LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

LIDO KEY MATTERS

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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

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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

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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.

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Henry Lawrence	DEM	Ray Porter	DEM
Write-in		○ John C. Minder	NPA
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Charlie Crist Annette Taddeo	DEM	Valerie Buchand	DEM
Adrian Wyllie Greg Roe	LPF	CHARTER REVIEW BOARD DISTRICT 2 (Vote for One)	
☐ Glenn Burkett	NPA	Richard Dorfman	REP
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○ Farid Khavari	NPA	○ William "Bill" Van Allen, Jr.	LPF
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○ Pam Bondi	REP	☐ Jennifer Cohen	DEM
George Sheldon	DEM	CHARTER REVIEW BOARD	
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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (Vote for One)		James Gabbert Shawna Machado	REP DEM
○ Jeff Atwater	REP	CHARTER REVIEW BOARD DISTRICT 5	
○ William "Will" Rankin	DEM	(Vote for One)	
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UPCOMING MEETING PROGRAMS

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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 & GREETS

MARY JAWORSKI

We are planning the Meet & Greets 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

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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, 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

PLEASE PRINT:

\$30.00 Annually Per Condo Association or Hotel

Member Name:						
Spouse/Partner:						
Condo (if applicable):						
Email Address:						
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If you would like to volunteer for a committee, please check your choice below. Membership						

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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