSS**

Many of us Lido Key Residents are still up North but are planning to return soon. I want to thank Carl and Cindy Shoffstall for keeping us all up to date on the happenings in Sarasota which have an impact on Lido Key. Thanks also to the residents of the Key who took the time to attend the many meetings regarding beach renourishment and represented all of us so well.

On another issue, it's never too early to begin thinking about serving on the Association Board of Directors. Since most activities occur between October and April, it is very possible to participate even if you return to the north in the summer. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting in February. For more information, please speak to any current director.

GENERAL ELECTION 11/04/14**Cindy Shoffstall**

We will hold a County Commissioner Candidates Forum at our first meeting of the season on October 25, 2014 at 10:00 AM. Below is a list of the candidates that were invited to attend. Please prepare any questions you may have for the candidates.

DISTRICT 2

Paul Caragiulo

Alexandra Coe

Steve McAllister

Pete Thiesen

DISTRICT 4

Alan Maio

Ray Porter

John C Minder

These candidates will appear on the November 4, 2014 ballot. I have included a sample ballot for all the elected offices that will be determined in this upcoming election.

You can also view the sample ballot at this link:

http://www.sarasotavotes.com/SampleBallots/2014Nov/Sarasota_2014GEN_BS1wm.pdf

As always, this is a very crucial election, especially with the beach renourishment, the 2050 Plan, and all the potential budget considerations that will affect us. It is important that everyone cast their vote, either by absentee ballot, early voting or in person at our Precinct 211 polling place at St Armands Key Lutheran Church.

OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT
SARASOTA COUNTY, FLORIDA
NOVEMBER 4, 2014

- TO VOTE, COMPLETELY FILL IN THE OVAL NEXT TO YOUR CHOICE.
- Use only the marker provided or a black pen.
- If you make a mistake, don't hesitate to ask for a new ballot. If you erase or make other marks, your vote may not count.
- To vote for a candidate whose name is not printed on the ballot, fill in the oval, and write in the candidate's name on the blank line provided for a write-in candidate.

<p>REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS DISTRICT 16 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Vern Buchanan REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Henry Lawrence DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in _____</p>	<p>BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT 4 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Alan Maio REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ray Porter DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> John C. Minder NPA</p>
<p>GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Rick Scott REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Carlos Lopez-Cantera</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Charlie Crist DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Annette Taddeo</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Adrian Wylie LPF</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Greg Roe</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Glenn Burkett NPA</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jose Augusto Matos</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Farid Khavari NPA</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Lateresa A. Jones</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in _____</p>	<p>CHARTER REVIEW BOARD DISTRICT 1 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Steven R. Fields REP</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> Valerie Buchand DEM</p> <hr/> <p>CHARTER REVIEW BOARD DISTRICT 2 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Richard Dorfman REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Vicki L. Nighswander DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> William "Bill" Van Allen, Jr. LPF</p> <hr/> <p>CHARTER REVIEW BOARD DISTRICT 3 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Joe Justice REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jennifer Cohen DEM</p> <hr/> <p>CHARTER REVIEW BOARD DISTRICT 4 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> James Gabbert REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Shawna Machado DEM</p> <hr/> <p>CHARTER REVIEW BOARD DISTRICT 5 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Bruce Dillon REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Julia P. Nowak NPA</p>
<p>ATTORNEY GENERAL (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Pam Bondi REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> George Sheldon DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Bill Wohlsifer LPF</p>	<p>CHARTER REVIEW BOARD DISTRICT 4 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> James Gabbert REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Shawna Machado DEM</p> <hr/> <p>CHARTER REVIEW BOARD DISTRICT 5 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Bruce Dillon REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Julia P. Nowak NPA</p>
<p>CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Jeff Atwater REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> William "Will" Rankin DEM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TURN BALLOT OVER</p>
<p>COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Adam Putnam REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Thaddeus Thad Hamilton DEM</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in _____</p>	
<p>BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT 2 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Paul Caragiulo REP</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Alexandra Coe NPA</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in _____</p>	

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

NONPARTISAN	PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
<p align="center">SECOND DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL</p> <p>Shall Judge Chris W. Altenbernd of the Second District Court of Appeal be retained in office?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>	<p align="center">No. 2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE X, SECTION 29</p> <p>Use of Marijuana for Certain Medical Conditions</p> <p>Allows the medical use of marijuana for individuals with debilitating diseases as determined by a licensed Florida physician. Allows caregivers to assist patients' medical use of marijuana. The Department of Health shall register and regulate centers that produce and distribute marijuana for medical purposes and shall issue identification cards to patients and caregivers. Applies only to Florida law. Does not authorize violation of federal law or any non-medical use, possession or production of marijuana.</p> <p>Increased costs from this amendment to state and local governments cannot be determined. There will be additional regulatory and enforcement activities associated with the production and sale of medical marijuana. Fees will offset at least a portion of the regulatory costs. While sales tax may apply to purchases, changes in revenue cannot reasonably be determined since the extent to which medical marijuana will be exempt from taxation is unclear without legislative or state administrative action.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p align="center">SECOND DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL</p> <p>Shall Judge Morris Silberman of the Second District Court of Appeal be retained in office?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>	<p align="center">No. 3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE V, SECTIONS 10, 11</p> <p>Prospective Appointment of Certain Judicial Vacancies</p> <p>Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution requiring the Governor to prospectively fill vacancies in a judicial office to which election for retention applies resulting from the justice's or judge's reaching the mandatory retirement age or failure to qualify for a retention election; and allowing prospective appointments if a justice or judge is not retained at an election. Currently, the Governor may not fill an expected vacancy until the current justice's or judge's term expires.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p align="center">SECOND DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL</p> <p>Shall Judge Daniel H. Sleet of the Second District Court of Appeal be retained in office?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>	<p align="center">PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS</p> <p align="center">No. 1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE X, SECTION 28</p> <p>Water and Land Conservation - Dedicates funds to acquire and restore Florida conservation and recreation lands</p> <p>Funds the Land Acquisition Trust Fund to acquire, restore, improve, and manage conservation lands including wetlands and forests; fish and wildlife habitat; lands protecting water resources and drinking water sources, including the Everglades, and the water quality of rivers, lakes, and streams; beaches and shores; outdoor recreational lands; working farms and ranches; and historic or geologic sites, by dedicating 33 percent of net revenues from the existing excise tax on documents for 20 years.</p> <p>This amendment does not increase or decrease state revenues. The state revenue restricted to the purposes specified in the amendment is estimated to be \$648 million in Fiscal Year 2015-16 and grows to \$1.268 billion by the twentieth year. Whether this results in any additional state expenditures depends upon future legislative actions and cannot be determined. Similarly, the impact on local government revenues, if any, cannot be determined. No additional local government costs are expected.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO</p>
<p align="center">SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER DISTRICT 1 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ken Marsh <input type="radio"/> Bridget Ziegler</p>	<p align="center">END OF BALLOT</p>
<p align="center">SARASOTA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT GROUP 3 (Vote for One)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Todd Underhill <input type="radio"/> Matthew E. "Matt" Wooddall</p>	

UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS**BETH DILWORTH**

OCTOBER 2014	County Commissioner Candidates Forum
NOVEMBER 2014	Beach Renourishment Update City Engineer, Alex D. Shaw
JANUARY 2015	New County Commissioner
FEBRUARY 2015	City Commission Candidates Forum
MARCH 2015	OPEN
APRIL 2015	OPEN

MEMBERSHIP**BETH DILWORTH**

Our numbers are growing thanks to all the help from our members. We need to continue these efforts for 2015. A 2015 membership application is included in this newsletter.

When you renew, please include a completed 2015 membership form with your payment. Please write legibly and fill out all the blanks. Please put your condo number with your street address.

EMAIL ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS ARE REALLY IMPORTANT.

Thank you for all the help with the membership and let's make 2015 a record year.

CCNA**CARL SHOFFSTALL**

The Coalition of City Neighborhood Associations (CCNA) monthly meetings are held on the 1st Saturday of each month (except July and August) at the fire station on Waldemere Ave. There are approximately 30 neighborhood associations represented each month.

CCNA reconvened in September and the guest speaker was John Legge (finance director for the City of Sarasota) and the topic was the recently passed 2015 city budget which this upcoming fiscal year will be 190 million dollars.

Anyone interested in reviewing it can log on to the city website at www.saraostagov.org/fin/budget.cfm

The Lido Key Association is looking for someone to volunteer to be an alternate to attend the meetings.

MEET & GREETINGS**MARY JAWORSKI**

We are planning the Meet & Greet on the Thursday before our regular membership meetings. Locations will be determined at a later date. All the dates are listed on the first page of newsletter.

BEACH RENOURISHMENT/SHORELINE PROTECTION JOHN KIRKER

There have been a lot things going on the LIDO Beach SHORELINE/ RENOURISHMENT ISSUE over the past summer. I will try to recap what the status is at this time.

I want to start by explaining the Debbie (FEMA) project which is schedule to start at the end of November/December (after turtle season). A lot of the members that reside year round on Lido attended a Sarasota County Commission and staff budget workshop in June, (we had over 30 people in attendance with most speaking to our needs). One of the items discussed was the possibility of adding more sand to the Debbie project (initially 120,000 cubic yards) per the DEP permit. Alex Davis Shaw did a presentation explaining that the City was going to be allowed to add approximately another 50,000 yards of additional sand. The County agreed to find money to contribute to this extra sand. This will help in the short term, but make no mistake; this is not the long term solution to our ongoing problem.

Now on to the Army Corps of Engineers 50 year plan: When I last gave you an update regarding the status of the ACE project we were waiting on the Corps to finish up there study on the effects of dredging Big Pass. A lot negative press was going on at the time due to lack of any substantiated facts. The Corps finally completed the study (this can be reviewed on our website www.lkra.org) and it was submitted to the City and County at the end of June.

BEACH RENOURISHMENT/SHORELINE PROTECTION**CONT'D**

At the County budget meeting in July, along with talking about the Debbie project, Laird Wreford did a presentation on the ACE project report. He told the County commissioners that the report on the modeling (dredging of Big Pass) by Corps would be probably sound when the peer review was done by City and County. However, he recommended to Commissioners they do a study to determine what impact the proposed groins will have on North Siesta Key Shoreline and South Lido Park. The Commissioners agreed to discuss the project.

On July 22 the ACE did a presentation to the residents of Lido Key at the Lido Beach Resort (over 100 people attended along with the press) to discuss what their study found prior to the two public hearings scheduled for the next day (2 and 6 pm at Sarasota City Hall). Both sessions were well attended by both Lido and Siesta Key residents as well as local interested citizens. Both meetings were cordial and lots of questions/comments were taken by the Corps and everyone was told their comments would be taken back and reviewed for consideration. Once they are vetted, the Corps will come back in late September/October and there would be more public meetings on all of the input.

At the September County Commissioners meeting they authorized money for the peer review of project. I have not been contacted by the City or County as to when the next meetings will happen. Be assured, as soon as we know something, we will inform everyone as to what is going on with the project again at their September meeting.

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LIDO BEACH POOL/PAVILION**CARL SHOFFSTALL**

Finally after 3 years of meetings, presentations and phone calls, an ITN (invitation to negotiate) was advertised for bids for a public/private partnership for improvements to the Pool/Pavilion. The City, with input from the Lido Key Residents Association helped craft the ITN to reflect what our members would like the final project to look like.

The ITN was released to the public the last week of August and a pre-bid meeting was held at the Pool/Pavilion on the second week of September. Several interested parties attended and had many questions for City staff as to what they will they be allowed to improve.

The ITN process allows questions to be asked by the interested parties to the City for clarification until the middle of October and then in November all bids submitted will be opened and evaluated by City staff. Once the evaluation is completed, the City will decide whether or not to move forward.

The Commissioners approved a representative from the Lido Key Residents Association to be on the evaluation committee when it convenes.

I am cautiously optimistic something good will come out of this long, long, long, process.

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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2015 LKRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**2015 DUES: \$20.00 Annually Per Household
\$30.00 Annually Per Condo Association or Hotel**

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:** _____

If you would like to volunteer for a committee, please check your choice below.

- Membership Condo Liaison Special Events Program
- Newsletter Directory Traffic & Safety By-Laws
- Finance & Audit Committee Parks/Beautification Beach Renourishment

Thank you – You Will Be Contacted

Have a question? Call Carl Shoffstall at 813-967-2687. Send Membership Form and Check to Address Below. Memberships Meetings are held the Third Saturday in the months of November, January, February, March and April.

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