



Newsletter

December 2014



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To All Our Neighbors,

Happy Holidays! The December annual meeting is the last event of the year for the IBSSA crew. We've had many successful events in 2014, starting with the IBSSA yard sale, through the Sun Circle Art Festival, the fantastic IBSSA Picnic, and little projects of all descriptions. 2015 will see a similar lineup. In addition, the Sarasota Garden Club has selected four gardens in our neighborhood

to be included in their "Gardens In Paradise" tour happening in March of 2015. These events would not have happened without the massive efforts by our volunteers. So many operate behind the scenes working long hours with little or no recognition, and it's time to give 'em a hand: Joanne Gonet, Jane Johnson, Kitty Cannon, Monica Neligon, Gretchen Serrie, Paul Verizzo, Darian Hoyt Miller, Maryann Armour, Debbie Berger, Lisa Lee-High, Jessica Masterson and many others too numerous to list. There is always room for more help and it is fun.

Things are looking good in the neighborhood, with many of the foreclosed homes coming into more caring hands. Several new houses are complete, several more under construction, many renovations underway, and, speaking personally, improved landscaping because someone else is doing it for me.

At this year's annual meeting some exciting new concepts and projects will be presented; some that will have a direct

impact on the neighborhood and some of major significance to Sarasota in general. Our new website will have links to information on most of the items presented.

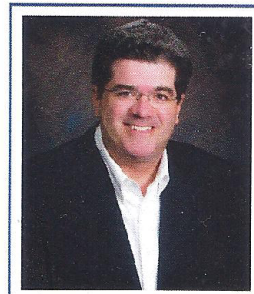
I encourage you to check out our improved website, IBSSA.ws, which will be much more user-friendly and have links to information and websites for the topics presented at the annual meeting. Among them are:

- Ringling College of Art and Design post production campus
- Village to Village
- Artspace
- The remake of the Regency
- Sarasota Bayfront

Once again, thanks for your support and if you haven't joined the IBSSA, I encourage taking the time. The picnic alone is worth the cost and you would be supporting the neighborhood. I hope you have a safe and pleasant holiday season and I look forward to seeing you next year. ♦

Warm Regards,

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MINING THE IBSSA HISTORY ARCHIVE

I recently took possession of two plastic file bins, chock full of IBSSA history, from David Morriss. He had gotten them from Dick Clapp, and before then I don't know the chain. If you like history and if you like our neighborhood, these boxes are pure dark chocolate of yumminess. It was like opening King Tut's tomb, although Queen IBSSA is quite lively still.

Handwritten minutes of "The Indian Beach Association" in an old green ledger-type book seem to be the oldest dated record: "The Executive Board met Thursday, February 24th, 1955 at 8 PM." The primary topic was "Upgrading the zoning," of the neighborhood. At the next meeting two months later, it was reported that there were 22 members, the bank balance was \$167.07, there was \$2 cash on hand, and all bills paid.

Such were our humble *almost* beginnings. A membership drive letter of November, 1962 notes that the association "has been in operation for eleven years," or 1951. Works for me! (The letter writer got all of our borders wrong, bless her!) Oldest association in the county? By 1984, we realized that we needed to become official, and in 1985 we were incorporated and recognized by the state of Florida to that effect.

Controversies are not new! The most heated, passionate one I've found had to do with making that vacant land just west of Sun Circle (unpaved) into a city park. The collapse of western civilization was predicted, flyers went out, angry letters abounded, phone polls conducted.....and today we have Sapphire Shores Park, much beloved by many. (Reminds me of

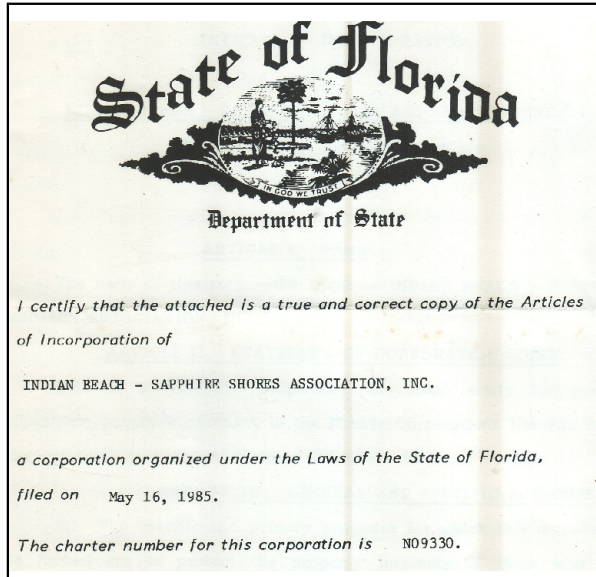
the collective horror of having a *PURPLE* new Van Wezel Auditorium forty years ago, but that's another story. However, the same lesson to be learned: Today's horrors are often tomorrow's pride.)

The birth of Sapphire Shores Park created a lot of paperwork, including landscaping plans and signs to stop the parking on the, well, park! Approximately 60 families donated almost \$9,000 (1990 dollars!) to get the park going. What a gift for us! Our other park, Indian Beach, didn't have a controversy, but when the city wanted, and we most certainly wanted, erosion control installed, the city insisted on the association giving approval for them to trespass on *our* land. Lawyers did title searching and deemed that the park was held in common by all owners of land in the adjoining Bay Haven Subdivision. (And it still is!) Permission granted.

Another controversy had to do with a proposed ordinance to prevent any boats from anchoring more than 72 hours within 500 feet of a residence. This was aimed at the Stevens Point moorings. My father, ever the passionate sailor, led the effort to have the city make an exception for us if we promised to monitor this. I have not discovered the outcome.

As always, crime was a hot topic and led to Sarasota's first Neighborhood Watch. It was started in 1983 by Mr. and Mrs. Simpson on the north end of the neighborhood and spread all over in a few months. In 1990, Debbie Muller volunteered to head it up, and she's still our resident crime expert! Crime reports were typed out back then, noting if the lights were on,

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Partial image: Articles of Incorporation, 1985. (see full image and other documents on ibssa.ws)



The Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores Newsletter is produced and disseminated four times a year: mid-February, mid-June, last week in October, and mid-December to all 1,140 residences in the Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores neighborhood.

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, please contact [Lisa Lee-High, Editor](mailto:lisaeehigh@gmail.com), at 775/287-3794 or lisaeehigh@gmail.com.

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Submission deadline for the February issue is January 15, 2015

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even. Don't forget, the 1980's, in general, all over the country had huge crime increases, and for us, the opening of I-75 in the mid-1970's sounded the death knell of our family motels. Did we just sit around? Heck, no, not us!

By 1990, one of those now old-fashioned tractor-feed computer printouts shows that we had 343 members. This came after a membership push with lots of leather on the ground. After page after laborious hand written pages of membership lists since 1955, and of property ownership records, IBSSA had joined the computer age.

I found the will of Mrs. Caples giving her property to New College, along with plenty of provisos. I guess she wanted us to have a copy "just in case." New College was new and struggling then, not a very assured future.

Of personal pleasure was finding the nomination date on my father's terms on the board, from 1984 to 1988. I know from conversations with those still alive that although he could be intransigent (Who, my father?), everyone appreciated his passion for the neighborhood.

In 1986, our annual (not semi-annual!) meeting was held in the Teaching Auditorium on the east campus of "USF-New College." Dues were \$3 for an individual or \$5 for a household. The first picnics were held on Saturdays in late October.

I don't know how many people started our association in 1951, but can you imagine how the 22 members in 1955 would react to see what our association is now? Not even to mention all the changes in the neighborhood, a lot of raw land back then.

I'm sure different readers could take away different lessons from 63 years of working together. The lesson for me—not that I didn't know this—is that by being active as a

community, we can make a better one. Better meaning a great place to live and perhaps work; like our Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores!

• PAUL VERIZZO

IBSSA 2015 NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE

*Saturday and Sunday
January 24-25, 2015
9am to 3pm*



The Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, January 24 and Sunday, January 25, 2015 from 9am to 3pm both days.

It is a happening weekend and already on some calendars. Add it to yours! Joining together (72 households in 2014) offers more customers, better advertising, and limits excess traffic to one weekend. Advertising starts right after the holidays and customers are waiting. This is a super chance to clean out or shop.

Over 50+ homes are participating in the neighborhood yard sale and the items sold are representative/mimic the style of an eclectic museum area. Buyers love this event and come every year.

To cover advertising costs, each house participating is asked to pay \$10. Maps listing all participants will be provided. **If you have any questions, need additional information, or would like to sign up, please call [Monica Neligon, IBSSA Yard Sale Chair, at 941-355-5918.](tel:941-355-5918)**

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BAY HAVEN SCHOOL CONTINUES SUSTAINABLE TRANSFORMATION

The work to transform the campus at Bay Haven School of Basics Plus continues this fall and winter. On Saturday, September 27th, over 70 volunteers: students, parents, community members, and staff worked tirelessly to transform the dry retention area between the historic



and new buildings into a lush food forest. Volunteers spent about six hours laying sheet mulch over the rototilled cover crop, installing a gravel pathway, moving and spreading two huge piles of donated mulch and one huge pile of granite gravel and rip-rap, and planting between 40-50 plants, including a variety of fruit trees and bushes as well as other edible and pollinator attracting plants. Students planted 40-50 more plants during Science Lab in the weeks that followed.

In addition to producing a wide variety of fresh fruits and other edible plants, the food forest will provide an outdoor learning space for teachers and students, families, and community members. The plants are already helping to mitigate storm water runoff and maintain fertile soil that was being washed down the storm drains.

This is the first phase of our vision to create a larger food forest with more outdoor learning and gathering spaces in the new courtyard that will be opened up after the existing cafeteria and media center are removed. Many thanks to USGBC Green Apple Day of Service, the Slow Foods Sarasota School Gardens Committee, McIntyre Elwell & Strammer General Contractors, Inc., Sarasota Tropical Fruit Society, Institute for Food and Agricultural Sciences at UF, Manatee Rare Fruit Council, Sarasota Bay and Estuary program, Carol and Rudy Sundberg, Trent Cullen Landscape Contractor, and the many parent, student, and community volunteers for providing labor and donations in support of this project.

We are excited about this sustainable transformation of Bay Haven's campus. We welcome members of the IBSSA community to join us in our efforts.

A video documenting this project is available on You Tube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mph5E9MVMsk&feature=youtu.be For more information about this project please contact Rolf Hanson, Bay Haven Science Lab teacher at: rolf.hanson@sarasotacountyschools.net or 941/359-5800.

IBSSA ANNUAL 2014 PICNIC RECAP

Wow; what a day! What started out as a challenge with the rain threatening, our picnic ended up with a great turnout of over 250 neighbors enjoying a super day and beautiful sunset.

This year, we had a record number of donations with 56 sponsors of items for the raffle and silent auction. This kept the raffle area very busy with everyone wanting to bid and win something special. The food was abundant with 12 food sponsors from the North Trail offering a sample tasting from their menus, along with the potluck dishes neighbors brought to share. Everyone had a great culinary experience.

Our musical entertainment was Ari and the Alibis. Ari McManus and Nicolaas Kraster entertained us last year, but this year we were treated to the entire band.



Local artist, Bon Fehling, gave her time again this year to provide activities for the children. Thank you Bon! The day also provided an opportunity for two local donation areas: Anja and John Buetergerds collected for the All Faiths Food Bank and Pat and Richard Moore collected E-Junk for Domestic Violence. Our

neighborhood school, Bay Haven, had a table with their Beautification Representative, Roger Landry, presenting the school's Edible Landscape Project.

I would like to give special thanks to the following: Monica Neligon, for taking on the challenge of organizing the 40+ volunteers for set up and manning the different areas. Not

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an easy task. “Many hands do make light work.” Maryann Armour, chair, and Alli Tsiperovich, her assistant, on the Raffle Committee. Great job with all the raffle packages! Dottie Albright and James Millikan, co-chairs of the food committee, and Jan Ayers, who all worked tirelessly to provide the restaurant food samplings. New College for their generosity in letting us use their beautiful Caples Campus. All the volunteers who helped with set up, serving food, membership, raffle, events sign-up table, and all who stayed to help for clean up. Thank you; you really are the backbone of this picnic.



(See more picnic pictures on ibssa.ws.)

When you visit the North Trail restaurants who provided a sampling, please let them know that you enjoyed their food and their participation, as well as thanking the raffle and silent auction sponsors.

If anyone took pictures that they would like to share, please send them to: ibssasrq@yahoo.com.

Save the date for next year: Sunday, November 8, 2015.

● **JOANNE GONET, PICNIC CHAIR 2014**



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Volunteers are always welcome both prior to and the day of the event. Make sure to invite your friends and family to attend this exciting, family-fun event.

If you have any questions, please contact the individuals below.

Volunteers:

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BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE NEWS

Welcome back all you snow birds! I am going to write about that beautiful but terrible Potato Vine in a moment, but first “a little housecleaning.”

The weather is mellowing out and many of us are out in the mornings walking the dog, running, biking, and just enjoying the neighborhood. Now that many of you are back and for those of us who are “year rounders,” we would like to see our sidewalks and streets looking groomed and clear of any overhanging vegetation that blocks sidewalks and street curbs. It’s no fun to be walking and have to duck or completely get onto the street because the sidewalk is impassable. Please take the time to make sure low hanging branches and shrubs are cleared out of public areas. If you have a neighbor who is



Air potato vine (left), Air potato bulb (right)

unable to do any trimming, please contact me and I’ll see what we can do to help.

And now, “the ugly truth” about the air potato/potato vine. Sure, this vine is pretty. It has lovely heart-shaped leaves and grows fast, but you must know this: **Air potato has been listed as one of Florida’s MOST INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES** since 1993, and it takes over native plants. It can grow up to 8 inches a day and climbs to the top of trees and along fences. A native to tropical Asia, air potato, *Dioscorea Bulbifera*, was first introduced to the Americas from Africa. In 1905, it was introduced to Florida.

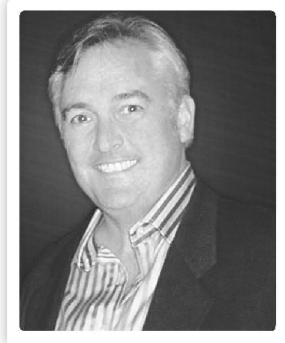
The best way to get rid of them is to dig up the bulb and dispose of the entire vine. Watch for these pesky vines and dig them out when you see them. We have seen entire trees covered with these vines and it becomes a daunting task trying to bring light and life back to the trees. Let’s all take a look around and keep these out of our neighborhood. Thank you for being engaged and doing your part.

• **JESSICA MASTERON, BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**
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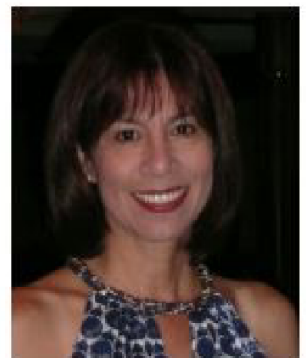
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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

The holidays are upon us and hopefully it will be the most wonderful and safe time of the year for everyone. Remembering to practice the familiar motto of Neighborhood Watch, "See It, Hear It, Report It," at all times wherever we are is extremely important especially since it only takes three elements to commit a crime: a victim, a desire, and an opportunity. Fortunately, by using common sense and our learned crime fighting methods, we can reduce or remove the opportunity.

An ounce of prevention is a huge deterrent to crime and greatly enhances the safety within neighborhoods and of our families. Take extra precautions in securing your home. Always lock your vehicle and keep windows up. Don't leave valuables, spare keys, garage door openers, or weapons in your vehicle. Park in busy, well-lighted areas when away from home.

Awareness of one's surroundings is always necessary. Paying special attention to unusual situations and reporting any suspicious persons, vehicles, or incidents and all illegal or dangerous activity to the police is crucial. Providing law enforcement with important facts about what happened, the exact location of incident, and detailed descriptions of suspects and vehicles is vital. Remember, your call could stop a criminal act, prevent an injury, or save a life.

As 2014 draws to a close, we welcome a new year in our wonderful neighborhood and city. May we all have safe, peaceful, merry, blessed, healthy, happy days!

If you have any questions or want to learn more about the IBSSA Neighborhood Watch Program, contact [Debbie Muller](mailto:Debbie.Muller@ibssa.ws) at 941/ 355-5743.

CRIME REPORT: JANUARY 1 - NOVEMBER 14

(Approximate totals)	2014	2013
Burglary / Structure	10	29
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Motor Vehicle Theft	02	04
Robbery	02	03

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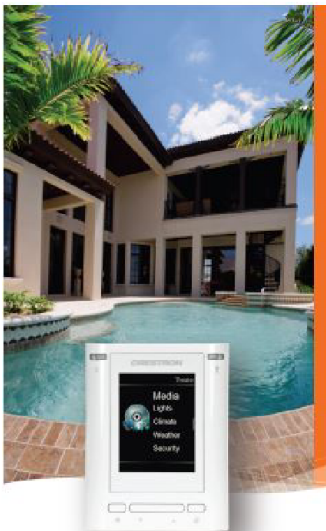
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IBSSA SUBDIVISIONS

I love the signs announcing entry into Indian Beach Sapphires Shores. Signs like this have gone up all over the City where neighborhood associations are working hard on a sense of community and cohesiveness.

But lately, it seems to be sending the message our entire 1,000 home neighborhood is made up of just these two subdivisions. I have had homeowners, prospective buyers, and realtors make the assumption the specific subdivision they are in is either Indian Beach or Sapphire Shores.

Most tenured residents know these are simply the two largest of many subdivisions (31 by my count) which make up our entire "north side - west of trail" neighborhood. Each of these individually platted developments has very unique features like age, parcel size, parcel shape, current zoning, and even type of housing in some cases.

Each one has colorful stories involving the personalities of the original developers and contractors and marketing strategies and materials. Some are so distinctly different it is having an effect on where redevelopment is happening and what this redevelopment looks like.

So, just for fun I thought we should print the list of all known subdivisions encompassed by IBSSA. Do you know which one you are in?

Adams Heights
 Alan T. Owens
 Bay Haven
 Baywood
 Corwood
 Corwood Park
 DeSota Terrace (65 year old typo?)
 DeSoto Terrace
 Greenwood
 Highland Pines
 Houses of Indian Beach (soon to be developed as Bayshore?)
 I.M. Junes
 Indian Beach
 Indian Beach Court

Indian Beach Estates
 Indian Beach Highlands
 Josiah S. Pauls
 Moore's
 North Highland
 Northmoor
 Old Oaks (1990's)
 Pine Park (58th Street)
 Sapphire Heights
 Sapphire Shores
 Seminole Park
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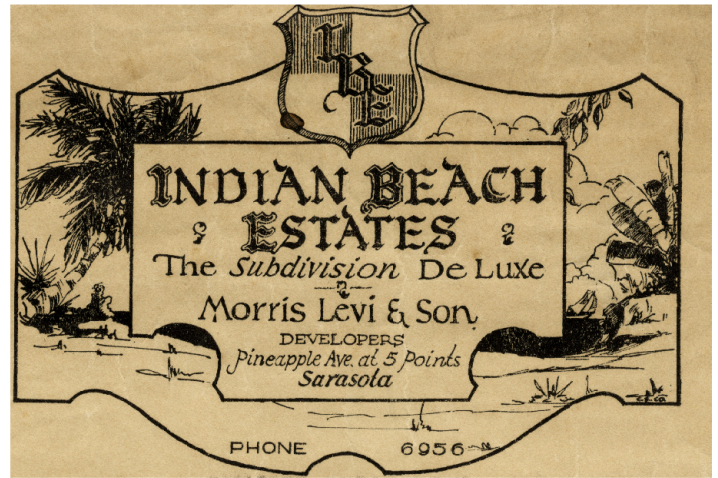
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Sun Circle Art Festival: **Saturday, March 14, 2015**



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