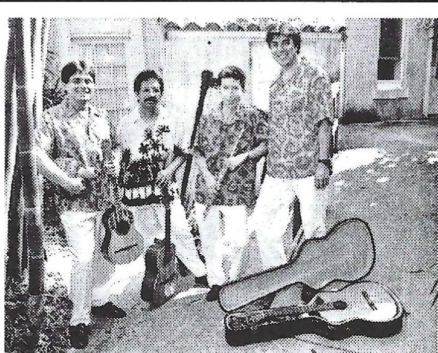


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Come one, come all to the year 2000 Annual Neighborhood Picnic. It will be held Sunday, October 22 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Caples Estate on Sarasota Bay. We provide the main course - hamburgers, hotdogs and porabella burgers. You bring a side dish to pass. Dawn Martell is organizing games for children of all ages, and Trompetin the Clown is back by popular demand. Mark the date in your diary today.

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GUESTS - Members, please bring a guest.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

Annual Picnic

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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Warfare On Sarasota Bay

By Jane Shea

By the early 1840s Bill Whitaker's homestead flourished on the shores of Sarasota Bay. The citrus trees flourished, the cattle grew fat, and his mullet fishery thrived.

About this time he met Mary Wyatt, the daughter of Col. William Wyatt, who lived in the "Manatee section", an area bordering the Manatee River. Mary was born and educated in Tallahassee, and sent to finishing school in Louisville, Kentucky. When she rejoined her family in Florida, she learned the skills required for frontier life: riding, shooting, swimming, herding cattle, and paddling a tree-trunk canoe. Bill wore a trail between his cabin at Yellow Bluffs and Mary's home in the Manatee section while he courted Mary.

The couple married in 1842, settled at Yellow Bluffs and started a family.

Life was uneventful until the last Seminole raid in 1856. Bill packed up his wife and daughters and they fled up to Branch Fort in Manatee for protection. This was a smart move because the Seminoles burnt their homestead. While they were camped at Branch Fort, Mary gave birth to their first son. Once the raids subsided, the Whitakers returned to their homestead and rebuilt their new house on what is now the corner of Highway 41 and 12th Street.

Bill Whitaker introduced the first slaves into Sarasota County. One day while he was inspecting his property, Bill came upon an ill runaway slave, Jeffrey Bolding. After nursing him back to health, Bill searched out Jeffrey's owner in North Carolina and paid him \$1,000. The next year Bill attended a

slave auction in Manatee and purchased Harriet, John and Hannah.

Soon, war came to the South, and Florida was the storehouse for the Confederate Army. Large herds of cattle were shipped north to feed the troops. As the war progressed and the blockade tightened, food became a problem. Pork was \$60 a barrel, coffee was \$1, and tea, \$2. The settlers hunted deer, wild turkey and razorbacks for meat, and grew corn for grits, hoe cake and corn bread, as well as parching it for use as a coffee substitute. The evaporated pans on the low flats at Hog Creek provided salt.

The prominent position of the Whitaker's house at Yellow Bluffs meant that they were often the target for raids by federal gun union boats in search of water, citrus, and any other food. During one raid, while Bill was away, Mary saved the house from burning when she handed a federal union soldier a box of matches, and said, "Sir, I want to look in the eyes of a man who can stoop so low as to burn the home of a helpless woman and her family."

After the war the family prospered. The herds grew, the citrus groves flourished, and the family grew. They shipped most of their cattle and citrus to Key West, and when the railhead opened, to Cedar Key. The Whitakers developed a close friendship with the Webbs at Spanish Point. Bill ran a weekly mail run from Manatee down to what is now Osprey, and the children paid extended visits to each other.

Bill Whitaker died in 1888, and shortly after Mary closed the house at Yellow Bluffs and moved to Tampa.

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- Don't forget to pick up after your DOG so that those who follow in your footsteps find no unpleasant surprises.
- The SPEED LIMIT is 25 mph on our streets. Think about our youngest and oldest residents as you drive to and from your home.
- Don't forget that the ordinance is now in effect that prohibits the parking of vehicles on the right of way adjacent to roads.

An invitation

The Board of Directors of IBSSA, together with the City of Sarasota, extend an invitation to all neighbors of Indian Beach/Sapphire Shores to attend the DEDICATION for two new sculptures in our neighborhood.

"Synergy" by Linda Howard and "Buck" by a Shona artist.

The dedication will take place at the eastern triangle at Bay Shore Road and Mecca Drive on Thursday, November 2, 2000 at 4:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served

"Synergy" by Linda Howard is one in a long line of monumental sculptures by the Holmes Beach resident. One of her installations can be viewed in front of the Jane Bancroft Library. The sculpture has been donated by friends of Isabel Lillie in her memory.

"Buck" is a work from a Shona artist and has been donated by a patron of the neighborhood.

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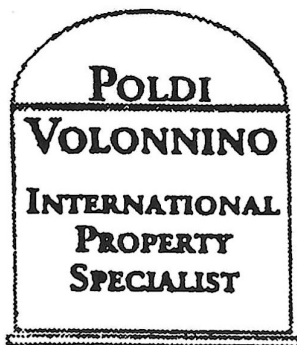
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Should Sarasota Be Portofino?

By Charles Hegener

Despite overwhelming support for a major change in current city planning standards, I believe there may be more controversy in store about the new Duany, Plater-Zybeck & Co. Downtown Master Plan than you would expect from reading the *Sarasota Herald Tribune*, which has provided very sporadic coverage of the process. I discovered this personally myself when I made several critical remarks about the plan, but was quoted only as saying the plan was "exciting."

There have been many public endorsements of New Urbanist principles and major plan themes, such as connecting the downtown to the bayfront and "pedestrian friendly" streets. However, at a September 7 workshop on amendments to the Comprehensive Plan (CP), which sets legal guidelines for the city's development, there appeared very strong citizen opposition to modifying the CP before the Duany Plan had been through normal due process. Many questions about the substance of the proposed plan were expressed.

Comments dealt with city administration mandating passage of Duany-based CP amendments before the next election and city staff receiving instructions not to criticize the plan. Sarasota City Commissioner Mary Quillin suggested that the City Commission is ignoring citizen input. One participant brought side-by-side photos of our waterfront and Portofino on the Italaian Riviera, the Duany-suggested model for Sarasota. There, buildings are separated from the shore only by a narrow street. The Commission, has in fact, asked Duany to rethink his waterfront approach, but the

CP draft did not reflect this. If approved, the proposed CP would allow waterfront park commercial development with three commissioner votes.

There are ambiguities in the draft plan about likely future traffic congestion, feasibility of proposed roundabouts, the practical justification for moving City Hall, and the built-out size and population of downtown. Mr. Duany has been forthright in saying there is no full or partial solution to the increasing traffic congestion in Sarasota. One particular concern for the IBSSA is that a mid-bay bridge may become a necessity if Duany's recommendations for urbanization are fully followed. Hopefully, these and other issues will be worked through in the planning process.

IBSSA board members Burt Polishook, and Kafi Benz participated in the Coalition of City Neighborhoods (CCNA) review of the Duany plan by a CCNA subcommittee (NPC) established for the purpose. The city's tight schedule made it very difficult to develop a response. The CCNA, the only organized voice for the general population of the city, will submit its final report shortly. The full report, with an IBSSA position paper, will be posted on the IBSSA Website.

NPC/CCNA Report Summary

It is difficult, because of the lack of information, to validate the feasibility of some ideas and the affordability of some of the suggestions in the proposed Master Plan. The necessary priorities for achievement and resource needs are not yet in the plan.

We support the following in the Duany plan:

- * The individual positions of the established neighborhood associations.
- * The linkage, in principle, of plan recom-

mendations and implementation tools, including land use and circulation, zoning codes, land development regulations, design guidelines, and infrastructure plans. However, all public hearing processes should be followed before CP changes are made.

* The reduction in height of commercial and residential buildings in the downtown district and a 5-story limit outside the downtown core. Consider elimination of variances and bonuses.

* The use of "step-back" requirements to retain the existing human scale of the downtown.

* The creation of a two-category street system with some streets having easy pedestrian access and use, while others are principally designed for use by vehicular traffic.

* The shift of US 41 from the bayfront to any other major east-west thoroughfare north from Fruitville Road; and to other north-south alternatives. There are concerns about cost and feasibility that need to be addressed since we do not believe US 301 is a practical alternative by itself.

* Protection of publicly held sites for future civic structures and needs.

We do not support: exploitation of public parkland for commercial purposes. We also need to recapture green space lost to excessive surface parking at the bayfront and the Van Wezel Performing Arts Center. We encourage and support preservation of the Sarasota School of Architecture buildings, including the present City Hall.

We reserve judgment on the use of roundabouts until practical evidence that they work in our environment is provided

The NPC will be continuing its work and welcomes your input.

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Our Yards: There Goes the Neighborhood

By Jessie White

I moved to Florida in 1976 from New York. I remember planting a house plant outside that first year. To my amazement, it survived the winter and grew 30 feet up the oak tree, spawning leaves the size of Volkswagens (well, not quite). That little vine became Jack's mighty beanstalk in Florida's forgiving environment.

Florida is home to all kinds of exotic plants. An "exotic" plant simply means that the plant's origin is not local. Some of these are decorative, such as the queen palm or the stem rose, and some have high commercial value, such as the citrus tree. Often, exotic plants thrive in Florida because our climate provides support for the plant, but the environment lacks the natural predators that destroy the plant. My childhood transplant is one example of a plant that showed incredible, showy growth when released into Florida's forgiving environment.

However, some exotics go too far, too fast. These exotics are known as pest plants, and exhibit aggressive growth, high reproduction vitality, and no natural enemies. Once in the environment, these exotic pest plants move

into natural systems and displace native plants that local wildlife depend on as well as causing other problems. We're going to start discussing exotic pest plants in this column.

One plant you may know is the "air potato vine." You can identify it by its heart-shaped leaves. If you follow the vine to its base and dig it up, you will find a potato-like tuber. In the fall and winter the plant will set seed and produce hanging tubers from the vine, thus the air potato vine.

The potato vine will turn your yard into a green desert. It will climb up over shrubs and trees, and shade them out until they are damaged or killed. It must be stopped!!!!

Here's what to do:

1) If you have no time, just pull all visible vines down, and put it out at the curb for the yard waste recyclers. The vines will start up again from the tuber, but at least you'll limit the extent to which new potatoes will set seed.

2) If you have time, dig up all the tubers/vines.

3) If you procrastinate and the vines set seed, pull down all the vines and recycle them, then go around and pick up as many "potatoes" as you can find and put them in your trash bin.



4) It is best NOT to compost the potato vines and tubers, because they may re-sprout.

In the next issue we will discuss another plant pest and how to eliminate it from your yard.

Price Property Update

The last time that we went to press the contract on the Price property was about to expire. The neighborhood steering committee worked diligently to put a deal together, but was unable to make an offer on the property before it once again was under contract. The closing is scheduled for April 2001. Mr. Price advised that he will inform us if the deal is not finalized, and also suggested that the developer may have some space to offer for public use. We will be actively monitoring the development

plans to protect the interests of the neighborhood.

The support shown by the neighborhood and city government was very encouraging. Neighbors pledged financial contributions, and donated time. The City of Sarasota offered to actively consider the acceptance of the park as a donation for ongoing responsibility, and to assist with seeking funding opportunities. Unfortunately, several other expected sources of possible funding failed to materialize.

We would like to thank those of you who pledged money and/or donated your time. Thanks also to Mollie Cardamone, Al Hogle and Nora Patterson for their advice and expressions of support; to the Great Outdoors Conservancy and to Susan Walker of the Neighborhoods Department, who assisted in this effort.

We have had two windows of opportunity on this property, and should another be available, we will regroup and again pursue the matter.



Marlin Conservation Square Planted

Over the summer, volunteers from the neighborhood planted more than 200 native trees, shrubs, and ground covers on a city right-of-way forming the Marlin



Conservation Square. The pocket park demonstrates groundwater infiltration and native plantings. Soon we will label the plants, so that when you visit the conservation area you can identify all the species.

Groundwater infiltration lets rainwater seep into the ground, instead of running off into storm drains. Rainwater infiltration is important for the environment and

good for your landscape. Water that seeps into the soil is utilized by plants, excess water filters into the groundwater for later use, and there is a reduction of storm water run-off and downstream flooding.

The park has a central depression to catch stormwater, but

year. When creating a new mulch bed, place paper on the ground and then cover with mulch. Any paper works. Typically, I use three-to-six sheets of newspaper, cereal boxes, or pizza boxes.

Many thanks to our sponsors and volunteers. The project was made possible through a grant from the Manasota Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District and in-kind contributions from the City of Sarasota. A special thank you to these neighbors who helped plant, mulch and sculpt the property: Nancy Brown, Larry Eger, Gaia Goldman, Michael and Kanani Harito and their Boy Scout troop, Joel Haynes, Glendy Huene, Dr. Miller, Scott Pickett, Ann Stillman, Lino and Sarah Toyos, Dianne Underwood and Todd and Anita.

We're always looking for volunteers to help us maintain the site. For information, contact Jesse White, 358-7730.

the park also has subtle bumps, pits, and terraces throughout. The potholes in the landscape create little cradles in which rainwater accumulates, and the water then filters down into the ground. In the park, many of these pits and valleys are filled with mulch. You, too, can do this in your yard.

Mulch keeps the soils moist and protects plant roots from damage. Organic mulches, such as wood chips, degrade over time, releasing nutrients into the soil to help feed plants.

At the park we only used recycled mulch. Color and textures vary in recycled mulch. Although it's not always what people are used to seeing, recycled mulch is good for the soil. When these mulches break down, they release a variety of micro-nutrients and minerals that enrich the soil.

When you mulch at home, spread a two-to-three inch thick layer, but do not mulch right up to plant stems and tree trunks because this encourages rot and could damage the plants. Expect to add more mulch periodically, at least once a



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IBSSA On-Line Directory

By Sylvia Knight

As keeper and sender of the 300-strong IBSSA e-mail directory, I want to urge you to keep me posted when you change your e-mail address, go off-line for whatever reason (so I don't keep trying to find you), or move out of the neighborhood.

It's quite a job to keep an ever-changing list of e-mail addresses up-to-date, and I need all the help that I can get to keep it current. If you know anyone who says they aren't getting their IBSSA e-mail, pass this on to them.

We are very fortunate to have this great tool for neighborhood communication and information, thanks

to the efforts of Burt Polishook, IBSSA VP. He designed and set up our site, the first neighborhood association Web site in Florida.

If any readers are not listed with us and wish to be, you are invited to join our internet directory. All you have to do is e-mail me <camirad@home.com> with your name and e-mail address.

Our October Happenings page will soon be up and running, so log on to <sarasota-online.com/ibssa> and click on "Happenings" for the local events for the month taking place in our immediate neighborhood. Check out my Web site pick of the month, as well as the "Pick of the Month" event, and much more.

Beautification News


Butterfly Garden Planned for Sarasota Avenue Greenway

By Shannon Miller

Plans are underway for a butterfly garden to be located at the greenway of Sarasota Avenue between 45th and 47th streets. Catherine LaBrie, president of Sarasota County Butterfly Club, has designed a garden plan for the site. The City of Sarasota Public Works Department will assist with site preparation. Jim West and his crew will clear, install irrigation, and provide mulch for the new garden.

The butterfly garden will provide a habitat for those insects that nurture butterflies throughout their life cycle. The garden will be a tranquil and beautiful spot for neighbors as well as providing information for those who would like to try butterfly gardening in their own yards.


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