



Newsletter

December 2013

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Neighbor,

The past year has, for many of us, reinforced our opinion that the Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores neighborhood is one of the greatest places to live in Sarasota. Beautiful, convenient, diverse, and sociable; it is hard to imagine a better place.

This has been an outstanding year for the neighborhood. The annual yard sale in January was a big hit with lots of participating households, tons of traffic, and bargains galore. The 2014 yard sale will be held January 25-26th. The first annual Sun Circle Art Festival was held in March with tremendous success. We are looking forward to its return March 8, 2014! This year's IBSSA picnic was one of the best attended picnics to date and was a lot of fun to boot. All the big and little things make our events better.

The common thread through all of these great events is the spirit of volunteerism in the neighborhood. The Neighborhood Watch, Beautification, Membership, Communications, Events, and Administration committee members have contributed countless hours of their talent and hard work and we are all enjoying the fruits of this. For fear of leaving ANYONE out of being recognized for their contribution, I ask you to pat yourself on your back, if you can do so without dislocating your shoulder! Thank you; you are a fun bunch to work with.

When you join the association (the picnic admission alone justifies the small membership fee) please consider adding
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SUN CIRCLE ART FESTIVAL

The second annual Sun Circle Art Festival will be held on Saturday, March 8, 2014 from 11am-5pm at Sapphire Shores Park. Mark your calendars now, invite friends for the weekend, and be prepared for a hopping place.

Artists are now signing up. IBSSA members can participate free of charge. Non members are juried and the fee is just \$35 for a 10' x 10' space. (FESTIVAL continued on page 2)



Art Festival and Sale
Featuring visual & performing artists
March 8th 11 AM to 5 PM

Sapphire Shores Park
Sun Circle Drive
Sarasota, FL 34234

Come join us and meet some
of the great artists that live
in the Ringling Museum neighborhood

Call 941-351-1920 ■

Art festival logo design by Julie Trigg, IBSSA member

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your talents to the neighborhood by identifying how you would like to participate. We all know that many hands make light work. It's all voluntary, including membership itself, but it does strengthen the neighborhood, is fun, and enriches the quality of life in the 'hood.

There have been more improvements in home values in the neighborhood. We are cautiously optimistic that the real estate market is continuing to strengthen in Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores; it has become a sought-after area for some buyers and renters. Homeowners are fixing up their properties, and block by block, blight is starting to disappear.

I am writing this on behalf of our former president, Vald Svekis, who left the neighborhood in October for greener pastures, which someone else has to mow, near downtown. We are sorry to see him go and are grateful for his immense contribution in past years.

I hope you have pleasant holidays and that your New Year is bright!

All the Best,
David Morriss
President pro tem, IBSSA

Sun Circle Art Festival *continued from page 1*

Entertainers from the neighborhood are welcome to perform. A sound system will be provided. See contact information below to sign up.

This year we will be blessed by three food trucks, so no one will go hungry. The Sun Coast Food Trucks will give us a share of the take, so eat a lot!

IBSSA is sponsoring the event and it is **not** cheap. Permits, portable toilets, insurance, and sound system, etc. are necessary. To help with these costs, the artists are all donating an art piece, lessons, or auction item. If you are **not** an artist but have a handcrafted original piece of art that is not happy in your home, please consider donating it to the silent auction. Donated items should have a value of at least \$50.

A pre-event party is being considered to preview and bid on auction items. Stay tuned for more details!

Want to help? We welcome friends who can "get the word out," organize the silent auction, help with event setup, entertainment sign ups, and parking directions, etc.

If you have any questions or want to volunteer, please contact Jane Nutter Johnson at 941-351-1920 or janenutter@aol.com.



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EXPLORING OUR NEW NEIGHBORHOOD

My wife, Amy, and I moved into the Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores neighborhood in July. We now occupy a small rental home on Iroquois Avenue. The bedrooms at the north end of the house were originally built in the 1930s, serving as a camping cabin at a nearby Mennonite resort.

The cabin was moved to its current location in the 1950s, where the addition of a living room, kitchen, and bathroom completed the thrifty little Mennonite home. Our mailbox still bears the name H.D. Mumaw (Harvey David) who died in 2012, at the age of 93. His funeral services were held around the corner, at the Bay Shore Mennonite Church. Also reflective of the time-period when the home was built is the shuffleboard court in the backyard, which has already led to some memorable competition with friends.

The diversity on our street alone includes renters and home owners, New College and Ringling students, school teachers, administrators, a park ranger, a contractor, a musician or two, a newspaper man, and a clothing designer.

After four years living in a pleasant, but semi-isolated, apartment complex outside the city limits on Fruitville Road, it is a joy to live in a walkable neighborhood again. The Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores area is a dog-walker's delight. Each morning, I take our newly-adopted hound dog, Mabel, for a walk down one of two preferred routes that bring us within soul-nourishing sight of the bay. Headed west on Myrtle, we either take a left on Bay Shore Road then a quick right on Indian Beach Lane to admire the Hollywood-style palm trees that line the street and the uniquely-diverse homes that range from single story dwellings to multi-story waterfront mansions; or, we take a right, then a quick left, following Bay Shore Road down to Indian Beach Place, around the backside of Jungle Gardens to the sight of more beautiful bay front homes on one side of the street and pink



flamingos and a monkey, as viewed through the Jungle Gardens' fence, on the other.

It's a real treat to be able to walk to two pharmacies, a supermarket, a dollar store, a miniature golf course, and the timeless Memories Lounge. A short drive takes us to multiple restaurants, the new Goodwill Store, downtown Sarasota, the bay front, or into south Bradenton. As a city resident, I once again get to vote in the city elections and am eligible to run

for office should I decide to venture down that political path.

As I continue exploring our new neighborhood, I look forward to meeting more of my neighbors and learning more about the issues that impact the Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores neighborhoods.

If you see Mabel and me walking the neighborhood, feel free to honk your horn, or, stealing a line from my friend Dr. Nik, who lives a stone's throw away on the other side of Tamiami Trail, shout out a "howdy neighbor, howdy" as you pass us by. **Joe Hendricks** ♦



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RECAP AND BEHIND THE SCENES VIEW OF OUR IBSSA PICNIC

Sunday, November 10th promised to be a beautiful day as the first volunteer group met at 9am to set up tables and chairs. The 11am volunteers arrived to work on food and raffle tables, along with adding tablecloths and table supplies and icing down the water. At noon, the raffle members arrived with the raffle packages and set up their tables.

Next, the 1:30pm membership table volunteers prepared for check-in; followed by the set up of the entertainment and children's activities; the restaurant food arrived; and we were almost ready. At 2pm, everything was ready and the neighbors began filling the Caples grounds for a fun-filled afternoon.

Neighbors enjoyed the relaxing music of Nic & Ari; the children's activities; participating in 30 raffle packages, three

silent auctions items, and a 50-50 raffle; and food from eight "North Trail" restaurants and shared potluck dishes.

More than 45 volunteers helped to ensure everything ran smoothly. We had a record number of 324 attendees; making this the "best-ever picnic." This was echoed to me throughout the afternoon from neighborhood residents who have attended many picnics over the years.

Thank you to all who said "yes" when asked to help make this the best-ever picnic. Remember to let the participating restaurants know you enjoyed their food. **Joanne Gonet** ♦

(View more picnic pictures on pages 6 and 10.)



Thank You!

Raffle and silent auction sponsors:



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The Ringling
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Yard Art: Jane Johnson

North Trail Restaurant sponsors:

Barnacle Bill's Seafood
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Cafe Amalfi
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Carr's Corner Cafe
China Garden (located in Broadway Publix Plaza)
Toasted Mango Cafe
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Jessica Masterson serves her homemade pasta from "Mi Piace Pasta" alongside the North Trail restaurant sponsors.

IBSSA YARD SALE

Saturday, January 25
&
Sunday, January 26, 2014
9am-3pm



*It is a happening weekend
and already on some calendars.*

Add it to yours!

- Last year was a huge success with 52 paid participants.
- Joining together as a neighborhood brings more customers, better advertising, and limits excess traffic to one weekend.
- Advertising begins right after the holidays and customers are waiting. This is a good opportunity to clean out items you no longer need or to shop for items you do need.
- To pay for advertising, each participating IBSSA house is asked to pay \$10. Maps will be provided listing all participants.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORM

Membership type: New Renewal

I would like to volunteer:

- Beautification Newsletter Membership
 Website Neighborhood Watch
 Picnic/Events Other _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

If you have a question about the status of your dues,
please contact Kitty Cannon, Treasurer, at 941/355-3301
or rick@cannonrick.com.

2014 Dues Payment **\$20.00**

Voluntary Contribution

Beautification \$ _____

Doggie bags \$ _____

Other \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

PayPal to: Admin@IBSSA.ws

Checks payable to: IBSSA

Mail to: P.O. Box 49673, Sarasota, FL 34230

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IBSSA MEMBERSHIP

How can \$20 be an effective amount for membership dues? What do we get? Many condos or associations dues cost hundreds of dollars per month.

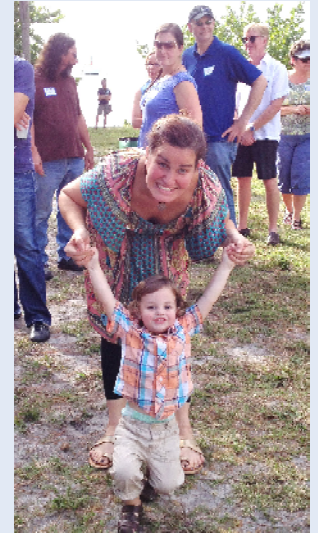
We are a nonprofit neighborhood group providing an online newsgroup, newsletters, doggie bags, beautification, annual picnic and yard sale, Sun Circle Art Festival, Crime Watch, and a strong voice with the city and county governments. We encourage neighbor involvement. The \$20 is just a fraction of our budget, but it helps. Your \$20 is well spent and we appreciate it.

Our membership has increased YTD 20% over last year. There are currently 360 households with memberships, which is to be celebrated, however our total households available for membership is 1,140. Trying to reach all households would be a stretch, but setting a goal of 450 memberships for 2014 is achievable. If you are not currently a member, please consider joining.

*Help us reach our goal of
450 members in 2014!*

The membership year is the calendar year (not the date of the picnic). On January 1, please pay your \$20 dues using the form on page 5. If you are not sure of the status of your membership, please contact Kitty Cannon, Treasurer, at 941-355-3301 or rick@cannonrick.com.

2013 Picnic



Newsletter

The Newsletter is produced and disseminated four times a year (mid-February, mid-June, last week in October, and mid-December) to all residences in the Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores neighborhood.

All neighbors are encouraged to submit articles or neighborhood news to be considered for inclusion in the newsletter. To submit items, place an advertisement, or for more information, please contact Lisa Lee-High, editor at 775/287-3794 or lisaleehigh@gmail.com. **Submission deadline for the February issue is January 15, 2014.**

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING:

Type of Ad	Front		Back		Inside	
	Color	B & W	Color	B & W	Color	B & W
Business Card	\$113.60	n/a	\$142.00	n/a	\$71.00	\$50.00
Banner	\$213.00	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Quarter Page	n/a	n/a	\$241.40	n/a	\$177.50	125.00
Half Page	n/a	n/a	\$426.00	n/a	\$284.00	200.00

Advertisement prices are based on location, size, and color option. Advertisements need to be camera ready (preferably a jpg file).

REAL ESTATE NEWS: Economic Indicators in Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores

One of the best economic indicators for any residential real estate market is the number of permits being "pulled." Permits indicate people are buying new roofs, adding pools, lanais, and maybe an addition here and there. Basically, the most substantial home improvements and repairs require permits. It means people are spending money.

(As an aside...if you ever think you are beating the system by not pulling a permit, just wait until you try to sell your house. Pay the piper now or pay the piper later. I will let you guess which one is more painful.)

But the permits which have the most economic impact are those for new home construction. There are currently two new homes being built in IBSS and one open permit. In addition to this activity, a large parcel of land recently sold on Charles Lane which is where we will soon see a new single-family home being built. This is the most new construction activity in over eight years.

These projects are all on parcels that had houses on them previously so this development does not increase density in the neighborhood. Therefore, I would suggest the impact is positive. People have chosen our neighborhood to spend a great deal of money creating homes for themselves; code compliant, energy efficient, and storm-hardened homes.



I go so far as to say they are creating homes (not houses) because our neighborhood has yet to entice the developer/builder. With one waterfront exception, the new homes I am referring to are being built by people who want to live here.

Developers prefer markets with a higher rate of transactional activity than IBSS. Compared to other parts of town, we are the sleepy "eclectic" neighborhood in love with our tree canopy, and developers hate the word "eclectic."

So, when you are out walking the dog or riding your bike be sure to welcome the nervous-looking couple standing in front of a rapidly-rising wall of cinder block. They have fallen for our neighborhood the same way you and I did, and they are quite possibly sinking their life savings into IBSS. They deserve our encouragement. **David Jennings** ♦

"YARN BOMBING" IN THE PARK WILL BEGIN IN FEBRUARY TO CELEBRATE THE ART FESTIVAL



Yarn bombing is a type of graffiti or street art that uses colorful displays of knitted or crocheted yarn or fiber rather than paint or chalk. The practice is believed to have originated in the U.S. with Texas knitters trying to find a creative way to use their leftover and unfinished knitting projects, but it has since spread worldwide.



Pat J. Taylor, GRI,

has been a resident on Bay Shore Road in the Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores neighborhood for 35 years.

Pat has sold more than 300 homes in our neighborhood.

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REAL ESTATE NEWS

This report shows all Active, Pending, and Sold properties in the Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores neighborhood from September 28, 2013 through November 19, 2013 (ACT=Active and Available; AWC=Active with Contract; PNC=Pending Contract; SLD=SOLD)

Status	List Price	Address	Sale Price
ACT	\$135,000	911 MYRTLE	
ACT	\$189,300	3525 CHAPEL	
ACT	\$229,000	1063 PATTERSON	
ACT	\$249,700	925 32ND	
ACT	\$249,900	3834 IROQUOIS	
ACT	\$259,900	2332 ALAMEDA	
ACT	\$310,000	1023 INDIAN BEACH	
ACT	\$314,900	4237 SARASOTA	
ACT	\$315,000	4598 GUAVA	
ACT	\$325,000	965 CALOOSA	
ACT	\$479,000	5330 WINCHESTER	
ACT	\$539,900	346 N. SHORE	
ACT	\$635,000	575 N. SHORE	
ACT	\$649,000	4600 BAY SHORE	
ACT	\$850,000	826 INDIAN BEACH	
ACT	\$895,000	472 N. SHORE	
ACT	\$1,095,000	320 RINGLING POINT	
ACT	\$1,299,900	325 S. SHORE	
ACT	\$1,695,000	5021 BRYWILL	
ACT	\$1,850,000	2925 BAY SHORE	
ACT	\$1,925,000	2024 ALAMEDA	
ACT	\$1,995,000	4948 BAY SHORE	
ACT	\$1,999,000	2704 BAY SHORE	
ACT	\$2,199,990	749 INDIAN BEACH	
ACT	\$2,445,000	350 S. SHORE	
ACT	\$2,499,000	995 WHITAKERS	
ACT	\$3,490,000	309 RINGLING POINT	
ACT	\$5,500,000	336 S. SHORE	
ACT	\$9,990,000	3315 BAY SHORE	
ACT	\$12,900,000	916 INDIAN BEACH	
ACT	\$14,900,000	374 S. SHORE	
AWC	\$139,000	4616 LEETA	
AWC	\$225,000	3304 BAY SHORE	
PNC	\$99,900	1017 24TH	
PNC	\$184,000	1025 24TH	
PNC	\$190,000	744 45TH	
PNC	\$195,000	630 CORWOOD	
PNC	\$250,000	443 SAPPHIRE	
PNC	\$299,900	5020 BRYWILL	
PNC	\$375,000	1016 CALOOSA	
PNC	\$395,000	1600 PALMETTO	
PNC	\$397,500	1115 22ND	
PNC	\$445,000	910 VIRGINIA	
SLD	\$150,000	863 41ST	\$140,000
SLD	\$151,500	640 46TH	\$151,500
SLD	\$160,000	1105 23RD	\$150,000
SLD	\$299,900	686 BEVERLY	\$270,000
SLD	\$299,999	868 PATTERSON	\$262,500
The information in this report was generated and submitted by David Jennings, Broker-Associate with Coldwell Banker.			

NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION

STAY INFORMED WITH THE IBSSA NEWSGROUP:

IBSSA-NEWS is an online site where neighbors can submit and receive neighborhood-related postings. The postings include information such as upcoming event details, missing/found pets, crime alerts, north trail notices, new businesses, etc.

For access to IBSSA-News, send an email to "theserries@yahoo.com" requesting membership in the newsgroup. The moderator will have Yahoo send you an email inviting you to join the newsgroup.

NEIGHBORHOOD MUSEUM HOURS:

Marietta Museum of Art & Whimsy: Open to the public Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 1pm to 4pm; whimsymuseum.org

The Ringling: Open 10am to 5pm Monday through Sunday; Thursday 10am to 8pm. The Art Museum is free to the public every Monday; ringling.org

Sarasota Classic Car Museum: Open daily 9am to 6pm; sarasotacarmuseum.org

Selby Galley at Ringling College: Open Monday through Saturday from 10am to 4pm; Tuesday 10am to 7pm

MISCELLANEOUS:

Neighbors have shown interest in starting different types of neighborhood groups, i.e., games, cards, kayaking, bicycling, Tai Chi, reading, etc. More information will be available on the IBSSA Newsgroup.

For information about the upcoming Citizens' Police Academy beginning February 4, 2014, contact Officer Danny Robbins at 941-954-7056 or www.sarasotapd.org.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

As the year draws to a close, recollections of the various projects and numerous efforts put forth by Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores residents to make our neighborhood the very best come to mind. One such endeavor includes our continued participation in Neighborhood Watch for the past 30 years (1983-2013).

Determined and dedicated neighbors have confronted problems relating to crime by watching out for one another, working with law enforcement, and observing and reporting criminal and suspicious activity. Additional attention has been directed toward the judicial and legislative actions being taken by lawmakers and judges.

As residents of Sarasota, we share an appreciation and concern for our entire community. Ever striving to ensure the safety of our residents, working on ways to improve the entryway to our beautiful city, and realizing the importance of preserving the wonderfully unique qualities within our neighborhood are what makes IBSS a truly special place to live.

Debbie Muller ♦

HELPFUL NUMBERS:

Sarasota Police Department:

Non-emergency ----- 941/ 316-1199 or 316-1201
SPD Front Desk ----- 941/ 954-7025
Chief Bernadette DiPino ----- 941/ 954-7002
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CRIME REPORT: JANUARY 1 - SEPTEMBER 30

(Approximate totals)	2013	2012
Burglary / Structure	29	45
Burglary / Vehicle	22	21
Motor Vehicle Theft	03	00
Theft	06	11
Burglary / Occupied Dwelling	02	01
Robbery (weapon displayed)	03	02

FYI: The Sarasota Police Department continues to conduct special operations targeting offenders of prostitution and solicitation for prostitution.

See It! Hear It! Report It!

Report all crime and suspicious activity ... IMMEDIATELY!

- Call the Police 316-1199 or 316-1201 or Emergencies 911
- Inform your Neighborhood Watch Coordinators
- Alert your neighbors

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COORDINATORS:

Sapphire 1: (58th Street - 47th Street)

Debbie Muller ----- 941/ 355-5743

Sapphire II (47th Street - Myrtle Street)

Barbara Cherry ----- 941/ 355-2898 or
bcherrysrq@gmail.com

Sapphire III (Myrtle Street - Indian Beach Drive)

Fred & Joanne Gonet--941/ 358-8529 or frejo3617@yahoo.com

Sapphire IV: (Indian Beach Drive - Whitaker Bayou)

Yvonne Lacey-----941/ 365-7063 or Lacey.Yvonne@yahoo.com

(Note: Block Captains are an important part of our Neighborhood Watch Program. If you are interested in becoming a Block Captain, please contact your coordinator listed above.)

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Board meetings are open to all Indian Beach-Sapphire Shore Association members.

They are held the first Thursday of every month (except July) at 7:00pm at the Bay Shore Mennonite Church.

INDIAN BEACH-SAPPHIRE SHORES ASSOCIATION

The Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores Association is a voluntary neighborhood association whose members have worked together for more than fifty years to enhance the quality of life and Old Florida environment of their historic bayfront neighborhood.

Bounded on the north by the Ringling Museum, the south by Whitaker Bayou, the west by Sarasota Bay, and the east by the Tamiami Cultural District (along Route 41), neighborhood cultural and educational amenities include the John and Mable Ringling Museum, Asolo Performing Arts Theater, Sarasota Ballet, New College, University of South Florida, and Ringling College of Art and Design. Homes are only five minutes from downtown Sarasota, with its many additional cultural amenities, and only 15 minutes from the white sand beaches of Lido Key.

Neighbors are an eclectic mix of all ages, from young families to retirees, business executives, college professors, workers, students, entrepreneurs, artists, writers, and musicians. The natural beauty of Florida sunsets over the bay, herds of manatees in bay and bayou waters, and beautiful tree canopies combine with cultural and academic offerings to create a unique neighborhood lifestyle.

Through the city's oldest Neighborhood Watch program, residents join to keep the neighborhood safe. Neighbors enjoy an annual picnic, a neighborhood garage sale, an annual Art Festival, a newsletter that reaches all 1,185 residences, and an active online newsgroup. ♦

Call for Artists

Sun Circle Art Festival

Saturday, March 8, 11-5

Featuring artists and entertainers from
the "Museum District"

Beautiful Park on the Bay, Sarasota, FL

Annual juried event that draws a crowd
50 fine artists and crafts persons showed
in 2013

Just **\$35** for 10 x 10 space

IBSSA member artists free

Email janenutte@aol.com for
application or call 941 351 1920

Visit our facebook page

Sun Circle Art Show

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE NEWS

Who serves on the Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores Association Beautification Committee? We are not master gardeners, but we share a love of gardening and getting our hands dirty. As a group, we help maintain our neighborhood's public spaces such as Indian Beach, 40th Street Nature Trail, Marlin Street Conservation Square, and "The Greenway" Butterfly Garden between 45th and 47th Streets. You will usually see us out on Sunday mornings working for an hour or two pulling vines and weeds or lightly pruning. Other activities include litter patrols throughout the neighborhood and cleanup of Indian Beach tar which pollutes the bay.

This past September, an IBSSA newsgroup announcement was sent out asking for volunteers for the "Take Back Our Park" invasive plant removal at North Water Tower Park on October 19th. This event was hosted by the Sarasota Bay



Potato vine crew: from left to right: Joe McManus, Monica Neligon, Jessica Masterson, Joanne Gonet, Abby Smith, and Jim Dimaggio.

Guardians and partnered with the City of Sarasota and other businesses and neighborhoods. Six members of the IBSSA Beautification Committee decided to participate as a team. Our team removed over 300 pounds of potato vine winning 1st place in the "most pounds collected" category.

If you would like to learn more about our Beautification Committee, contact me at 941-358-8529 or frejo3617@yahoo.com. We would love to have you join us. **Joanne Gonet** ♦



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2014 Membership Renewal: January 2014 (Details on page 5)

IBSSA Yard Sale: January 25-26, 2014 / 9am-3pm (Details on page 5)

Sun Circle Art Festival: Saturday, March 8, 2014 (Details on page 1-2)

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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FOCUSING ON YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Since the early 1920's visitors and residents have enjoyed the Indian Beach Sapphire Shores neighborhood. It is still one of Sarasota's most sought after areas. After selling many homes here, one thing that continues to stand out, is how wonderful the people are. As your community real estate professional, I continue to enjoy listing and selling the unique properties in your neighborhood.

If you are thinking about selling or purchasing a home and would like professional advice, please contact me, it would be my pleasure to assist you.

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