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President's Message



Hurricane season started on June 1st. I wanted to take this time to remind everyone who is spending the summer here in Florida to please make sure you have your supplies ready.

I would love to have more neighborhood residents join and support our IBSS Neighborhood Association.

The membership form can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

On May 11, 2021 we held our Zoom Semi-Annual Meeting with a start time of 7:10pm. We had 84 neighbors register online for the meeting. Some had technical difficulties and could not login, others registered too late to be able to be approved, but in total we ended up with over 34 neighbors participating live on Zoom by telephone or video.

We had 2 distinguished guest speakers!

Diane Kennedy, Manager of the City Code Enforcement Dept, gave a great presentation of what comprises, and how to report, a code violation from

the city website. **SPD Marine Patrol Officer Michael Skinner** answered lots of questions regarding the speedboat noise in the bay and presented other useful information.

He has shared boat speed/dock sign information with us. This is added to our website's "additional info meeting link"!

All of their presentations can be viewed on the IBSSA website. Just click on the link!

Neighborhood Watch Coordinator Debbie Muller was able to attend via telephone. She sent her crime statistics for me to read for her at the meeting. Debbie also wants to remind everyone that all dogs in the neighborhood, in our Sapphire Shores Park (aka Sun Circle Park and Indian Beach Park, must be on a leash per city law.

Our December 2020 minutes were approved as well as our current Treasurer's report. I announced that Kitty Cannon will be stepping down as treasurer in the fall. She will stay on the board of directors until her term is up in 2022. Board Member John Olenski will become treasurer when Kitty steps down.

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Board Member Don Farr explained what "Hotel Houses" are and summarized the City Hotel House Ordinance that was just approved for Lido Key and St. Armand's. The ordinance will go into effect January 2022. IBSSA and other neighborhoods are hoping that the city commission will amend the ordinance to make it citywide and not just for the islands. This is something that I will keep you all updated on.

Don has shared summary information for you. This is added to our website in the "additional info. meeting link".

Hoping that our Annual Picnic will be able to take place this year. The Board will be making a decision in August or September to see if we can make it happen.

I would love your picnic feedback. Drop me an email!

I gave updates on the roundabouts, The Ringling College N. Trail Plaza property, FPL neighborhood work, Traffic Calming and the Myrtle St. Beautification with the city's mature tree program. All of this information can be heard in the meeting video on our website.

This is an update to the Zoom meeting regarding neighborhood utility work.

I was able to find out what major utility work we should expect in the neighborhood.

Apparently, the white spray-painted markings* in the center of some roads are for survey work for the US41 N. Tamiami Trail - Water Main Replacement Project. I do not have any more details at this time but will keep you posted!

*road marking



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During the Zoom Meeting registration, I received lots of the questions posed by neighbors who registered and did not attend live. I did try to answer all that were not answered during the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07pm

The meeting Zoom video is available on our website's home page: www.ibssa.ws under "Save the Date". Additional links have been added for information to contact guest speakers and City Commissioners.

All communication to the neighborhood comes from IBSSA/Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores through MailChimp emails, direct emails, newsletters, postal mailings, and on our NextDoor site or Facebook page. Please add IBSSA/Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores <ibssasrq@yahoo.com> to your contacts list to make sure you receive our electronic neighborhood information.

You can join NextDoor and Facebook right on the website: www.ibssa.ws

Contact me with any questions or concerns. I can be reached by email, text or phone.

Be Safe and Enjoy Your Summer!

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GET TOGETHER WITH JULIE AND JONO

By Mackarness Goode, Chippewa Place

Julie Morris and Jono Miller first got together when they enrolled at truly New College in the early 1970's. She was from Wisconsin and he came from New Jersey.

Pioneers at this brand-new school, they saw New College as "experimental and non-traditional". Their studies framed their careers since Julie majored in biology/ecology and Jono in environmental studies. After graduation they went separate ways for one year.

However, it was back to New College quickly. "One of our science professors", Julie said, "contracted me to do research with him. I contacted Jono who agreed to collaborate."

Together, they established "The Naturalists". As such, they were hired to conduct environmental studies projects. Typically, they evaluated water quality, surveyed fish and wildlife resources and produced vegetation maps.

Both served on the New College faculty for 40 years. They co-coordinated the fledgling environmental studies program. "We encouraged our students," Jono said, "to take internships. And we required a practicum experience outside the college. One student project was a photo essay of the Myakka River."

Having moved first to downtown Sarasota, they bought an IBSS house 30 years ago. Among local projects has been a Bay Water Neighborhood survey.

"One of our goals," Julie said, "has been for our neighbors to understand and appreciate how critical the well-being of our bay is for everybody. We emphasize conservation as a priority."

Both Jono and Julie have engaged with organizations like the Sierra Club. Jono has served on the IBSSA Board and chaired a commission to protect the Myakka River.

They also produced a son named Corley. Starting as a marketing researcher, he is pursuing a Ph.D in English and Creative Writing at the University of Utah.

While retired technically, they remain strong environmental advocates. Julie has written articles on this subject. And Jono is a "contributing columnist" for the Sarasota Herald Tribune. In that capacity he has

written nearly 30 columns on the environment, politics and schools.

Recently, Jono published The Palmetto Book through the University Press of Florida. It focuses on "the histories and mysteries of the cabbage palm".

One of their favorite recreations is strolling our area at dawn and dusk. Then they are rewarded with views of our wonderful bird life.





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Greenspace/Beautification News

The Greenway

On Sunday May 16, 2021, we had a Greenspace cleanup at the Greenway!



The city crew had come in to trim the high overgrown branches from the trees to help our cleanup.

So, the goal was to clear the 47th street access to the Greenway by removing weeds and vines, trim up some of the palms, and pick up fallen limbs and litter. There were 8 of us: Sean Harris, Joanne & Fred Gonet, Phil Chiocchio, Barbara Cherry, Jessica McVay, Brittani Froug & Gary Tiffany. We worked for 1 hour and ½ and were able to remove lots of the overgrowth at the 47th St. entrance as well as litter and lots of spiky Reclinata Palm fronds.

As you walk the Greenway, if you notice any activity that should not be there please contact Sean Harris at (941) 374-3192. He is the steward of this greenspace.

These are 2 "before" pictures:



40th St/Charles Hegner Nature Trail

We recently had a homeless situation at the Nature Trail. After a phone call to SPD, the H.O.T. (Homeless Outreach Team) was dispatched to help the couple out. As you walk the trail, if you notice any activity that should not be there please contact Kate Bloomquist at (941) 232-5867. She is the steward of this greenspace.

We hope to have a Charles Hegner Nature Trail/40th Street cleanup in June... date and time will be shared by direct email as well as on NextDoor, our website and Facebook page.

Sapphire Shore Park

The Beautification/Greenspace Committee would like to

painting all the



thank IBSS member Joanie Lerner who took on the task of refurbishing and



wooden posts in Sapphire Shore Park that had deteriorated. She did a great job!

These are 2 "after" pictures:





Greenspace/Beautification News

















The Camphor Tree - Cinnamon's Smelly Cousin

The Camphor, originally from East Asia, was introduced to Florida in 1875. Like many of us, it's another non-native. It is a deciduous tree but grows leaves all year long, so you won't see one barren of greenery. Over the centuries it's been used in teas, as a spice and even in some medicines. I like to burn it on cold winter nights for the aroma but to get a real whiff, just crush some of the leaves up in your hand and smell. Campho-Phenique! A product I never remember using yet so familiar.

It grows huge and fast and can be trained as evidenced in this picture. I've seen a couple of families enjoy this natural playground over the years.

Years ago, I went in search of the largest known Camphor in Florida. It ended up being at the intersection of US19 and Gulf to Bay Blvd., one of the busiest intersections in Clearwater. My sojourn didn't take me to a forested paradise but instead this behemoth sits between a Perkins Restaurant and a Mellow Mushroom Pizza Parlor.

I've read the Camphor grows well in "disturbed areas" so it must feel quite at home there.

I still recommend the trip...and the Merry Prankster pizza pie!

David Jennings

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June 2021



Meet Your Neighbor! Cody Davis

When did you move to the IBSS neighborhood? We moved into the neighborhood in April of 2020.

Where did you move from? We moved from another neighborhood in Sarasota where we had been renting. We have lived in both Sarasota and Bradenton but fell in love with our home and the neighborhood immediately.

Why did you choose the IBSS neighborhood? We have lived in both Sarasota and Bradenton but fell in love with our home and the neighborhood immediately. We love the variety of homes in the area, as we didn't want to move into a "cookie cutter" community. We love how active it is and we love the central location. It's quick to get downtown, to the University Parkway area, the beach and Bradenton.

What do you love about your Florida house? Our home is really quite unique and we haven't found another quite like it. We love our little pool house and guest house and we are excited that we can comfortably host our families for holidays.



We have beautiful mature landscaping, mango trees, avocado, lychee and we have planted much more.

What are your plans for living in this new-to-you neighborhood? We are in the process of making significant renovations and a huge landscape project to turn it into our dream house.

Do you have family here with you? My fiancé Lauren and her mother Anna.

Do you have any pets? Our beloved Golden Doodle, Charlie.

What are your first impressions of the IBSS neighborhood? We love the neighborhood and our neighbors. Everybody has been very nice.

If you could change something about our neighborhood, what would it be? Not much we would change. We love it. It is the most unique neighborhood in Sarasota!!

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD REAL ESTATE SPECIALISTS

The Jennings/Regnander team is available to help assist with your home buying and selling needs. Interest rates are very low and properties are in high demand especially in our desirable IBSS.

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Wildlife Rescue

By Caroline Mckeon

My husband, John Hoover, came home from walking our dog Loretta the other day, and said, "While I was walking, I saw a dead opossum on Indian Beach Road. Looking more closely, I noticed movement and immediately realized she had live babies in her pouch." After leaving Loretta home and returning with a small box, a hand towel and surgical gloves, he removed each of the nine babies from the teats in the pouch and placed them gently in the toweled box. They were taken to Wildlife Inc., Education and Rehabilitation Center in Bradenton Beach, where over 100 other opossum babies are currently being cared for.

Opossums are very important animals in our neighborhoods. They eat ticks, do not get rabies and are immune to poisonous snake bites because a protein in their blood binds to the toxins and neutralizes them, thus creating an anti-venom.

Corner an opossum and they'll hiss and show their impressive teeth in a threatening way, but not attack. Their last resort for escape is to fall over and play dead.

Road kill is such a waste of our living resources. Folks driving need to be more conscious about animals crossing the roads. Neighbors, please apply your brakes when you see an animal in the road ahead. It only takes a few seconds to save a life.

Hoover has a history of volunteering with wildlife rehabbers. There are three fine wildlife rehabilitation facilities in the area. For birds of all varieties, Save Our Seabirds on City Island next to MOTE; for all wildlife species there is Wildlife Inc., Education and Rehabilitation Center in Bradenton Beach; and the Wildlife Center of Southwest Florida off Border Road in Venice.

The Indian Beach/Sapphire Shores neighborhood is home to a rich assortment of wildlife species attracted to our mature tree canopy, lush Florida friendly gardens and Sarasota Bay. It provides a refuge for displaced wildlife and habitat where wildlife has flourished.

Many of us delight in watching our feathered and furry friends sharing our spaces. It does not take a lot of effort to make a yard wildlife friendly. Native butterfly host plants such as Passion Vine (Gulf Fritillary & Zebra Longwing), Milkweed (Monarch) and Cassia (Sulphurs/Sulfurs) are an excellent start. Bird feeders, bird baths and other small water features in one's yard create a mecca, and a lifeline during drought conditions, for critters of all types.





Neighborhood Watch News: Debbie Muller

Indian Beach/Sapphire Shores is truly unique, a one-ofa-kind neighborhood. For years, residents have made a concerted effort to preserve the natural beauty, history, security and overall charm of the area. Though quite successful in attaining this goal, maintaining it is our ongoing mission.

Living in a lovely area is great, but nothing compares to living in a neighborhood where families feel safe and are safe. Reality rules over perception. Thankfully, we can appreciate and enjoy both. With this in mind, IBSS residents have been active participants in Neighborhood Watch (NW) since 1983. Caring neighbors watch out for one another and partner with the police to prevent crime. Stressing the importance of See It, Hear It, Report It, and encouraging the implementation of common-sense safety measures continues to this day in 2021.

If you become the unfortunate victim of a crime, or if you observe any criminal or suspicious activity, call the police immediately. Then, please inform your NW Watch Coordinator (even if you have already posted information on NextDoor or another social media platform). The main objective is to "spread the word" to as many neighbors as possible by any means available. Swiftly disseminating pertinent information is crucial when attempting to prevent crime and dissuade wouldbe perpetrators.

We are the "eyes, ears, and knows" of our neighborhood. Concern, awareness and communication are part of our daily routine. Therefore, as a victim, eyewitness or observant "neighborhood watcher" we should be able to provide the police and IBSS residents with details about the crime or suspicious incident (what happened and when), describe distinguishing features of suspects and their vehicles or other modes of transportation (if applicable), and relate suspects' direction of travel, etc.

Our input could actually put a halt to additional crime and perhaps aid in the apprehension of a criminal. Thank you, neighbors, and have a safe, fun-filled summer.

For more information about your Neighborhood Watch, call Debbie Muller at (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.

HELPFUL NUMBERS

Sarasota Police Department:	
Non-Emergency	(941) 316-1199 or 316-1201
SPD Front Desk	(941)263-6025
Chief James Rieser	(941) 263-6012
	james.reisler@sarasotafl.gov
Deputy Chief Rex Troche	(941) 263-6006
	<u>rex.troche@sarasotafl.gov</u>
SPD Directory of Personnel Divisions	& Units(941) 263-6773
SPD Website	<u>www.sarasotapd.org</u>
Animal Services	(941) 861-9500
Code Compliance	(941)954-4125

Please obey the speed limit:

15 mph in school zones

25 mph throughout the neighborhood

IBSS Crime Report: January 1-May 27

(Approximate totals)	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Burglary /Structure	4	5
Burglary/Vehicle	0	7
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	2
Robbery	0	0

*Note: Mail thefts were reported to NW in April. These incidents should be reported to the police and USPS as well.

Citywide Crime Statistics: January 1-May 27

(Approximate totals)	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Burglary /Structure	96	68
Burglary/Vehicle	98	120
Motor Vehicle Theft	67	50
Robbery	27	25

*Reminder: Never leave mail in the mailbox overnight. If able, put outgoing mail in the mailbox Shortly before your letter carrier is to arrive and retrieve delivered mail as soon as possible.

Neighborhood Watch Coordinators

Sapphire I: (58th Street - 47th Street)

Debbie Muller -----941/355-5743 **Sapphire II: (47th Street - Myrtle Street)** Barbara Cherry -----941/355-2898 or

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Sapphire IV: (Indian Beach Drive - Whitaker Bayou) Yvonne Lacey -----941/365-7063 or Lacey.Yvonne@yahoo.com

Real Estate Update: Anna Regnander

The market grid in this newsletter shows activity in the Indian Beach - Sapphire Shores neighborhood between March 1 and May 31st, 2021. Available homes for sale remain low but appear to be coming up from a scant two or three. Today there are 6 homes available and most notably the least expensive is \$619,000.

This is not necessarily the new "entry point" into our beautiful slice of paradise as evidenced by the 11 Pended properties beginning at \$299,000. 6 of these Pended properties are under the "half mil" mark and today this price point draws multiple offers, some over List Price.

Demand is still higher than availability which means we are in a Seller's Market with no end in sight, yet. While new homes are still being permitted out East, developers are faced with inflationary material pricing and supply constraints. Combined with continued low interest rates, this should keep our local "resale" market robust for some time.

The high end is impacted by similar trends and while you might ask yourself how Sarasota *could not* have been on someone's radar screen, it does appear we are becoming more competitive with places like Naples and Jupiter. Share your comments, ideas, stories and photographs! We would love to have more participation from our neighbors!

Email Kate Bloomquist @ <u>newsletter-editor@ibssa.ws</u>

Real Estate IBSS March 1 - May 31, 2021

Status	Address	Heated Area	Current Price	Beds	Full Baths
ACT	710 40TH ST	1.919	\$619,900	3	2
ACT	435 ACACIA DR	1,429	\$840,000	3	2
ACT	4014 BAY SHORE RD	2,696	\$1,875,000	3	2.5
ACT	438 S SHORE DR	4,061	\$2,535,500	- 4	5.5
ACT	5021 BRYWILL CIR	5,054	\$2,995,000	5	5.5
ACT	3731 INDIAN BEACH PL	6,172	\$6,495,000	5	4.5
PND	864 41ST ST	1,332	\$299,900	3	2
PND	1057 22ND ST	1,525	\$325,000	3	2
PND	827 42ND ST	1,494	\$395,000	- 4	2
PND	3913 CHAPEL DR	2,094	\$410,000	3	3
PND	3939 IROQUOIS AVE	1,584	\$419,900	3	2
PND	4 RUSS EN URBE CT	2,742	\$424,500	3	2.5
PND	981 CALOOSA DR	1,838	\$575,000	3	3
PND	2040 ALAMEDA AVE	1,486	\$925,000	2	2.5
PND	4522 BAY SHORE RD	2,622	\$949,000	- 4	3
PND	427 WOODLAND DR	3,286	\$950,000	- 4	3
PND	4844 BRYWILL CIR	2,672	\$1,500,000	3	3
SLD	1011 PATTERSON DR	824	\$220,000	2	1
SLD	2466 HICKORY AVE	744	\$229,000	2	1
SLD	3500 CHAPEL DR	1,140	\$270,000	2	1.5
SLD	3724 NORWOOD CT	966	\$275,000	2	2
SLD	1004 22ND ST	800	\$305,000	2	1
SLD	429 WOODLAND DR	1,280	\$350,000	2	2
SLD	1051 INDIAN BEACH DR	1,300	\$360,000	3	2
SLD	659 45TH ST	1,395	\$369,000	2	2
SLD	425 SAPPHIRE DR	1,038	\$400,000	2	1
SLD	420 SAPPHIRE DR	2,364	\$410,000	3	2
SLD	754 INDIAN BEACH CIR	1,358	\$450,000	3	2
SLD	540 45TH ST	1,430	\$470,000	2	2
SLD	401 N SHORE DR	1,616	\$528,000	3	2
SLD	4857 STEVENS DR	1,767	\$560,000	2	2
SLD	3140 BAY SHORE RD	1,775	\$579,900	3	2.5
SLD	931 VIRGINIA DR	1,731	\$639,000	3	2
SLD	3224 BAY SHORE RD	2,322	\$699,000	3	2
SLD	5110 SUN CIR	2,750	\$730,000	3	3
SLD	4114 BAY SHORE RD	3,146	\$2,400,000	3	4
SLD	321 RINGLING POINT DR	3,106	\$2,850,000	4	3.5
SLD	929 ALAMEDA WAY	7,108	\$5,275,000	5	6.5





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Aug. 28th, 2021: SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR September ISSUE

