INDIAN BEACH - SAPPHIRE SHORES ASSOC.

2019 Annual Neighborhood Picnic

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019; 12-3PM

Bay Haven School of Basics Plus

2901 West Tamiami Circle

FEATURING a picnic in the courtyard of Bay Haven School—our celebrated neighborhood Blue Ribbon School that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

LIVE MUSIC by our talented neighbors DANI and the DIVAS, Daniela Torchia, accomplished singer and actress with a sweet soulful voice; her husband Grammy Award Winner Tony Kaye, a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and cofounder of the rock band YES; and talented bass guitarist Roy Jacobson. With a special appearance by the Bay Haven School Bright Spots Chorus (4th & 5th graders) conducted by music teacher Sarah Downey.

FOOD: Grilled hamburgers, veggie burgers, and brats by NELLIE's CATERING. Beverages and water provided—PLEASE bring a dish to share.

TOURS of the Bay Haven School Food Forest by former Sarasota Teacher of the Year, Bay Haven's Science Teacher, and our neighbor Rolf Hanson. School Playground open for the children with Parental Supervision.



The picnic is free for current members of IBSSA. Membership is \$20 per year and is open to all homeowners and renters living in the IBSS neighborhood. You may join at the picnic (cash or check) or pay in advance at www.ibssa.ws.

Come meet and greet your neighbors and plan to enter the 50/50 IBSSA fundraising raffle.

VOLUNTEER to help with set up and breakdown. Contact Ceci or Jack Wooster at picnic@ibssa.ws

Jack and Ceci Wooster, Picnic Chairs

Note: No alcohol permitted on School Property.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM
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This Newsletter is published four times a year for all 1,200 residences in the Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores neighborhood. Newsletter will be mailed approximately late-February, mid-June, late-October, and mid-December.

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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).

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President's Message

IBSSA Looking Forward to Another Great Year

The month of October always seems to mark "The Start of the Season" here in Florida, and that means that our Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores (IBSS) Neighborhood residents are returning from their summer adventures. Welcome back home to all returning neighbors! If you are new to the neighborhood, either as a renter or a property owner, we are glad you chose our "Hood" to be your home. Welcome!

Mark your calendars for these upcoming 2019 events: Sunday November 10, 2019; 12-3pm:

Our Annual Neighborhood Picnic will be held this year at Bay Haven School. The picnic is open to all residents who live in IBSS. Admission is free for all members of the Neighborhood Association. If your household is not already a member, cost is only \$20 per household address, payable at the picnic membership table. (See additional Picnic information on the front cover of this newsletter.) You may have received the picnic postcard in your mailbox; if not, it should arrive soon. Also watch for the picnic signs posted throughout the neighborhood.

Thursday December 12, 2019; 7-9pm

Semi Annual Neighborhood Meeting, held at The Light of the World International Church, across from the Jungle Gardens on the corner of Myrtle Street and Bay Shore Road. Come meet your neighbors and hear what's happening in the

neighborhood. The agenda will be posted after the Picnic on our Neighborhood Website <ibssa.ws>.

Some of our 2020 Events: Stay tuned for more information about our "Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale" and "Annual Easter Egg Hunt".



Here are ways to stay connected with our neighborhood:

<ibssa.ws> Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores Website. Here is where you will find information about neighborhood events and agendas, you can join or renew your membership, find the current list of membership discount card vendors, see and read our current and past newsletters, view classified ads posted by neighbors, and important information, etc.

<ibssasarasota.nextdoor.com> NextDoor. A neighborhood social media group page where you can see what's happening in the neighborhood or city, posts about lost pets, City of Sarasota important notices, and Sarasota Police notices, etc.

<facebook.com/ibssaSRQ> Official Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores
Neighborhood Facebook Page.

I look forward to seeing you all in November at the Picnic! I can be reached anytime regarding questions you might have at president@ibssa.ws. Joanne L. Gonet, IBSSA President





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Greenspace News

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Join Rolf Hanson Bay Haven's Science Teacher, former "Sarasota Teacher of the Year" and our neighbor to tour and learn about the Permaculture Food Forest at Bay Haven School of Basics Plus. The food forest is an integrated living system, whose plants and animals support each other to create a dynamic and biodiverse ecosystem. The edible landscape provides Bay Haven students, staff and families with fresh fruit and other edibles such as moringa and perennial greens, in addition to serving as an outdoor learning space. Students learn life science topics such as life cycles, plant reproduction and soil ecology, create artwork inspired by the various plants and animals and enjoy a small oasis in the center of the campus.

The Permaculture Food Forest was planned and installed by the following groups: the U.S. Green Building Council; Slow Food of Greater Sarasota; the Tropical Fruit Society of Sarasota; Food and Nutrition Services of Sarasota County Schools; the Sarasota Bay and Estuary Program; Bay Haven staff, students and families; and McIntyre Elwell & Strammer General Contractors, Inc





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Real Estate Update: Jon Patella; October 1, 2019

Greetings Neighbor!

As we start feeling those morning temperatures become a little bit cooler, many people start thinking about exterior home improvements. The following projects not only can bring joy as you live in your home but also be an advantage when selling your home:

- 1. Exterior Lighting—landscape lighting can transform a home and also add an element of safety.
- Outdoor Patio—this is a way to expand your home's livable space and there is nothing better than relaxing outdoors.
- 3. Firepit—another way to enjoy your backyard as the temperatures cool.
- Landscaping/Garden—paying attention to landscaping can have a major impact on its curb appeal. It's the perfect weather to touch up the mulch, trim the bushes, and add some flowers for color.
- 5. Outdoor Kitchen—these have become popular and typically sellers can expect to break even or make as much as a 20% return on their investment.

As for the local housing market update for August 2019, single-family home sales increased by 4.7% in Sarasota, pushing sales volume up to \$279.6 million. While Manatee saw a decrease by 3.9% with total sales of \$267.3 million. Florida REALTORS® reports that inventory decreased across the two-county area this month, while prices picked up again in Manatee County.

Our neighborhood saw 17 single-family homes sell in the last quarter with prices ranging from \$177,000 to \$1,555,000. There are currently 35 active single-family homes for sale from \$239,000 to \$5,495,000. In addition, six single-family homes have sales pending.

I feel blessed every day as I drive down Bay Shore Road to be able to call Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores neighborhood my home. I enjoy the beautiful palm-lined streets, being able to walk and enjoy the sunset and a glass of wine at Sun Circle Park, and all the stunningly diverse architectural homes. But what I love most is the people. As a Sarasota native, I realize how special it is to know all your neighbors by name, and the sense of community that our neighborhood cultivates is a rare find today. So as the weather starts to cool and we start venturing out of the air conditioning more, let's enjoy that connection we are so lucky to have living in a true neighborhood.

See you at the park and the neighborhood picnic!

Jon Patella, Branch Manager and Realtor®, Wagner Realty
(Sourced from REALTOR® Association of Sarasota and Manatee)

PROPERTIES: Active, Pending, and Sold (May 21, 2019 - October 1, 2019)

STATUS	ADDRESS	PRICE	SQFT	BED	FULL BATH
ACT	3510 IROQUOIS AVE	\$239,000	1,905	3	2
ACT	625 CORWOOD DR	\$285,000	1,229	2	1
ACT	4617 LEETA LN	\$289,000	1,314	3	2
ACT	710 40TH ST	\$299,900	1,806	3	1
ACT	1022 24TH ST	\$315,000	1,519	2	1
ACT	4801 SARASOTA AVE	\$324,999	1,492	2	2
ACT	3804 IROQUOIS AVE	\$349,900	1,502	3	2
ACT	744 45TH ST	\$359,000	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	4925 REMINGTON DR	\$379,999	1,605	3	3
ACT	811 42ND ST	\$482,500	2,358	4	3
ACT	661 MARLIN DR	\$498,000	1,823	3	2
ACT	420 SAPPHIRE DR	\$499,000	2,364	3	2
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ACT	4640 GUAVA CT	\$499,900	1,485	2	2
ACT	1015 CALOOSA DR	\$515,000	1,800	3	2
ACT	864 HIGHLAND ST	\$585,000	1,820	3	2
ACT	4917 REMINGTON DR	\$589,000	2,041	3	2
ACT	3224 BAY SHORE RD	\$674,000	2,306	3	2
ACT	427 WOODLAND DR	\$725,000	3,286	4	3
ACT	904 VIRGINIA DR	\$759,000	1,813	3	2
ACT	461 N SHORE DR	\$795,000	2,089	3	2
ACT	5110 SUN CIR	\$798,000	2,750	3	3
ACT	722 BELLORA WAY	\$829,900	2,607	4	2
ACT	587 BELLORA WAY	\$840,900	2,716	4	2
ACT	653 40TH ST	\$960,000	2,495	3	3
ACT	597 BELLORA WAY	\$990,900	3,052	4	3
ACT	612 BELLORA WAY	\$995,000	2,696	3	2
ACT	5048 BRYWILL CIR	\$999,000	2,644	3	3
ACT	978 VIRGINIA DR	\$999,000	4,364	6	5
ACT	472 N SHORE DR	\$1,300,000	3,977	4	5
ACT	5021 BRYWILL CIR	\$2,299,000	5,054	5	5
ACT	305 RINGLING POINT DR	\$2,595,000	4,997	4	4
ACT	2145 ALAMEDA AVE	\$4,280,000	6,439	5	4
ACT	2211 ALAMEDA AVE	\$5,495,000	6,822	5	5
PND	3524 BAY SHORE RD	\$175,000	850	2	1
PND	3512 CHAPEL DR	\$237,000	1,375	2	2
PND	1051 INDIAN BEACH DR	\$314,500	1,300	3	2
PND	805 TENNESSEE LN	\$349,700	1,242	2	1
PND	4520 45TH CT	\$460,000	1,936	3	3
PND	4852 BRYWILL CIR	\$599,000	1,769	3	3
SLD	3915 IROQUOIS AVE	\$177,000	1,088	3	2
SLD	528 45TH ST	\$227,000	1,087	2	1
SLD	2243 IXORA AVE	\$265,000	680	2	1
SLD	2802 W TAMIAMI CIR	\$294,000	1,050	2	1
SLD	1001 CALOOSA DR	\$330,000	1,575	3	3
SLD	984 INDIAN BEACH DR	\$360,000	1,625	3	2
SLD	443 SAPPHIRE DR	\$385,000	1,336	2	2
SLD	4920 EASTCHESTER DR	\$399,999	1,668	3	2
SLD	3001 BAY SHORE CIR	\$412,000	2,067	2	2
SLD	408 N SHORE DR	\$420,000	1,831	3	2
SLD	4530 GUAVA CT	\$435,000	1,820	3	2
SLD	722 45TH ST	\$495,000	1,969	3	2
SLD	1014 SYLVAN			3	3
		\$700,000	2,252	3	2
SLD	1040 SYLVAN DR	\$750,000	1,949	4	
SLD	444 ACACIA DR	\$1,215,000	3,485		4
SLD	636 INDIAN BEACH LN	\$1,525,000	3,392	4	3
SLD	3127 BAY SHORE RD	\$1,555,000	3,454	3	3

Information from Multiple Listing Data Base. Submitted by Jon Patella, Branch Manager and Realtor®, Wagner Realty

From Indian Beach to Incan Biodiversity

Watch out when you ask where your (GRAND)kids want to go. Italy, four years ago. Then a South African safari. This summer, Peru!

Landed in Lima, capitol city of 10 million. There, tours of century old mansions in pristine condition were augmented by Pacific Ocean palisades which afforded views of hang gliders and surfers. Known as "the potato capitol of the world", Peru boasts dozens of such dishes complemented by pork, fish and yes, guinea pigs. Pisco sours (a margarita equivalent) helped wash it down.

On to Reserva Amazonia in Puerto Maldonado. Boats on the chocolate brown river and on Lake Sandoval, along with a forest canopy stroll, showcased black cormorants, red macaws, yellow flycatchers, green ibis, brown monkeys, and one silver porcupine.

Next, the Sacred Valley. Descent went to archaeological sites in Moray which consisted of intricate systems of circular terraces constructed by ancient Incans.

Following that, visited a women's weavers workshop in Chincero Village. Donning serapes and sombreros, participated in multicolor wool dyeing and loom creations.

Worth every minute on trains and busses to navigate mile high Machu Picchu — one of the world's wonders because of breath taking views, landscapes and monumental architecture.

Afterwards, off to Lake Titicaca,



which stretches for miles at 13,000 feet. Transport highlighted by Uros's 120 floating island colonies. Made of totoma reeds, the islands house tribes that shared native singing, dancing, weaving, and boating.

While viewing an active volcano spewing white ash, journeyed through White Water National Park. Rewards were cliffs dotted by soaring condors and falcons. In the process, passed passels of llamas and alpacas, flocks of flamingos, and some black and white coots.

Unusual sights were families of cinnamon-colored vicunas which resemble gazelles. While the Peruvians were smiley small, their hospitality was huge.

Speaking of huge, Alaska is next. Mack Goode, Chippawa Place

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With the sale of the "Scott's" Auto Repair Property on the North Trail in late December, Bob Carlo (known to many as Dr Bob) has relocated the business to 6691 33rd St. E., Sarasota. Dr Bob, an ASE Master Automotive Technician, was a fixture at Scott's for decades as their branding transitioned from Gulf, Mobil, BP, Marathon, and finally Scott's Auto Repair. Dr Bob looks forward to carrying on the Scott Legacy that he helped build and was proud to be part of for 40 years. Technicians James Florczak and Jeff Williams (both formally of Scott's Auto Repair) are joining Dr Bob at Scott's Auto Repair which is a short drive from their previous location. Their phone number is the same: (941) 355-3117.





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New Trolley Tours Explore Indian Beach History

Known for its natural beauty, circus heritage, and snowbird allure, few tourists or locals are acquainted with Sarasota's fascinating history. Discover Sarasota Trolley Tours, based in downtown Sarasota, has helped thousands of people to understand, appreciate, and enjoy Sarasota's history, attractions, and oldest neighborhoods including Indian Beach and Sapphire Shores, since opening its doors in 2018.

Now offering nine different airconditioned narrated tours including

the City Sightseeing Tour, Circus History, Amish Experience, Public Art, Psychic Sundays, and Sports History Tour, as well as nighttime Haunted Sarasota Tours, Infamous Sarasota Happy Hour Tour, and our new Tiki Trivia Trolley Tour that run year round. Hosted by entertaining local interactive tour guides, our air-conditioned trolley tours offer insights into the most interesting people, intriguing places, and amazing stories that shaped Sarasota's rich culture. And did I say that they are FUN?!!

Discover Sarasota In Style: As an Indian Beach resident and the CEO of Discover Sarasota Tours, I am amazed by all the history and the irresistibly interesting characters who created



this city. Our tours bring this multilayered past to life in a fun, engaging and interactive way.

I have loved taking tours since I was a child, and I have taken a tour in every city I have ever visited. We are very fortunate to have so many fine actors, history buffs, and talented story tellers in this town. A guide can make or break a tour and I am thrilled with the breadth and depth of Sarasota history that our guides bring to the tours.

The Discover Sarasota Tours embark at 10am, 1pm, 5pm or 8pm from our Downtown Trolley Depot, a 1930s charming cottage at 1826 4th Street with on-site shaded parking. Inside, tour-goers will find delightful Sarasota offerings in our Vintage Sarasota Gift Shop with sections curated around each tour theme.

We also offer private tours for groups and can accommodate up to 105 people at a time. For more information, or to book tickets call me at 941-260-9818 or visit <u>discoversarasotatours.com</u>. Use this special code: "Indian" to get \$2 off your ticket! Tammy Hauser, Indian Beach Resident



Neighborhood Watch News

Fall, the season of thanksgiving and the prelude to the holidays, ushers in pleasant weather and pleasing thoughts of gratitude. We each have special reasons to be thankful but something we can all appreciate is the opportunity to live in a nice city and neighborhood.

The natural beauty and unique characteristics of Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores is undeniable and to be cherished. Nevertheless, a beautiful neighborhood can quickly become undesirable if its residents aren't able to safely enjoy their surroundings and be secure in their homes. This is why working to ensure the safety of our precious families and the security within our community is so very important.

Achieving this goal is an everyday challenge that may never be wholly attainable, as evidenced by the rash of vehicle burglaries occurring over the summer. However, offenders be advised, the law-abiding residents of our neighborhood are up to the task and determined to deter crime by getting lawbreakers off our streets. One way to discourage criminals from targeting our area is by implementing basic crime prevention measures. Thus, preventing crimes of opportunity.

Neighborhood Watch is a partnership between people and the police working together to reduce crime and increase public safety. Encouraging concern for one another, awareness of our surroundings at all times, reporting criminal and suspicious activity to law enforcement and alerting those around us of such incidents with the aim of preventing crime, avoiding dangerous situations, and protecting ourselves and others.

Keeping our loved ones safe and our neighborhood a wonderful place to call home is made possible due to the unwavering efforts of caring residents. "See It, Hear It, Report It" and "See Something Say Something" are more than memorable slogans but meaningful mottos to live by. Thank you neighbors!

For information about your Neighborhood Watch call me at 941.355.5743. **Debbie Muller**

Stray Dog Incident:

On September 11, 2019, a resident of our neighborhood was attacked by a stray dog. Extremely unfortunate circumstances resulted in an eye-opening, life-altering experience for the victim and those involved.

Timeline of events (approximate): 9/11/19

7:30am: Animal Services called by IBSS resident to report a loose dog (Pit Bull mix with collar, no tags) that had been in their yard since early morning.

9:30am: Animal Services is again called by resident, since no one had yet come to check on the dog.

10:00am: Neighbor attacked by dog; 911 called.

A neighbor walks next door to the residence where the dog has now been for several hours. As approaching the house the neighbor was attacked and knocked down by the dog. The homeowner rushed outside and was able to pull the dog off of their neighbor who had suffered severe injuries...911 was called. 10:19am: Help arrives.

Emergency Medical Services, Police, and Animal Services respond to 911 call. The victim was transported to the hospital and the dog was impounded by Animal Services. Dog scanned, but no chip located.

Although incidents of this severity are not common in our area, other serious cases of dog vs. person and dog vs. dog have happened in the past. Caution should always be used whenever encountering an unfamiliar dog. Any dog roaming about should be reported to Animal Services (941/861-9500). If you deem the situation dangerous or don't receive a prompt response, also call the Police (941/316-1199) or 911.

Please be considerate of others and kind to your dog by being in control of your pet at all times. Cared for dogs are not allowed to stray or be off leash.

IBSS CRIME REPORT:	JANUARY 1 -	SEPT. 30
(Approximate totals)	2019	2018
Burglary / Structure	11	13
Burglary / Vehicle	31	13
Motor Vehicle Theft	03	03
Robbery	00	02
NOTE: Most of the vehicles burgl	arized were unsecur	ed or had

CITYWIDE STATISTICS: JANUARY 1 - SEPT. 30

valuables visible inside.

 (Approximate totals)
 2019
 2018

 Burglary / Structure
 198
 236

 Burglary / Vehicle
 310
 251

 Motor Vehicle Theft
 107
 109

 Robbery
 55
 63

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 News continued on next page)

(Neighborhood Watch News continued from previous page)

REMINDERS

Please obey speed limits: 25mph throughout neighborhood

15mph in all school zones

HELPFUL NUMBERS

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Transitions

John Cuneo Jr. bought his first bayfront property on Ainsley Place in 2001. Shortly after, I was contacted by a neighbor who said John wanted to buy their back yard! By owning a bit of this backyard, he would have both sides of Ainsley Place after which he would petition the City to vacate the now useless right of way. This allowed him to create a dramatic, private entry to his property. And he didn't stop there.



John Cuneo (April 12, 1931-August 30, 2019) being carried in this horsedrawn carriage along Bay Shore Road to St. Martha's Catholic Church.

In total, he purchased three contiguous parcels on the bay which is now over seven acres! He bought and sold other properties nearby but his bayfront assemblage is the largest, privately owned waterfront property in Sarasota.

As with any "investor" amassing property in our neighborhood, people were concerned. Would he tear down historic structures? Would he redevelop? Would he try and increase density? My fears were allayed after our first meeting when we worked to value the "backyard" for my friends. We rode around his original four-acre property in a golf cart while he proudly showed me the various trees, including many he had recently planted. He's an amateur arborist, I realized!

That's when I knew John Cuneo and his wife Herta would be sticking around for a while. People who plant trees (and grapes!) are typically not in a hurry.

In fact, just a bit of research turned up the story about him donating the family estate in Illinois to Lovola University. It's now an arboretum called the Cuneo Museum and Gardens.

We also recently lost a couple other long-time neighbors.

Pat Thorpe raised her family on Indian Beach Lane where she lived since the mid 1950s. Her services were last month where daughter Liz handed out bound compilations of a neighborhood "newspaper" she published as a 12-year-old in 1965 and 1966. She got quite a bit of local attention back then, and it's a delight to have the material preserved.

Dorothy Baker moved to Sarasota with her family in 1963. She and her late husband owned Tropitone Furniture and raised their kids in Sapphire Shores. They remain in the area to this day.

I had an Environmental Studies professor back in the 1980s who said the most any of us can do is find a place, plant grapes (or trees!), and stay put. The benefits are countless and each of these three people seemed to understand the quality of life our neighborhood has to offer. David Jennings, Woodland Drive





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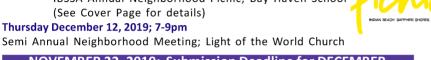
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