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INDIAN BEACH – SAPPHIRE SHORES ASSOC.

President's Message

Dear neighbors,

I want to take this time to remind everyone who is spending the summer here in Florida to get your hurricane preparation list and supplies ready. Hurricane season started on June 1st!

On May 7, 2019 we held our semi-annual Neighborhood Association meeting. If you were there, thank you for attending; if you were not able to attend, I want to give a brief summary of the meeting.

Distinguished guests in attendance were Sarasota Mayor Liz Alpert and Tracey Wagner, VP of Finance and Administration at Ringling College.

We started the night with a virtual power point to highlight what Jack Wooster, our great Greenspace Chair, has been up to. If you have not been to our neighborhood public spaces; Indian Beach Park, Charles Hegener Nature Walkway (40th Street to the Bay), Greenway Butterfly Garden (Sarasota Ave. between 45th and 47th Streets), please make a point of visiting them and see all the great work Greenspace is doing.

Tracey Wagner, VP of Finance and Administration at Ringling College, followed with a presentation of the College Growth Plan. She was not able to provide answers as to what the College is planning to do at their newly acquired North Trail

Plaza since some tenants still have leases on the property. We did ask that the College at least beautify the area, since it has been a blighted section of the neighborhood for years.

Minutes of the December 6, 2018 semi annual meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report: Kitty Cannon reported that the recent membership drive letter has been a big success with 93 renewals or brand new members joining, making our membership total 229 at the end of April.

Neighborhood Watch: Debbie Muller followed with a crime watch report. We have had an uptick in neighborhood burglary, both residential and vehicle. Captain Konstantopoulos of the Sarasota police patrol division has mentioned that the police department is setting up a burglary task force to help fight this uptick in the city. Debbie also mentioned that when reporting a non-emergency crime, you call 941-316-1199 the same number that is on all signs throughout the neighborhood. If you want to report a crime anonymously, you now call Crime Stoppers, and that number is 941-366-tips (8477).

Board member Henry Bausback gave the membership a review of past board meeting minutes, a great presentation on what your IBSSA board is doing and working on. He mentioned that

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your board is your voice in the neighborhood to address issues that affect our community. Some of the highlights were: meeting with the city regarding city code and traffic calming and meeting with FDOT regarding the up and coming N. Tamiami Trail roundabouts. He also discussed future neighborhood events such as the picnic and art fest.

Board member John Smith spoke about our membership discount card and requested that if anyone knows of persons or businesses that might want to be part of the discount card program, have them get in touch with him. We are always looking for new vendors.

John then introduced our featured discount card vendor: Donna Frey and her daughter Nikki, a mother and daughter duo who own "Shelf Indulgence a Used Book Boutique" located in the Indian Beach Plaza at 2805 N. Tamiami Trail. Not only will you find used books, but they make great sandwiches, terrific coffee (they use a local coffee roaster) and teas as well. They did say that they are a standard coffee shop and anything you get at the chain coffee shops, you can get at their shop, and their food is organic and non-GMO.

Board Member Bob Slackman spoke about the sewer line work that has been going on in the neighborhood and the city. Bob spoke with the Supervisor of Utilities, Wesley Woodward, who said that our sewer lines are quite old. They were first installed as clay pipes, then iron pipes, and now PVC pipes. Wesley then said that every five years the city looks at all the sewage lines. If they find a leak, they line the old pipe with a pvc pipe. Bob was assured that there are no underlying problems with the sewer lines in our neighborhood. Mayor Liz Alpert commented that the city sewers are old and the city does have long term plans for looking at the infrastructure of the city utilities.

Board Member David Morriss spoke about "Doings in the City," telling us about what is planned. The CCNA (Coalition of City Neighborhood Associations) is looking to do a sound ordinance change for the city that would start to increase the penalties for repeat violations. Mostly this would be for restaurants or bars that would rather just pay the penalties instead of complying with the law. The CCNA meeting will be on June 1st. Roundabouts on 10th and 14th street are due to be completed in 2020. Roundabouts for MLK and Myrtle are in the planning stages. The idea is to have a long boulevard on N. Tamiami Trail. There is a tree ordinance on the way. It is being worked on by some of our neighbors. We (IBSSA) will make sure that everyone is informed when the meeting will be held. We will try to keep you as well informed as we can on these issues and more.

I (Joanne Gonet) followed up with "IBSSA Events Past and Upcoming." We are always looking for volunteers. We are

also looking for anyone who would like to be considered to become an IBSSA Board member. Clipboards were in the room to sign up. Please contact me if interested.

In January the membership sponsored the Annual Yard Sale, organized by Monica Neligon, with over 60 households participating this year. In April we had our 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt and there were about 15 little bunnies participating. Maegan Collin and her volunteer crew did a great job. I am excited to announce that our November Annual Picnic will be held at Bay Haven School. Ceci and Jack Wooster have agreed to co-chair this year. Art Fest 2020 has been canceled due to unforeseen circumstances, but all is not lost, because Ceci and Jack are planning an art-themed Picnic this year. Look for more information to follow on this.

Mayor Liz Alpert was asked about the Myrtle Street project and the poor condition of the road and railroad tracks. The city is trying to work with the railroad company that owns the land. She did emphasize that the railway company has not been easy to work with, but the city is really trying to get this done.

The meeting closed with this question: What events would you, as members want to see happen in the neighborhood?

Meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm

Feel free to contact me about anything written here. I can be reached by email at info@ibssa.ws

Enjoy your Summer!

Joanne L. Gonet, IBSSA President

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OCT 1, 2019: SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR OCT ISSUE

This Newsletter is supported, in part, by grant funds from the City of Sarasota's Neighborhood Community Building Grant Program.

IBSSA Board meetings are open to all IBSSA members. Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month (except July) at 7:00pm at Light of the World Church (Bay Shore Road & Chapel Drive).

IBSSA 2019 Annual "Art Inspired" Neighborhood Picnic

This year we are combining the Sun Circle Art Festival and the Annual Picnic into one event.

The annual IBSSA picnic and Neighborhood Art Show will be held: [SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019 - BAY HAVEN SCHOOL of BASICS PLUS, 2901 W. Tamiami Circle.](#)

Featuring: a picnic in the courtyard of Bay Haven School, a nationally recognized Blue Ribbon School, a Five Star School for 19 years, and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Tours of the Bay Haven School Food Garden. Food and drinks will be provided, neighbors shall bring a dish to share. Playground activities for the children. Music and entertainment, Art Show for neighbors and Bay Haven students.

CALL FOR ARTISTS: Neighborhood artists are invited to show their art. Please contact Ceci or Jack Wooster at picnic@ibssa.ws for more information regarding number of pieces and presentation.

[Jack and Ceci Wooster, Picnic Chairs](#)

IBSSA Membership Drive

As of May 25th, the 2019 IBSSA membership is above 350. In late April, a team of board members and volunteers gathered to send out a mass mailing to households that had not yet paid membership dues for 2019. We are pleased with the response of over 150 membership renewals since the mailing.

As a reminder, the membership year runs from January to December, and there are good reasons to belong: Support for the neighborhood initiatives including care of the bay front and other parks, the annual picnic, the Easter egg hunt, yard sale, and use of a discount card for local merchants.

To join, you may pay online at www.ibssa.ws, or mail a check to IBSSA, PO Box 49673, Sarasota, FL 34230.

[Ceci Wooster, IBSSA Membership Chair, \[membership@ibssa.ws\]\(mailto:membership@ibssa.ws\)](#)



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Greenspace News

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New Greenspace Volunteer
 "Winnie" or "Winn"
 (Rudy's cousin) five month old English Springer Spaniel making the early morning neighborhood rounds.

Making Progress



Photo credit; Carmen Merriam/Sarasota Bay Foundation

Indian Beach Shoreline Naturalization

On Sunday, February 17th, 2019 Volunteers from all over the county came together to show some love towards a small shoreline. Our Indian Beach.

In a partnership between the NEST Program, UF/IFAS Sea Grant Program, Sarasota Fisheries Forum, Solutions To Avoid Red Tide (START), and IBSSA Greenspace we were able to plan, fund and install these areas of shoreline enhancement. This project was designed not only to address certain desires of the community in which it was installed, but to act as a demonstration to communities that shoreline naturalization is a worthy goal that can be in easy reach.

In under 2 hours, approximately 17 volunteers from 9 local organizations planted about 300 marine shoreline plants which included Red and Black Mangroves and 2 kinds of salt marsh grasses. THANK YOU to all that attended and made this beach a "jewel" in the Sapphire Shores area and the Bay.



City of Sarasota Indian Beach
 New 100% Recycled Benches



City of Sarasota Indian Beach Revetment
 Wall Repair and planting



Alison Albee "The Boss" unloading mangrove.



Quick results.



Indian Beach New Habitat Planting



The Greenway keeps growing.



David Morriss created and installed our Indian Beach Little Library

North Trail Improvement

Lately, as I have driven up and down the North Trail, I have noticed real improvement in the appearance of many of the historic motel complexes. It is encouraging to see efforts the owners are making to upgrade the look of their properties, and it is worthwhile for residents to appreciate.

These motels are a special part of our Sarasota heritage. They were built at the time of the new automobile travel to attractive areas of our country. They present a charming welcome to visitors arriving in our city. The convenience of driving an automobile right up to your motel room door is still very appealing to travelers.

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Open space, pretty tropical plants, and swimming pools conveniently located outside the door add to their vintage ambience and Florida atmosphere. An historic plaque at 15th Street honors these mid-century creations that were once the popular center of Sarasota tourism.

I would like to believe that the City of Sarasota can help support this unique area that has not lost its historic charm. "Redevelopment" should be protective of what we already have!

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For a minute, think of the shabby little tourist hotels built at Miami South Beach in the late 1920s. Sympathetic rehab and support from the City of Miami have made South Beach a tourist destination known worldwide. The preservationists there were wise enough to see it is the total area, kept as built, that is "the charm." Redevelopment enthusiasts need to tread lightly on our North Trail. It is a local treasure with historic and economic viability.

With the growing congestion downtown, the North Trail has lots of sunshine and fresh air to offer our visitors!

Jane Rockwell, Indian Beach Drive



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615 Corwood Dr	\$225,000	511 45th Street	\$367,500	2423 Hickory Ave	\$151,050
432 N. Shore Dr	\$372,500	1004 22nd Street	\$210,000	955 Patterson Dr	\$249,500
4931 Bay Shore Rd	\$780,000	4844 Brywill Cir	\$975,000	618 Marlin Dr	\$249,000
636 Indian Beach Ln	\$900,000	5028 Eastchester Dr	\$325,000	411 S. Shore Dr	\$775,000
4907 Eastchester Dr	\$719,000	838 Highland St	\$315,000	5035 Stevens Dr	\$360,000
4306 Sarasota Ave	\$205,000	660 Corwood Dr	\$357,000	4906 Bay Shore Rd	\$599,500
3021 Bay Shore Rd	\$1,125,000	3926 Bay Shore Rd	\$439,000	1040 Sylvan Dr (PND)	\$750,000
4796 Eastchester Dr	\$345,000	4103 Sarasota Ave	\$254,000	444 Acacia Dr (PND)	\$1,345,000
462 N. Shore Dr	\$425,000	847 41st St	\$196,000	4530 Guava Ct (PND)	\$449,000

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Easter Egg Hunt Update

IBSSA held its 3rd Annual Egg Hunt at Sun Circle Park. We were delighted to see so many happy young residents have such a fun time as they searched for their prize-filled eggs. This family friendly event keeps growing every year! Thank you to our volunteers and IBSSA members for making this exciting event a success. [Maegan Collin](#)



Real Estate Update: Melba Jimenez, May 20, 2019

There are currently 41 active and 13 pending listings in the Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores area. Twenty-six properties have sold in the last 4 months with average days on market (DOM) at 143 and median DOM at 220. Sellers have garnered an average of 95.3% of list price, while the median is at 99%, showing that pricing strategies are aligned with market demand.

Inventory is being absorbed at a rate of 6.5 months, which makes this neighborhood a balanced market.

Compared to the last 4 months of 2018, active listings are DOWN 16%, pending sales are UP 116%, and closed sales are UP 150%.

With the wonderful lifestyle options the Gulf Coast provides, I could live anywhere but choose Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores because of its impeccable location. Only 3 miles to downtown Sarasota, 7.5 miles to UTC mall, 1 mile to the airport, 8.5 miles to Nathan Benderson Park, and 9 miles to I-75, the best of the region is at my doorstep. Should I decide to jet set to another

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equally exciting location, SRQ Airport can get me there with 9 major airlines operating daily.

As the gateway to Sarasota, the North Trail is expanding faster than ever, but its expansion is deliberate and in an effort to support the surrounding neighborhood by avoiding the “Generica” title that other cities are branded with over time. Within a 1.5-mile radius, Ringling Museum of Art, New College of Florida and FSU Center for the Performing Arts provide rich culture and world-class educational opportunities, and the Sarasota Jungle Gardens continues to delight with ten acres of botanical wonder and a showcase of birds and animals. With the growth of commerce and culture come a slew of residential opportunities on the horizon – among them The Strand, a luxury condominium building on Whitaker Bayou, and Whitaker Lofts.

If you’re looking for the best return on investment, consider these 8 factors when buying or selling real estate (as reported by Realtor.com).

1. Location, location, location
2. Modern/contemporary style
3. Two-car garages
4. Extra features (patios, hardwood floors, and fireplaces)
5. Beautiful views
6. Open floorplans
7. Fewer bedrooms (1BR appreciated 7.2%; 2BR – 6.6%; 3BR – 6.3%; 4BR – 4.9%)
8. Think smaller. Homes under 1,200 sq. ft. are a favorite of retirees.

Melba Jimenez, Michael Saunders & Company

**PROPERTIES: Active, Pending, and Sold
(January 28, 2019 - May 20, 2019)**

STATUS	ADDRESS	PRICE	SQFT	BED	FULLBATH
ACT	3440 CHAPEL DR	\$224,000	1,080	3	2
ACT	3510 IROQUOIS AVE	\$249,000	1,905	3	2
ACT	2243 IXORA AVE	\$269,000	680	2	1
ACT	4801 SARASOTA AVE	\$349,900	1,492	2	2
ACT	744 45TH ST	\$359,900	1,634	3	2
ACT	4801 EASTCHESTER DR	\$369,000	1,385	3	2
ACT	868 PATTERSON DR	\$369,000	1,424	2	2
ACT	833 TENNESSEE LN	\$395,000	1,552	2	3
ACT	794 40TH ST	\$399,000	2,196	3	2
ACT	653 40TH ST	\$399,900	1,560	4	2
ACT	1001 CALOOSA DR	\$425,000	1,575	3	3
ACT	3001 BAY SHORE CIR	\$450,000	2,067	2	2
ACT	3016 BAY SHORE CIR	\$479,000	1,350	2	2
ACT	811 42ND ST	\$495,000	2,358	4	3
ACT	661 MARLIN DR	\$568,000	1,823	3	2
ACT	575 N SHORE DR	\$599,000	1,488	2	2
ACT	4852 BRYWILL CIR	\$619,000	1,769	3	3

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STATUS	ADDRESS	PRICE	SQFT	BED	FULLBATH
ACT	2475 ALAMEDA AVE	\$619,500	2,054	3	2
ACT	864 HIGHLAND ST	\$629,000	1,820	3	2
ACT	2124 CHIPPAWA PL	\$659,900	1,950	3	2
ACT	3814 IROQUOIS AVE	\$665,000	2,070	4	3
ACT	415 S SHORE DR	\$779,000	2,956	4	3
ACT	722 BELLORA WAY	\$829,900	2,607	4	2
ACT	587 BELLORA WAY	\$840,900	2,716	4	2
ACT	5110 SUN CIR	\$850,000	2,750	3	3
ACT	864, 878 & 884 HIGHLAND ST	\$875,000	1,820	3	2
ACT	597 BELLORA WAY	\$990,900	3,052	4	3
ACT	612 BELLORA WAY	\$1,099,000	2,696	3	2
ACT	978 VIRGINIA DR	\$1,099,000	4,364	6	5
ACT	3008 BAY SHORE RD	\$1,100,000	3,545	3	3
ACT	2445 ALAMEDA AVE	\$1,149,500	3,100	3	3
ACT	5048 BRYWILL CIR	\$1,150,000	2,644	3	3
ACT	636 INDIAN BEACH LN	\$1,675,000	3,392	4	3
ACT	3127 BAY SHORE RD	\$1,680,000	3,454	3	3
ACT	438 S SHORE DR	\$1,795,000	4,061	4	5
ACT	5021 BRYWILL CIR	\$2,299,000	5,054	5	5
ACT	300 RINGLING POINT DR	\$2,450,000	2,920	3	4
ACT	305 RINGLING POINT DR	\$2,595,000	4,997	4	4
ACT	2043 ALAMEDA AVE	\$4,200,000	4,632	3	3
ACT	2145 ALAMEDA AVE	\$4,280,000	6,439	5	4
ACT	2211 ALAMEDA AVE	\$5,750,000	6,822	5	5
ACT	929 ALAMEDA WAY	\$6,350,000	9,067	5	6
PND	3915 IROQUOIS AVE	\$150,800	1,088	3	2
PND	528 45TH ST	\$235,000	1,087	2	1
PND	4111 SARASOTA AVE	\$259,900	1,292	2	1
PND	2802 W TAMIAMI CIR	\$294,000	1,050	2	1
PND	984 INDIAN BEACH DR	\$389,700	1,625	3	2
PND	443 SAPPHIRE DR	\$395,000	1,336	2	2
PND	4920 EASTCHESTER DR	\$399,999	1,668	3	2
PND	4530 GUAVA CT	\$499,000	1,820	3	2
PND	408 N SHORE DR	\$474,900	1,831	3	2
PND	722 45TH ST	\$529,999	1,969	3	2
PND	1040 SYLVAN DR	\$750,000	1,949	3	2
PND	1014 SYLVAN	\$799,000	2,252	3	3
PND	444 ACACIA DR	\$1,345,000	3,485	4	4
SLD	3440 CHAPEL DR	\$215,000	1,080	3	2
SLD	839 42ND ST	\$215,000	894	3	1
SLD	850 WINDSOR DR	\$239,000	802	3	2
SLD	978 TENNESSEE LN	\$245,000	1,011	2	1
SLD	744 CORWOOD DR	\$255,000	1,496	2	2
SLD	1006 24TH ST	\$260,000	1,682	3	2
SLD	3724 IROQUOIS AVE	\$287,500	1,550	3	2
SLD	3605 IROQUOIS AVE	\$290,000	1,644	3	3
SLD	637 CORWOOD DR	\$294,000	1,268	2	2
SLD	1023 INDIAN BEACH DR	\$310,000	1,924	3	2
SLD	4722 REMINGTON DR	\$317,500	1,340	2	2
SLD	5035 STEVENS DR	\$360,000	1,594	3	2
SLD	844 PATTERSON DR	\$399,999	1,348	3	2
SLD	2307 ALAMEDA AVE	\$430,000	2,692	3	2
SLD	511 45TH ST	\$440,000	1,796	3	2
SLD	981 CALOOSA DR	\$460,000	1,838	3	3
SLD	5033 EASTCHESTER DR	\$475,000	1,523	3	2
SLD	4906 BAY SHORE RD	\$599,500	2,136	3	2
SLD	709 INDIAN BEACH LN	\$600,000	2,253	3	2
SLD	2052 ALAMEDA AVE	\$615,000	1,748	2	2
SLD	915 INDIAN BEACH DR	\$640,000	2,034	3	3
SLD	5230 STEVENS DR	\$691,000	2,200	3	2
SLD	412 S SHORE DR	\$750,000	2,760	4	4
SLD	602 BELLORA WAY	\$800,000	2,344	3	2
SLD	3500 BAY SHORE RD	\$1,200,000	3,047	4	4
SLD	300 S SHORE DR	\$1,840,000	2,528	3	2

Submitted by Melba Jimenez, Michael Saunders & Company.
Based on information from the My Florida Regional Multiple Listing Service, Inc. and Sarasota County Property Appraiser. This information may or may not include all listed, expired, withdrawn, pending or sold properties of one or more members of the My Florida Regional Multiple Listing Service.

Mark Ormond Interview

TWO Ringlings Resonate for IBSS

Often overlooked are neighborhood attractions in favor of remote entertainments. While neither the Ringling Museum nor the Ringling College of Art and Design operate “community galleries”, their offerings aim to please us.

Mark Ormond is a 25 year IBSS resident and has enjoyed his involvement at both Ringlings. Mark served as Curator and as Deputy Director of Collections and Programs at The Ringling Museum from 1984-1988 and 1995-1999. Mark has taught at the College since 1999 and was Director of Ringling College Galleries from 2009-2019. He received his Masters Degree from George Washington University in Art History, with a concentration in Museum Studies. He was Director and Chief Curator, from 1988-1994, at the Center for the Fine Arts in Miami, now called the Perez Art Museum.

Recently, he supervised half a dozen galleries at Ringling College. Shows of works by students, faculty, and alumni were supplemented by exhibits of “nationally and internationally renowned artists.” Examples of imports included *REAL Fashion Photography*. Shows of women modern artists and *The Petticoat Painters* have been mounted as well.

The synergy between the Museum and the College makes perfect sense to Mark. “Most interesting artists,” he said, “live near colleges and universities.” Lots of the College’s faculty,

staff, and alumni reside nearby.” As the Ringling Museum’s Deputy Director, Mark bolstered the programs for children and helped establish educational spaces within the exhibition areas. Thus, artistic expression is encouraged among visitors of all ages.



“One of my first shows at the Museum”

Mark said, “was a focus on the ‘genius’ of John Ringling himself. Its title was *Dreamer, Builder and Collector* and the exhibit highlighted his significance.” Another outreach effort was Mark’s creation of a statewide exhibit of new contemporary art. This show encompassed recent works of 84 Floridians.

Mark credits Steven High, Ringling Museum’s Executive Director, with opening the Center for Asian Art, the Kotler-Colville Glass Pavilion, and the Monda Gallery for Contemporary Art. A recent Museum show was an exhibit of *Knights* and a current show is a David Burnett photography exhibition *Senior Athletes, Their Indomitable Spirit*.

“Most neighbors don’t realize,” Mark added, “that the College galleries are open to the public free of charge. Both the Museum and College also have excellent libraries available to everyone.” Moreover, the Museum is open for free on Mondays, which make the outdoor sculptures and rose gardens even more enticing. [Mack Goode, Chippawa Place](#)

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Porches

I love my two porches that are wide and deep. When I returned to Sarasota in 1989 to the .83 of a jungle acre property I bought at the end of 47th Street, the first thing I did was have a new entrance and porch built onto the Florida Cracker style house. Then in 1992, I had an architectural designed cottage built of cedar, both inside and out, next to it in the same Cracker style with a deep front porch.



Most homes in this area were built as ranch style homes without porches. That term “ranch style” is really a misnomer. I have been on real ranches out west and they have wide and deep porches. Cracker style homes are not built on a slab. Once I had to get under the main house to clear roots that entered the main sewer line at a joint — something impossible to do with a slab.

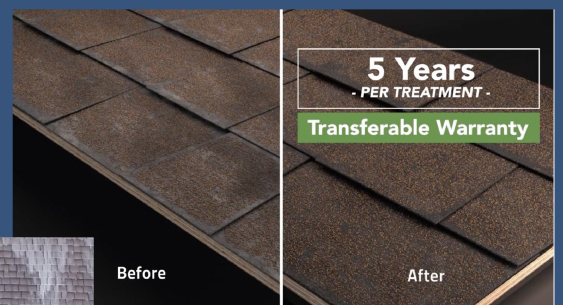
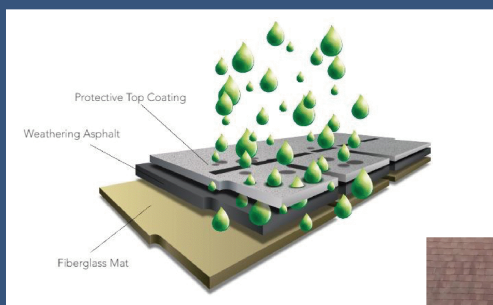
IBSSA opposed the then proposed Houses of Indian Beach on Bay Shore Road, in part, because it was an inward facing enclave cut off from the neighbors contrary to the Sarasota City Plan. Andres Duany recognized the sense of community porches engender when he built Seaside, Florida. Duany’s building design mission statement included this: *To promote spontaneous neighborly interactions, the detailed building code*

mandated front porches in close proximity to the sidewalk and pedestrian paths.

In the morning, I sit on my cottage porch with my coffee and watch the birds on our feeders. I watch people go by walking their dogs, some wave and I wave back. New construction now often has a huge arched entrance with only enough room for a cat to nestle down.

I have a book, “Out on the Porch”, with a forward by Reynolds Price that has photos of how people used to live in Southern climes by enjoying porch sitting, but no more. Now many sit in their lanais listening to the a/c and pool pump turn on and off.

Since we as a nation seem to be going back in time, maybe we can include porches in new construction as once was the “normal”. **Bruce W. Pitzer, 47th Street**



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Neighborhood Watch News

The success of Neighborhood Watch depends solely on neighbors reporting criminal and suspicious activity to law enforcement whenever observed. Each of us play a significant role in maintaining security within our wonderful neighborhood. Whether at home or away, it is so important to pay attention to what's going on around us.

“See It, Hear It, Report It,” “See Something Say Something” and “Take a Bite Out of Crime” are mottos that remind us to take action to deter crime. There are numerous Neighborhood Watch signs throughout our neighborhood and city displaying the non-emergency phone number for Police Dispatch...316-1199. This is the number to call when you want the Police to respond, but it isn't a 911 emergency or in-progress situation.

When residents work together and with the Police, criminals soon realize that we, the law abiding public, will never willingly be easy targets. One's commitment to always report crime and suspicious activity to law enforcement and alert one another to potential criminal or dangerous situations is key to combating crime in our neighborhood, city, and worldwide. Concern, awareness, and communication make for safer, better, kinder communities and great places to call home like Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores. **Debbie Muller, 941.355.5743**

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, and Alert your neighbors.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COORDINATORS

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HELPFUL NUMBERS

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 Deputy Chief Pat Robinson 941/ 954-7006
 Officer Danny Robbins (Crime Prevention/Home Security
 Surveys/Citizens' Police Academy) 941/ 954-7056
 Michelle Rinaca (Civilian Volunteer Coord.)..... 941/ 366-2845
 SPD Website www.sarasotapd.org
Animal Services 941/ 861-9500
Code Compliance..... 941/ 954-4125
Crime Stoppers (anonymous) 941/ 366-TIPS (8477)

IBSS CRIME REPORT: JANUARY 1 - MAY 28

(Approximate totals)	2019	2018
Burglary / Structure	09	08
Burglary / Vehicle	10	10
Motor Vehicle Theft.....	01	01
Robbery	00	01

NOTE:

1. A burglary task force has been created by the Sarasota Police Department due to an increase in burglaries.
2. An arrest was made in one vehicle burglary.
3. The stolen vehicle was recovered.

CITYWIDE STATISTICS: JANUARY 1 - MAY 28

(Approximate totals)	2019	2018
Burglary / Structure	120	132
Burglary / Vehicle	159	132
Motor Vehicle Theft.....	61	66
Robbery	34	34

REMINDERS

- * School's out! Help youngsters have a safe enjoyable Summer by being extra watchful for them out and about in the community.
- * Please observe the speed limits:
 25mph throughout neighborhood
 15mph in all school zones

ALERT: Report any “hot spots” where known or suspected drug, prostitution, or illicit activity is occurring (residences, businesses, secluded areas, etc.)

SAFETY TIPS:

- * Lock doors and windows of home and vehicles.
- * Never leave weapons, keys, garage door opener or valuables in vehicle.
- * Don't leave valuables in plain sight through windows of home or vehicle.



Suncoast Empire

Bertha Potter Palmer is a significant character in the development of Sarasota. With her wealth she began purchasing land in 1910. Her holdings were vast and included an area where most of our population lives today.

In her biography, *Silhouette in Diamonds*, Florida is covered in the last chapter, "Back to Nature". But now we have a book solely dedicated to Bertha's Florida years.

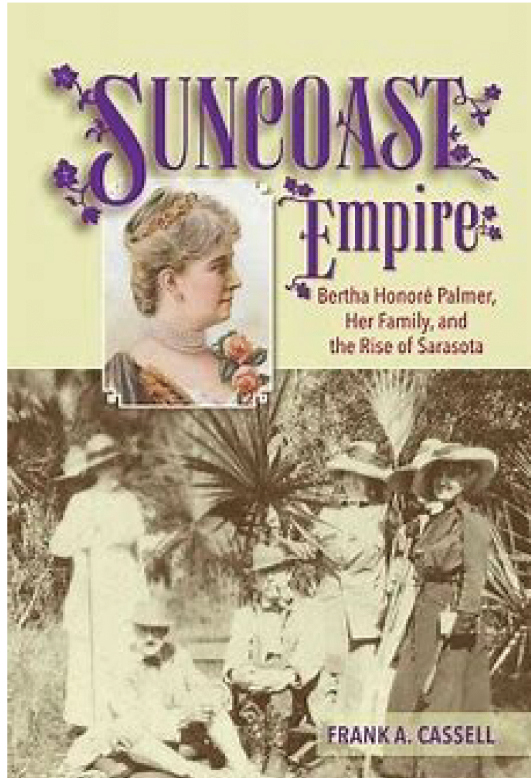
Suncoast Empire, Bertha Honore Palmer, Her Family, and the Rise of Sarasota by Frank A. Cassell was recently published by Pineapple Press.

It's an in depth look at the work Bertha and her family did to create planned agricultural communities, cutting edge farming techniques, internationally recognized cattle ranching procedures, and more. Road building, railroads, banking, real estate....it's all here in detail.

Cassell also writes of the decades after Palmer's passing. Her two sons and an unlikely Russian Prince continued with her business interests.

The Russian was Prince William Cantacuzene Count Speransky, cousin to Tsar Nicholas. He married Julia Dent Grant, Bertha's niece who was like a daughter to her and they lived in Russia.

Given what was happening in Russia at the time, Julia and the Prince needed a place to go to by 1917. They moved to



Prince William Cantacuzene Count Speransky

Sarasota and the Prince worked with Bertha and her son's, Honore and Potter, Jr. He played a major role in the business while he and Julia lived in The Acacias on Sarasota Bay. After a divorce the Prince remarried and moved to Sapphire Shores. He lived here until his death in 1955 and some neighbors still remember him.

One recalls "Prince Fuzzy Beard" would come out of the house each day, followed by an old bull dog with emphysema. Getting the mail was a chore with the Prince limping from old war injuries and the bull dog struggling to breathe. I'm told the bull dog would make it half way and stop to wait. The Prince would make it all the way to the curb and be rejoined by the bull dog half way back to the porch.

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IBSSA Annual "Art Inspired" Neighborhood Picnic;
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