

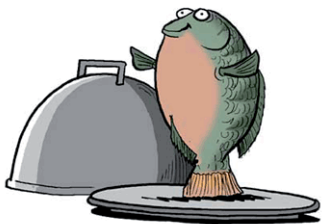
## IBSSA Annual Picnic

### Jungle Gardens • Sunday, November 1

Please come and celebrate our neighborhood at the IBSSA members' potluck picnic on Sunday, November 1, from 3:00-5:00pm at Jungle Gardens. This year's picnic, as in years past, will be a potluck. Our picnic committee asks that you bring your favorite dish: you know the casserole, appetizer, entrée, cake or dessert that has all of your family, friends or neighbors asking for more! Label your potluck dish and serving utensils with your name and the name of the dish. You may also include the recipe. In addition, IBSSA will be providing hot dogs, hamburgers and beverages. We are looking forward to a tasty potluck picnic that's sure to stir up conversation between neighbors!

Your IBSSA membership admits you and your household free into this year's picnic. Members may bring non-residential guests for an additional \$5.00 per person.

New This Year—Please bring a musical instrument and share your talent!



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**  
Jungle Gardens is donating their Pond Tilapia for the picnic. It needs to be caught, cleaned and filleted. If you would like to be a part of "Team Tilapia" please call or contact one of the picnic committee members.

We also need volunteers for set up and break down. The Bay Shore Mennonite Church has graciously offered the use of their tables, so we need a few strong folks to carry them over and back to the church. We also need five gallon or larger beverage thermoses for iced tea and lemonade.

Volunteers and or questions, please contact one of your picnic committee members:

Holly Cita: 351-8034, hollycita@verizon.net

Jana Hoefling: 355-5222 or Tracey Bretoi: 355-8458

See you at the picnic!

## Sun Circle Fish "Extreme Makeover"

by Vald Svekis

The fish sculpture at Sapphire Shores Park has undergone a complete re-painting. Plans for a new color design began in February, when it was learned routine city maintenance had been

scheduled. In an effort to make the fish more of a focal point of Sapphire Shores Park, the IBSSA Board appointed a "Fish Committee," which included Chair Vald Svekis, Holly Cita, Jana Hoefling and Chris Shamsey.

For any chance at success, first step was to get the sculptor's approval. Artist Charles Meyrick's whereabouts were unknown. Rumors pointed to Wisconsin as his last known location. After a slew of calls to various arts groups in Sarasota, it turned out he was living in our fair city. Mr. Meyrick was most cordial. He readily agreed to a new color concept.



Vald Svekis and Dr. Clifford Smith of city staff at unveiling

The first plan was to ask for submissions from students at the Ringling College of Art and Design, but no serious candidates came forward. Two friends with strong art backgrounds, one here in Sarasota and the other in Boston, took pity on my pleas for help and created designs. Mr. Meyrick loved the design by Boston artist Elizabeth Gardner. It was presented to the Association membership at the June Semi-Annual meeting and subsequently approved by the board. The big unknown was the Public Art Committee, which has jurisdiction over public art. They thought the design was great and approved it 5-0.

Children love to climb the fish. For that purpose, a really tough paint was found. We also were required to have a recognized artist oversee the volunteer painting process. Amanda Mason, from our neighborhood, kindly agreed to fill that role. The city paid for all of the paint and materials.

The unveiling of the new design took place on Friday, Sept. 11. We hope you enjoy the fish.

Editor's note: Special thanks to Vald Svekis who worked tirelessly to secure city approval for this project and who, with Amanda, spent several days in the hot sun painting the fish.

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## Neighborhood



## Saturday, November 21

Darian Hoyt Miller has once again generously offered to chair our neighborhood garage sale. This time the sale will be promoted as "Antique Geeks," but the format will be much the same as before...neighbors selling from their yards as well as a group presence at Carr's Corner Café for those who prefer that venue. Maps of all sale sites will be available days ahead at local businesses and free flowing the day of the sale.

The most recent IBSSA neighborhood garage sale had approximately thirty households involved, with a fabulous turnout. Last time there was heavy "traffic" at the Café. It is hoped that with this November date we'll get Holiday business along with all the usual shoppers.

You can contact Darian at [darian@bananatreconcierge.com](mailto:darian@bananatreconcierge.com) with all your questions. (And when you stop by Carr's Corner Café, please be sure to thank Sharon Carr. She and her café are neighborhood treasures.)

## Bay Haven School Parking Lot

*by Holly Cita*

The parking lot plans for Bay Haven School are moving forward and construction is scheduled to begin this month. A proposed completion date is set for the close of the year. The parking lot will be located across the street from the school between West Tamiami Circle and Highway 41. There will be approximately 69 parking spaces available for families and visitors. Four to six parking spaces were eliminated from the plans to save existing trees that were mature and healthy. The design currently restricts entry to the lot only from Tamiami Circle and exiting only onto Highway 41.



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## The Humble Ranch (or “Living On Grade”) *by David Jennings*



There are a few things we like to call American Inventions...Jazz Music, a fusion of cultures and styles specific to events which took place on this continent; the 1959 Cadillac El Dorado and many of the highly styled cars coming out of Detroit in the 1950's and I would also suggest... the Ranch House.

The phenomenon of the Ranch was born in the western United States and literally has ties to homes being built on working ranches in the 19th century. These vintage structures were a source of inspiration for the architects of the early 20th century some of whom were based in Southern California. Green & Green come to mind immediately. Although better known for their bungalow masterpiece in Pasadena, The Gamble Mansion, they also experimented with the Ranch, as did Frank Lloyd Wright.

Locally, one of our oldest “intentional” ranches was designed by Ralph Twitchell for the Pulitzer Prize winning writer MacKinley Kantor. It was built in the 1930's and still stands on Siesta Key. Many of the design elements evoke a western mystique but are also appropriate for our sunny climate.

One of the oldest ranches in Indian Beach Sapphire Shores is dated 1941. That's when the Adams Estate, now the home of Jono Miller and his family, was built. Interestingly, the property surrounding this home was subdivided and built out with an early 1980's interpretation of the ranch house by Najar Construction. There is a considerable difference in the aesthetic but they share many things in common.

In particular, ranch houses are designed for comfortable, informal living. Gone are the sequestered parlors and formal dining rooms of the Victorians. Ranch homes have open plans with family living and dining areas merged. Front doors open directly in to this space with entries often only differentiated by some type of flooring.

By the building boom of the 1950's ranches were the preferred stock and we are fortunate to have many “one owner” and unadulterated examples in our neighborhood. V & A Homes built several dozen in Sapphire Heights. They also built the Golden Host (Best Western) and the Bahi Hut illustrating how ranch design influenced commercial development, as well. Before you deride these commercial structures as mere utilitarian, highway phenoms, take note, they were designed by the architectural

team of Ralph and William Zimmerman more popularly known as participants in the “Sarasota School of Architecture”. (Does anyone care to sign my petition to have the Bahi Hut historically designated?)

Ruth Richmond, the first woman General Contractor in the State of Florida, built many of the homes on Corwood Drive and it's still possible to find examples of the original “Randol Idea”, a small 2 bedroom, 2 bath ranch advertised with “crystallite” door knobs and cabinet pulls which never need repair. “You can bounce them off the cement floor and they won't chip”... However, the Randol came with your choice of terrazzo or carpet!

The popularity of the Ranch home spans an entire century and the very words bring many different images to mind. Some think of the modern designs popularized by the Sarasota School of Architecture. Others think of mass produced “atomic ranches” with vaulted ceilings and amoeba pattern Formica counters; kitschy features anyone over 40 is familiar with.

But a universal element is they are all horizontal and low to the ground. This creates what Clifford May called “ground contact”. These homes maintain a relationship to the landscape and are oftentimes just a few inches above grade.

I have heard this locally referred to as “living on grade” and it was never more possible for so many people than it was in postwar America when there seemed to be no end to the money, the drive and the seemingly endless amount of land.

As building codes evolve and the land disappears, it is “living on grade” which might be the rarest aspect of our neighborhood ranches. Congratulations if you are lucky enough to know what this feels like.

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# North Trail Business/Market Update

by David Jennings

The longer you live in Florida the more you become aware of seasonal changes. Some people think we only have summer and winter. But old timers can smell the difference between summer and fall. They can feel a single degree of change in relative humidity. They notice a difference in the light of early evening.

For better or worse, this is how we track development on the North Trail in 2009. But even changes of a single degree should be celebrated and what follows is a very incomplete list of positive developments along our favorite commercial corridor.

**The Ringling Museum** with their upcoming **International Arts Festival October 7-11** is coordinating the installation of banners to be mounted along the entire trail on FPL poles. Other non profits are participating, but Chip Willis (neighbor and museum COO) and his team are spearheading the project.

The **City Planning Commission** recently voted unanimously to create a "live/work" overlay district in the Bayou Oaks neighborhood between Myrtle Drive and Patterson Drive.

The **Enterprise Zone Development Agency** has approved an expansion of the **Sarasota Enterprise Zone** to include NT commercial properties along the Trail, creating tax benefits for local employers and those wishing to develop/redevelop.

**Café du Monde** is receiving much acclaim, including the ire of the New Orleans based coffee giant of the same name. Thus, the recently mandated name change to **Bistro du Monde**. Check out what all this fuss is about.

**Funtoysia** continues to grow their client base and is one of the oldest PlaySkool distributors in the southeast. Christmas is right around the corner.

**Rico's** just won Sarasota's Best Pizza in the SHT. They have also improved their dining room and now have a full liquor license.

The **Catholic Diocese** purchased the dentist's office at 5055 N. Tamiami and plans to renovate and create offices for its social services departments.

**Chef Paul** is still calling the shots at the **Jewel Café**. Open for breakfast and lunch.

**The China Dragon** is becoming renowned for dim sum and the parking lot is overflowing on weekends.

The new drycleaner in North Trail Plaza hasn't broken any of my buttons, yet!

**Gyro the Great** might not have a large enough parking lot for all their customers.

A new **Wild Hog BBQ** is coming to 3232 North Tamiami, soon. Keep an eye out for the opening.

**The Alley** (the old Blue Moon) is open and the patrons are showing us their preference for sitting outside. Build it and they will come!

**Indian Beach Plaza** is bustling. Plenty of parking around back so stop by and check out the vendors, which now include the **Dave Henry Photography Studio**.

**Mobil** is hopping but the deal with Dunkin Donuts fell through. Any one feel like opening up a donut shop?

**Island Style** is always cutting edge and now has a complete line of stand up paddle boards and kiteboarding equipment. This is an unsung educational institution on the North Trail. Learn to kayak, windsurf or kiteboard.

Marietta Lee's **Museum of Art and Whimsy** on the former site of the Serendipity Gallery is still aiming for a November opening.

The marina project on Whitaker Bayou is still alive and now includes a hotel/hospitality component.

The number of cars in **Aristo's** lot continues to grow. I have heard good things.

And don't forget **Michael's Tuxedo** is now in the San Marco Plaza.



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## Fall Gardening Tips *by Donna Bauer*

**T**ime to think about a fall vegetable garden. Temperatures are becoming slightly cooler and insects are becoming a bit less abundant. Vegetable gardening offers fresh air, sunshine, exercise, enjoyment, and mental therapy as well as nutritious fresh vegetables and economic savings. AND, you can do it with a little help from the Florida IFAS Extension guide to vegetable gardening.

Many vegetables can be planted now, including warm weather crops like bush and pole beans, cucumbers and squash. Cool weather crops (beets, broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, collards, kale, leeks, lettuce, onions, and turnips can also be planted now. Wait until it gets a bit cooler (October) to plant Chinese cabbage, spinach and strawberries. The University of Florida IFAS Extension Department offers a detailed step by step planning guide for your garden. The following steps are recommended for a successful garden.

**SITE:** Choose a site that is well drained, close to a source of water, and in a location that receives at least six hours of direct sunlight daily. Don't think that you have the space? Nonsense! You can include vegetables in the landscape among your flowers and shrubs or use containers. I've used the side of one of my large oak trees as a trellis for snow peas; the oak foliage is high enough that the peas get adequate sun light.

**MAKE A PLAN:** Create a drawing of your garden, making sure that you have enough room for your design. Your garden plan should include the name, location and planting date(s) of the vegetables you want to grow. See the UF IFAS Extension planting guide for planting dates, spacing of plants, transplantability, pounds yield, days to harvest, etc. Make a list of supplies that you will need for it.

**SOIL PREPARATION:** Gardeners often plant on whatever soil type is available, but to ensure optimum results, it is well worth your time to improve the garden plot with additions of organic matter. Spade or plow the plot at least three weeks before planting; then, at planting time, rework the soil into a smooth, firm surface.

**Adjusting Soil Ph:** Test your soil; soil pH is important because it governs how available nutrients are to plants.

**Organic Matter:** Almost all of Florida soils benefit from the addition of organic mater, such as animal manure, rotted leaves, commercial soil mixes cover crops, and compost (consider constructing your own compost bin).

**Fertilizers:** Unless very large quantities of organic fertilizer materials are applied, commercial synthetic fertilizer is usually used by Florida gardeners. The most commonly used fertilizers are the grades, 6-6-6 or 10-10-10. A soil test can determine the proper grade of fertilizer for your garden. See EDIS Publication Cir 1248 UF/FAS Extension Soil Testing Laboratory (<http://edisifas.ufl.edu/SS312>).

**IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE:** Vegetables cannot tolerate standing water from excessive rainfall or irrigation, yet they need soil moisture to grow and produce. Frequency of irrigation depends upon the age of the crop and soil type. Young plants need more frequent, but lighter irrigation; maturing plants need

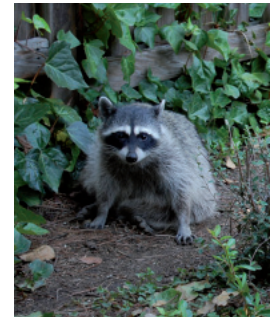
more water, but less often. Sandy soils demand more frequent irrigation than clay, muck or amended soils. You can conserve water by using mulch, organic matter, and techniques such as drip irrigation.

**PEST MANAGEMENT:** Pests in the vegetable garden include weeds, insects, mites, diseases, nematodes, and even animals like raccoons and birds. There are many options for reducing pest problems. I prefer sharing: one plant for me/one for the animals that come into my yard. I place netting over my plants. Pesticides can be harmful to people, pets, beneficial insects, and the natural environment and should by used only after all other post-management steps have been taken. The University of Florida

IFAS extension office offers an extensive guide for no-pesticide approaches. Should you choose to use pesticides, a guide is provided on how to use pesticides wisely.

### HAPPY GARDENING!

*SOURCES: University of Florida, IFAS Extension <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/VH021>*



## Organic Planting Lectures and Rain Barrels

Sarasota County is offering FREE monthly organic gardening classes beginning in September and lasting through the growing season at the Orange Blossom Community Garden located at Orange Avenue Park at the corner of 18th Street and Orange Avenue. Classes will be held from 2 to 2:30pm on the first Saturday of every month until next summer.

The first class (Sept. 5) provided an overview of organic gardening. Soil types and soil amendments were discussed, as well as integrating edibles into ornamental landscaping. Planting times for individual types of plants were provided. Problematic factors such as wind, temperatures, and dealing with garden pests were also discussed.

Did you know??? That sprinkling ground cinnamon on plants and surrounding earth kills most fungi and bacterial diseases on plants. Such helpful hints are also provided at the classes.

Sarasota County will be selling residents 55 gallon rain barrels to collect roof runoff for \$37.00. The cost includes spigot assembly and sales tax. County commissioners approved the program Tuesday, Sept. 09, but the county did not immediately know when the barrels would be available for purchase. Watch the newspaper for upcoming dates.



## Clean Up After Your Pet

Remember that in our neighborhood whatever you don't clean up goes into the bay. And obey the leash law.

## Keep an Eye Out

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



## See it! Hear it! Report it!

Report all crime and suspicious activity...**IMMEDIATELY!**

- First call the police – for emergencies call 911, for non-emergencies call 316-1199 or 316-1201.
- Call your Block Captain or Coordinator
- Alert your neighbor - While some suspicious situations have innocent explanations, the police would rather investigate a crime-prone situation than be called when it is too late. Your call could stop a criminal act, prevent an injury or save a life.

By following these three steps our neighbors can be quickly informed of a crime or potential for crime and be on the lookout for possible suspects as the police are responding.

Our City Police Department, as well as all law enforcement agencies, functions more effectively with the assistance of concerned residents who take the time to observe and report suspicious activity. Responding promptly with accurate information is vital.

Report: What happened? When? Where? Was anyone hurt?

Suspect Description: Age, race, sex, height, weight, hair, clothing, unique characteristics (scars, tattoos, jewelry, etc.)

Vehicle Description: Make, model, color, license number, distinctive features, noticeable damage and the direction of travel.

Your call could stop a criminal act, prevent an injury, or save a life!

Let's not be complacent about the illicit activity often occurring along the North Trail. Be sure to report any criminal activity that you see. Call the Police...they need to know!

## Citizen Volunteer Program

Years ago we had a citizen cellular phone patrol in our neighborhood (SNOOP: Sapphire Neighbors Out on Patrol) where residents would patrol either on foot or in their own vehicle. Now the Sarasota Police Department's Citizen Volunteer Program offers residents, who have completed training, the opportunity to do a variety of duties including a vehicular patrol using a car and uniforms provided by the police department.

Neighbors Egon and Urte Tuerpe have been patrolling our area now for a few months and are hoping that others will soon join them...maybe you! The more eyes and ears we have out on our neighborhood streets and along North Tamiami Trail, the better!

For information contact Officer Ford Snodgrass at 954-7056 or Debbie Muller at 355-5743.

## IBSSA Board of Directors

If you would be interested in serving on the IBSSA Board of Directors and helping your neighborhood, the nominating committee is accepting applications. Elections will be held at the annual membership meeting on December 1, 2009. Terms are up to two years. Only IBSSA members may apply. Our Board is an all volunteer effort (there are no paid staff members). The IBSSA is dependent on board members' individual contributions to the overall goals of the Association. Nominating Committee Chair, Vald Svekis can be contacted at 359-0683.

## Web Designer

We are looking for tech savvy residents who are interested in contributing their time to help administer our soon-to-debut new website. Please contact Cynthia Bigger at [cbiggarsales@yahoo.com](mailto:cbiggarsales@yahoo.com) if you can help.

## Neighborhood Watch News

by Debbie Muller

In recent years, neighborhoods have experienced rapid change. The old well established neighborhood has been replaced by a highly transient, growing community where people seek more and more privacy. This lifestyle tends to promote unfamiliarity with neighbors and a corresponding lack of concern.

Unfortunately, this enhances the opportunities for the criminal element and increases the community's vulnerability to crime.

Although we have actually had a reduction in burglaries and auto thefts in our neighborhood as of August 31st of this year, neighboring areas east of U.S. 41 have suffered a drastic increase in burglaries and robberies in July and August (+8%). Most criminals are opportunists. They look for easy targets: unlocked home and auto doors, items left unsecured in yards, open garages, carports, and mailboxes.

The North Tamiami Trail should be a welcoming and safe entry way to both Sarasota and our neighborhood. We must send a message to criminals that their presence and actions will not be tolerated and any and all unlawful activities will be reported.

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## 2009 Storm Contacts for FPL Customers

*by Terri Britton*

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Throughout a storm: We will email updates and provide up-to-date information through [www.FPL.com](http://www.FPL.com) and the news media.

For hurricane preparation tips: Visit FPL's Storm Center at [fpl.com/storm](http://fpl.com/storm).

After a storm, we'll post up-to-date information about the status of our restoration effort. If you have any questions, please call me at 941-483-2048.