

# ibssa

INDIAN BEACH – SAPPHIRE SHORES ASSOC.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH FROM 1-4PM  
CAPLES BAY FRONT

## 2016 Annual IBSSA Picnic

Mark your calendar for another fabulous Annual Picnic. Celebrate everything that makes the Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores neighborhood the special place to live. This year we will be welcoming new neighbors, renewing old friendships, and enjoying a Sunday afternoon at Caples Bay Front. Caples Drive is just south of the Ringling Museum on Bay Shore Road and behind the New College Sainer Auditorium.

The picnic is free for all IBSSA members. Membership is only \$20 per family (annually). Your membership supports the picnic, Sun Circle Art Festival, doggie waste bags, annual yard sale, newsletters, website, and more. You can renew your membership now at [ibssa.ws](http://ibssa.ws), or join/renew at the picnic with cash, check, or credit card.

### TIME

Sunday, November 20, 2016 from 1-4pm.

### FOOD

Please bring a dish to share; main, salad, or dessert. There will be a long buffet table for your dishes. Sunnyside Cafe is serving homemade BBQ free of charge. IBSSA will provide tables, chairs, and non-alcoholic beverages.

### SILENT AUCTION

Neighborhood volunteers and businesses have provided wonderful items for you to bid on. The auction will close at 3:30pm, with announcement of winners at that time. If you would like to donate a "treasure" or fun event (boat ride, dinner party, etc.), please contact Stan Umenhofer at [stanumenhofer@gmail.com](mailto:stanumenhofer@gmail.com).

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**50-50 RAFFLE TICKETS**

\$1.00 each. Buy as many as you wish. The proceeds will be split 50/50 between the winner and IBSSA. Drawing will be held at 3:45pm.

**KIDS CORNER AND GAMES FOR ADULTS**

Bring your children and/or grandchildren. There will be face painting and fun games for all.

**MUSIC**

We will have a DJ with a great playlist mix.

**VOLUNTEERS**

This event, always a popular one, cannot be successful without volunteers for set up, clean up, games, auction table, etc.



**TO VOLUNTEER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT**

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**-Claudia & Jack Barnett, Co-Chairs**

*The Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores Newsletter is published four times a year for all 1,140 residences in the Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores neighborhood. It will be mailed approximately **late-February, mid-June, last week in October, and mid-December.***

**NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS:** *All neighbors are encouraged to submit articles, pictures, or neighborhood news to be considered for inclusion in the newsletter. To submit items, place an advertisement, or for more information, contact Lisa Lee-High, Editor, at 775/287-3794 or [lisaleehigh@gmail.com](mailto:lisaleehigh@gmail.com).*

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***Deadline for the December issue is November 28, 2016***

THE SMORGASBORD OF INDIAN BEACH-  
SAPPHIRE SHORES

## President's Message

Have you ever thought of this neighborhood as a smorgasbord (a Swedish buffet)? We are blessed with beautiful greens, a little spice, plentiful casseroles (also known as "hot dishes"), and many scrumptious sweets.

Our diversity is what makes us rich. The Ringling Museum, Jungle Gardens, Asolo Theatre, Whimsey Museum, and multiple other venues offer us opportunities for enrichment. Our neighborliness offers a sense of belonging.

When driving into the neighborhood, I feel an "at home" relief. I wave to neighbors, sometimes stopping to chat—it feels good. Joanne Gonet, IBSSA Vice President, and I want to continue the *Mr. Rogers' attitude* in hopes that it spreads.

Several neighbors will be dropping membership renewal cards off at your home in the next couple of months. They are bright yellow door hangers. No need to chat unless you want to.

Over 70 neighbors have volunteered to help with the picnic, yard sale, Sun Circle Art Festival, beautification, doggie bag filling, etc. Please join us. It is FUN and we work around your schedule and interests.

See you in the neighborhood.

**-Jane Nutter Johnson, IBSSA President**

An advertisement for Brilliant Home Services and Brilliant Private Chef. The background is a collage of images: a modern house at dusk, a chef in a white uniform, and a woman cleaning a window. The text is overlaid on the collage.

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SCHEDULED FOR EAT LOCAL WEEK

# BAY HAVEN FOOD FOREST TOUR

Come tour the permaculture food forest at Bay Haven Elementary on Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 10:30am-12:00pm as part of Transition Sarasota's Sixth Annual Eat Local Week (<http://www.transitionsrq.org/week/>). IBSSA is partnering with Bay Haven and Transition Sarasota for this event.

Greater Sarasota's Eat Local Week is an annual, week-long celebration of the best of local food and farming in Sarasota and Manatee counties. Each year, dozens of partners come together to offer dozens of events, including farm and garden tours, farm-to-fork dinners, "reskilling" workshops, educational programs, community discussions, and hands-on activities. Our sixth annual Week will take place Saturday, October 22nd through Sunday, October 30th, 2016. This year's theme will be "Food Changes Everything," exploring the interconnections between food and topics as diverse as health, the natural environment, art and culture, social justice, the economy, and more!

Bay Haven's food forest is an edible landscape that also provides a rich and engaging outdoor learning space for the kindergarten through fifth grade students at the school. Designed and planted using permaculture principles, this innovative green space is a natural fit for this year's theme. Permaculture is defined as permanent agriculture. It is a way to design our world so that we can care for people at the same time as we care for the earth, in a way that is abundant and fair for everyone.

The tour will give visitors an opportunity to see how these innovative practices have been realized in an elementary school setting. For more information, contact Rolf Hanson at [rolf.hanson@sarasotacountyschools.net](mailto:rolf.hanson@sarasotacountyschools.net). **-Rolf Hanson**

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## NEIGHBORHOOD IMAGES

# JAMES GRIFFIN

James Griffin is an artist living in IBSS, and the neighborhood becomes a theme for some of his paintings. His wife, Debbie, said "During his daily walks, he always carries a camera and is excited by the beauty he sees all around us. He enjoys sharing his gift of painting with the world. He also writes a monthly newsletter which is connected to his art and our neighborhood." As written on his website, "My inspiration comes from the sunlit world in Southern Florida, as well as the crowded sidewalks of New York City and the endless variety of Maine. It also comes from dreams. I am not content to simply paint the view, but instead want to bring out mysteries and emotions lurking beneath its realistic surface."



More of his paintings and his monthly newsletter can be seen on his website ([jamesgriffinstudio.com](http://jamesgriffinstudio.com)). His work can also be seen at the Dabbert Gallery on Palm Avenue.

-Lisa Lee-High

## ANNUAL SUN CIRCLE ART FESTIVAL

**Saturday, March 4, 2017 10am-5pm**

### CALLING ALL ARTISTS

Last year over 65 artists participated  
Neighborhood members are only \$30 for a 10' x 10' space  
Non-neighbors are juried and the fee is \$90

### SIGN UP NOW

For application and more information, contact  
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Sponsored by the Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores  
Neighborhood Association to **support and promote** neighborhood artists.

## New IBSSA Logo

Thank you to neighborhood resident, **Jack Wooster**, who created a new logo to brand IBSSA. It was first used for last year's art festival and since has been used on the cover of this newsletter, announcements, t-shirts, and other materials.



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## Real Estate Update

We are coming to the end of our slow Real Estate season. Late summer and early fall are busy times for many of us, but not necessarily Realtors. Summer vacations are behind us. Kids are headed back to school. Post Labor Day work schedules have stabilized a bit. This is true for most of the country, but for those of us in Paradise you can also add heat, humidity, frequent rains, and named weather events. This pattern is so historical one elderly Real Estate Attorney told me years ago, "If you ever want to take a whole month off in this business, make it September!"

That being said, you can imagine we have the fewest Active Listings we've seen all year...only 25 as I write this and four of them are preconstruction. They range from \$175,000 to \$8,700,000. There are six properties Under Contract ranging from \$199,900 to \$2,995,000, and since our last report on May 25th we have seen 19 sales (compared to 33 in previous report).

The sales range from \$135,000 (ZERO Days on Market) to \$4,500,000. While this range may appear typical for our eclectic environs, there are a couple remarkable things to examine.

For the first time in many years (if ever?) we have six transactions NOT on the water OVER \$500,000. Oftentimes the bulk of IBSS sales are below this threshold, but in this report 37% of all transactions were over \$500,000, making the average of all non-waterfront transactions \$480,000. For a slow season, a lot of money changed hands.

One remarkable transaction pulling this average up was the sale of 4948 Bay Shore Road. This home was designed and built by local architect, Terry Green, in 2008. It has 3,702 square feet of living space and sits on a 34,671 square foot parcel. It has all the elements required to get top dollar in today's market; in particular it is a "storm hardened, certified green home" with more energy efficient features than would fit in this article. It sold for \$1,825,000 which is the highest sale price we have seen for non-waterfront property in IBSS. (The adjacent property was recorded as a \$1,900,000 sale in 2006, but this included the value of a "traded property" so I have always questioned if it could be considered a true transactional value.)

I have talked to two builders about the sale price of 4948 Bay Shore Road and they both unhesitatingly suggested this price may reflect replacement value or what it would actually cost to build this house today in that location.

Personally, I think the value reflects Terry Green's design sensibilities and knowledge of how people actually live in and use their homes. It also cannot be overstated that today's buyers are looking for maximum energy efficiency and storm protection, an evolution leading to the disappearance of many of our original structures.

**-David Jennings**



**PROPERTIES: Active, Active w/ Contract, Pending, and Sold (May 26, 2016 to October 3, 2016)**

Status	Address	Beds	Baths	Price
ACT	3440 CHAPEL DR,	2	2/0	\$175,000
ACT	904 PATTERSON DR	3	2/0	\$194,500
ACT	REMINGTON DR	4	4/0	\$237,900
ACT	3734 IROQUOIS AVE	3	2/0	\$239,900
ACT	1004 22ND ST	2	1/0	\$289,900
ACT	1006 24TH ST	3	2/0	\$329,750
ACT	4 RUS EN URBE CT	2	2/0	\$399,900
ACT	2434 HICKORY AVE	3	2/0	\$485,000
ACT	669 45TH ST	3	2/0	\$495,000
ACT	5037 REMINGTON DR	4	3/0	\$495,000
ACT	4911 BRYWILL CIR	4	3/0	\$699,000
ACT	426 ACACIA DR	4	3/1	\$829,000
ACT	3970 BAY SHORE RD	3	3/0	\$864,900
ACT	602 BELLORA WAY	3	2/1	\$921,000
ACT	636 INDIAN BEACH LN	3	3/0	\$999,000
ACT	612 BELLORA WAY	3	2/1	\$1,024,300
ACT	5151 SUN CIR	4	5/1	\$1,230,000
ACT	580 BELLORA WAY	3	3/0	\$1,253,500
ACT	325 S SHORE DR	3	2/1	\$1,295,000
ACT	3021 BAY SHORE RD	4	3/1	\$1,635,000
ACT	710 INDIAN BEACH CIR	5	5/1	\$1,999,999
ACT	916 INDIAN BEACH DR	5	3/0	\$2,495,000
ACT	3049 BAY SHORE RD	4	5/1	\$3,350,000
ACT	4035 BAY SHORE RD	5	5/0	\$3,495,000
ACT	3315 BAY SHORE RD	6	7/2	\$8,700,000
AWC	848 41ST ST	2	2/0	\$199,900
AWC	5224 EASTCHESTER DR	3	2/0	\$289,900
AWC	4616 LEETA LN	3	2/0	\$339,900
AWC	3133 BAY SHORE RD	4	3/1	\$2,995,000
PNC	540 45TH ST	2	1/1	\$249,900
PNC	360 N SHORE DR	4	2/1	\$700,000
SLD	4817 SARASOTA AVE	2	2/0	\$135,000
SLD	4035 SARASOTA AVE	1	1/0	\$149,000
SLD	4640 LEETA LN	3	2/0	\$166,250
SLD	846 32ND ST	2	2/0	\$220,000
SLD	3605 IROQUOIS AVE	3	3/0	\$235,000
SLD	1075 22ND ST	2	2/0	\$257,500
SLD	655 45TH ST	3	2/0	\$258,500
SLD	630 CORWOOD DR	3	2/0	\$280,000

Status	Address	Beds	Baths	Price
SLD	919 HIGHLAND ST	3	2/0	\$255,000
SLD	740 47TH ST	3	2/0	\$291,000
SLD	981 CALOOSA DR	3	3/0	\$382,000
SLD	5365 WINCHESTER DR	3	2/0	\$387,000
SLD	2121 CHIPPAWA PL	3	2/0	\$402,000
SLD	5024 WINCHESTER DR	4	3/0	\$570,000
SLD	4931 BAY SHORE RD	4	4/1	\$780,000
SLD	4962 BRYWILL CIR	4	3/2	\$850,000
SLD	463 SAPPHIRE DR	4	3/1	\$743,000
SLD	435 S SHORE DR	4	3/0	\$950,000
SLD	4948 BAY SHORE RD	4	4/1	\$1,825,000

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## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

As we look forward to a very beautiful and busy time of the year in our lovely city, our attention to security and crime prevention is so important. Fall ushers in the holidays and creates an exciting atmosphere of hustle and bustle. Among the sights and sounds of the season are increased traffic and a growing population.

While juggling daily routines and responsibilities with extra activities and festivities, we must remember the importance of staying safe. This can best be achieved if everyone remains aware and prepared. It is imperative to pay attention to what is going on around us at all times, wherever we are. If any suspicious activity, crime prone situation, or impending danger is observed or suspected it is crucial to call the police immediately while taking safety precautions for yourself and alerting others.

In this season of Thanksgiving comes an appreciation for the people and possibilities in our lives. We have worked together for many years to preserve our beautiful neighborhood, protect our precious families, and promote concern and communication among neighbors. Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores is a wonderful place to call home and made even better by its remarkable residents.

Contact me for more information about our Neighborhood Watch Program

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

### 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 Watch Coordinators    ■ Alert your neighbors

### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COORDINATORS

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

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### 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

Deputy Chief Pat Robinson ..... 941/ 954-7006

Officer Danny Robbins (Crime Prevention/Home Security

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Michelle Rinaca (Civilian Volunteer Coord.) .... 941/ 366-2845

SPD Website ..... www.sarasotapd.org

**Animal Services** ..... 941/ 861-9500

**Code Compliance** ..... 941/ 954-4125

**Narcotics Hotline** (anonymous) ..... 941/ 954-7050

### IBSS CRIME REPORT: JANUARY 1 - OCTOBER 3

(Approximate totals)	2016	2015
Burglary / Structure .....	09	09
Burglary / Vehicle .....	26	09
Motor Vehicle Theft .....	03	03
Robbery .....	00	02
Criminal Mischief-Property Damage (Mailbox vandalism) .....	14	00

Note: Only one of the burglarized vehicles showed evidence of forced entry. The others were left unlocked.

Auto burglaries citywide, year to date 9/29/16 ..... 350

Auto burglaries (month of September):

City ..... 40

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## Qigong & Tai Chi

Join certified Qigong and Tai Chi instructor, Dee Duquette, on **Tuesdays from 8:30am to 9:30am at Sun Circle Park** to learn how to cultivate your "Qi" and learn how to do 24 Yang Style Tai Chi.

Qi (chee) Gong is an ancient Chinese practice based on Chinese medical principles and the philosophy of the Tao. Over two thousand years old, it is still being practiced today in all parts of the world for its many healing benefits. There are five types of Qi Gong: Confucius, Martial, Medical, Buddhist, and Meditative. The basis of all of these is to cultivate "qi" (chee) or life force. As the practitioner begins to visualize, breathe, and move slowly in a specific manner, many things happen. As the breath becomes slower, deeper, and rhythmic, the blood pressure lowers. This is because the blood vessels relax, allowing greater blood flow to the organs and extremities. This circulation is paramount for oxygenated blood to go to all parts of the body, including the brain. Thus mental clarity, focus, and concentration improve over time.

Qigong is based on improving health and well-being while Tai chi's roots are based in martial arts. Some of the benefits of practicing Tai Chi include improved balance, coordination, strength, flexibility, and stamina. Harvard University, in a series of scientific studies, has proven that Tai Chi done as a daily practice can also boost immunity, preventing illness and disease, and increase longevity. Contact me for more information about the class.

**-Denise Duguet 570/ 417-9823**

## Whitaker Bayou Developments

Whitaker Bayou is arguably the site where "Modern Sarasota" began. It was near the mouth of this spring-fed bayou that William Whitaker landed in the 1840's to begin his new life raising cattle, oranges, and children. Based on a trickle of flow well north of Myrtle Avenue, I think the spring is still active, but I haven't been able to find it. It may be under the dog track parking lot or somewhere on airport property. I don't know, but I'll keep looking.

Over the years, many people stopped paying attention to Whitaker Bayou, but that may be changing soon. There is now plenty of active development west of Tamiami Trail. The 9.5 acres on the south bank behind La Quinta has been a pretty serious boat yard for many years. In the last decade or so, some have proposed a high-end marina development and large condos, but this was met with neighborhood resistance.

Recently, the City Commission approved a newer, less intense proposal put forth by Jebco Ventures. All totaled, there could be 150 condos with about 50 boat slips built in 3 phases. Phase One will be 76 units along the water. I am sure market conditions will determine when Phases 2 and 3 are built.

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Jebco Ventures develops an incredible diversity of projects which includes residential, commercial, and hospitality properties. Locally, this includes the Q Town Homes on Ringling Avenue, Vista Bay Point on Golden Gate Point, the Embassy Suites being built across from the Ritz Carlton, and our very own Goodwill "superstore" on the North Trail. It's hard to typecast a developer capable of building million dollar homes and a Family Dollar, so I would prefer to remain optimistic about the quality of the Whitaker Bayou condos we will see soon.

Finally knowing what the future may hold for the south bank seems to have stimulated activity on the north bank, as well. The property along Sylvan Drive was divided into single family home sites several years ago after a previously approved multifamily proposal "aged out." These lots have changed hands once or twice since the recession, but we finally have "shovels in the ground" on one parcel and a second home in the works.



(Development on Whitaker Bayou)

It would seem that 170 years after William Whitaker homesteaded this property it may once again become the center of activity on the north side. Is it possible more waterfront residents along the bayou will improve environmental conditions? There are examples where more "invested" people brought more attention to issues of runoff, pollution, and restoration efforts. Check out the "Friends of the Chicago River" ([www.ChicagoRiver.org](http://www.ChicagoRiver.org)) if you need some inspiration. Or, to see for yourself, drive north on Tamiami Trail/US 41 which will take you all the way to the mouth of this once neglected waterway.

-David Jennings

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Tuesdays at Sun Circle Park

Qigong & Tai Chi class (see page 10)

### October 22, 2016 10:30am-12:00pm

Bay Haven Food Forest Tour (see page 4)

### November 20, 2016

IBSSA Picnic (see page 1-2)

### November 28, 2016

Submission deadline for December Newsletter

### March 4, 2017

Sun Circle Art Festival (see page 5)

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