

Newsletter

DECEMBER 2015

4th ANNUAL SUN CIRCLE ART FESTIVAL

Join your neighbors and art buyers at this fun, **free** event.

If you are an artist, sign up now to participate. White tents are not required, only suggested. Our buyers come from around the region to wander through the park, buy art, and enjoy the food and entertainment.

Our neighborhood volunteers work months to make this happen. Interested? Join the committee and help on the day of event. Participating artists give us rave reviews on how helpful EVERYONE is. We are proud of our neighborhood and that is what we do at IBSSA.

This year the Sun Circle Art Festival is partnering with the Arts and Cultural Alliance of Sarasota County to help raise funds to support the ArtSpace project for the North Trail. All funds raised are tax deductible.

If you are an artist or performer or would like to volunteer or support the ArtSpace project, contact Janenutter@aol.com, 941/351-1920 (h) or 605/376-6916 (cell).

Jane Nutter Johnson



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Sixteen years ago, a few forward thinking women brought PEL to life. Proceeds support YMCA programs for homeless children, college scholarships, children living in Foster Care, financial aid for swimming lessons or child care, and so much more. We have, through our estate sales, brought in over \$400,000 to support youth at risk in our community.

We just don't "do" sales, we present sales in clean, staged arrangements to enhance the estate for the best sales opportunity. We present the sales in homes or our new 4,200 square foot showroom in the Lime Avenue North Design District.

Call (941) 951-1336 x7 or visit www.sarasotaymca.org/

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL IBSSA PICNIC

The IBSSA picnic miracle happened once again. Our old-fashioned Florida picnic was a great success. We fed and entertained over 300 people, while maintaining our quaint and idiosyncratic policy of free admission to all IBSSA members, their families, and guests. The rain stayed away and gentle breezes

wrapped us in balmy, pleasant temperatures. The pastel colored table cloths and decorations put a smile on our faces.

Our own New College student jazz band, the New Cats, gave us the best picnic music ever. Their sweet hip, melancholy sound created a funky, happy mood. Sharon Carr cooked up delicious picnic classics, and the IBSSA "pot luck" table served up amazing dishes. Did you see that fabulous chocolate cake! We had games for adults and kids, plants to exchange, food donations for the hungry, and electronics to recycle.

Here are the hard facts. New College made a huge donation by providing the Caples estate free of charge and grooming it for us. Picnic guests added some \$2,400 to the kitty through our raffles and auctions. The generous folks who donated the items, organized the sales, and ran the tables made all this possible. The dozens of volunteers who worked before, during, and after the





picnic invested precious time to make our 2015 picnic a happy day in the IBSS neighborhood.

Jane Johnson talked me into being your 2015 picnic chair. I had the title; but the same trio who make the picnic, the yard sale, and the art show happen—Jane Johnson, Monica



Neligon, and Joanne Gonet—put this show on the road and deserve special thanks. They are the three chiefs who led the IBSSA "Indians" to another victory. This is a marvelous place to live, work, and play. Yours truly for the IBSSA,

Bob Barylski



The Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores Newsletter is published and disseminated four times a year: <u>mid-February</u>, <u>mid-June</u>, <u>last week in October</u>, and <u>mid-December</u> 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, at 775/287-3794 or lisaleehigh@gmail.com.

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Deadline for the February issue is January 22, 2016

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- * No rate difference between ads printed in black/white or in color
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or

* If you would like to advertise in all four issues in 2016, you can pay in advance and receive a 15% discount on the "per issue" rate.

See Page 2 for details

Thank you to all advertisers!



INDIAN BEACH-SAPPHIRE SHORES ANNUAL YARD SALE

The Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, January 30th and Sunday, January 31st, 2016 from 9:00am to 3:00pm each day.

It is a happening weekend already on some calendars. Add it to yours! Joining together as a neighborhood 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 your items or to shop.

Over 80+ homes participated in the 2015 IBSSA yard sale. 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 or email:svlivinggrace@hotmail.com.

Monica Neligon





Call me to find the perfect home in the perfect place to live. We all love Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores. Please say hello when you see me riding around the neighborhood.

Stanley Umenhofer Realtor

IBSS IS A BOOMING COMMUNITY

For this article, the borders for new homes/ remodels are Myrtle to the south, Sarasota Avenue to the east, North Shore to the north, and Sun Circle/ Bay Shore Road to the west. Eighteen homes were photographed, including the cute remodeled homes on Sarasota Avenue. There are three new homes on Bay Shore Road; one contemporary, one very contemporary, and one appears to be an Asian-influenced home on the Bay front. Another home on Bay Shore was a remodel.

Moving on to South Shore, there are three new homes, mostly traditional, with their own special twists. One overlooks the Sun Circle Bay. Two remodels are happening on Sun Circle Drive, one completed and one just starting. Acacia has a remodel of an older Mediterranean style with a guest house and there is also a new construction home. North Shore has a new Key West style home and two homes being remodeled.

The Bellora on Bay Shore Road is featuring estate homes from the \$700,000. One lot has sold, a model home is being built on lot #5, and two homes are being built for inventory on lots #4 and #24 and selling for around \$900,000. This project should be a nice addition to our community.

We have such a diverse neighborhood with so many different styles of homes, which makes for an interesting walk and a great place to live. The Boys and Girls Club Designer Show House this year is on the corner of Bay Shore Road and Virginia. Sharon Kenworthy

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THE CORWIN DOCK 1915

If you have ever kayaked or boated along the shore of IBSS, you've seen the remains of many old docks. All that's left are pilings of various types, some of which stick up out of the water providing small perches for seabirds and others visible only from peering down into the water.

Today, these remains are in front of some of the most expensive real estate in Sarasota, so one might wonder what kind of Gatsby characters built and used these docks a century ago. What kind of luxury vessels were used for the vacationing elite of early Indian Beach?

The truth is, our waterfront was a very industrious place, as depicted in this photo of the Corwin Dock. This is one of many multi-purpose waterfront structures previously dotting our neighborhood.

Go get the magnifying glass and you will see large fuel tanks, telephone wires, a working smoke stack and



even a sign advertising the Sea Breeze Inn! I wonder what kind of amenities they had in 1915? Maybe not enough for Gatsby. David Jennings

HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR PROJECT

On October 25, 2015, the neighborhood hosted its first house and garden tour project. Over 50







From left, Mel Harner with visitors to his 1950's model train and associated period buildings; John and Kelly Stewart posing American Gothic style in their Wildlife Habitat home; and Andy Walker in his garden in front of his 1920's home:

people came to delight in a sophisticated city garden in a 1920's setting at Christina and Andy Walker's home; a house tour of an artistic 1920's Spanish style home at Urte and Egon Tuerpe's home; a French parterre garden and Moroccan-inspired pool house at Sue and Tom Miller's home; a certified Wildlife Habitat garden at John and Kelly Stewart's home; and an amazing 35 feet of a running model circa 1950 train at Mel Harner's home.

We are hoping to continue this project as neighbors invite others to glimpse and be inspired by unique and

resourceful efforts in their garden or home. We were so pleased with the enthusiastic visitors to our first one and equally pleased with the effort extended by those showing their spaces. We are now enlisting neighbors to invite others to view cheerful/meaningful holiday displays at their homes or in their gardens.

So please step right up!! Show off just a tiny bit, as you take pleasure in sharing what you treasure in your own holiday efforts! Email me if you are interested: nataliefirnhaber@gmail.com. Natalie Firnhaber



Sal performs as a single act/DJ, specializing in: The Great American Song Book, popular Latin Standards, and those Oldies but Goodies; celebrating his reputation at private functions in the Tampa Bay/Sarasota area.

For 17 years, his group *Omni* entertained audiences at the Columbia Restaurant on St. Armand's Circle in Sarasota. He is a master in the art of including the audience as part of the party.

REAL ESTATE UPDATE: December 1, 2015

There have been eight sales since our last update on September 20, 2015. This average of four per month is half the absorption rate we saw over the summer. But I hesitate reading too much into a 70-day time frame, in particular one with several holidays and the beginning of a new school year.

The price range remained typical for IBSS with the least expensive sale Bank Owned, at \$139,284 and the most expensive at \$1,900,000 a bay front property which now has a contractor's sign in the yard (tear down?).

The bigger news might be what has recently Pended. Two waterfront properties are currently under contract in Sapphire Shores with list prices of \$2,750,000 and \$3,495,000. These are significant transactions for our neighborhood (and Sarasota!).

This could be creating optimism in our higher end, as we now have two new listings at \$2,230,000 and \$3,495,000 added to our already available options along the waterfront.

In total, Active Listings are climbing as season approaches. There are 30 available properties (3 un-built). This is the most we have seen in many months, with the \$229,000 "entry level" price the highest in years. Oddly, I just received a call this past week for any and all properties under \$200,000 in IBSS. The prospective Buyer was incredulous we had none to offer.

The next several months should see an increase in available properties, which is typical as a new year begins. Will this increase keep prices in check or will the strength of our high end keep all boats rising with the tide?

2006 Postcript on Rising Tide

In the summer of 2006, I wrote about two transactions in IBSS. 3814 Chapel Drive sold for \$218,000 in March of that year and 3133 Bay Shore Road sold for \$2,180,000 just weeks before in February. The exact 10 fold difference in sales price caught my attention. When I looked further, the story became even more interesting. Both properties sold exactly ten years prior, too! 3814 Chapel Drive sold for \$36,000 February of 1996 and 3133 Bay Shore Road sold for \$360,000 in April of 1996.

In 10 years, the rate of appreciation was identical for two very dissimilar properties, and they maintained an exact 10 fold difference in value. I had never seen anything like it and it became a perfect illustration for "a rising tide lifting all boats equally."

But things are rarely that simple, are they? 3814 Chapel Dr. was lost in a Bank Foreclosure and sold for \$140,000 in July, 2015. And ironically, 3133 Bay Shore Road has just been listed for sale at \$3,495,000 after an extensive renovation & expansion.

I have lost my perfect example of a rising tide, but these two histories clearly show the diversity, opportunity, and complexity of our neighborhood.

David Jennings

PROPERTIES:

Active, Active with Contract, Pending, and Sold (September 21, 2015 to December 1, 2015)

(September 21, 2013 to De	ceilibe	1, 20	13)
Status Address	- Beds	-Baths -	- Price
ACT 865 40TH STREET	- 2	2/0	\$229,000
ACT 876 PATTERSON DRIVE	- 4	2/0	\$243,800
ACT 3920 SARASOTA AVENUE	- 2	2/0	\$245,000
ACT 5037 REMINGTON DRIVE	- 3	3/0	\$259,000
ACT 3605 IROQUOIS AVENUE	- 3	3/0	\$269,000
ACT 2509 IXORA AVENUE	- 2	2/0	\$269,000
ACT 630 CORWOOD DRIVE	- 3	2/0	\$285,900
ACT 4103 TURKS CAP PLACE	- 3	1/1	\$299,000
ACT 2304 HICKORY AVENUE	- 2	2/0	\$300,000
ACT 4520 45TH COURT	- 3	3/0	\$329,500
ACT 4925 REMINGTON DRIVE	- 3	3/1	\$349,000
ACT 561 CORWOOD DRIVE	- 3	2/0	\$399,000
ACT 973 VIRGINIA DRIVE	- 4	3/0	\$449,000
ACT 760 INDIAN BEACH LANE	- 3	3/0	\$628,000
ACT 826 INDIAN BEACH DRIVE	- 3	3/0	\$630,000
ACT 546 47TH STREET			
ACT 5110 SUN CIRCLE			
ACT 602 BELLORA WAY			
ACT 435 S SHORE DRIVE			
ACT 612 BELLORA WAY			
ACT 580 BELLORA WAY	- 3	3/0	\$1.168.600
ACT 1008 SYLVAN DRIVE			
ACT 406 WOODLAND DRIVE			
ACT 4007 BAY SHORE ROAD			
ACT 749 INDIAN BEACH CIRCLE -			
ACT 4035 BAY SHORE ROAD			
ACT 3133 BAY SHORE ROAD			
ACT 336 SOUTH SHORE DRIVE			
ACT 3315 BAY SHORE ROAD			
AWC 3312 BAY SHORE ROAD	- 2	1/0	\$199,500
AWC 4606 LEETA LANE	- 3	2/0	\$250,000
AWC 655 45TH STREET	- 3	2/0	\$269,900
AWC 4946 BRYWILL CIRCLE			
AWC 350 S SHORE DRIVE			
PNC 4111 SARASOTA AVENUE	- 2	1/0	\$215,000
PNC 3970 BAY SHORE ROAD			
PNC 4804 STEVENS DRIVE			
PNC 2833 BAY SHORE CIRCLE			
PNC 309 RINGLING POINT DRIVE			
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SLD 985 INDIAN BEACH DRIVE	- 2	2/0	\$139,284
SLD 3025 BON AIR AVENUE			
SLD 3140 BAY SHORE ROAD			
SLD 669 45TH STREET			
SLD 1120 22ND STREET			
SLD 2432 ALAMEDA AVENUE			
SLD 470 ACACIA DRIVE			
SLD2925 BAY SHORE ROAD			

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores
ANNUALYARD SALE

Saturday, January 30, 2016 Sunday, January 31, 2016 9:00am - 3:00pm

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

As the year 2015 comes to a close, there seems to be a growing uncertainty of what each day will bring. Life is said to be unpredictable, however, we can greet the new year with a renewed gratitude and appreciation for living in such a wonderful community and country...this is for certain!

Today, more than ever, the importance of creating a cooperative partnership between the public and the police is absolutely essential. We know first hand that our neighborhood and our families are much safer when we watch out for one another. Developing mutual respect and assistance between law enforcement and law-abiding residents will greatly increase our ability to rid law-breakers from our streets.

Please remember to call the police (941-316-1199) if you have any doubts about a situation, observe criminal or suspicious activity (in progress: 911), or are a victim of a crime.

Your call just might stop a criminal act, prevent an injury, or even save a life.

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

TIPS FOR A SAFE HOLIDAY

Don't display gifts where they may be seen through a window or doorway.

Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you go out, even for a few minutes.

If you have house guests, let them know about your security precautions and make sure they follow them.

If you go away, get an automatic timer for your lights.

Have a neighbor watch your home for you and pick up newspapers and mail. Volunteer to do the same for your neighbor.

Arrange for a neighbor to accept packages if you are not home.

Be extra careful with purses and wallets. Carry your purse tightly under your arm and don't leave it unattended, even for a minute.

Even though you are rushing and thinking about a thousand things, stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you.

Shop before dark if possible. Coordinate shopping trips with a friend, if you plan to be out late.

Park in a well-lighted area. Don't walk to your car alone if it's parked in a dark area.

Lock your car and close the windows, even if you are only going to be gone for a few minutes. Lock your packages in the trunk. Have your key in hand when you return.

Wait for public transportation or rides from friends in busy, well-lighted areas.

Teach your children to go to a store clerk and ask for help if you become separated while shopping. Tell your children never to go into the parking lot alone.

A message from the National Crime Prevention Council in partnership with ADT.

SPEED LIMITS

15mph in all school zones 25mph throughout our neighborhood

HELPFUL NUMBERS:

Sarasota Police Department:

Non-emergency 941/ 316-1199 or 316-1201
SPD Front Desk
Chief Bernadette DiPino 941/ 954-7002
Deputy Chief Pat Robinson
Officer Danny Robbins (Crime Prevention/Home Security Surveys/
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SPD Website www.sarasotapd.org
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Narcotics Hotline (anonymous)

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CRIME REPORT: JANUARY 1 - NOVEMBER 20

(Approximate totals)	2015	2014
Burglary / Structure	09	10
Burglary / Vehicle	14	18
Motor Vehicle Theft		
Robbery	02	02

Note: Vehicle burglaries have increased citywide. We are encouraged to lock vehicles and never leave valuables, keys, or weapons inside.

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 Watch Coordinators

Alert your neighbors

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT THE BAY HAVEN MEDIA CENTER: 4:30-7:00pm

Beginning last October, the Bay Haven Media Center opened Wednesday evenings for Bay Haven families, as well as for IBSS neighborhood families. The Media Center will be open in December through December 16. It will reopen after the holiday break in January. You can visit the Center on January 6th, 13th, and 20th. For additional questions, contact Colleen Huffman at 941/359-5800.

BAY HAVEN FOOD FOREST UPDATE

The food forest at Bay Haven School of Basics Plus is just over one year old, and it is already providing fresh

fruits and vegetables and an enriching learning environment for students, staff, and community members. Planted with the help of



over 70 volunteers in September 2014, the 30' x 150' space was previously a seldom used section of the school grounds which channeled run-off during heavy rains. A diverse variety of edible and ornamental plants including fruit trees, sugar cane, blueberries, star fruit, bananas, peach, plum, avocado, mulberry, cacao, milkweed and



other pollinatorfriendly plants, beauty berry, shampoo ginger, are now utilizing the abundance of water during the rainy season. A thick layer of donated mulch and a water efficient drip irrigation system keep the plants moist during dry season.



Bay Haven science lab teacher and IBSS resident, Rolf

Hanson, uses the food forest to teach all students, from kindergarten through fifth grade, lessons in life science such as plants and their parts, life cycles and reproduction of plants, and the interdependence of living things. Students experience these concepts first hand, learning science skills such as observation, data collection and recording, comparing and



contrasting, and classifying among others.

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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

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Address:					
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If you have a question about the status of your dues, please contact Kitty Cannon, Treasurer, at 941/355-3301 or rick@cannonrick.com.					
2016 Dues Payment \$20.00					

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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Wednesdays after school, Rolf runs a garden club for students in the after care program. With the help of parent and grand-parent volunteers as well as IBSS community members Natalie Firnhaber and Suzy Hagglund, students from kindergarten through fifth grade help maintain the food forest by weeding, watering, transplanting, mulching, and pruning. A highlight of garden club is a snack from whatever fruit is ripe and ready to eat.

Rolf has also made connections with a group of New College students who are planning to install a food forest on the Caples campus and he is looking forward to collaborating with them as they finalize their design and prepare for planting.

If you are interested in learning more about the food forest at Bay Haven, volunteering with the garden club, or would like to schedule a tour, please contact Rolf at rolf.hanson@sarasotacountyschools.net or call Bay Haven at 941/359-5800 weekdays between 9:00am-4:00pm. Rolf Hanson



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NEIGHBORHOOD RECEPTION AT MUSE



Over 130 neighbors attended the free cocktail reception hosted by Muse on November 2, 2015. Neighbors gathered around the bar, in the restaurant, and out on the patio to enjoy the Muse's offering of a full bar and a large selection of hors d'oeuvres.

It was nice to see so many neighbors turn out for the reception and for them to get a look at the new menu and renovation of the interior.

Steve Seidensticker, owner of Tableseide Restaurant Group, said "We are so happy to be in the neighborhood, and we hope to see our neighbors often at Muse."

Neighbors expressed appreciation for the open invitation to the party. Audrey Burgart said, "The party that Muse gave our neighborhood was way beyond what any of us expected. The food was excellent, and everyone was so gracious and helpful. We wish the very best for the restaurant; thank you for inviting us." Sandra Edward said, "Thanks for the cocktail party at Muse; it was great! It actually gave me a rare chance to have a long conversation with my neighbors, uninterrupted by our children. What a gift!" Lisa Lee-High



Call For Artists

Saturday March 5, 2016 10 to 5 pm

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Sun Circle Art Festival: March 5, 2016; 10am-5pm

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