

# Shorelines

A PUBLICATION OF THE INDIAN BEACH-SAPPHIRE SHORES ASSOCIATION

## MY NEIGHBORHOOD HAS BEEN BRANDED!

By David Jennings

"My neighborhood has been branded!" said the caller with some concern in his voice. I knew exactly what he was talking about because a Sarasota Herald Tribune (HT) real estate article, "Alameda Avenue," had appeared in the paper that morning.

Backing up a couple of weeks...you may have read about an architecture competition sponsored by Premier Sotheby's International Real Estate. It was a novel way to call attention to the five acres listed for sale near the corner of Indian Beach Drive and Bay Shore Road.

Although a few critics called it a publicity stunt, \$2,500 was awarded to a couple of students from the Moscow Architectural Institute. I'm sure that's one publicity stunt they appreciate. I remember thinking \$2,500 a significant amount of money when I was in my twenties and still do. The competition culminated with an on-site event and a brief presentation by Miami Herald architecture critic Beth Dunlop.

Beth also works with Modernism magazine and may soon be doing a feature on Sarasota.

Afterwards, I had a chance to walk the property with Harold Bubil, HT Real Estate Editor. We were up on the bay front bluff with a cooling and not so humid sea breeze. The sun was setting and light was bouncing off the bay and illuminating the oak canopy from beneath.

We talked about Calusa Indians and flattened midden mounds found in the shells everywhere beneath our feet. We identified remaining mounds, some left relatively unadulterated and others "incorporated" into million dollar landscaping plans.

We imagined 18<sup>th</sup> century Cuban Ranchos pulling in mullet by the thousands and wondered where Billy Bowlegs may have camped in the 1850s during the Indian Wars. But mostly, we just enjoyed a piece of property that has attracted people for over 8,000 years.

*(See BRANDED on page 2)*



*Bay Shore Road as it wraps around an Indian Shell Mound, which is believed to still be in existence in the Alameda Avenue neighborhood.*



*Sun Circle Art Show*



*Semi-annual meeting*

*Peacocks*

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I spend most of my time in Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores, so maybe I'm getting used to this kind of spiritual experience. On any given day, we see some of the most spectacular beauty found anywhere on our continent. But bring someone not quite so familiar with this kind of Florida geography, and you can see them become transfixed.

Sometimes it takes an outsider (although Bubil is almost native to Sarasota) to remind us how rare our neighborhood really is, and he did so by writing a feature story about this lesser known corner of IBSS.

The neighbor who called had already welcomed a couple riding bikes that afternoon down Alameda Avenue for the first time. He also went on to mention the formation of The Alameda Preservation Society.

While positive about the attention, he is also aware of potential impact. ♦

## SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

The Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores semi-annual meeting was held on May 7, 2013 at 7:00pm at the Bay Shore Mennonite Church. Approximately 120 members were in attendance.



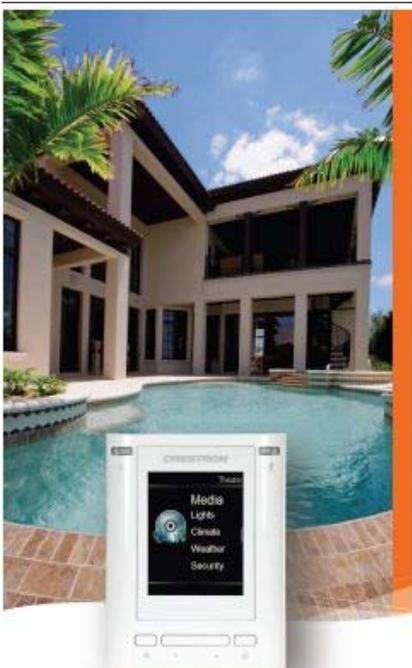
Vald Svekis, IBSSA President, called the meeting to order followed by introductions. Kitty Cannon gave the Treasurer's Report and Debbie Muller gave a Neighborhood Watch update.



Two guest speakers joined us for the evening. **Police Chief Bernadette DiPino** spoke on the police efforts for Northwest Sarasota and crime prevention in our neighborhood. **Ken Marsh** from the Sarasota County School Board gave an overview of the future renovation plans for Bay Haven School.



Mark your calendar for the next semi-annual meeting to be held on December 10, 2013. ♦



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## SUN CIRCLE ART SHOW

By Jane Nutter Johnson, Art Show Chair

Over one year ago, a group of neighborhood artists and volunteers started meeting to organize the Sun Circle Art Show that was held on March 2, 2013. The goal was to support neighborhood artists, create a fun event for everyone, and continue the positive buzz for Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores. We featured our own artists, but marketed to the region.

The response was tremendous. Over 40 artists participated, five neighborhood groups performed, and the Booker VPA students entertained us. Even though the weather was less than perfect, it was a success.

About three weeks before the event, a loosely organized group of neighbors started yarn bombing the trees at Sun Circle in celebration of the upcoming event. We had great fun being creative by stretching knit and crocheted creations around the tree trunks. The trees probably welcomed the extra warmth, since late February and March weather was "sweater weather" on Sun Circle Drive.

The event was sponsored by the Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores Association, but the real work was done by over 40 volunteers. Space is limited for accolades, but smile if you are reading this and volunteered. You are thanked!



The date is set for next year: Saturday, March 8, 2014 from 11am-5pm. The City permit process has started. We are working on a few changes, but the premise is the same: Support your neighborhood visual and performing artists and have FUN. If you are interested in participating, contact janenutter@aol.com or 941/351-1920. ♦

*(Additional pictures from the Art Show can be seen on Page 11.)*

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## FLOWERS, TREES, SHRUBBERY, LAWNS, WEEDS.....OH MY!!

By Joanne Gonet, Beautification Committee Chair

We have all heard the term “curb appeal.” That was the first thing I noticed 11 years ago when driving through the neighborhood looking to buy a home. I remember how excited I was thinking that I would now have four growing seasons instead of the one and a half seasons in Massachusetts. As I walk around the neighborhood now, I still see beautifully-maintained lawns and gardens. We do have a lot of curb appeal in this neighborhood, but it comes at a price. We either have to hire someone to keep it beautiful or we do it ourselves.

As a “do it yourself” (DIY) gardener who loves to deepen the shade of her green thumb, I soon jumped into trying to transform my little yard only to find out, on more than one occasion, that a Florida yard can become very overwhelming when your brain is still in the northern gardening mode. So, I turned to my computer and whatever magazines I could find to get gardening advice and ideas. Most of what I read was not for our growing zone. Plants that said “sun” on the container did not survive here in the summer without a lot of water or partial shade. This was a true learning experience on how not to kill my grass, because we mowed it too short. I planted plants in the wrong areas only to watch them slowly wilt and die. Weeds and vines grew so fast that they would overtake everything.

Then, two years ago salvation came. I saw a post on the IBSSA newsgroup about the beautification group and this is where I became acquainted with the term “Florida friendly plants and yards.”

For all IBSSA newbie’s of DIY gardening, I would like to share a few easy steps that changed my “oh my” into “yes I can” gardening:

### Kicking the lawn habit

Start small. Replace parts of your lawn with a couple of beds; plant that butterfly garden you always wanted. There are many

herbs and edible plants that double as both nectar and host plants for butterflies, so this could also be a herb garden. Give yourself a little privacy oasis with shade trees, shrubs, or a water feature.



### Skip fertilizer in the summer

If you have a lawn, only fertilize in the spring and fall. Be sure to use slow-release nitrogen (Sarasota Bay already has plenty).

### Florida friendly plants

Location is very important, even with Florida friendly plants. Give beach sunflower or gaillardia a try. Once established, they are low-maintenance plants that never stop blooming. They tolerate any location, poor soil, and very little water.

### Save the water

Before watering your plants, look for signs of wilt. Your lawn needs water when the blades fold in or you can see your foot print after walking on it. When you do water, make sure you give it a long drink. Your plants or grass roots will grow deeper and stronger when watered for a longer period. Healthier plants with deep roots need less water and are more resistant to disease and pests.

### Give poison a pass

Don’t spray or spread toxins all over your little piece of paradise. The number one rule for pest control is to know who the good guys are and to identify butterfly cocoons which would be destroyed by toxins. Many insect pests can be easily removed by hand or sprayed using non-toxic horticultural sprays.

I hope these tips help all DIY gardeners out there. ♦

*(If you would like to join the efforts of the Beautification Committee, contact Joanne Gonet at 941-358-8529)*



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## IBSSA MEMBERSHIP

By Jane Nutter Johnson, Membership Chair

Why join? You are reading this even if you are not a member. This newsletter is sent to 1,185 households. That is the number of mailboxes in the Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores Neighborhood. Some of our mailboxes are vacant homes or rentals to students and, therefore, not expected to "join up."

We are proud to announce that, as of May 7, 2013, there were 300 members, with 76 of those being new members. That is better than last year, but where are the other 800+?

IBSSA has always been welcoming. Even if you are not a member, you are welcome to communicate via the newsgroup, use the doggie bags, enjoy the playground, appreciate the results of the beautification committee, and participate in the yard sale (for only \$10). IBSSA recently implemented new neighborhood signs and playground equipment.

Please join now to help support our efforts. The annual fee is only \$20 per family. Complete and submit the membership application in the next column. ♦



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## BUSTER THE PEACOCK

By Nancy Lavick

Marketing Director, Sarasota Jungle Gardens

Have you seen the beautiful peacocks roaming this area? They are the birds that catch our attention when they spread out their tail feathers into a fan-like pattern showing off the iridescent blue or green and the “eye” markings.

Peacocks are a member of the pheasant family. There are many sub-species featuring a variety of colors, including all white. The term Peacock is often used to describe both the male and female, but technically only the male is a Peacock. The proper name for the female is Peahen.

Wild Peacocks are normally found in Africa, India, Malaysia, and now the United States. Their population has been growing in Florida for many years. Depending on whom you ask, they may be both loved because of their beauty yet hated for their somewhat nuisance behavior and loud braying.

We at Sarasota Jungle Gardens sometimes get frantic callers concerned that the colorful Peacocks seen in the area are ours.



*Years ago, Buster jumped the fence and made Sarasota Jungle Gardens his home.*

The good-intentioned caller seems to fear that they have escaped from their habitats when in fact, they are actually wild animals.

We have one all white Peacock, affectionately known as Buster, who years ago jumped our fences and made Sarasota Jungle Gardens its home. Buster is free-roaming and able to come and go as he pleases. He, however, is just as happy to stick around. We think he likes the atmosphere, the attention, and certainly the company here. ♦



*The blue male peacock (on the cover of this newsletter) along with the green female peahen (left) are wild and living in the Indian Beach neighborhood.*



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Status	List Price	Address	BE	FB/HB	SqFt	Status	List Price	Address	BE	FB/HB	SqFt	SALE PR	SoldDATE
ACT	\$99,900	1017 24TH ST	3	2/0	1,176	AWC	\$139,000	4616 LEETA LN	2	2/0	1,176		
ACT	\$164,900	851 40TH ST	2	2/0	1,210	AWC	\$144,000	2251 HICKORY AVE	3	2/0	1,200		
ACT	\$186,000	1006 24TH ST	3	2/0	1,682	AWC	\$145,000	4306 SARASOTA AVE	1	2/0	936		
ACT	\$195,000	1025 24TH ST	3	2/0	1,478	AWC	\$160,000	1105 23RD ST	3	1/0	1,186		
ACT	\$199,000	3511 IROQUOIS AVE	3	2/0	1,617	AWC	\$209,000	836 WINDSOR DR	2	2/2	1,769		
ACT	\$210,000	463 ACACIA DR	2	1/0	1,158	AWC	\$225,000	3304 BAY SHORE RD	2	1/1	1,536		
ACT	\$249,900	865 32ND ST	3	2/0	2,002								
ACT	\$249,900	641 45TH ST	4	3/0	1,824	PNC	\$50,000	850 WINDSOR DR	3	2/0	802		
ACT	\$264,900	4849 REMINGTON	3	2/0	1,940	PNC	\$114,900	2405 IXORA AVE	3	2/0	1,350		
ACT	\$299,000	3834 IROQUOIS AVE	2	2/0	960	PNC	\$245,000	5027 REMINGTON DR	2	2/1	1,870		
ACT	\$299,900	686 BEVERLY DR	2	2/0	1,750	PNC	\$369,000	730 47TH ST	2	2/0	1,326		
ACT	\$324,900	4237 SARASOTA AVE	3	2/0	1,751	PNC	\$375,000	618 47TH ST	3	2/0	2,118		
ACT	\$337,900	770 INDIAN BEACH LN	3	2/0	1,500	PNC	\$579,000	346 N SHORE DR	3	3/0	2,437		
ACT	\$445,000	910 VIRGINIA DR	4	3/1	2,407	PNC	\$1,495,000	388 S SHORE DR	3	3/1	3,782		
ACT	\$539,000	650 INDIAN BEACH LN	3	3/0	2,904	PNC	\$3,400,000	4423 BAY SHORE RD	5	5/5	7,606		
ACT	\$550,000	462 N SHORE DR	3	2/1	1,959								
ACT	\$645,000	575 N SHORE DR	2	2/0	1,488	SLD	\$35,000	861 W 41ST ST	2	1/1	1,016	\$35,000	02/27/13
ACT	\$749,900	512 SAPPHIRE DR	3	4/0	3,011	SLD	\$75,000	2441 HICKORY AVE	2	1/0	975	\$65,000	02/28/13
ACT	\$794,000	1050 CALOOSA DR	4	3/2	3,699	SLD	\$79,000	708 42ND ST	3	2/0	1,210	\$86,000	04/25/13
ACT	\$799,000	4907 EASTCHESTER	4	3/0	2,428	SLD	\$104,500	3939 IROQUOIS AVE	3	2/0	1,083	\$103,400	04/04/13
ACT	\$899,000	472 N SHORE DR	4	5/0	3,976	SLD	\$104,900	1031 INDIAN BEACH DR	2	1/0	1,016	105,510	02/26/13
ACT	\$1,150,000	940 ALAMEDA WAY	4	4/0	2,689	SLD	\$104,900	845 32ND ST	2	2/0	1,289	\$132,000	05/09/13
ACT	\$1,200,000	426 ACACIA DR	4	2/1	2,749	SLD	\$119,900	851 40TH ST	2	2/0	1,210	\$108,000	02/26/13
ACT	\$1,299,900	325 S SHORE DR	3	2/1	2,651	SLD	\$152,000	4820 REMINGTON DR	2	1/1	1,423	\$146,000	02/06/13
ACT	\$1,695,000	0 S SHORE DR	4	3/0	3,912	SLD	\$153,900	3801 S NORWOOD CT	2	2/0	1,220	\$143,900	02/13/13
ACT	\$1,700,000	321 RINGLING PT Dr	4	3/1	3,106	SLD	\$159,000	3819 IROQUOIS AVE	3	2	1,310	\$150,000	02/27/13
ACT	\$1,750,000	5021 BRYWILL CIR	4	5/1	5,054	SLD	\$159,900	1057 22ND ST	3	2/0	1,064	\$150,000	03/28/13
ACT	\$1,850,000	2925 BAY SHORE RD	6	6/1	4,250	SLD	\$159,900	5009 REMINGTON DR	2	1/0	1,020	\$154,500	01/07/13
ACT	\$1,850,000	3825 INDIAN BEACH PL4	2/1	2,335		SLD	\$199,000	4845 WINCHESTER DR	3	1/0	1,741	\$195,000	03/28/13
ACT	\$1,995,000	4948 BAY SHORE RD	4	4/1	3,702	SLD	\$199,500	446 SAPPHIRE DR	2	1/0	1,059	\$185,000	04/29/13
ACT	\$2,495,000	350 S SHORE DR	5	3/1	5,308	SLD	\$209,900	4530 GUAVA CT	3	2/0	1,770	\$209,900	03/15/13
ACT	\$2,995,000	2145 ALAMEDA AVE	5	4/2	6,439	SLD	\$259,900	770 42ND ST	2	1/0	1,223	\$235,000	02/20/13
ACT	\$3,449,000	2309 ALAMEDA AVE	5	7/1	7,434	SLD	\$259,900	3418 BAY SHORE RD	3	2/0	1,634	\$220,000	02/27/13
ACT	\$3,490,000	309 RINGLING PT DR	5	3/1	7,009	SLD	\$289,900	577 CORNWOOD DR	3	2/0	2,450	\$250,000	01/17/13
ACT	\$4,500,000	2704 BAY SHORE RD	3	2/1	3,900	SLD	\$299,000	5221 STEVENS DR	2	2/0	1,369	\$279,000	02/27/13
ACT	\$4,995,000	4401 BAY SHORE RD	3	3/1	1,949	SLD	\$325,000	4936 BRYWILL CIR	3	2/0	1,746	\$260,000	04/12/13
ACT	\$5,500,000	336 S SHORE DR	5	4/1	6,374	SLD	\$325,000	4539 LEETA LN	3	2/1	2,187	\$315,000	04/01/13
ACT	\$6,900,000	4401 BAY SHORE	7	7/1	7,149	SLD	\$340,000	3606 BAY SHORE RD	3	3/0	1,850	\$337,500	02/28/13
ACT	\$9,990,000	3315 BAY SHORE RD	6	7/2	10,871	SLD	\$340,000	470 ACACIA DR	3	2/0	2,188	\$340,000	02/19/13
ACT	\$12,900,000	916 INDIAN BEACH DR	6	5/0	5,131	SLD	\$380,000	915 INDIAN BEACH DR	4	2/0	2,034	\$362,500	03/22/13
ACT	\$14,900,000	374 S SHORE DR	5	4/3	10,879	SLD	\$679,000	2445 ALAMEDA AVE	3	2/1	2,565	\$640,000	03/15/13
						SLD	\$899,900	435 S SHORE DR	4	3/0	3,398	\$850,000	01/07/13
						SLD	\$1,150,000	406 WOODLAND DR	5	3/1	3,538	\$1,050,000	04/30/13

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# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

By Debbie Muller

Just as the pioneers worked together to protect their settlements, we continue working to preserve and protect our neighborhood, homes, and families. In 1983, with the guidance of the Sarasota Police Department, our neighborhood was the first to organize a Neighborhood Watch in the City of Sarasota. Now, after thirty years, we continue to exemplify the importance of concerned residents working with law enforcement to reduce crime in our community.

Although neighbors may have differing views on various matters and participate in spirited dialogue and debate, we demonstrate mutual respect and share an absolute determination to thwart any threat to the well-being, peace of mind, and security of our families. The natural beauty of our Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores neighborhood is further enhanced by its concerned residents who make it an even more wonderful and safe place to call home.

### Eliminate the Negative, Accentuate the Positive

For many years, residents living on the "front lines," nearest Tamiami Trail, have had to contend with criminals engaging in illegal activity mere feet from their front doors. They face the reality and consequence of crime on a daily basis and work tirelessly to rid law breakers from their streets. We must all realize that the presence of prostitutes, "johns", drug dealers, and drug purchasers in our area increases the probability of burglaries, thefts, robberies, assaults, and more violent crimes to occur. Our neighbors will never willingly allow criminals to have free reign to wreak havoc on our neighborhood. Hopefully, businesses along the highway will strive to provide a respectable, safe environment for their guests and will attempt to accommodate law-abiding customers.

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

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**Code Compliance**----- 941/ 954-4125  
**Narcotics Hotline** ----- 941/ 954-7050

### CRIME REPORT: JANUARY 1 - APRIL 30

(Approximate totals)	2013	2012
Burglary / Structure .....	14	11
Burglary / Vehicle .....	15	08
Motor Vehicle Theft .....	03	00
Burglary / Occupied Dwelling .....	01	01
Robbery (weapon displayed) .....	02	01

In several of the burglaries, there were no signs of forced entry. The police encourage everyone to lock doors and windows of both homes and vehicles. It is also advised to take photographs of your valuables (jewelry, electronics, etc.) and to keep a list of serial and model numbers.

By working together, we can reduce the incidents of crime in bordering neighborhoods; businesses along Tamiami Trail will succeed; and the entryway to our beautiful city will be truly representative of what Sarasota means to its residents while leaving a lasting positive impression on visitors.

### 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

### First Annual Citizens' Police Academy

The Sarasota Police Department's Chief of Police, Bernadette DiPino, is holding the Police Department's 1st Annual Citizens' Police Academy. The Academy will start on Wednesday, July 31, 2013, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

with remaining classes held weekly on Wednesday nights, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, at Sarasota Police Department Headquarters, 2099 Adams Lane. Graduation from the Academy will be on October 2, 2013. Applications can be obtained online at [www.sarasotapd.org](http://www.sarasotapd.org), at the Sarasota Police Department's front desk, or by calling Debbie Muller at 941/355-5743.

### Home Security Survey

If you would like to have a survey performed, call Officer Danny Robbins at 941-954-7056 and schedule an appointment.

### 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 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.

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**Semi-Annual Meeting:** Tuesday, December, 10, 2013 / 7:00pm  
**2014 Membership Renewal:** January  
**IBSSA Yard Sale:** January 25-26, 2014 / 9am-3pm / \$10 per household  
**Sun Circle Art Festival:** Saturday, March 8, 2014 / 11am-5pm

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*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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