

NTRP Chair, Jay Patel and Vice-Chair, David Morriss

N Trail Redevelopment Partnership Letter to the Neighborhood

In January of this year, a task force comprised of local citizens was formed by Mayor Richard Clapp to study, understand and work to facilitate positive redevelopment of the North Trail. Already in the process of formal organization as a non-profit corporation, the group has selected the name “North Trail Redevelopment Partnership” and includes Mayor Richard Clapp, representatives of the Ringling College, the Ringling Museum, the Sarasota Police Department, and the Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores, Bayou Oaks and Central Coconut neighborhoods, as well as local architects, planners, business owners, real estate brokers and City of Sarasota planning staff as members.

The initial meetings of the group have been dedicated to establishing an efficient organizational structure and furthering the group’s understanding of the issues affecting the North Trail and its redevelopment. Many ideas have been discussed over the years and a great deal of research to capitalize on those earlier efforts, as well as to bring new ideas to the effort, has been undertaken.

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Notice of Proposed Bylaw Addition

At the June IBSSA meeting, several members indicated a desire to provide membership in the Association for those who were former members, but no longer lived within the defined neighborhood association boundaries. The proposed bylaw addition below has been mailed to all neighborhood residences via this newsletter. This will serve as official notice of the proposed bylaw addition. It will be voted upon at the December membership meeting.

Addition to Article III – Membership

Supporting Memberships are open to former members now living outside the Association’s defined boundaries who have a continuing interest in the Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores neighborhood. Such persons may purchase an annual membership, receive communications, and attend IBSSA events and meetings. Supporting Memberships do not include the right to vote at membership meetings or serve on the board of directors.

Nominating Committee Report

by Vald Svekis

Directors of the IBSSA Board are elected to two year terms. Of the 13 Board seats, 7 are up for election this year. The other directors’ terms end next year.

As required by the IBSSA bylaws, the Board of Directors named a nominating committee of Mark Mason, Donna Bauer and me. Our task was to submit to the membership a slate of nominees for Board vacancies and officers. The following well qualified nominees will be voted on by the membership at the semi-annual meeting on December 1, 2009:

Nominated to be reelected as directors:	Nominated as new directors:
Cynthia Biggar	Anne Brain
Don Farr	Elaine Deme
Gretchen Serrie	David Morriss
	Greg Shea

Nominated as officers:

Cynthia Biggar	President	Gretchen Serrie	Secretary
Vald Svekis	Vice President	Frank Zimmerman	Treasurer

As a starting point for all work, a common vision for the Trail, broad enough to embrace the many issues yet concise enough to be efficient, has been adopted by the group as the guiding mission statement. It reads: “The North Trail Redevelopment Partnership is a broad-based, collaborative community initiative that fosters sustainable, predictable economic redevelopment along North Tamiami Trail to achieve a revitalized, attractive, safe and inviting environment for business, institutions and neighborhoods.”

In more detail, the group effort seeks to make the North Trail a sustainably vibrant, desirable and safe place to live, learn, work, shop, eat and play. Through a closely coordinated effort between the public sector, the private sector and citizens, the Partnership will generate the ‘tools’ needed to reach this vision.

These ‘tools’ include: encouraging economic development on the North Trail that is sustainable and is accomplished through a process that is more predictable for both developers and neighborhoods, creating standards of quality strongly coupled to provide incentives for redevelopment and disincentives for run-down eyesores, producing helpful, relevant information including on-line databases to assist in attracting new uses on the Trail and in generating community support for desirable uses already on the Trail. All these efforts have the intent of facilitating thriving, attractive projects that will change negative perceptions of the North Trail, will serve the community and will be financially successful.

We believe that this work must embody thoughtful design of structures, pedestrian friendly spaces, thriving businesses, and that presence of the people drawn to patronize them will significantly and naturally decrease crime; nonetheless, strong ongoing efforts will be made to treat safety and security as the highest priority during the entire process. Our Public Safety committee members have already been successful in obtaining grant funding for the placement of the first of many high-tech surveillance cameras.

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This will not happen quickly, but will be well worth the effort taken by all pulling in the same direction. The North Trail has all of the ingredients to become the asset to the community it has always had the potential to be and our goal is to help set the table so that it can become the place to be.

Over the coming months, we hope to meet with you to present a variety of ideas, starting with a basic discussion including a glossary of terms as well as an inside look at the processes involved in the analysis, effective community participation, development and construction of a project.

Once the basics of the language are in hand, the next series

of discussions will be about the economic realities facing the North Trail, followed by initiatives such as amending the existing overlay district to embrace form based codes, signage upgrades and other critical infrastructure proposals.

We wish to invite all stakeholders to join the Partnership in working together to develop proposals leading to concrete action. Membership is open to any individual able to fully participate in monthly meetings and to actively serve on one of five committees: Public Safety, Communications, Institutional, Organizational and Redevelopment. Please contact one of us for details if you are interested in joining.

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Chair, NTRP and Institutional & Organizational Committees

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Chair, Communications & Rebranding Committee

Eric Collin - eric@finergygroup.com
Chair, Redevelopment Committee

Barry Patel - bpatelemail@gmail.com
Chair, Public Safety Committee

IBSSA residents already serving on the NTRP include architect David Morriss, Realtor® David Jennings, architect and planner Frank Folsom Smith, VP Finergy Development Group, Eric Collins, IBSSA board member Gretchen Serrie and Mayor Dick Clapp.

Remembering Bart Cotten

The fine article in September’s newsletter about our fish sculpture was wonderful, as is the fish’s new look! However, we must mention something about the reason that the fish is there. A small plaque on the bay side of the sculpture explains, but there must be many new residents in the neighborhood who know nothing about the origin of the sculpture or the man in whose honor it was commissioned

For most of the 1990’s, IBSSA’s president was Bart Cotten, who resided on Woodland Drive. Bart had a profound love for the neighborhood and under his direction evolved many of the things we enjoy today...the park at Sapphire Shores, the annual picnic, the newsletter and the sunset gatherings in the park, to name a few. He was a most gentle and beloved man, and when he retired from his position, the neighborhood wanted to honor him and his years of work and dedication. He loved whimsy and he was an avid fisherman, ergo the whimsical fish was perfect. Sadly, Bart died in 2001, but he would have loved the new look. Surely he is smiling down on his fish.





Beautification Committee Update

by Cynthia Bernstein

Sapphire Shores Park

We have recently learned that the City will be extending the sidewalk from its current ending point near the Fish Sculpture southward to South Shore Drive. Work is scheduled to begin this January. We will explore ways to provide funding for benches and shade trees beside the new pathway.

Ainsley Place Island

Plans are underway to restore this island as it was designed eleven years ago by Jojo Lindquist. The Association has agreed to purchase the plant material and volunteers will do the installation. Hopefully, the work will commence this spring.

Sarasota Avenue Greenway between 45th & 47th St.

The final draft concept plan for this park is due by mid-month. PBS&J (the engineering firm), the Sarasota Bay Estuary Program, the City, and our committee have been working together to develop this area into a neighborhood linear park. To date, a community meeting has been held with contiguous neighbors (both residential and commercial) and a general Community Meeting will be scheduled once the final concept plans are available.

If you have any questions regarding the above or would like to become an active member of our committee, please give me a call. Cynthia Bernstein, Chair (355-8773)

Historic Homes Tour Features IBSSA

The 20th Anniversary Home Tour of the Sarasota Alliance for Historical Preservation (SAHP) is scheduled for Sunday, March 7 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.

This year's tour includes five residences in the Sapphire Shores Neighborhood. These homes represent several architectural styles. Docents at each home will provide histories of the houses and point out other unique features.

The Sarasota trolley will be employed to transport guests from home to home. Guests can purchase a tour book which acts as the ticket of entry to each residence. Tour books provide information on the various homes and neighborhood areas. The books cost \$20.00 and will go on sale on March 1 at the following locations: Sarasota Architectural Salvage, the Sarasota Visitor Center, the Sarasota History Center, Davidson's Drugs, Historic Spanish Point, and other outlets TBD.

Those interested in volunteering for the Home Tour are invited to contact Ginger Sutton, volunteer coordinator - gsutton@comcast.net.

Neighbor Jesse White, Tour Chair, has also asked that information on the history of our neighborhood (especially any "secret lore" or little known facts) be shared with Laurie Muldownie of the Sarasota County History Center - lmuldown@scgov.net or Jesse himself - www.SarasotaSalvage.com - 362-0803. This information will be provided to tour guests as well as added to the article on the neighborhood in the Tour Guide.

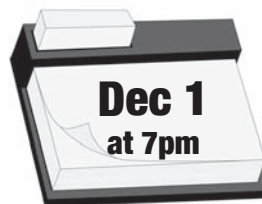
History Committee *by Vald Svekis*

The History Project is grateful to Bob Mosher, Dale and Beverly Rodgers, Laura and Elliott Stutzman and Aime' Verhofstadt for telling their stories. Our video archive is growing and will provide historical background to our community.

We are still in need of your story. It does not need to be spectacular but rather just put in historical context community events as they interfaced your lives. Should you be able to shed light on any of the many myths and legends still circulating that would be a fun addition.

One interesting story related to New College students sun bathing sans clothing on top of their dorm. Planes coming in for landing would come dangerously close to the roof top. Authorities fearful of a crash finally convinced the students to stop.

Please search through your photographs and newspaper clippings, diaries, etc for historical material. It might seem trivial but could well confirm or lead to further revelations.



Mark your calendars for our semi-annual meeting. It will be held at the Bay Shore Mennonite Church.

IBSSA Annual Picnic *by Holly Cita*



There was a great turnout for the IBSSA potluck picnic held at Jungle Gardens on Sunday, November 1. This annual event also turned out lots of delicious fare prepared by many.

This year we partnered with some of our neighborhood restaurants for a Taste of the North Trail. Each one of these restaurants provided us with their signature dishes for the potluck. We are very lucky to have so many fine establishments on the North Trail. The children, big and small, enjoyed the sampling of fantastic toys and games from Funtoysia. Thank you to all that participated!

- Aristo's** 1603 N Tamiami Tr. 316-0505
- Bistro du Monde** 5119 N Tamiami Tr. 355-1114
- Carr's Corner Cafe** 3025 N Tamiami Tr. 355-4051
- Captain Brian's Seafood Restaurant**
8421 N Tamiami Tr. 351-4421
- Gyro The Great** 1036 Colleton Ave. 554-8614

Funtoysia 5119 N Tamiami Tr. 355-9797
Robin brought games for all to enjoy!

Gold Dynasty Chinese Restaurant
4195 N Tamiami Tr. 822-0288

When you plan for dining, the North Trail provides you with a wide selection of fabulous Restaurants. Please patronize them. They contribute to our community and make the best of neighbors.

Thank you to **Jungle Gardens**, 3701 Bay Shore Rd., 355-1112 for all of your help! Many thanks to our North Trail Business Alliance for their contribution in helping with picnic expenses.

Thank you **Jana & John Howling, Tracy & Matt Bretoi, Cynthia Bernstein, Donna Bauer, Dale and Beverly Rodgers, Jordan Johannes, Rolf Hanson and Ann Sundberg, Adam, Yvonne, Anna** and **everyone** who helped in making this year's picnic the best.

Block Captains Needed!

Please contact your Neighborhood Watch Coordinator if you are willing to be the contact person for your street, relaying information between your neighbors and your coordinator.

Your participation in the neighborhood watch is much needed and greatly appreciated.

News Flash

As we are going to print we've learned there will be a new and exciting restaurant opening in the old Domino's location in the Indian Beach Plaza on US 41 and Tamiami Circle .

Keep your eyes open for a place we are all excited to try!



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A host of characters owned the place over the decades and the massive abstract made for some interesting reading.

Today’s owners were smitten with the place but were not able to bring it up to desired levels of storm worthiness and energy efficiency. So don’t be surprised to find a very similar looking structure rise up on this highly visible corner.

As for the “organs” which were donated...I have been invited to several restoration projects around the county to see how the bulk of materials are being used on other homes. This project kept valuable, vintage material out of the landfill and provided much needed “period appropriate” pieces for other projects.

Responsible Demolition? *by David Jennings*

These are two words rarely used together. I came up with the term working with the Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation in our efforts to... #1 preserve structures in the original location or #2 preserve structures by relocating or finally (the consolation prize) #3 salvaging valuable material from the structure for use on other restorations and renovations.

We’ve recently witnessed the “responsible demolition” of a neighborhood landmark. 4638 Bay Shore Road was almost entirely picked clean of windows, doors, hardware, cabinets, base boards, pecky cypress paneling, fireplace mantle and more....

The owners of the property selected Charity Demolitions to manage the sale, during which contractors and handymen use their own tools to remove whatever they need. I watched and photographed the entire process since this house was near and dear to my heart. My wife Linda and I were responsible for the renovation of this home in 1999 and rented it to family members for 7 years.

Watching pieces being removed felt like being an organ donor while still alive. It was a melancholy experience, but I always knew the house was a bit of a “mutt” with its additions, vinyl siding and vinyl windows. The Alliance for Historic Preservation once described it as a “...southern lady who does not give up her secrets easily...”

What we came to believe was the main portion of the structure was a school house in Palmetto floated to our neighborhood by barge in 1935. The wings were probably added in the 1940’s.



A Bubble in the Rear View Mirror

by David Jennings

Most people are aware the local real estate market seems to have a pulse, again. However, few are able to put recent sales activity into historical perspective. One recent closing may tell the whole story in a single address.

809 40th Street

“...small but cute 2 bed, 1 bath home with single car carport...”

1983-\$36,900

2004-\$149,000

2005-\$242,000

2009 - \$101,000

There are real people and stories behind each one of these transactions but for now the numbers are doing the talking and this is what a bubble looks like.

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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.

Neighborhood Watch Coordinators:

- Sapphire I 58th Street - 47th Street:
Debbie Muller 355-5743
- Sapphire II 47th Street - Myrtle Street:
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Helpful Numbers:

- Sarasota Police Dept
Non-emergency 316-1199 or 316-1201
- S.P.D. Front Desk 954-7025
- Chief Peter Abbott 954-7002
- Lt. Pat Ledwith (N.Dist) 364-7344
- Animal Services 861-9500
- Boat Noise 316-1201
- Citizen Volunteer & Project Lifesaver:
Officer Ford Snodgrass 954-7056
- Gang & Graffiti - Kim Laster 364-7327
- Narcotics Hotline 954-7050
- Nuisance Abatement: Det. Jeff Steiner 954-7092
- Code Compliance 954-4125

Neighborhood Watch News

by Debbie Muller

Concern, awareness and communication are essential for an effective neighborhood watch. Thankfully, the residents of Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores have been intent on preserving the safety and security within our neighborhood for years. In an effort to reduce crime and to better inform residents throughout the neighborhood of criminal activity, suspicious persons, or the potential for crime, the neighborhood watch was organized in partnership with the Sarasota Police department in 1983.

Caring about the well being of one another, awareness of what's happening around us, the willingness to call the police to report criminal or suspicious activity and alerting our neighbors when an incident occurs really does make a community safer.

Reminders:

Be especially watchful for students on their way to and from school.

Call the police right away if you notice unfamiliar persons or vehicles in the area for no apparent reason or if anyone is loitering around schools or bus stops.

DON'T SPEED! 15 mph in school zones
25 mph throughout neighborhood



Crime Report:

(Jan. 1 – Oct. 31)	2009	2008
Residential Burglary	24	33
Auto Burglary	12	28
Motor Vehicle Theft	5	6

Incidents of vandalism, graffiti, non-permitted solicitors, aggressive panhandling and increased observations of prostitution have been reported in our neighborhood. Vacant properties and unoccupied houses are often hot spots for prostitution and drug activity as well as ideal locations for vagrant campsites.

If you are concerned about any situation, please call the **Sarasota Police at 316-1199** to report suspected drug activity, anonymously, call the **Narcotics Hotline at 954-7050**.

Neighborhood

We have a dozen homes, so far, listed on "THE MAP" participating in the November 21st SALE.



Nov. 21

The **Carr's Corner Café** location will be rocking as well, with at least 10 tables to draw the attention of passersby. Watch for a very cool **Bamboo Booth** plus **Liberty's Cupcakes!**

If you're not selling, then save the morning to shop and visit with your neighbors. Do your holiday shopping in the neighborhood.

Membership Application and Dues Renewal Form



Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores Association

Membership type: New Renewal

I can volunteer:

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

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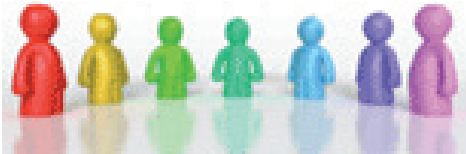
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Mail: P.O. Box 49673, Sarasota, FL 34230

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