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ITS PICNIC TIME AGAIN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15TH AT 2:30 PM
USF CAPLES HALL



HEY MA Get out your BIG serving dish, dust off your favorite recipe, the much awaited IBSSA picnic is near at hand.

To keep things lively, Eddie Owens And Friends will be back by popular demand. This time with 6 musicians. Also back will be 2 caricature artists from the Ringling School Of Art And Design and 2 clowns for all us kids.

The North Trail Business Association has pledged **TWO FIFTY DOLLAR** door prizes plus a host of other goodies. The faithful restaurants who donate wonderful food to us year after year will return along with some new donors. All in all it looks like another great picnic is in store for us.

Please call Debbie Muller at 355-5743 for suggestions as to what kind of dish to bring, so we will not end up with 250 bowls of baked beans.

The Caples grounds can be reached from Bay Shore Road by taking the last driveway on the south end of the USF, Ringling complex. Look for our signs with the balloons, turn west and follow the drive to the end.

INDIAN BEACH PROMENADE PROGRESS

by: John Hargreaves

Five years of tenacity has paid off and the Indian Beach project has come to fruition. We very much appreciate the support of Mayor Nora Patterson who followed the project to completion.

The promenade is quite striking with its bands of brick pavers throughout. Water runoff has been contained with the adjacent curbing which is greatly reducing the erosion to the bank. It is wonderful to see neighbors walking in a safe walkway, and being able to reach the beach using the staircase. Special grass has been planted as ground cover to provide color and erosion prevention. Now we are eager to provide colorful plantings to enhance the bank.

We are grateful to the many donors whose funds have provided dirt fill, and excavation necessary for the preparation of the promenade as well as the brick pavers. Additional monies are still necessary to reduce this debt and for plantings on the bank. Donations may be made to IBSSA Beach Account, c/o Bart Cotten, P.O. Box 3406, Sarasota FL 34234. A sunset party is being planned for those who have contributed to this project.

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VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS ?

A new member asked what the Voluntary Contribution on his membership application went for. Good question!

With our present number of memberships, a yearly dues of only \$10 will not pay for 4 newsletters, a picnic and any other mailings we must do. The Board has always felt that it would like to keep the dues low and offer an opportunity for those who wish to give a little extra, to do so.

Our treasury is in good shape at present and we would like to keep it that way in case of an emergency, ie: Legal fees.

HI NEIGHBORS



After a rather quite summer, the fall has brought a rush of topics that demand our attention. The board and I have been scrambling to keep up, so I hope we have not neglected something that is near and dear to your heart. I promise to catch up as soon as possible, as all the items before us are important to us all. The workload has had its toll on our Board of Directors as Directors Ray Kanwischer and Ron Morrisette have been forced to resign due to an increase in their personal time commitments. They will be missed. We all thank them both for their contributions to the neighborhood and our thanks to Ray for the fine work he did as Editor of our Newsletter. Alan Lillie has agreed to fill Ray's position as Director which expires December 31, 1995. Alan has never served on the Board, but is no stranger to Association work. Most will remember him for the tireless effort he put in on our Sapphire Shores Park project. He was a major force in bringing the park to reality. Welcome aboard Alan!!!!

Membership at this writing is 378 households. This is one of the highest numbers we have had, but I know we can do much better. It is my goal to have 500 households by the time my term as your president ends December of 1995.

Our tax assessment meeting was one of the biggest meetings we have ever held. I personally felt very frustrated that the Association could not solve everyone's problem. I have always felt that the Association could have some kind of impact on almost any subject, but our hands were tied on this one. We did however, we were of some help to a few individual cases and did provide all of you a platform from which to voice your displeasure, and well you did. My sincere thanks to attorney Don Smucker who provided us such excellent advice with no charge to the Association.

My next major project, along with all the others we have going, is to challenge the County's right to tax us in the City for services we do not received. This will be a long hard battle. **HELP ME.**

SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC

Bart Cotten
President, IBSSA



I.B.S.S.A. HITS THE BEACH

Fourteen of your neighbors gathered on Saturday, September 17th to join in the State wide Adopt-a-Shores beach clean-up. Under the direction of our two coordinators, Alan Lillie for the Sapphire Shores area and George Sweitzer for the Indian Beach area, 13 bags of refuse, several pieces of lumber and 2 tires were removed as well as three wheelbarrow loads of asphalt paving from Indian Beach. Also joining the shore crews was the I.B.S.S.A. Navy Capt. Jeff Hess, Capt. Bart Cotten and Admiral Donna Hess aboard two rubber dingys. The ships put landing parties ashore in areas that were not otherwise accessible by land. The shoreline covered was from Whitaker Bayou north to Ringling Point.



This shoreline project is an ongoing affair that will have 3 more cleanup days in 1995. We hope more of you can join in next time. Those who participated this time were :

At Indian Beach	At Sapphire Shores
GEORGE SWEITZER	ALAN LILLIE
WALTER VERIZZO	CHRISTOPHER HERSHA
ROBERT JUDSON	JEFF HESS
MARCIA JUDSON	DONNA HESS
SUSIE DOWELL	ED WIDICK
JOHN HARGREAVES	BART COTTEN
ANN JACKSON	
MARY ANN WRENTMORE	

WANTED PICNIC FOOD DONORS

Each year a number of the restaurants and other businesses in our neighborhood faithfully give food and other items to help make our picnics a success. This year loyal donors, such as THE MEL-O-DEE, CHEF PAUL'S, OLD HICKORY, FROGGY'S, CAPTIAN BRIAN'S, PUBLIX, JIM BYRAM'S TEXACO and others, will be back with us to help make this again THE best social event of the year in our neighborhood. Also, I hear that the NORTH TRAIL ASSOCIATION will be back under the direction of MARTHA LAMBERT OF SUNBANK with more goodies to give away.

If there are others out there who would like to donate, please call Jeff or Donna Hess at 351-0369 for more information. You will be given recognition at the picnic and in the following newsletter which is mailed to over 1200 homes in the neighborhood.

ATTENTION TEENAGERS

Would you like to earn some extra money? In the next newsletter we wish to list the names and phone numbers of those who would like to babysit, walk dogs or do light yard work within the neighborhood. Please call Bart or Mariana at 351-3236 to get your name on the list.

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Your Association plans to place two CANINE DEFECATION REMOVAL DEVICE DISPENSERS (plastic dog poop bag holders) in Sapphire Shores Park. This is an effort to make the Park more enjoyable for kids who play in the grass and dogs that do other things in the grass. This is also an effort to make it more convenient to keep our park tidy, so let us all do our part and keep it clean!! Let's show the City, who is having problems at Bayfront Park, how it is done without banning our furry friends.

Support Your North Trail Businesses!



NORTH TRAIL
ASSOCIATION

Howdy Neighbor,

The North Trail Association (NTA) joins IBSSA in celebrating the passage of the first draft of the new ordinance designed to regulate Adult Entertainment. It's a real step in eliminating some unwanted neighbors. The next vote will be at the City Commission meeting Oct. 3. Please come support this ordinance.

The NTA originated from the Gateway 2000 group into an organization of over 40 businesses along the North Trail. Our members include motels, hotels, restaurants and retailers as well as Ringling School of Art, New College and Sarasota Jungle Gardens.

Our goals include promoting business and community development in the North Trail area. We also want to create a better understanding between our businesses and the residents in our area. That's you!

We've been invited to your IBSSA picnic October 15th. We plan to hold a drawing like we did last year. We are busy collecting some great prizes from our members. Please come meet our representatives. We'll be anxious to meet you and answer any questions you may have about our organization.

Barbara D. Cherry
Secretary/Treasurer, NTA

MINI ART SHOW

We all know we have a lot of talented artists as neighbors, so your Association is going to give us a chance to see their work at our general meetings. Artists, amateur and professional, are asked to bring some of their work to the next general meeting in December. Call Mariana Cotten for details about the number of pieces that can be brought and how they can be displayed. Mariana's phone number is 351-3236. Association members only - Please.

YARD SALES

The Board of Directors has heard some complaints about unsightly yard sales. We know it is difficult to make a yard full of unwanted stuff look beautiful, but we also know yard sales are an American institution, so do the best you can to keep them neat. The City of Sarasota has some regulations concerning yard sales, and they are reprinted below.

- * *It is against the law to give more than two garage sales per calendar year in any residential district.*
- * *A garage sale may last no more than two consecutive days.*
- * *A person may conduct or attend a garage sale between the hours of 7 a.m or 6 p.m. only.*
- * *Violating these rules could result in a fine of between \$50 to \$200 per offense.*

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ADULT ENTERTAINMENT ORDINANCE

A good number of our neighbors came to the City Commission Chambers on Monday, Sept. 19th to show their support for the proposed ordinance to control "Adult Entertainment Businesses". Basically, the ordinance would prohibit these businesses in all but CG, CI, CSC-C and CSC-R zone districts. Most of the North Trail is under the NT zoning and another provision would prohibit Adult Businesses within 1,000 feet of Residential properties, Churches/Synagogues, Schools or Day Care Centers. These restrictions would probably eliminate all of the places we now have on the North Trail. The businesses we now have would have one year to close, however, they must within a maximum of 90 days conform to other sections of the ordinance that greatly limits their operation. Most people feel that these restrictions will cause most places to close sooner than one year.

We are pleased that the ordinance passed the first reading 4 to 1. There was however, from Commissioner Fredd Atkins and a good number of people from the East Sarasota Neighborhood Association and the Newtown Neighborhood Association strong objections. They claim that the ordinance does nothing but "move them from Sapphire Shores and dumps them on us." The few places in those areas that might permit Adult Businesses are not likely to attract them. We feel that the main strength of this ordinance is in the restrictions it places on the operation of these businesses, and not necessarily the zoning section. You might recall that a similar ordinance was defeated because of this "dumping" accusation, so your continued support is needed by attending the second reading of this ordinance at the City Commission Chambers on Monday, Oct. 3rd at 6:30 pm.

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MEMBERS CHAT WITH TAX ASSESSOR

Wednesday, September 7th marked the most heavily attended meeting this Association has ever held. About 250 of you who were either angry, confused, shocked or all of the above, came to have your say to John Mikos, Sarasota County Property Appraiser. Mikos stuck to his statement, that he was bound by State law to bring all assessments to 100% of fair market value and it just happened to be our neighborhood's turn to be reassessed. Many feel, however, that this drastic and sudden increase in assessments is due to an effort to raise assessments before the 1995 3% cap takes effect. The resulting taxes will be tough to swallow and impossible for some who live with fixed incomes.

The Association made arrangements for Ms. Liz Klaber, Deputy Tax Collector to attend. Ms. Klaber explained the various methods of paying property taxes, including a deferral method for those who qualify. Those who meet certain criteria might avoid paying property tax until death or until the property is sold. The Association strongly urges anyone who might need this help to contact the Tax Collector's office or one of the Association Board Members.

The Association also arranged for Mr. Don Smucker, a real estate attorney to attend the meeting and tell it "like it really is". Mr. Smucker gave us a true account of the facts and what could be done and what could not be done. He was able to help some members with their individual cases and stayed long after the meeting trying to help those who had questions. We are all very grateful for his help.

The Mayor explained that the City was not responsible for assessments and in fact pointed out that the City had held a tight reign on this year's City budget. Mayor Patterson suggested that the best avenue for us is to seek relief from dual taxation with the County. We in the City pay for many County services that we do not receive. For example, we in the City pay more than 2.5 million dollars each year to the County Sheriff's road patrol and get little or nothing in return. Your Association has pledged to do all it can to remedy this problem.

DUES FOR 1995 TO BE COLLECTED AT PICNIC

The Board Of Directors has decided that rather than collect dues at the October Picnic for only the two months remaining in 1994, that our 1995 membership drive would start at that time. So fill out the form in this newsletter and bring it along with your dues and donations to the picnic. **LET'S GET OFF TO A GREAT START FOR 1995.**

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NEIGHBORHOOD YELLOW PAGES

You will notice that the dues form for 1995 has two new blanks. Occupation and Empolyer. We are gathering information to publish a guide on where one might purchase services or goods from one's own neighbors. If you would like to be listed in this new directory at no cost, fill in the proper blanks.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Jack & Debbie Gurney - 825 Tennessee Lane
 Brian & Diane Bochan - 5137 Winchester Dr.
 Obert & Pat Forss - 4442 Bay Shore Road
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