



Newsletter

OCTOBER 2015

ANNUAL PICNIC

Mark your calendar for another fabulous IBSSA Annual Picnic. Celebrate everything that makes this a special place to live: enjoy good food and music on the beautiful Caples bay front, renew old friendships and make new ones, and hear a special welcome from New College.

The picnic is free for all IBSSA members. IBSSA membership is just \$20.00 per residence (homeowners or renters.) Renew or join at the picnic with cash, check, or credit card.

THEME: An Old-Fashioned Florida Good Time

FOOD: Our very own Sharon Carr of Carr's Corner will be grilling delicious hot dogs, hamburgers, and vegetarian options. Sharon will also serve healthy sides.

Neighbors are requested to bring dishes of their favorite foods, salads, and deserts to share. There will be special long tables to place these on.

In response to your requests, we will start serving food soon after 2:00pm. The IBSSA will provide tables and chairs and basic non-alcoholic beverages.

MUSIC: THE "NEW CATS" JAZZ BAND

New College students have a great ten-piece jazz band called "THE NEW CATS" (see image of the band on page 2). The "Cats" will keep the picnic jumping and bring back the fun times of our own college days.

RAFFLES & SILENT AUCTION:

We will have restaurant gift certificates, works of art, Navajo rugs, and other wonderful goodies.



■ Silent Auction (write down your bid and your name). The auction will close at 4:30pm with the highest bidder winning (cash or credit). You do not need to be present to win. "Buy It Now" options will be offered for exceptional items.

■ The 50-50 raffle tickets are \$1.00 cash. Buy as many as you want and the pot will be split between the one ticket winner and the IBSSA. The drawing will be held at 4:15pm.

■ "Chinese Raffle" tickets are also \$1.00 each (cash or credit). Write your name or place an address label on your tickets and put them in jars next to the items you want. The drawing will be held at 4:30pm.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Game leaders and Raffle Committee.

Contact: Janenutter@aol.com, call: 941-351-1920, or text: 605-376-6916

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANT EXCHANGE:

Jono Miller(jonosarasota@gmail.com) is reviving the IBSSA plant exchange. Bring a plant; take a plant. Or bring lots of plants. But bring established, disease-free, labeled, non-invasive plants. Actual plant exchange is at 3:00pm. Later, by IBSSA tradition, kids get to pick, and then all adults. (Our experts will identify your mystery plants and provide gardening tips.)

KIDS CORNER and GAMES FOR ADULTS:

Artist and IBSS resident, **Bon Fehling**, known for her school and summertime art camps, will entertain children. The IBSSA picnic committee will organize silly fun for adults, such as croquet and beanbag toss contests.

VOLUNTEERS:

The picnic's success depends upon our wonderful volunteers! Dozens of neighbors pull together to set up, decorate, manage raffles, supervise food tables, monitor parking, and take down and stack the tables. Monica Neligon, Joanne Gonet, Jane Nutter Johnson, and Bob Barylski will be roping you in. Call them to volunteer. (See IBSSA contacts on Page 10 of this Newsletter.)

Bob Barylski



"THE NEW CATS" JAZZ BAND will perform at the picnic on Sunday, November 8, 2015 at Caples Campus on the Bay.

Bring your canned and other food donations to the picnic for the 2nd Annual Food Drive in IBSS. (See article on page 4.)



*The Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores Newsletter is published 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.*

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](mailto:lisaeehigh@gmail.com), at 775/ 287-3794 or lisaeehigh@gmail.com.*

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Submission deadline for the December issue is November 20, 2015

SEMI-ANNUAL IBSSA MEETING

December 8, 2015

7-9pm

Bay Shore Mennonite Church.

A group of neighbors has explored the possibilities of expanding the Indian Beach park by petitioning the County to buy the available properties to the north and/or south of the current location. Clearly, this is a big deal with many potential benefits and liabilities.

A public meeting was held in late September to inform the neighborhood about the issue. There were strong feelings on both sides of the issue and the IBSSA board will be presenting this proposal to the general membership for a vote, up or down.

The IBSSA has been asked to either endorse or reject the proposal in a formal way and this meeting will dictate whether any such endorsement is made. To be very clear, any endorsement from the IBSSA or anyone else is only one step in a long and bureaucratic process at the County

and even a pro vote does not assure that the County will proceed with the process of buying the land.

Current members of the Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores Association will have the opportunity to vote, after the board presents the pros, cons and probabilities of such an effort. Your vote is your voice in this matter.

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4TH ANNUAL SUN CIRCLE ART FESTIVAL Saturday, March 5, 2016 from 10am-5pm

Around Valentine's Day, expect the wild colors of yarn bombing to adorn the park. It is a great way to shout out to all walkers and drivers to get ready for the Festival.

At dawn on March 5th, Sapphire Shores Park will start springing to life with artists busily setting up for the HUGH event. Customers will start wandering in around 10am and the FUN begins!

All IBSSA members are invited to show and sell their art. Other juried artists are invited from the region. The 2015 festival had over 70 artists, entertainment that rocked, and kids face painting by neighbors. It was a party!

The event is sponsored by IBSSA and is 100% volunteer staffed. It is free for attendees. Festival artists are charged a small fee to help pay for advertising, permits, porta lets, etc. The event is a perfect showcase to advertise our special place on the Bay.

Plans for 2016 are still jelling, but the rumors are true: it is going to be FUN. Join us in the planning process, share the information with your artist friends, save the date, and invite guests. Help is needed now to organize committees, bring in fresh ideas, and have FUN. Call Jane Nutter Johnson at 605/ 376-6916, text at 941/ 351- 1920, or janenutter@aol.com to volunteer and have FUN.

THE BUETERGERDS' TEAM HOSTS 2ND ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE IN INDIAN BEACH-SAPPHIRE SHORES

IBSS residents, John and Anja Buetergerds, will host the 2nd annual food drive in the IBSS neighborhood, with the proceeds going to All Faiths Food Bank. As they did last year, The Buetergerds Team will again organize and



John and Anja Buetergerds during the 2014 Food Drive

host a Fall food drive to benefit All Faiths Food Bank. They plan to walk the entire neighborhood, hand delivering flyers door to door. Postcards will also be sent out as a follow-up reminder inviting all neighbors and businesses in the community to participate and donate. You will find information about the upcoming event, along with posts, pictures, and video from last year's food drive and the IBSSA picnic on the Facebook page: "Indian Beach Sapphire Shores Real Estate & Events".

How many pounds of food will be collected? 2014 was The Buetergerds' first effort and it was terrific! Together with volunteers from The Buetergerds' Team and volunteers of IBSS neighbors, they collected a total of 650 pounds of food from IBSS neighbors. This year, they are counting on help from the neighborhood to do it again, with a goal of raising 1,000 pounds of food.

What to donate All Faith's Food Bank asks for the following food donations: unopened canned or plastic bottled items such as peanut butter, jelly, tuna, chicken, turkey, ham, salmon, beef, rice, beans, powdered milk, packaged or canned fruit and fruit drinks, canned vegetables, cereals, anything that is packaged and never opened, un-expired are most desired. Expired or opened items will end up in the trash. Yes, it happens.

John and Anja also are connected to animal rescue/spay & neuter groups, so they also want to help keep the four-legged friends fed. Pet food donations are very welcome and will be given to local organizations.

Where and when to donate: A food collection table will be at the IBSSA neighborhood picnic on November 8, 2015 at Caples Mansion 5313 Bay Shore Road (on the Caples Campus behind Caples Fine Arts Complex/Sainer Pavilion/Isermann Gallery). Additional drop box locations will be announced at a later date. The Buetergerds are looking for local businesses to participate with All Faith's Food Bank with drop boxes placed in their store fronts and restaurants. That would significantly help to increase donations.

What to expect: John and Anja will begin door knocking with a flyer in late October to raise awareness of the food drive. They will walk from Whitaker Bayou to the Ringling over eight days. Eventually, they will be on your doorstep with a reminder about the November 8th food drive. If you cannot drop off items at the picnic, let John and Anja know and they will help with other arrangements.

About the hosts: John and Anja Buetergerds have lived in IBSS for nine years. They relocated from Los Angeles in 2006. Anja is originally from Germany. They are a successful real estate team out of Keller Williams Realty Select. You can contact them at 941-894-4063 or at jbsellshomes@kw.com.

John Buetergerds

FIRST SUBDIVISION IN INDIAN BEACH?

Many of you know the story of William Whitaker, the first permanent settler in Sarasota who sailed into what we now call Whitaker Bayou on December 14th, 1842. He amassed a bay front homestead eventually extending from Hog Creek on the south (12th Street), Cocoanut Ave. on the east, and Indian Beach Drive on the north.

In the latter half of the 19th century, many maps simply identified this territory by the name of the owner, Whitaker. But by the 1870s – 1880s, as William and Mary Whitaker’s children grew and married, certain parcels began to be identified differently.

It would appear the first “subdivision” from the Whitaker parcel was occupied by his oldest daughter, Nancy Catherine Stuart Whitaker Helveston. She and her husband, John, built a home near present-day Indian Beach Drive.

A day after arriving in 1842, William Whitaker and his step brother came across a “Spanish” fisherman named Alzartie living in a palmetto shack about a quarter of a



1918 Postcard of Indian Beach courtesy of Richard Clapp

mile north of the bayou. Today, this would probably be somewhere between 22nd Street and Indian Beach Drive.

Whitaker allowed Alzartie to stay but I have never found any records on how long he remained. However, he obviously stayed long enough to make an impression, because when Nancy and John Helveston “subdivided” the northernmost portion of the Whitaker Homestead they called it Alzartie Acres as a tribute to the man who may have been the area’s last occupant of a little known Cuban Ranchero dating back centuries.

David Jennings

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REAL ESTATE UPDATE:

September 20, 2015

It was quite a busy summer in IBSS. We saw 30 property sales in the Sarasota Multiple List database. This averages 7.5 sales per month since our last report in May; almost DOUBLE the rate of activity we have seen over the last couple of years.

These sales, four of them “distressed”, ranged from an entry level of \$161,200 up to a bay front parcel sold for \$1,900,000. At almost \$2 million, we can probably expect this property to be redeveloped, leaving a \$950,000 transaction on Alameda as the most expensive “house” sold this summer.

There are 23 Active Listings in the MLS and three of them are “unbuilt” projects planned for Bellora Way (Houses of Indian Beach in public record). This is 30% fewer opportunities than in May, which is as low as I have seen inventory levels since the summer of 2001. September is typically a slow month, but talk amongst agents is often about lack of Buyer options and “multiple offer situations” on those houses priced appropriately.

Tight inventory and continued low interest rates would seem to create a Sellers Market or an Asset Bubble; but price increases, although steady, have remained somewhat in check due to tight lending parameters and conservative appraisals necessary on financed purchases, but often a contingency in cash deals, as well.

I have been involved in transactions which were contracted over List Price because of bidding wars, but ultimately closed lower due to appraisals being firmly rooted in prior transactions rather than market sentiments.

If you spent the summer elsewhere, the biggest change you may notice upon your return is the amount of new construction going on in our ‘hood. Walking or bicycling around IBSS remains the best way to ascertain market conditions and will also allow you to see almost a dozen new homes under construction or recently completed.

Many of these projects are in Flood Zones where FEMA restrictions on renovation spending make it difficult to save older homes, but is also an indication of Buyers wanting energy efficient (albeit larger), storm hardened structures above base flood elevations. While not as prevalent in other “west of trail” neighborhoods, this trend will continue as the value of our land increases but the value of our houses may not.

David Jennings

PROPERTIES:

Active, Active with Contract, Pending, and Sold (May 23, 2015 to September 20, 2015)

Status	Address	Price	Beds	Baths
ACT	985 INDIAN BEACH DR	\$130,380	2	2 / 0
ACT	865 40TH ST	\$229,000	2	2 / 0
ACT	4606 LEETA LN	\$257,900	3	2 / 0
ACT	740 47TH ST	\$260,000	3	2 / 0
ACT	630 CORWOOD DR	\$285,900	3	2 / 0
ACT	3970 BAY SHORE RD	\$299,900	3	3 / 0
ACT	4520 45TH CT	\$339,500	3	3 / 0
ACT	470 ACACIA DR	\$589,000	3	3 / 0
ACT	4103 TURKS CAP PL	\$595,000	3	1 / 1
ACT	5110 SUN CIR	\$875,000	3	3 / 0
ACT	602 BELLORA WAY	\$906,100	3	2 / 1
ACT	2833 BAY SHORE CIR	\$935,000	3	2 / 1
ACT	435 S SHORE DR	\$999,999	4	3 / 0
ACT	612 BELLORA WAY	\$1,004,400	3	2 / 1
ACT	5128 BRYWILL CIR	\$1,100,000	4	3 / 0
ACT	580 BELLORA WAY	\$1,168,600	3	3 / 0
ACT	463 SAPPHIRE DR	\$1,225,000	4	3 / 1
ACT	1008 SYLVAN DR	\$1,300,000	3	2 / 1
ACT	2309 ALAMEDA AVE	\$2,999,000	5	7 / 1
ACT	309 RINGLING POINT DR	\$3,495,000	5	3 / 1
ACT	612 INDIAN BEACH LN	\$3,850,000	4	4 / 1
ACT	336 SOUTH SHORE DR	\$5,500,000	5	4 / 1
ACT	3315 BAY SHORE RD	\$9,700,000	6	7 / 2
AWC	3025 BON AIR AVE	\$140,000	3	1 / 0
AWC	669 45TH ST	\$239,000	2	2 / 0
AWC	2432 ALAMEDA AVE	\$389,000	3	2 / 0
PNC	3140 BAY SHORE RD	\$175,500	2	2 / 0
PNC	1120 22ND ST	\$307,777	3	2 / 0
PNC	973 VIRGINIA DR	\$449,000	4	3 / 0
PNC	2925 BAY SHORE RD	\$1,850,000	6	6 / 1
SLD	4925 REMINGTON DR	\$161,200	3	3 / 0
SLD	3814 CHAPEL DR	\$140,000	2	2 / 0
SLD	901 HIGHLAND ST	\$190,000	2	1 / 1
SLD	4008 SARASOTA AVE	\$189,900	2	1 / 1
SLD	2236 IXORA AVE	\$196,000	2	1 / 0
SLD	1041 INDIAN BEACH DR	\$225,000	2	1 / 0
SLD	767 40TH ST	\$225,000	2	2 / 0
SLD	630 45TH ST	\$230,000	2	2 / 0
SLD	4737 SARASOTA AVE	\$245,000	2	2 / 0
SLD	620 45TH ST	\$260,000	3	3 / 0
SLD	4829 WINCHESTER DR	\$239,000	3	2 / 0
SLD	746 47TH ST	\$269,900	2	2 / 0
SLD	3830 SARASOTA AVE	\$260,500	3	2 / 0
SLD	2441 HICKORY AVE	\$292,000	2	1 / 1
SLD	5246 BAY SHORE RD	\$355,000	3	2 / 0
SLD	3001 BAY SHORE CIR	\$375,000	2	2 / 0
SLD	770 INDIAN BEACH LN	\$385,000	3	2 / 0
SLD	1065 22ND ST	\$417,500	3	3 / 0
SLD	488 N SHORE DR	\$425,000	3	4 / 0
SLD	621 BEVERLY DR	\$420,000	3	2 / 1
SLD	4852 BRYWILL CIR	\$400,000	3	2 / 0
SLD	5024 WINCHESTER DR	\$482,000	4	3 / 0
SLD	671 MARLIN DR	\$500,000	3	2 / 1
SLD	4810 BAY SHORE RD	\$500,000	3	2 / 1
SLD	5136 SUN CIR	\$532,350	3	3 / 0
SLD	461 N SHORE DR	\$587,500	3	2 / 0
SLD	1100 SYLVAN DR	\$653,500	3	2 / 0
SLD	1050 CALOOSA DR	\$842,000	4	3 / 2
SLD	969 ALAMEDA LN	\$950,000	4	3 / 1
SLD	2115 ALAMEDA AVE	\$1,900,000	3	4 / 0

The Real Estate information was generated and submitted by David Jennings, Broker-Associate with Coldwell Banker.

Save these Dates Volunteer Now!

Picnic

Sunday, November 8, 2015
2-5pm / Caples Bay Front

Bob Barylski 941/ 355 2371

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Semi-Annual Meeting

Tuesday, December 8, 2015
7-9pm / Bay Shore Mennonite Church

Yard Sale

January 30-31, 2016
9am-3pm

(Detailed information will be printed in
the December Newsletter)

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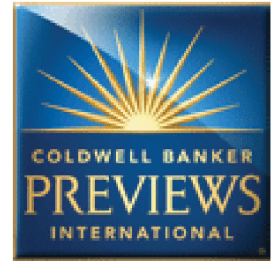
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March 5, 2016
10am-5pm

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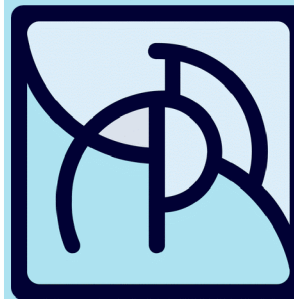


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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

As residents of this wonderful neighborhood, city, and country, we each play a significant role in keeping our families and one another safe. Recognizing that people like their privacy, we must also be mindful that criminals like easy targets. Becoming too isolated and oblivious to what is going on outside of our own "little world" leads to unfamiliarity among neighbors, a lack of concern for others, and an environment for criminals to thrive.

The tendency of some to "not get involved" because "it's not my problem" or "none of my business" makes a community more vulnerable to criminal activity. The fact is that crime can occur anytime, anywhere, and to anyone. However, closing our eyes and ignoring this unfortunate reality only opens the door wider to the criminal element.

Thankfully, an attitude of denial and indifference is not the preference of our neighbors, nor do we opt to turn a blind eye to crime. See It, Hear It, Report It is not merely a slogan but a tried and true deterrent to law-breaking offenders. Residents of our IBSS neighborhood do not intend to ever put the welcome mat out for criminals.

Minimizing the opportunity for criminals to victimize the law-abiding public is a major goal of Neighborhood Watch. We can better protect ourselves and others by using common sense and applying the crime prevention measures suggested by law enforcement to our daily lives. We are encouraged to lock doors of homes and vehicles; secure property; and never leave valuables, weapons, keys, or garage door openers in automobiles or in plain sight. These are simple, but significant safety tips.

Being keenly aware of anything out of the ordinary or that just doesn't seem right is exceedingly important. Quickly responding to such situations by immediately summoning the police is imperative. Some things to watch for and report:

- *Anyone walking through the neighborhood peering into windows, trying locked doors, going into side or backyards, tampering with mailboxes, going door to door.
- * Persons loitering around schools, parks, or secluded areas.
- *Strange vehicles cruising in the neighborhood for no apparent business.
- *Unusual noises, the sound of breaking glass, screams, sounds of distress.

When in doubt...call the police! Providing specific knowledge about an incident and detailed descriptions of persons and vehicles observed is invaluable information for law enforcement and our Neighborhood Watch. We are not nosy neighbors, but we are the "Eyes, Ears, and Knows" of our neighborhood!

If you have any questions or want to learn more about the IBSSA Neighborhood Watch Program, contact Debbie Muller at 941/ 355-5743.

REMINDER:

School is back in session. Please be extra watchful for students walking and bicycling on area streets.

SPEED LIMITS

15mph in all school zones
25mph throughout our neighborhood

HELPFUL NUMBERS:

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Narcotics Hotline (anonymous) 941/ 954-7050

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COORDINATORS:

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Sapphire IV: (Indian Beach Drive - Whitaker Bayou)

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CRIME REPORT: JANUARY 1 - SEPTEMBER 20

(Approximate totals)	2015	2014
Burglary / Structure	09	08
Burglary / Vehicle	08	18
Motor Vehicle Theft	03	02
Robbery	02	01

NOTE: Numerous vehicle burglaries occurred throughout the city of Sarasota over the summer with an arrest of one suspect on 9/16./15. It should be noted that in a two week time frame, between the end of August and the first weeks in September, 36 vehicles were burglarized in our city with none showing any evidence of forced entry...four of these were in our neighborhood!

ALERT: An extremely high volume of vehicular or pedestrian traffic to and from a residence occurring on a regular basis and at very late or unusual times often indicates illicit activity and can be reported anonymously to the SPD's Narcotics Hotline at 941/ 954-7050.

See It! Hear It! Report It!

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Board meetings are open to all Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores Association members. Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month (except July) at 7:00pm at the Bay Shore Mennonite Church.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

Membership type: New Renewal

I would like to volunteer:

Beautification Newsletter Membership Website
 Neighborhood Watch Events Other _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

If you have a question about the status of your dues, please contact Kitty Cannon, Treasurer, at 941/355-3301 or rick@cannonrick.com.

2015 Dues Payment \$20.00

Voluntary Contribution: Beautification \$ _____

Doggie bags \$ _____

Other \$ _____

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

SHARE YOUR COMMENTS OR IDEAS

All neighbors are encouraged to submit articles, pictures, or neighborhood news to be considered for inclusion in this newsletter. See submission information on page 2.

OPEN HOUSE PROJECT

The IBSSA has started an OPEN HOUSE project. We think it will be fun and inspiring to have an opportunity to view neighbors' houses and gardens and observe another neighbor's approach to design or horticulture. We will have fixed dates when several neighbors, in proximity to each other, will open their houses, or show their gardens or their art studios, explain an idea, or describe special plants to interested neighbors. In other words, it depends on what each neighbor would like to share.

House & Garden Project: Sunday, October 25th from 12noon to 3pm. Drop by any or all: City Garden at 2324 Hickory Avenue; House Tour at 2325 Hickory; French Parterre Garden & Moroccan-Inspired Pool House at 2343 Hickory; Fall Vegetable Garden at 2433 Hickory; Certified Wildlife Habitat Garden at 981 Indian Beach Dr; and "NY to LA in 35 feet" Model Train set at 5102 Winchester Dr. Look for balloons on mailboxes. Light refreshments will be served.

Anyone who would like to volunteer their house, garden, idea, etc., please respond to me. Of course, if no one volunteers, I will happily individually ask.

Natalie Firnhaber / nataliefirnhaber@gmail.com

RACCOONS IN IBSS

Raccoons in our area have been a problem from time to time, and they have been known to be rabid. The following guidelines are for your information and are from the SRQ County Sheriff's



Office, Animal Services, (941-861-9500).

■ *The Sarasota County Animal Services will only get involved with wildlife if it gets injured or fights with our pets or people. They will not come to anyone's home to trap wildlife for any other reason. And, they euthanize the animals. You can rent or purchase a trap and set it on your property. As a public service, if you catch something, Animal Services will pick up the animal and euthanize it-- up to five animals per year, at a charge of \$20 for each pickup.*

■ *It is illegal for any person to catch wildlife and relocate it. Only licensed trappers through the State, not County, are allowed to do this. They are licensed from the State of Florida, FWC (Florida Wildlife Commission). See <http://myfwc.com/> for more information.*

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(SHARE YOUR COMMENTS continued from page 11)

It's clear that raccoons in our area are a concern for all of us. If your dog or cat gets in one's path, the raccoon will attack your animal. Their teeth are razor sharp. Your pet won't win, as the raccoon's skin is thick and tough. I say this from personal experience. This article is to let you know that raccoons do indeed bite, and there are plenty of them in our area. If I can share any further information with you, please contact me.

Carol Pettengill / CarolP5678@verizon.net

NEIGHBORHOOD COCKTAIL PARTY AT "MUSE "

The new restaurant located inside the Ringling Museum of Art's visitor center, previously occupied by Treviso, opened in late August. To introduce their new restaurant to the IBSS neighborhood, the management at Muse is hosting a **free cocktail party on Monday, November 2, 2015 from 6:15pm to 7:30pm for adult residents of the Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores neighborhood.** Light hors d'oeuvres will be served. **RSVP by October 30th (indicating attendees name(s) and your address) to leehigh428@gmail.com.** (See the advertisement for "Muse at the Ringling" on page 3 of this newsletter).

Lisa Lee-High

IBSSA WEBSITE CALENDAR & NEWSGROUP

WEBSITE CALENDAR: Neighborhood events and classifieds can be added to the website ibssa.ws by contacting Joanne Gonet at frejo3617@yahoo.com.

IBSSA-NEWS is an online site where neighbors can submit and receive neighborhood-related postings. The postings include information such as upcoming event details, missing/found pets, crime alerts, North Trail notices, new businesses, etc. For access to IBSSA-NEWS, send an email to either theserries@yahoo.com or frejo3617@yahoo.com requesting membership in the newsgroup. The moderator will have Yahoo send you an email inviting you to join.

"KEY INFLUENCE" ART INSTALLATION

September 26 – October 31, 2015

Panel Discussion: October 21 (6:30-8pm)

Longboat Key Center for the Arts

6860 Longboat Dr. South, Longboat Key, FL 34228

Elena De La Ville has been working in an Art residency on a full room installation at the LBKCA. The exhibition opened September 26th and an opening reception was held on October 9th. A panel discussion will be held on October 21st from 6:30-8:00pm at the address above.

"Key Influence" is a sneak-peak inside the artist's world, from inspiration to completion, all created from an unprecedented two-month residency at the Longboat Key Center for the Arts. With glimpses into the studio through video, materials samples, and actual vignettes from the artists' workspaces, SARTQ (Sarasota Arts Collective) strives to demystify art as well as the techniques used to make it. The finished artworks are exhibited alongside these process pieces, bringing the experience of the viewer full-circle. (Presenting sponsor is Ringling College of Art and Design.) **Elena De La Ville**



Elena De La Ville's multimedia installation

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Cocktail Party at “Muse”: **November 2, 2015** (Details on page 11)
- Picnic: **Sunday, November 8, 2015; 2-5pm** (Details on page 1-2)
- Submission deadline for December Newsletter: **November 20, 2015**
- Semi-Annual Meeting: **Tuesday, December 8, 2015; 7-9pm**
- Yard Sale: **January 30-31, 2016; 9am-3pm**
- Sun Circle Art Festival: **March 5, 2016; 10am-5pm**

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