



LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION LIDO KEY MATTERS JULY 2023

Events Calendar

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

NEXT MEETING:
October 21st, speaker TBA

MEET & GREAT:
SANDCASTLE RESORT: second Tuesday of the month, 5 pm to 7:30 pm, July 11th August 8th, September 12th, October 10th

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Presidents Letter

Good morning to LKRA members

Happy belated Fourth of July holidays, the boat races were well attended and as usual, parking was a difficult for the most part, but the police and city staff did a good job trying to keep everybody happy. It has been extremely hot and not very much rain at all (we are approximately 10 inches below average to date). Some other things that are going on Lido Key now are, hotel houses are still being built at a fast pace (even with the regulations being in force). There is a commission workshop being held on Monday to look at possibly putting the ordinance if force throughout the city. I hope that it will be discussed on how it is working on the barrier islands. Personally I thought when it was done for the Keys it was watered down too much.

The business group who initiated the winter festival last year notified the city they will not be putting it on for this upcoming Christmas holiday. Speaking to a St Armands person, she tells me there will be holiday events on the circle as in past. Construction of new projects in the City of Sarasota is still going very strong, as everyone will see on their return to Sarasota.

The two last programs this season we had for members were, Mote Marine and All-star Children's charity for abused children, both were well received. If anyone of our members would like to have a topic as a presentation let a board member know and we will try schedule it for next season.

One of the most exciting things the board is working on is setting up a Lido Key Resident scholarship that will be given out each year to a local student. We are working to set it up in perpetuity (more details to come). I highly recommend you check out our website www.lkra.org to see what is happening.

Our webmaster Jim Ludwig does a wonderful job keeping it current. There is a lot information on it. Last, but not least we have continued to have the meet and greets over the summer and again have well attended.

To end this letter, I must again say how much I appreciate how members are involved in our association. To all of our members new and existing, wishing you and your family to have a great summer and hope to see you back on the Key soon.

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Mark Smith
Commissioner

District 2 Sarasota County

Ted Sperling Park Police Enforcement

On June 13th the Sarasota County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously approving the Interlocal Agreement between Sarasota County and the City of Sarasota to appoint sworn law enforcement officers of the City of Sarasota Police Department (SPD) to act as agents of the County for the purpose of issuing trespass warnings on certain County owned properties within the City. This agreement allows the SPD to trespass individuals in that are violating park rules. This was accomplished as a result of the collaborative efforts of the City of Sarasota staff, SPD, Sarasota County staff, and the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office. We are all grateful to them for making this happen.

Liz Alpert, Esq.

District 2, City Commissioner

As I am writing this, we are closing in on the end of June. It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through 2023. Before we know it the holidays and our season will be here. In the meantime, I hope everyone enjoyed the boat races over the July 1st weekend.

The Bay Runner has been operating now for more than a year. The ridership has been good and is increasing. If you haven't tried it yet, make it a point to do so in the next few months. I think you'll be pleasantly surprised at how easy and fun it is for your commute between the barrier islands and downtown. To learn more visit SarasotaBayRunner.com.

The City Commission does not have meetings in June, but we have been busy interviewing applicants for the Ad Hoc Committee which will be analyzing the Van Wezel and how it should be utilized going forward. There is considerable interest by the community regarding the future of the Van Wezel. So far, we have received 20 applications for the two citizen slots and 10 for the expert slots. Once chosen, the Committee will have two years to come up with their recommendations.

July will be filled with budget meetings in addition to the regular Commission meetings. The biggest issues coming before the Commission soon are the continuation of the dining parklets; zoning text amendments to implement zoning to allow for increased density if affordable housing is also provided; and building of new structures in the downtown and in the Quay.

The Bay is busy working on Phase 2 of The Bay. Phase 2 will include some sustainable shoreline projects, the cultural buildings corridor, and parts of the boat ramp area. Visit TheBaySarasota.org for more information on what's happening, including all their events.

Also don't forget if you see something that needs to be repaired, you can use the Click-2-Fix app. You can find it in the App Store at CoS-Click-2-Fix. As always, I am always available via email at liz.alpert@sarasotafl.gov or [941.228.5979](tel:941.228.5979). Let me know your concerns.



Lido Beach Pool: The City of Sarasota has reduced the hours for the Lido Beach Pool due to a shortage of available lifeguards. Until further notice, the pool will be closed Monday – Thursday, and open Friday – Sunday from 10:00 am to 4:45 pm.

Meet and Greets: We have moved locations for our Meet and Greets from the Holiday Inn to the Sandcastle. The Holiday Inn is closing for major renovations and will be rebranded as part of Ocean Properties' "Opal Collection". Because we have a lot of residents here year-round the Board has provided Meet and Greet sessions through the summer and fall. The May and June events were extremely well attended. The Sandcastle offers both “happy hour” drink and food specials. Mark your calendar for the upcoming opportunity to meet neighbors and friends. (2nd Tuesday of the Month): July 11, 2023, August 8, 2023, September 12, 2023, October 10, 2023, November 14, 2023 and December 1, 2023.

The LKRA Scholarship Fund “Protecting, Preserving and Enhancing”: The Scholarship Committee of the LKRA Board has been working with Sarasota’s Booker High School and Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium to identify need-based students that are interested in pursuing environmental education in anticipation of a career. The LKRA Board has authorized the Committee to award up to \$3000 annually to qualified student(s). Our first award is expected to be announced in August for a student starting classes or internship fall of 2023.

The goal of the Board is to administer this fund much like an endowment so that monies earned from investments can keep the awards going in perpetuity. Details of establishing this Fund will be taken up by the Board in an upcoming meeting. For those wanting more information or to contribute to the LKRA Scholarship Fund, please see on website ([Donate \(lkra.org\)](https://lkra.org)). LKRA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.. For those wanting more information or to contribute to the LKRA “Protecting, Preserving and Enhancing” Scholarship Fund, please see on website ([Donate \(lkra.org\)](https://lkra.org)). LKRA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

Website: The LKRA website About (lkra.org) continues to be the go-to place for all things LKRA. It is updated as news happens, sometimes more than once daily.

Membership: LKRA Membership is open to everyone. Whether Lido Key is your homestead, a favorite spot to spend the season, a great place to vacation or just a place you care passionately about, we welcome you! If you live or own property on Lido membership allows you to vote in association matters. All others are considered associate members and enjoy all membership benefits. Your annual membership fees cover the cost of hosting our Monthly Meetings and Meet and Greets. They also cover our Email, Newsletter and Website and other association expenses.

Our 2023 membership numbers are up due to an influx of new members, but we still have a number of 2022 members that have not yet renewed. In addition, our Condo Associations, usually very supportive, are also not renewing at their usual pace. If anyone reading this is on the Board of a Condo Association, check and see if the Association’s 2023 LKRA dues have been paid.

First U.S. Malaria Cases Diagnosed in Decades in Florida and Texas

(Reuters) - Five cases of malaria have been confirmed in Florida and Texas, the first time the potentially fatal mosquito-borne disease has been locally acquired in the United States in 20 years, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Monday.

The four Florida cases, along with one in Texas, have been diagnosed over a period of two months, the agency said.

The state of Florida said that its first case was diagnosed on May 26 in Sarasota County, while officials in Texas said on June 23 that a Texas resident who worked outdoors in Cameron County had been diagnosed with the disease.

The CDC said in an alert released Monday that malaria is considered a medical emergency, and that anyone with symptoms should be "urgently evaluated."

However, the CDC said that risk of malaria remains low in the United States, and that most cases are acquired when people travel outside of the country. Fully 95% of malaria infections are acquired in Africa, the health agency said.

Malaria is caused by five species of a parasite carried by certain female mosquitoes. Symptoms include fever, chills, headache, muscle pain and fatigue. Nausea, diarrhea and vomiting may also appear. Malaria can cause life-threatening damage, including kidney failure, seizures and coma.

The state of Florida has issued a mosquito-borne illness alert and recommended that residents drain standing pools of water, make sure their window screens do not have holes in them and use insecticides that contain DEET to repel mosquitoes. Long sleeved shirts and pants are also recommended when mosquitoes are present.

The state of Texas has also issued a health alert, advising clinicians to routinely obtain a travel history to determine if a patient with symptoms of malaria has spent time outdoors and been bitten by mosquitoes in an area with malaria activity.

For more information, visit [FloridaHealth.gov](https://www.floridahealth.gov), or call [861-2873](tel:861-2873).

Malaria symptoms to watch for and 11 other things to know about the disease.

[Click on link](#)

A press release issued on Monday by the two counties said, "**Residents in these areas should take precautions, such as wearing long-sleeve shirts and pants, applying bug spray, and avoiding areas with high mosquito populations, especially during sunrise and sunset when mosquitoes are most active**

Winter Spectacular 2023 will not take place

Organizers of the 2022 St. Armands Circle event cite continued resistance of residents for not pursuing a city permit.

In a letter to Sarasota city officials, Jeff and David Koffman of Ride Entertainment of Sarasota wrote that a reprise of the 2022 event will not be held.

“We are disappointed that, as a result of the loud voices of a minority of citizens, the potential and purpose of Winter Spectacular ’23 will not be realized and is still mired in contentiousness,” they wrote. “It seems that our efforts to continue down the path of bringing back the Winter Spectacular for this coming holiday season will only be divisive by these same loud minority voices and thus negate the true meaning of the holiday season and the purpose of the festival.”

Ride Entertainment joined with St. Armands restaurant owner Tom Leonard to produce the three-week winter festival last year to highlight the new holiday tree paid for by the city to replace the 20-year-old tree that was no longer functional. The plan met with opposition from some residents of St. Armands Key over concerns about traffic and private use of public space in Circle Park.



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Newsletter

WE HAVE HAD MANY REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS THAT THEY WOULD PREFER TO RECEIVE NEWSLETTERS AND OTHER INFORMATION THROUGH EMAIL AND NOT THROUGH 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.

NOTE: If you are not getting our regular email notices, go to the [website](#) and send us your email address.





Turtle Tracks

Turtle Egg



2023 LKRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Celebrating 50 years of Community Involvement (1972 - 2022)

Annual Dues: **\$30.00 Individual Household**
 \$50.00 Condo Association, Hotel or Business

(PLEASE PRINT)

New Member Renewing Member

Member Name: _____

Spouse/Partner: _____

Condo, Hotel or Business (if applicable): _____

Email: #1 _____ #2 _____

Local Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #1: _____ #2: _____

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Our newsletter *Lido Key Matters* (published 3-5 times a year) can be read online or downloaded from our website. It is also emailed to members. Questions? Email Membership Director Jim Ludwig lidokeyresidents@gmail.com or visit www.LKRA.org. You can also join and pay for membership with a credit / debit card from our website.

2023 Resident Meetings: January 21, February 18 (includes Annual Member Breakfast). March 18, April 15, June 17, August 19, October 21, and November 18

Please mail completed Membership Application and Check made out to:

LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
PO BOX 884 SARASOTA, FL 34230

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