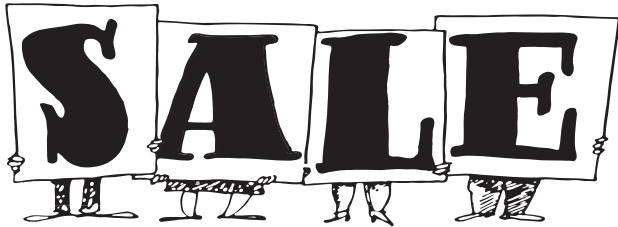


It's time for the Annual IBSSA GARAGE



Saturday, February 28 • 8am to 3pm
This year...an even better opportunity to find a treasure!

Got Stuff? Need Stuff?

In addition to selling things at homes throughout the neighborhood, we'll be setting up tables at BB&T Bank on N Tamiami Trail. It's a prime location with great visibility and lots of easily accessible parking. And the Bank's marquee will advertise our sale!

You can pick up a Map with all the home addresses where you can shop at the bank, at local businesses and also at the homes selling items. Just think of all the bargains you can pick up right in the neighborhood.

Need help moving your treasures to the Bank? We have volunteers available.

Registration is only \$5 – you can make your money back easily. We're advertising in the Sarasota Herald-Tribune and on Craig's List. We also have an ad in WEST COAST WOMAN, generously donated by neighbor Louise Bruderle, the magazine's editor.

This year's committee Chair is Darian Hoyt Miller, a ten year resident of IBSS. It is her first experience chairing an IBSSA project and she reports that it has been a pleasure to work with all the enthusiastic volunteers, including Sherry Svekis, Anita Bartholomew, Charles Morris, Gretchen Serrie, Konnie Kruczek, newcomer John Farrell and the always dependable Cynthia Biggar. Darian owns Banana Tree Concierge, Inc., a home watch company that provides concierge services to their clients.

Please contact Darian at darian@bananatreconcierge.com to register for the bank location or your home by February 26th. ♦

Membership Drive Delivers

That's why we urge all of you to be our recruiters. We want to increase membership in the Indian Beach Sapphire Shores Association (IBSSA) – the more of us that are involved the louder our voice will be – and the better it will be for all of us in the neighborhood. That's why we want to urge all of you to try and be recruiters. Talk to your friends and neighbors about joining and adding their voice to ours – so that we can continue to make Indian Beach and Sapphire Shores a very special piece of paradise.

A thanks to those on the membership committee who went door-to-door distributing flyers and contacting neighbors to renew or newly join the IBSSA: Cynthia Bernstein, Mel Harner, Diana Hardesty, Dawn Martel, Margie O'Riorden, Mary Powers-Boss, Debbie Muller and Chris Shamsey.

To join and add your voice, contact Cynthia Biggar 350-2265/CBiggarsales@gmail.com or Holly Cita 351-8034/Hollycita@Verizon.net

Support Your Local Businesses

We want to thank all of the following businesses that participated in the coupon book and hope all of you will continue to support them:

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We Want to Thank

More than 330 of us pigged out - literally and figuratively - at the annual IBSSA picnic in November. It was a great afternoon and we want to thank the people that made it possible for so many of us - at least this writer - to spend the day overeating.

First, Sharon Carr and her volunteer crew: Kim Bass, Rob Branch, Susan Dowd, Bon Fehling, Sandy Thompson, Cheryl Turner and the Bretois and Hoeflings. The cooking crew were Jim Rhodes, Mike Minnette and David Summers.

Nancy Kelly of the City of Sarasota Planning Department and the Jungle Gardens supplied tables and chairs.

Co-chairs of the event, Pam Fendt and Monica Daly, along with their spouses, set up and cleaned up with help from Sharon's crew and gang from the Jungle Gardens and Christine Costanzo, Jungle Gardens Marketing Director, who helped make it all possible.

Face painting was done courtesy of Bon Fehling. You can find her drawings at Carr's Cafe.

Frank Zimmerman and his large crew, who gave up their places in line for the pulled pig to sign everyone in and give our IBSSA coupon books away to new and returning members.

We Need Articles

Have an interesting story? Know someone in the neighborhood who does? Sit down at the computer and let us know all about it. We need stories.

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Young Neighbor Lends a Helping Hand



Sydney Koffman, 10, of Woodland Drive and a group of her girlfriends decided to form a Helping Hands club. The idea was that each girl in the group would pick a community service project and enlist the aid of their family and neighbors. It's quite an idea and they are quite a group of youngsters.

Sydney describes it this way, "I have learned that you don't have to be a big person to make a big difference; that one child can do a world of good by lending a helping hand." And so she set out to make a difference.

Sydney noticed while out on walks with her family that just about everywhere fruit was falling off trees and just lying around decaying. Talking it over with her mother, Donna, Sydney realized that with so many people struggling these days, there were lots of folks that could benefit from this excess. She and Mom, along with help from little brothers Xavier, 7, and Harrison, 6, and some girlfriends, decided to start collecting the fruit and delivering it to All Faiths Food Bank, our local food bank.

Sydney has her Mom's full support. "By raising awareness in our children about how they can help out in small ways locally, such as a simple beach clean-up, collecting school supplies for needy children or having a car wash to raise money for a non-profit or globally by doing things such as collecting spare change for a chlorinator so that children in Haiti can have drinking water or collecting old bed sheets to tear into strips for third world hospitals to use for bandages – activities Sydney has participated in – we instill both the value of compassion and a 'can-do' attitude in them."

For anyone concerned about their liability with someone coming on their property to collect fruit and/or the possibility of someone getting sick from their donations, there is the Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act, which was created to

encourage the donation of food and grocery products to nonprofit organizations for distribution to needy individuals.

Anyone with extra produce or dry goods they'd like to contribute to Sydney's cause can contact Donna at Donnakoff@yahoo.com or call her at 504-2045 to find out how they can help.

We want to encourage everyone to lend Sydney a hand in lending her helping hand to others.

You can learn more about the All Faiths Food Bank at www.allfaithsfoodbank.org and about the Emerson Good Samaritan Food Donation Act at www.usda.gov/news/pubs/gleaning/appc.htm. <http://www.usda.gov/news/pubs/gleaning/appc.htm> ◇

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Meet Pete

We recently sat down for an interview with one of Indian Beach and Sapphire Shores' best-known celebrities, Pete the Peacock.



How long have you lived here in the neighborhood, Pete?

About seven years. It's a great place to be.

What makes it such a great place?

Well, there are those great oak trees to sleep in. And the neighbors. The neighbors know how to treat a guy.

They're pretty good to you I take it?

Oh yeah. They feed me waffles, pancakes, fruit, peanuts and sunflower seeds. And worms. Boy do I love worms, especially those big white grubs. Of course, every so often I get some cat food, but it really doesn't agree with me.

There's nothing that bothers you?

Well, I wish people would drive a little slower. You know, when a guy is showing off his tail feathers it can be difficult getting out of the way of a speeding car.

So you've got lots of friends here?

Absolutely. Particularly Patches the cat, and of course the parakeets that help me preen my beak.

You like to look good?

I molt my feathers in the fall and early winter. Lots of the neighbors like to keep them – can't blame them can you? And then in late winter I grow them back, hoping one day I'll meet the peahen of my dreams. A guy can dream, can't he?

It's All Happening Here

Check out these websites to find out what's happening:

Asolo Theater - www.asolo.org

John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art - www.ringling.org

Jungle Gardens - www.sarasotajunglegardens.com

McCurdy's Comedy Theater - www.mccurdyscomedy.com

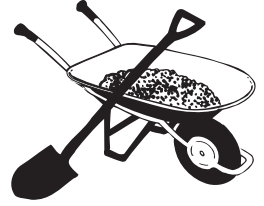
New College of Florida
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Ringling College of Art and Design
www.ringling.edu/Galleries.24.0.html

Sarasota Ballet of Florida - www.sarasotaballet.org

Julia Burch On Gardening

A long time gardening enthusiast, Julia Burch will be contributing a regular column to our newsletter filled with very some practical tips on things we can do to keep our own gardens flourishing and our neighborhood among Sarasota's loveliest.



If you have questions for Julia or suggestions for future columns, please send them to julia.burch@gmail.com.

Plants Can Help Provide Protection

With home security a constant concern, I thought it might be a good idea to devote my first landscaping article to highlighting several of the plants – but by no means all – that can help provide a natural deterrent when placed strategically around the outside of the house.

All of the plants in this article have spikes, spines or other sharp features. Be smart about where you use them. Do not plant them in areas that you, your family or pets like to run or walk. These plants do best in locations away from high traffic areas and are meant to keep people out.

For smaller areas where there's room to grow, I suggest Coral Bean (*Erythrina herbacea*) and Adam's Needle (*Yucca filamentosa*). Thanks to their erect growth habit, both work well with other plants. While Coral Bean is a spiny stick for most of the year, don't be deceived. Spectacular clusters of red tubular flowers bloom in the spring from the old stems (so don't prune until after flowering, if at all). It can grow in a variety of conditions from sun to shade, moist to dry soil. Adam's Needle has spines on the tips of the strap-like leaves and continues to bloom with large clusters of white flowers on a tall stem year after year. It likes sandy soil in full sun.

For larger areas there's Spanish Bayonet (*Yucca aloifolia*) and Saw Palmetto (*Serenoa repens*). Thanks to their sprawling growth, both can be used under vulnerable windows or as a living fence. They have massive clumps of white to yellow flowers in the spring, which attract many pollinators. Spanish Bayonet has ▶



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sharp spines at the ends of its many strap-like leaves and is the host plant for several species of skipper butterflies. It likes dry well drained soils in full sun. Saw Palmetto can be found in both green and silver varieties. Saw like teeth edge every leaf. Flowers entice honeybees and its fruit attracts birds. It can grow in a variety of soils and sun as long as the soil is not too rich.

Pineland Acacia (*Acacia pinetorum*) and Prickly Pear (*Opuntia humifusa*) also make a good choice under windows, in part because they only grow to about four feet and both are covered in spines. Pineland Acacia, which likes moist but well drained soils in full sun to light shade, has bluish gray leaflets accented by yellow pompom flowers in spring. Prickly Pear is a native cactus that likes sandy soil and full sun. Spiny succulent paddles bear large yellow flowers in spring and red to purple "pears" in fall. It too is very easy to grow. ◇

Keep an Eye Out

Make our neighborhood a better, safer place to live. Let's watch out for each other.

If You See it or Hear it, Report it

Report all suspicious activity, no matter how minor it may seem.

- First call the police – for emergencies call 911, for non-emergencies call 316-1199 or 316-1201.
- Inform your block captain.
- Tell your neighbors.
- Post for the newsgroup. It's a great way to get information out quickly.

Neighborhood Watch

Contact coordinator Debbie Muller - 355-5743 for more info.

Neighborhood Watch Coordinators:

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- Sapphire IV Indian Beach Drive - Whitaker Bayou:
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- Remember to:** Lock car doors • Lock fence gates
- Bring in loose items from the yard (bikes, tools, etc.)
 - Sensibly light your yard (motion detector lights)
 - Outgoing mail should not be left in the mailbox. Take it to the post office or hand it directly to your carrier.
 - Reinforce locks and dead bolts (windows should lock)
 - Consider a security system, even an unmonitored one.

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Meet A Special Neighbor

Charlie Williams may not live in the neighborhood, but he certainly is a fixture here and for many of us he's certainly has gained honorary status.

For twenty-eight years, until his retirement last year, Charlie picked up trash every Monday and Thursday in Indian Beach and Sapphire Shores. He has as he says, "seen a lot of houses go down and a lot of new houses come up," and "seen a lot of kids grow up and go off to college and then come home again."

For the last twenty-five years Charlie's also operated his own lawn care business. Right now he looks after about 55 homes, cutting grass and trimming hedges. And while this keeps him pretty busy, it doesn't keep him too busy to race cars at Bradenton's Memorial Race Track and take home a few trophies. He's been racing nearly thirty years.

"I started racing in cars in 1986 and I still race once a month, mostly a '68 Camaro. Before that I raced motorcycles, but I don't do that anymore," he says with a chuckle. "A couple of folks in the neighborhood have given me their cars when they're done with them. I fix them up and drive them. Still have one of them."

Charlie's been married for 28 years to Chaetta, who works as a receptionist at the East Manor Nursing Home. He has three sons from a previous marriage: Charlie Jr., who's with Tropicana in St. Pete; Cedric, who works as a chef at the Holiday Inn on Lido Beach and Andre. A deeply religious man, Charlie doesn't drink or smoke and attends True Vine Baptist Church.

"Folks in the neighborhood have always treated me really well. I love the folks over there." We really love you, too, Charlie.

Charlie's always looking for new clients for his lawn service. If you need his help or know someone who does, give him a call at 724-5473. He'll take good care. ♦



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The Jungle Gardens was kind enough to open their doors to more than 330 members of the IBSSA for our annual picnic. Now they're asking our help.



Do you have some extra time? Volunteers Needed

The Sarasota Jungle Gardens needs people to help out with special events and everyday activities: monitoring children to ensure safe play, taking photos of kids, assisting the elderly and providing information and directions to visitors. Other options may also be available. Get involved with a very special group of people – and animals. Please contact us at 355-1112 x306 for more information.



Make A Monkey Smile

That's right! Your recyclables could be toys for animals that will enrich their lives and stimulate their minds – hide a treat, they search for it and everybody's happy. So the Jungle Gardens is asking us to drop off any of the following recyclable items in their Animal Donation Box:

- Plastic Water/Soda/Juice Bottles (Rinsed)
- Plastic Coffee Containers
- Baskets
- Towels/Sheets/Old Clothing/Hats
- Old Tupperware Containers
- Plain Pinecones
- Soccer Balls
- Toddler Toys ie. Fisher Price, Little Tikes
- Cedar/Oak/Citrus Branches

Let's try and help out. And no monkeyshines. ♦



Don't Speed

Observe the speed limit of 25 mph throughout the neighborhood and 15 mph in school zones.

Membership Application and Dues Renewal Form



Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores Association

Membership type: New Renewal

I can volunteer:

- Beautification
- History
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- Neighborhood Watch
- Newsletter
- Picnic/Special Events
- Web-site

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If you have a question about your dues status, please contact
Frank Zimmerman, Treasurer, 351-2925 or email: **fzim@comcast.net**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

There's Strength In Numbers

The 2009 Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores Membership Drive continues. We're urging you to join because we can only preserve our piece of paradise if we band together to have our voices heard. Contact Holly Cita - 351-8034/Hollycita@verizon.net or Cynthia Biggar- 358-0776/Cbiggarsales@gmail.com for more information on becoming a member and having your voice heard.

Breaking News...

Join the more than 300 neighbors who have signed up for the IBSSA newsgroup. You'll be able to receive crime alerts, post messages about everything from lost pets to garage sales and have your voice heard on issues of importance to all of us along the North Trail. It's our meeting place.

For those that want more conversation, we have created the IBSSA Blog. Here's how to be online and in touch.

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Annual Picnic at Sarasota Jungle Gardens

Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores sculptor Mark Mason creates a Valentine for his wife in the sand at Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores Park. ▼

