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ITS PICNIC TIME AGAIN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND

3:00PM TILL SUNSET

The Association will hold its 9th annual picnic on the bay at Caples Hall USF, on Saturday November 2nd. As usual, we will provide a Dixieland band, caricature artists, clowns for the kids and soft drinks for all. Your admission will be a covered dish that can be shared with everyone. We have some great cooks in our neighborhood, so bring an appetite!!!! Call Debbie Muller at 355-5743 if you need a suggestion as to what to bring. Where is Caples Hall?.... it is the southernmost driveway of the USF and museum complex. If you are going north on Bay Shore Rd., turn left at the first driveway past North Shore Dr. and proceed west as far as you can. The picnic will be on the bayfront behind the house. We will also have a sign up on Bay Shore Rd.. In case we are rained out, we will try again the following Saturday, November 9th, at the same time.

GOOD FOOD - GOOD MUSIC - FUN FOR THE KIDS
ALL ON BEAUTIFUL SARASOTA BAY



HI NEIGHBORS !

HALLELUJAH !

Through the hard work of many of you, the association has reached a long sought after goala membership of over 500 households.

This makes the I.B.S.S.A. by far the largest voluntary neighborhood organization in the city. Big is not always best but in this case the more voices we have the more others tend to listen. A 500 household membership has been a personal dream of mine for a long time and I want to thank you all for making it come true. I realize that this is only about one half the number of households in our neighborhood but I also realize that association membership is not very important to a lot of folks. To some, knowing their neighbors next door is not important, neither is maintaining their property, caring about the concerns and welfare of those who live around them, improving public areas, guarding property values and neighborhood safety ... etc., etc., etc.. These folks just want a place to live where they are not bothered by the association or anyone else. They just want their home to be an island of comfort away from the rest of the world. I can understand this, I respect their right to live as they please, and I hope the association never intrudes upon their privacy. As for myself, I could not live anyplace where I did not feel I had at least a voice in what happens within the community. I would not like someone else making the decisions that affect my property values, taxes, neighborhood ambiance, and way of life, without having some input. My ideas might not always prevail over the majority, but I can accept that. It is not having the opportunity to voice my opinion that I could not accept. I have served on the association board for four years and another five years as your president, not for any ego trip, but because I wanted to be part of the neighborhood life and felt that I should give something back to the community I love. It is not always easy being "involved". I have anguished over the few times when neighbor has been pitted against neighbor. These are the times when I wish I could turn my back on the whole thing and join those in isolation, but at these times one has to consider what is best for the neighborhood as a whole and continue on. I know there are some of you out there who would like to become more involved. If so, just contact one of the officers and let it be known. But be careful, it may be habit forming and who knows it might even be fun.

SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC

Bart Cotten - President

Edward Harry Owens of Stevens Drive, died September 2, 1996. The neighborhood will remember Eddie as the musician whose band played at most of the association picnics. With extensive experience in the publishing business, he was a great help in proofreading our newsletter. The association and its membership extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Gertrude and to all his family. He will be missed by everyone.



PICNIC NOTES

LAST year, for the first time, we ran a little short of food, so please try to bring a covered dish. Call Debbie at 355-5743 for suggestions.

MARK your dishes and utensils with your name on a piece of tape. We are getting a collection of forgotten items.

HELP is always needed on an event of this size. Call the picnic chairman, David Bouverat at 355-5754 if you can lend a hand.

SORRY, but USF does **NOT** allow pets on their campus, so it would be best to leave Fido at home. They have also asked us to leave the golf carts in the parking lot.

1997 dues will be accepted at the picnic, so bring your checkbook.

MEMBERS may bring a guest if they wish.

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**NEW DIRECTOR
APPOINTED**

Association Board Director, Nancy Yates and her husband Peter have left the neighborhood to embark on two years of extended travel. The president has appointed Sylvia Knight, our newsletter editor, to fill her unexpired term. We all wish Nancy and Peter happy and safe travels.

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- Should we monitor and assist city employees in maintaining them?
- What more would you like to see in our parks-flowers? sculptures?
- How can we assist neighbors in improving streetscapes?
- How about plant donations? Unique yard contest? Plant exchanges?
- What ideas do you have to make our area more attractive?

**WE WANT TO FORM A BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE THAT WILL BE CREATIVE,
INTERESTING, REWARDING AND LOTS OF FUN.**

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, CALL ALAN LILLIE AT 351-2715

HELP!

STOP CRIME



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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

By Debbie Muller

We are so fortunate to live in an area where neighbors care about the safety and well-being of one another. This was evident by the number of people in attendance at the recent Neighborhood Watch meeting, and although we live in a great neighborhood, crime is still a major concern to us all. Unfortunately, the last few months have seen numerous reports of criminal activity in our area. The nighttime burglary of an occupied house took place while the resident was asleep, and a daytime residential burglary occurred while the owner was outside in his yard. In both cases, jewelry and money were stolen. Several attempted break-ins were also reported.....one neighbor's lawn mower was taken from his yard while his yard was being done, and another had a cellular phone stolen from his locked car while it was parked in his driveway in the middle of the day.

There have also been reports of suspicious persons in our neighborhood. Information provided by a neighbor on patrol helped the police to identify and locate one such person. Most recently, some jewelry and money were taken during a daytime residential burglary where the thieves broke a lock on a sliding glass door. Alert individuals, working nearby, were able to notify the police right away and give complete descriptions of the suspects. Thanks to the efforts of these concerned and caring people, our entire community was made aware that these criminals, a white, middle-aged man and woman driving a new light blue car, were burglarizing houses in our area.

Crime in our neighborhood is very disturbing and should inspire us to be extra cautious and even more suspicious of anything which appears to be out of the ordinary.

SEE IT! HEAR IT! REPORT IT!

1. CALL THE POLICE....955-7171 or 316-1199 (EMERGENCY ONLY....911)
2. INFORM YOUR BLOCK CAPTAIN OR COORDINATOR
3. ALERT YOUR NEIGHBOR

For more information about Neighborhood Watch, contact your Coordinator:

- SAPPHIRE I.....58th St. to 47th St.....Debbie Muller (355-5743)
- SAPPHIRE II.....47th St. to Myrtle Ave.....Paul Hoyt (355-6324)
- SAPPHIRE III.....Myrtle Ave. to Indian Beach Dr.....Don Kraft (359-3576)
- SAPPHIRE IV.....Indian Beach Dr. to Whitaker Bayou.....Dianne Underwood (954-5129)
- UPLANDS.....Sarasota County Sheriff's Office.....Sgt. Dave Hart (951-5051)

OR

- SARASOTA POLICE DEPARTMENT - Front Desk.....954-7025
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GUEST EDITORIAL



By Thomas E. Linehan, Ph.D., President
Ringling School of Art and Design

As Ringling's new president, I want you to know how pleased I am to be joining your neighborhood. Dr. Arland Christ-Janer has accomplished so much with the design, construction and landscaping of a first-class campus. I want to assure you that the Ringling School will continue to be a good neighbor.

We have some exciting plans that involve new construction on our campus. In August of 1997, we will open our new Campus Housing Village. The village, at the intersection of Old Bradenton Road and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Way, will consist of apartment-style living for more than 200 students. The Housing Village will consist of 51 fully furnished units; each with four private bedrooms, two baths and living, dining and kitchen areas. Each bedroom will have fiber-optic cabling for Internet and campus network access. The Lawson Group, Architects have designed this beautiful complex. Ground-breaking took place on August 14 and construction is under way with completion scheduled for July 1997.

The Ringling School has also purchased some additional North Trail "frontage" property to be used for future expansion. Our space and planning staff is busy developing plans for these new acquisitions. The purchases include the Tropical Point Motel, the AMOCO service station and two lots behind the station. The property will be completely redesigned for instructional and administrative purposes.

The new construction is not a signal that the Ringling School will be expanding its enrollment anytime soon. Ringling's 800 students come here from 44 states and 35 countries. We are building, not to enlarge, but to improve the learning environment in which we study and live. While the School has a national and emerging international reputation, we maintain our motto as, "Sarasota First!" We want to repay the generous support that the people of Sarasota and the members of this Neighborhood Association have provided. The Ringling community takes its civic responsibility seriously. It is an important lesson for our students and one that we will continue to exercise as an institution.



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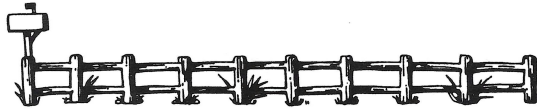


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ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETINGS

The business affairs of this association are conducted in much the same way as affairs of government are managed. Each year at our December general meeting, neighbors elect a board of officers and directors who consent to serve their fellow neighbors for a two year term. Our neighborhood and association is much too large to attempt to handle issues at general meetings, so board members try to keep their fingers on the pulse of the neighborhood to represent the wishes of the majority of the neighborhood. The board is hungry for input from everyone and welcomes members who wish to attend any board meeting to discuss problems or ideas. Board meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Call Bart Cotten for meeting place at 351-3236.

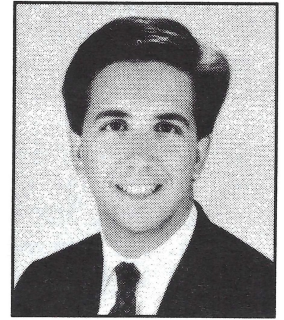


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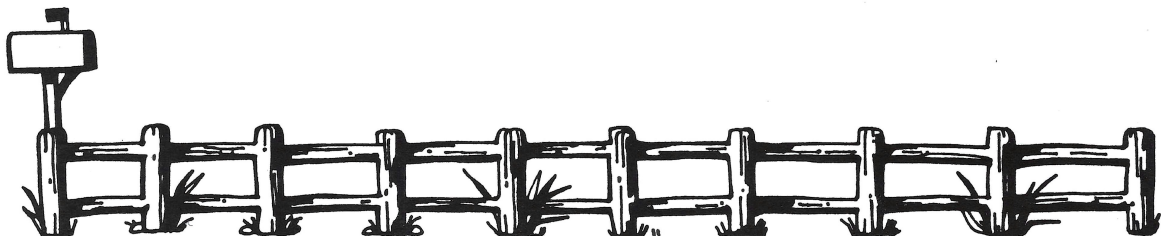



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A TREE FOR JOHN

In early June, neighbor John Ulmer passed away. John was recognized in the theatrical world for his huge talent and locally for his 9 wonderful, but sometimes turbulent seasons as artistic director of the Asolo. To the neighborhood he was that quiet and gentle man who sat, almost daily in his last months, on the same bench near the north end of Sapphire Park, with his old corgi, Dylan. Through the efforts of his friend, Betty Boylan, and some neighbors who made donations, a mahogany tree has been planted in his honor and will one day shade the spot where John and Dylan spent many quiet hours.



NEW BENCHES AT INDIAN BEACH

Thanks to the handiwork of Alan Lillie and Bart Cotten, the association has placed 3 benches on Indian Beach for the enjoyment of the neighborhood. The association hopes to continue with improvements in that area and if you would like to take part in the beautification of this lovely spot, please call Alan Lillie at 351-2715.

TREES, POWERLINES AND CUSTOMERS FPL STARTS A NEW APPROACH

By Barry Grubb, FPL
West Region Line Clearing Coordinator

Trees provide many benefits. Trees can also cause problems. Communicating the benefits of choosing the right tree and communicating why some trees cause problems is our new approach.

FPL has given Asplundh Supervisor Rick Shoults the responsibility to work with Indian Beach/Sapphire Shores residents. Rick will be contacting many of you to discuss possible options. If you have any concerns about the line clearing on your property, please call Rick Shoults at 379-7553.

Please take the time to contact Rick. He will have a better understanding of our obligations and what options are available. The first step to working together is discussing the problem.

EDITOR'S NOTE: While the Association fervently hopes FPL's "new approach" prevents the problem the neighborhood has had in the past with lost or mutilated trees, we urge each of you to fully understand what trimming will take place on your property, and what options you might have.



DR. CHRIST-JANER RETIRES

By Bart Cotten

After a 12 year tenure at The Ringling School of Art & Design, Dr. Arland Christ-Janer has retired as president to become president emeritus. Nearly 300 associates and friends gathered at Michael's On East to pay tribute to a man who took the reigns of an ailing and non-accredited school and molded it into one of the finest art schools in the nation. His contributions to the school, this community and to this neighborhood in particular will be a legend for decades to come. I was asked as the president of our association to write a few comments that would be included with others to compile a book of tributes to Dr. Christ-Janer. The following were my thoughts.

" It was only a matter of days after moving into our home on Indian Beach Drive in 1981, that we were paid a visit by one of our new neighbors, the late Miss Dorotha Dawson. Dorotha's mission was to inform all who moved into the neighborhood what was or was not "politically correct" at the time, and high on her list of correct behavior was support for the Ringling School of Art & Design. While all I could see at the time was a struggling art school with a tiny enrollment, housed in a few old buildings in poor repair, her extraordinary vision allowed her to see something of real value to this community and especially this neighborhood. A few years later things started to happen..... new buildings appeared, the old buildings were refurbished, the campus was expanded, a laundromat, a convenience store, a beauty shop and a car wash were cleverly transformed into attractive and useful structures. As the school's enrollment grew, it's reputation also grew to become known as one of the leading art schools in the nation. All these things seemed to happen rather quietly and it was not until I had become more active in civic affairs through this association, that the reason for all these dramatic changes became very obvious. One very special, talented, hard working, dedicated man is responsible for what the Ringling School of Art & Design has become - Dr. Arland Christ-Janer.

This neighborhood and its association owes you, Dr Christ- Janer, a great debt for the harvest we have received through your accomplishments. By the way, I know Dorotha has been watching the whole transition and thanks you for making her vision come true."



THANKS

By Sassy



Although I am a greyhound & yellow lab mix and sometimes known as a mutt, my adopted parents taught me good manners and I am happy to see that most others in our neighborhood also exhibit proper doggie etiquette. I realize that when I take my parents or my best friend, Betty, for a stroll to the park, a city ordinance requires that I wear a leash. Most folks know that I would not harm anyone, but still, some might be intimidated by my size and feel more comfortable if I'm wearing my leash. I will admit there are a couple of K-9s around that I just don't get along with, so it is probably best that someone have my leash in hand to remind me that we must all learn to live with our neighbors. Also, I want to thank the association for providing Pik-It-Up bags at Sapphire Shores Park, and to all of you who use them. I don't know why it is, but when I go for a walk, I have to go to the bathroom and I am grateful that most of you people love us enough to clean up after us. It is unreasonable to expect homeowners who take pride in their yards to clean-up after someone else's dog. If you are walking somewhere other than the park, where bags are available, please take one with you. The bag the newspaper comes in works well for this purpose. If the process of picking up after us is too unpleasant for you, then I am afraid the only fair thing for everyone would be to stay at home and forgo the pleasure of walking with us. Just a few uncaring folks can ruin it for the rest of us who want to be loved by everyone in the neighborhood. So all you furry friends tell your humans to just follow a few simple rules and we can all enjoy our lovely park and neighborhood.

VOTE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5th

While your association's by-laws restrict us from recommending political candidates, it is our duty to urge each of you to exercise your right to vote. Check your voter registration card for your precinct number. If you live within precinct 49, your polling location is The Jeanne McElmurray Auditorium which is on the north side of General Spaatz Blvd. across from the USF Sudakoff Center. If you live within precinct 16, your polling location is The Bay Haven School of Basic Plus, 2901 W. Tamiami Circle. If you live in The Uplands it could be that you live within precinct 49 OR precinct 28. If you live in precinct 28, your polling location is The Tri-Par Estates Recreation Hall, 5101 Bel-Air Ave.. If you are not sure of your precinct, call the Elections Office at 951-5300, give them your address, and they will direct you to the correct polling place. If you need transportation to the polls and are registered as a Democrat, call 924-4977. If you are registered as a Republican, call 379-0233. If you are registered as neither, and all else fails, call Bart at 351-3236.

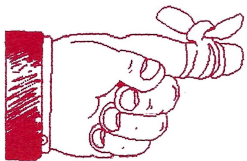


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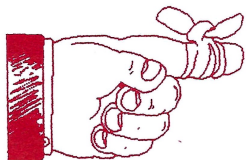
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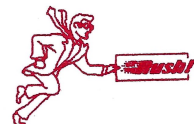
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