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President's Corner

I would like to welcome and say "Thank You" to Kate Bloomquist, newsletter editor and Susan Groarke, pre-production design and layout, for volunteering to take on this task and allowing the newsletter to go on. A special thanks for production design help from Ellen Pressler, not an IBSS resident but a frequent visitor.

Wow, what a half year this has been. Our Easter Egg Hunt and Neighborhood General Meeting were canceled due to virus guidelines; Association board meetings became Zoom meetings. Schools, restaurants, stores, and other businesses closed; we stayed home and social-distanced. Some of us got lots of projects and gardening done. We learned new skills, became entrepreneurs creating businesses, sewing masks, or helping others with their shopping because they were at high risk. Some of our neighbors were essential health care workers and first responders and we prayed that they stayed safe and virus free. Our own neighborhood Jungle Gardens struggled to stay alive and many neighbors answered the call to help with donations and volunteer hours. Plans are still being made for a neighborhood general meeting when we can meet safely. Our annual picnic is being planned for November 8th at Jungle Gardens. More information will follow when event details are confirmed.

I would like to take a moment to thank all of you who responded to my president's letter/membership drive and renewed or joined IBSSA this year. Our neighborhood association is only as strong as its members. At the time of printing, our membership numbers are 363 households out of over 1200+ households in Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores. We need your support. If you haven't renewed or would like to become a member, please use the membership form in this newsletter. You can also join and pay online by clicking on the "Join" button at www.ibssa.ws

As we slowly venture out, coming to life again like caterpillars emerging from their safe chrysalises to become butterflies, many of us wearing fancy masks, let us all remember to follow the virus guidelines so we remain healthy and safe as we continue our lives in this new normal world!

I can be reached anytime with questions you might have at: president@ibssa.ws

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Joanne L Gonet
President, IBSSA

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

Membership type: ☐ New ☐ Renewal

I would like to volunteer: ☐ Greenspace (formerly Beautification) ☐ Membership
☐ Neighborhood Watch ☐ Picnic/Events ☐ Newsletter (secure ads / write articles)

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

2nd Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

IBSSA Address: _____

Membership Year: _____

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

Dues Payment ----- \$ 20.00

Voluntary Contribution: Greenspace (formerly Beautification) \$ _____

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Other \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

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VACANT POSITION

Making the Best of a COVID Situation

The past few months have been life changing for all of us, and perhaps for some of us even more so. Sarasota Jungle Gardens depends heavily on spring attendance for its annual income. This spring the Gardens were closed due to the unexpected pandemic. This affected Sarasota Jungle Gardens greatly, and we were forced to lay off 65% of our staff. The animal care staff, who stayed aboard to work with the animals, made up the majority of employees still working. When things started to open back up we were able to bring back some of the employees to help reopen. Flavio Morrissiey, a long-time family theme park consultant, was hired on as Director of Operations, prepared with many goals and objectives to help reopen Sarasota Jungle Gardens.

The park had not been maintained by the usual staff for 7 weeks, and a jungle can take over quickly. The neighborhood (IBSSA) quickly came to the rescue in the form of volunteers. The word got out and many came to help. In the first week of assistance there were over 3 tons of debris in the form of palm fronds, weeds and branches picked up around the property. We are just finally catching up after 8 weeks of clean-up with volunteers and minimal staff.



Glendy plants bromeliads she donated to the Jungle Gardens

Glendy Huene & Andrea Gibson



Kazi The Flamingo Ambassador



Roger & Lisa Barkin, Joanne & Fred Gonet

With summer upon us the plants are thriving, creating more maintenance needs. There have been many that have come to help on a weekly basis from the community. We appreciate their hard work and commitment to making Sarasota Jungle Gardens a gem. Although we are not fully staffed we have been able to maintain the grounds and put on a good presentation. We could not have done this as quickly and proudly without the assistance of our volunteers. Thank you, again, for all your help: Glendy Huene, Joanne and Fred Gonet, John Stewart, Roger and Lisa Barkin, Andrea Gibson, Rick and Kate Bloomquist and other Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores residents whose names I don't have.

With the impact of Covid-19 restrictions, people are still not coming to the Gardens like they used to. We are limiting our days and hours of operation to Thursday through Sunday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We are operating with a 50% reduction in staff, and only open about half of our former hours. We plan to open a new exhibit soon that was on hold for several months due to Covid, with a specialized crew in place to complete construction. The Giant Snakes of the World Exhibit is expected to be complete and open to the public in late July. The exhibit will include the 4 largest snakes in the world, with a new added flair for the kinetic exhibit. We are very excited to share this with everyone soon. The animal staff is preparing the exhibit with plants now to prepare for opening in the future weeks.

Chris Lavick, COO Sarasota Jungle Gardens

A Note from:

Flavio Morrissiey

Director of Operations, Sarasota Jungle Gardens

In my short time here at the Gardens I have gotten to know some of the community by working side by side with them. I look forward to coming in and sharing our goals with you as neighbors. I have a huge job ahead of me getting Sarasota Jungle Gardens back in shape. Thank you for all the help and positive conversations. We have implemented a new mission statement recently and I will leave you all with this: Sarasota Jungle Gardens' mission is to educate and inspire our community through interactive experiences with animals and nature supported by unmatched customer service.

If anyone would like to volunteer at the Gardens at any time, please contact me, all ages welcome.

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Flavio Morrissiey
Director of Operations,
Sarasota Jungle Garden



Flavio Morrissiey

ibssa greenspace

The newest IBSS neighborhood sign is located at the north end of Bay Shore Drive and Eastchester Drive near Ringling Plaza. The sign was supplied by Nancy Kelly, Neighborhood Planner of the City of Sarasota. Planting around the sign was completed in June.

The plants include a Spiny Black Olive tree, Fakahatchee Grass, Tickseed Coreopsis, Lanceleaf Coreopsis, Pencil Flower and Melaleuca Flori Mulch. The City of Sarasota, Parks and Recreation, donated the rock, and many ill-mannered red ants helped plant.

The planting material costs were covered by donations to Greenspace, the IBSSA volunteer group who help care for the public spaces in the neighborhood.

Jack Wooster
Greenspace, Chair

Consider donating! Every little bit helps our neighborhood flourish.
Materials for Greenspace stewardship activities are paid for with volunteer donations.



Newest IBSS neighborhood sign.
Photograph by Jack Wooster

Questions about the new sign or the new plants? Email Jack Wooster
SRQgreenspace@gmail.com

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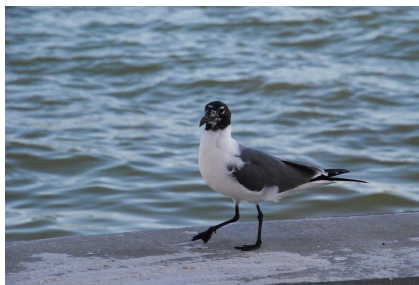
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Please write "Greenspace" in the memo line.

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Sarasota Bay. Photograph by Ellen Pressler



Seabird by the bay. Photograph by Ellen Pressler



Osprey in a pine tree. Photograph by Ellen Pressler



Meet Your Neighborhood Tree: The Acacia

Many of our streets are named after flowers and trees, including Alameda Avenue, Turks Cap, Ixora. I often look for the specific tree a street may have been named after but rarely find the namesake. It's interesting that our greatest pair of acacias are not on Acacia Drive, but one block away on Sapphire Drive. It was a very good blooming year for acacias this June & July, and even though these two in front of the historically designated Corrigan house may be beyond prime, their canopy is always something to behold. The largest acacia tree in the neighborhood is on Caloosa Drive. See if you can find it next time you're out and about.

David Jennings

July 2020

#1 SALES TEAM in IBSS

 <p>sold 4/15 3816 Bay Shore Rd - \$1,300,000</p>	 <p>sold 3/6 426 S Shore Dr - \$500,000</p>	 <p>sold 4/10 770 42nd St - \$489,000</p>
 <p>sold 6/9 770 42nd St - \$485,000</p>	 <p>sold 3/30 3925 Chapel Dr - \$435,000</p>	 <p>sold 3/20 5028 Eastchester - \$377,000</p>

If you are thinking of selling ~ Good Things are Happening NOW!

We can prepare a Complimentary Home Evaluation and share the advantages of marketing your property with us.



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Meet your Neighbor!

Megan Howell,

President of Second Heart Homes,
and a new resident of the Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores



How long have you lived in the IBSSA neighborhood?

MH: I moved here in October of 2019.

Where did you move from?

MH: Originally, I'm from North Carolina, but I've been in Sarasota long enough to lose my Southern accent.

Why did you choose the IBSSA neighborhood?

MH: I chose this neighborhood because it's close to work, downtown, and has endless routes to walk my dog.

Do you have family here with you as well?

MH: My family lives in NW Bradenton.

Do you find IBSSA to be a friendly neighborhood?

MH: IBSSA is the first place I've felt part of a community. I've been invited to some gatherings since moving in, and have been treated like family.

Sometimes I come home to freshly baked bread on my doorstep from a fellow neighbor. I've always lived in neighborhoods where everyone keeps to themselves.

This is a welcome change.

If you could change two things about the neighborhood, what would they be?

MH: It would be nice to have a fenced-in area to take my dog. It would also be helpful to have a sidewalk on the road bordering the Jungle Gardens.

Do you have any pets?

MH: I have a Chihuahua-Bichon Frise named Lil B.

What would you like other neighbors to know about you?

MH: I run a local nonprofit to provide permanent supportive housing for the homeless and mental health population. I have conducted comparative qualitative studies on homelessness and mental

illness in Japan. I can teach Origami to anyone!

Second Heart Homes, Inc. is thrilled to announce our newest purchase of a home for our housing program! Since early May, this home has already helped 6 people off the street. To date, Second Heart Homes has eliminated over 16,000 nights of homelessness.

We are committed to long-term solutions for those most in-need. The Second Heart Program is innovative and designed with the specific needs of our clients in mind. Housing is combined with daily support, mentorship, tight community collaboration and custom workshops to empower our clients with the tools to become self-sufficient. Those served frequently come from backgrounds with little or no-support. Whether cooking, cleaning, time-management, art instruction or computer literacy, we exercise patience to teach clients how to live again, sometimes for the first time.

Second Heart Homes, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that relies on donations and investments from the community in order to grow and help more people off the streets and into the lives they deserve.

To learn how you can be part of the solution:

Please visit SecondHeartHomes.org or contact

Megan Howell

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Not a house, but a home.

Our mission is to revive dignity for the homeless and mental health population through housing, support and, of course, love.



Be Safe: Know Your Space.


By Denise Scheineson

It is great seeing so many of you outside walking, running, and biking! We live in a beautiful community that offers the perfect environment for outside activities. We need to be aware and move with care!

Here are some pedestrian and bicycling reminders:

- Sidewalks are “pedestrian lanes” that provide a safe right-of-way separate from motor vehicles and bicycles. They provide a place for our children and us to walk, run and play. Often, they are also used by bicyclists not confident or skilled enough to ride on the road.
- Sidewalks improve mobility for all and are particularly important for those with disabilities.
- If walking (or running) on a street with no sidewalk, pedestrians should stay close to the side of the road and walk/run against oncoming traffic.
- If biking, you should ALWAYS ride **with** traffic not against it.
- In Florida a bicycle is legally defined as a vehicle. Bicyclists have the same rights to the roadways and must obey the same traffic laws as the operators of other motor vehicles. These laws include stopping at stop signs and red lights, riding with the flow of traffic, using lights at night and yielding the right-of-way when entering a roadway using proper arm/turn signals.
- A bicyclist riding on sidewalks or in crosswalks **must** yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and **must** give an audible signal before passing. In addition, a cyclist may not stop, stand or park on the sidewalk.
- It is a good policy to get off your bike and walk when you cross in a crosswalk.
- It is **always** smart to wear bright highly visible colors and reflective materials. Front and rear lights on bikes improve your chances of being seen. A bicyclist may not wear a headset, headphone, or other listening device other than a hearing aid when riding. Wearing a headset blocks out important audio clues needed to detect the presence of other traffic.

- A bicycle rider or passenger who is under 16 years of age must wear a bicycle helmet that is properly fitted.
- Look out for each other! The goal is to be safe and enjoy your time outside. Increasing your awareness and compliance with traffic laws protects the safety of you as well as other pedestrians and bicyclists. Keep it moving!



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Trivia Question

February's Trivia Winner: Fred Gonet!

Question: Who told the Sarasota newspaper that “the museum is the place to integrate the arts and bring them alive”?

Answer: Ringling's first director was: A Everett “Chick” Austin. He purchased the Asolo in 1949 for \$8,000.

Answer the trivia question below and a random winner will be chosen to enjoy one of 14 air-conditioned trolley tours of Sarasota.

The winner will be announced in the October IBSSA newsletter, and receive **two free tickets** to any future tour (Two ticket Value: \$75)

What film was shot at Ca' d'Zan, and in what year?

Extra bonus point:

Answer this question, and the ChillMobile will deliver a FREE ice cream treat for you! (No Googling!)

Which four famous actors starred in the film?

Email answers by August 15th to:
tammy@discoversarasotatours.com



Indian Beach Plaza Current Attractions

Mack Goode, Chippewa Place

Where in our neighborhoods can you get your pet groomed, select used books over coffee, and eat healthfully? Indian Beach Plaza, naturally.

Leaf and Lentil

Anchoring one plaza corner is Leaf & Lentil. Their motto is “Quick. Simple. Vegan.” The store is open from 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. every day except Tuesday. The menu encompasses soup to nuts (in salad and desserts). Drinks include iced teas and coffee and Boombacha Kombucha, “The Drink of Joy.”

With 25 years’ experience, proprietor Mike Schoening said, “We offer vegan options at reasonable prices. Our portobello reuben sandwiches and falafel burgers are very popular, as are our beet, Greek, and mandarin peanut salads.”

Open for take-out right now, the owners hope to go back to dine-in service when the current Covid crisis abates.

“Some neighbors,” Mike added, “come in for coffee and desserts. We feature a vegan ice cream rotation, gluten-free brownies, and chocolate cookies.”
Leaf & Lentil, 2801 N Tamiami Trail, 941-413-5685.

D’Hero’s Pet Service

Buying a business in operation for two years, Hector Rodriguez took over D’Heros Pet Service nearly ten months ago. For twenty years he paraded pedigrees at major dog shows. As a professional show groomer, he is complemented by Sue Carter, a professional pet groomer.

Open from 10 to 5 Tuesdays through Saturdays, D’Heros provides a variety of services for dogs and cats. “We groom everything from Great Danes to Chihuahuas and Labradoodles in between. We use only hypoallergenic shampoos and offer dog show styles, pet house styles, and seasonal styles.”

D’Heros Pet Service, 2815 N Tamiami Trail.
Appointments are preferred, though walk-ins can be accommodated. Call 941-224-5465 for an appointment.

Shelf Indulgence Cafe

Centering the plaza is Shelf Indulgence Café, whose slogan is “Books + Coffee = Love.” Nikki Snyder and her partner/mother just celebrated their third anniversary. Both come from library and education backgrounds.

“We are treasure hunters,” Nikki explained, “and go to estate sales often. Our inventory is up to 10,000 books and we supplement what’s in our store with a big online sale selection.”

Florida books, both fiction and nonfiction, are popular. Other sections highlight art and travel volumes, film, and science fiction. Ironically, one section combines competing cookbooks and diet books.

Added attractions include a panoply of coffees and teas, samples being lavender latte and dirty chai. Plus they sport a full lunch menu with the likes of tuna salad wraps and bbq chicken paninis. Open Tuesday through Saturday, Shelf Indulgence serves many college students and neighborhood regulars. Shelf Indulgence, 2805 N Tamiami Trail, 941-260-5326.

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Sparky gets a trim from Hector at D’Hero’s Pet Service.



Relax and read at Shelf Indulgence Cafe.



Leaf and Lentil is open for take-out.

Real Estate Update: David Jennings

Stuck in Paradise

Our last published Real Estate Report was from late January, so there's a lot of new information here. At first glance, it seems normal for a five-month period, but if we dig deeper we see something rather phenomenal. By late March, showings came to an almost complete halt as Stay-At-Home discipline was applied. Sales seemed strong through April, but this was carry-over business from February and March. Showings and new contracts were scarce in April as many sellers chose to remove their homes from the market and buyers stayed home. I tightened my seat belt in preparation of going over the cliff, but it never happened! May sales showed a decline regionally due to how few contracts were written in April, but then things took off like a rocket. In IBSS 19 houses and 7 lots went under contract in May and June alone. This is twice the amount of business we would normally do in this time period. So what's going on? In short, available home inventory shrank as demand grew. Factors include low interest rates, stock market angst, and an increased desire for the security of suburban home ownership. I specifically mention "suburban" because we are seeing buyers from major metropolitan areas wanting an exit strategy with a little bit of elbow room (and a pool!). How many times this spring did you tell yourself, "Well, if I have to be stuck anywhere, at least it's in paradise!"

David Jennings

Real Estate Update Column

The Real Estate Update allows for the opportunity of different Realtors to write the column for each issue. Every September, a Realtor drawing will be held for the next four issues. To qualify, a Realtor must be active in the real estate, live in IBSS neighborhood, be an IBSSA member, and have advertised in this newsletter at least once in the previous Season (Oct, Dec, Feb or June). If you are a Realtor interested in being included in September's drawing, please email me to receive a copy of the new policy.

All Realtors (and all other businesses) can purchase advertising for any issue. Please see Page 2 of this Newsletter for advertising cost and sizes.

Kate Bloomquist, Editor
newsletter-editor@ibssa.ws

PROPERTIES: Active, Pending, and Sold

(January 30-June 10, 2020)

STATUS	PRICE	ADDRESS	BED/BATH	SQ.FT.
ACT	\$275,000	824 Myrtle St.	2/2	1,942
ACT	\$295,000	4817 Sarasota Ave.	3/2/1	1,352
ACT	\$355,000	943 Patterson Dr.	3/2	1,382
ACT	\$482,500	4 Russ en Urbe Ct.	3/2/1	2,742
ACT	\$489,000	4640 Guava Ct.	3/2	1,485
ACT	\$498,000	661 Marlin Dr.	3/2	1,817
ACT	\$499,999	4875 Brywill Cir.	3/2	2,475
ACT	\$525,000	575 N Shore Dr.	2/3	1,488
ACT	\$575,000	3606 Bay Shore Rd.	3/3	1,759
ACT	\$579,000	4023 Sarasota Ave.	3/1	2,730
ACT	\$589,900	3140 Bay Shore Rd.	3/2/1	1,775
ACT	\$688,500	729 Indian Beach Cir.	3/2	2,289
ACT	\$714,900	587 Bellora Way	4/2/1	2,716
ACT	\$798,000	5110 Sun Cir.	3/3	2,750
ACT	\$965,000	475 Acacia Dr.	4/4	3,870
ACT	\$1,195,000	387 S Shore Dr.	3/2/1	2,864
ACT	\$1,985,000	5021 Brywill Cir.	5/5/1	5,054
ACT	\$3,890,000	315 S Shore Dr.	3/3/1	5,099
ACT	\$5,750,000	929 Alameda Way	5/6/1	7,108
PND	\$153,000	731 42 nd St.	2/1	816
PND	\$225,000	837 41 st St.	2/1	942
PND	\$250,000	921 Indiana Ln.	3/2	1,248
PND	\$259,000	876 Windsor Dr.	2/1	652
PND	\$295,000	823 40 th St.	2/1	1,036
PND	\$317,000	630 47 th St.	3/2	1,400
PND	\$325,000	734 42 nd St.	2/1	1,287
PND	\$348,000	868 Patterson Dr.	2/2	1,592
PND	\$349,000	767 40 th St.	2/2	1,007
PND	\$398,000	4820 Brywill Cir.	2/2/1	1,591
PND	\$425,000	4712 Eastchester Dr.	3/2	1,457
PND	\$429,000	5021 Winchester Dr.	3/2	1,752
PND	\$459,500	811 42 nd St.	4/3	2,358
PND	\$475,000	3016 Bay Shore Cir.	2/2	1,350
PND	\$595,000	4811 Bay Shore Rd.	3/2/1	1,754
PND	\$689,900	722 Bellora Way	4/2	2,607
PND	\$695,000	577 Corwood Dr.	4/2	2,450
PND	\$749,900	597 Bellora Way	4/3/1	3,052
PND	\$975,000	612 Bellora Way	3/2/1	2,696
PND	\$979,000	4931 Bay Shore Rd.	3/4/1	3,023
SLD	\$220,000	4306 Sarasota Ave.	2/2	936
SLD	\$239,000	3915 Iroquois Dr.	3/2	1,088
SLD	\$239,900	4111 Sarasota Ave.	2/1	1,292
SLD	\$240,000	710 40 th St.	3/1	1,806
SLD	\$252,000	4008 Sarasota Ave.	2/1/1	954
SLD	\$262,000	618 Marlin Dr.	2/2	1,010
SLD	\$270,000	672 41 st St.	2/1	971
SLD	\$270,000	1022 24 th St.	2/1	1,269
SLD	\$278,625	4801 Sarasota Ave.	2/2	1,492
SLD	\$281,300	2436 Ixora Ave.	2/2	1,159
SLD	\$324,500	887 Patterson Dr.	3/2	1,525
SLD	\$325,000	668 Corwood Dr.	2/2	1,583
SLD	\$325,000	637 Corwood Dr.	2/2	1,268
SLD	\$339,000	944 Highland St.	2/2	1,260
SLD	\$340,000	4617 Leeta Ln.	3/2	1,314
SLD	\$346,000	744 45 th St.	3/2	1,634
SLD	\$435,000	3925 Chapel Dr.	2/3	1,327
SLD	\$465,000	3320 Bay Shore Rd.	3/2/1	1,198
SLD	\$474,000	1015 Caloosa Dr.	3/2	1,800
SLD	\$485,000	864 Highland St.	3/2	1,820
SLD	\$489,000	770 42 nd St.	3/2	1,877
SLD	\$499,500	2475 Alameda Ave.	3/2	1,807
SLD	\$500,000	426 S. Shore Dr.	3/2	1,858
SLD	\$545,000	2124 Chippawa Pl.	3/2/1	1,950
SLD	\$849,000	1100 Sylvan Dr.	3/2	1,735
SLD	\$1,025,000	4844 Brywill Cir.	3/3	2,672
SLD	\$1,300,000	3818 Bay Shore Rd.	3/2/1	2,798
SLD	\$2,150,000	361 S. Shore Dr.	3/3	3,059
SLD	\$4,050,000	2145 Alameda Ave.	5/4/2	6,439

Neighborhood Watch News

By Debbie Mueller

Neighborhood Watch is one of the oldest and best-known crime prevention concepts in the nation. It promotes concern, cohesiveness and collaboration among neighborhoods in partnership with cooperative, responsive law enforcement. Lessening a community's vulnerability to crime and keeping families safe is the goal.

We each play a significant part in maintaining the security within our neighborhood, city and country. Whether at home or away, everyone benefits when we (1) hone our powers of observation and awareness of our surroundings, (2) promptly report all criminal activity, suspicious or unusual incidents and dangerous situations to law enforcement, and (3) inform neighbors or those nearby about such incidents so as to be on the lookout for possible offenders or to be forewarned of a potential perilous situation. (aka...See It! Hear It! Report It!)

As caring, law-abiding residents we can help prevent crime, appreciate an improved quality of life and better ensure the well-being of our loved ones and neighbors nationwide by making concern, awareness and communication a normal part of our daily lives. Neighborhood Watch forges bonds among neighbors and improves relations between police and the communities they serve.

We are the "Eyes, Ears, and Knows" of our neighborhood. Encouraging awareness and disseminating information is essential for an effective Neighborhood Watch. Therefore, to those posting crime-related issues on neighborhood social media platforms, please take the time to call, text, or email your Neighborhood Watch Coordinator with the information. It is essential to get this important news to those not on the internet...so everyone can be in the know.

Thank you, neighbors, for making Indian Beach Sapphire Shores a very special and safe place to live.

For more information about your Neighborhood Watch, call Debbie Muller at (941) 355-5743

Reminder: Simple crime prevention measures can lessen your chances of becoming the victim of a crime of opportunity.

*Lock doors and windows of homes and vehicles.

*Never leave weapons, garage door openers or valuables in vehicles.

*Don't leave valuables in plain sight through the windows of home or vehicle.

IBSS Crime Report:

	January 1-June 25	
(Approximate totals)	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Burglary/Structure	6	9
Burglary/Vehicle	11	13
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	3
Robbery	0	0

Note: Known suspect in one structure burglary.

Known suspect in one motor vehicle theft.

Vehicle recovered in both motor vehicle thefts.

Suspect identified in one vehicle burglary.

Citywide Crime Statistics:

	January 1-June 25	
(Approximate totals)	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Burglary/Structure	79	142
Burglary/Vehicle	137	196
Motor Vehicle Theft	59	73
Robbery	28	38

Alert: Mail thefts have been reported recently. With this unfortunate reality, neighbors are reminded to put outgoing mail in their mailbox shortly before the letter carrier arrives, and to retrieve incoming mail as soon as possible. Some residents opt to take mail to the post office or deposit it in blue USPS collection boxes.

*(Theft of US Mail is a federal offense which can lead to a federal prison sentence of up to five years, and a maximum \$250,000 fine.)

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Neighborhood Watch Coordinators

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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.

HELPFUL NUMBERS

Sarasota Police Department:

Non-emergency 941/ 316-1199 or 316-1201

SPD Front Desk 941/ 263-6025

Chief Bernadette DiPino 941/ 263-6012

Deputy Chief Pat Robinson 941/ 263-6008

SPD Directory of Personnel Divisions & Units 941/ 263-6773

SPD Website www.sarasotapd.org

Animal Services 941/ 861-9500

Code Compliance 941/ 954-4125

Crime Stoppers (anonymous) 941/ 366-TIPS or 941/ 366-8477

SPD News:

Community Action Team (CAT)

A new unit has been formed in the Sarasota Police Department consisting of ten officers and two sergeants.

The officers will be working throughout the city addressing crime issues and performing crime prevention duties as usual, but they will also be conducting enhanced community outreach, identifying underlying causes of crime in hopes of developing creative solutions to crime: *Adopting a Problem Oriented Policing (POP) and Partnership Policing Philosophy*. We might see the team on bicycles in our neighborhood one day.

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August 6, September 3, October 1; 7 pm

IBSSA Board Meeting; Light of the World Church

November 8, 2020:

IBSSA Annual Neighborhood Picnic

September 29, 2020: SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER ISSUE

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