



Hello, Committee,

I have listed below a short update of the activity in the Public Spaces since we last met. Please feel free to e-mail me or call me at 355 3301 if you have any questions or comments. Many of us are busy during this season so we will postpone any meetings unless there are pressing issues to discuss.

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### **22<sup>nd</sup> Street**

The local neighbors have agreed to allow the City to trim so I have re-requested a courtesy trimming. Todd K. has requested a service order. Recently some very colorful graffiti has appeared on the private wall. It is, however, on private property.

### **Alameda ROW**

Our requested trimming was done and a service order for the fence removal was created. One carrotwood was on private property, according to the crew so could not be removed by it.

### **40<sup>th</sup> Street ROW**

A small plastic table and chairs was placed near the water for a time but has since disappeared. The plants look healthy and sprouting and some oak leaves were deposited near the pathway. Beau Com requested a bollard to replace the red sign which is there now. Todd K. is working on having one installed.

### **Indian Beach**

I met with Tony Russo, an engineer from Coastal Tech and a compliance representative to review the Indian Beach signage and our "wish list." The engineers have been chosen (the same ones who installed the last revetment 10 years ago) and they will try to implement our requests. Most of the palms should be able to be protected, but we may lose the ones too close to the edge of the beach. They are the ones which are threatened by nature anyway if there is another strong storm. The Public Works crew is discouraged by the intense dog destruction of their new plantings. I mentioned that perhaps we could try some new transplants closer to the rainy season when the "deposits" would be naturally rinsed more easily. I have also requested in the newsletter that dog owners steer their pups away from the new plantings. There was some, rude graffiti on the private wall but the owner quickly painted it out. I have contacted the former Police Department graffiti officer. That position is no longer filled but she gave me some good advice. Apparently, "OFF" will remove a lot of marks on plastic or metal. She believes the homeowners across from Indian Beach used to paint out the graffiti which occasionally appeared on the "seawalls". They have since moved away. I have purchased a couple of cans of spray paint (green and brown) to block out the small amount of markings on the planter beds near the water and the wooden box on the north end of the beach.

### **The Greenway**

The debris has been removed, the crew trimmed, and we are now manually removing any weeding that we do each workday. We are still digging torpedo grass which has very deep roots. The City sprays weeds in that area and has sprayed this grass a couple of times. This will slow down our planting of new butterfly larval transplants, but we need to wait for more rain anyway. We have a schedule set up for watering so that the burden is shared and are amending the soil with donated compost and oak leaves. Joanne has begun re-working the brick work to better define it and help make future maintenance easier. The one rain we had washed over the old, sunken brick quite badly. Monica Neligon has donated a number of prize-winning bromeliads in memory of her mother-in-law so, along with the new spring sprouts and blooms, we have something to look at. We are amending the soil (it is mostly sand) with organic matter as we weed.

### **Lift Station 9**

Patty P will request that the watering schedule be decreased to prevent the ponding. It is now on a daily schedule to save the sod, but we are getting nettles and many wet spots. The City has moved a few of the plantings and removed a few which did not survive the transplant. The swale cannot be sprayed because of the need to allow the cordgrass to survive, so I have volunteered to pull and "scuffle hoe" to keep down the weeds. I pointed out the Brazilian Pepper and Carrotwood to her and she said that they would "have to" remove them if they were on City land. I told her that it was pretty clear where the boundaries are now that the new fence has been installed, but that the neighbor behind the station would object.

### **Sapphire Shores**

The newer trees seem to be surviving although the one furthest north is a bit brown. New sea oats are getting established.

### **Ainsley Place**

The mimosa has come back nicely. The Beach Sunflower is a big "leggy" but is blooming nicely.

### **Marlin Conservation Square**

I accidentally took home Dr. Miller's sign placing tool so will be visiting in the near future to check on Carrotwood at the street and return his tool.

Kitty Cannon

IBSSNA Beautification Committee Chairman

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August 7, 2012 at 11:39 AM

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To: Joanne Gonet IBSSA, Ed Carver IBSSA, Cassandra Scott IBSSA, Maryann Armour IBSSA, Abby Smith IBSSA

Wednesday (a week from tomorrow): **Marlin Conservation Square**. I spoke to Dr. Miller who watches over the area, and he would appreciate our help to remove potato vine from the area. It is mostly at the back southern corner and should not take very long to remove. If you have not seen the nature area there, it is very interesting. The Boy Scouts and neighbors planned it and planted a swale to collect water during heavy rains with a grant from SWFMD. Dr. Miller labeled the plantings and has been watching over the area since then. He lives across the street on the south. It resembles the Hegener Nature Walk only has "naturalized" more. Because of the heavy growth, be sure to wear protective clothing. (There are some "stabby" plants on the way in.)

See you soon,

Kitty

Kitty Cannon IBSSA

IBSSA Gre...Beautification August 11, 2012 at 9:58 AM

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[ibssa-news] Sunday and Wednesday work sessions

To: ibssa newsgroup,

Reply-To: ibssa-news@yahoogroups.com

We will have two short work sessions this week.

Sunday, 7:30 a.m. Indian Beach. Some weed removal and sidewalk trimming.

Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. Marlin Conservation Square. This area is a lushly naturalized drainage project which the Boy Scouts planted and labeled with IBSSA and a grant from SWFMD. We will join the local neighborhood steward to remove potato vines from a small area at the back. Because of the lush nature of the growth, I highly recommend long sleeves and long pants. The Square is located on Eastchester at the intersection with Marlin

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IBSSA Gre...Beautification October 5, 2012 at 11:05 AM

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[ibssa-news] Sunday at Marlin

To: ibssa newsgroup,

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We will return to the Marlin Conservation Square on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. dig and open up more of the swale at the southern end of the entrance. Water has collected in the swale as it was intended, but neighbors report that, in heavy rains, a lot of it rushes around the corner to the south on the street and misses the entrance to the Conservation area. The curbing has silted up and blocks the water from entering.

Everyone is welcome! Bring a shovel if you have one.

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October 5, 2012 at 10:50 AM

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Sunday at Marlin

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To: Joanne Gonet IBSSA, Cassandra Scott IBSSA, Ed Carver IBSSA, Abby Smith IBSSA, Maryann Armour IBSSA, Monica Neligon IBSSA, Clarke Miller

We go back to work on the southern entrance to the swale on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. The City picked up that huge pile of cuttings and it looks as if someone has done some mowing at the front. Our job Sunday probably will involve mostly digging with a shovel at the curb and into the "ditch." Dr. Miller has told us that, in heavy rains, much of the runoff down the street curves south and misses the entrance. We can try to dig some of the high area and guide the rainfall down into the swale.

See you Sunday, I hope.

Kitty

Joanne Gonet IBSSA 

March 20, 2013 at 4:14 PM

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This Sunday's Beautification project

To: Abby Smith IBSSA, Arnie Moschin, Cassandra Scott IBSSA, Charlie Kelly IBSSA, Clarke Miller, Ed Carver IBSSA, James Griffin, Jessica Masterson IBSSA, Joe McManus IBSSA, John Farrell IBSSA, Kitty Cannon IBSSA, Linda Foy, Maryann Armour IBSSA, Monica Neligon IBSSA, Regina.tebrugge@gmail.com, Richard Thomas, Sandra Mendoza IBSSA, susan.barrineau@yahoo.com, Fred Gonet, Love4sea@yahoo.com,  
Reply-To: Joanne Gonet IBSSA

Hello Group,

This Sunday March 24th we will be doing a cleanup at Marlin Conservation (junction of Eastchester and Marlin Dr). We will be doing trimming, removing dead palm fronds, and clearing out vines. Let's all meet at 8:30am. This should be an easy project and should not take us too long since the potato vines haven't started to grow yet. Hope to see you there. Any questions don't hesitate to call or email.

Joanne Gonet  
IBSSA Beautification Chair  
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Pictures below of the 2013 cleanup sign is well seen in 1<sup>st</sup> picture.



Sat. 9am

Details

To: Joanne Gonet IBSSA, Cc: Jack Wooster IBSSA

Joanne,

If you have a few minutes 9am Saturday morning...see how Marlin Conservation Square is shaping up and meet site leader Keleigh Swan. Master Gardener Suzy Hagglund will be there to answer any questions. Suzy flagged many of the plants and numbered for your reference. Maybe down the road I will try my little signs again for the public.

The Marlin 9am is general invitation to past volunteers and those that expressed Greenspace interest. I sent out the electronic Greenspace Newsletter with a January schedule. But decided not to nag and see what results come from a once a month mailing only. Not expecting much turnout which is fine...baby steps.

Met with City of Sarasota Solid Waste Supervisor yesterday and the City has agreed to try something new. Will explain later.

Last, but not least working on a grant proposal to Sarasota Bay Estuary Program. There are three categories Water Quality Enhancement, Habitat Restoration and Bay-Related Environmental Education. I have ideas for all three, if you think of something our community needs please advise.

Jack Wooster

IBSSA Greenspace Chair

Notice that Greenspace site Leaders clearly show

Keleigh Swan as Marlin Conservation Square Steward

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**Charles Hegener Nature Walk**

City of Sarasota Landscape Operations employees Doug Baldwin and Greg Williams cleaning up Charles Hegener Nature Walk. Doug and Greg are our IBSSA worker bees. Give them a wave and or say hello when you see them.

**Charles Hegener Nature Walk**

The Nature Walk asked for and received a much needed IRMA haircut and scrubbing. Everyone is pitching in to keep the Nature Walk clean.

Special thanks to Sharon and Tony Kenworthy who have been caring for, and some times enduring the Nature Walk's personality and personalities.

If you have a question and or see something that needs attention, contact me or a Site Leader.

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**Master Gardener**  
Suzy Hagglund

**January**

Jan. 13th Saturday 9am  
**Marlin Conservation Square**  
Picking up, raking, dragging dead debris/cuttings to the street.

Jan. 14th Sunday 9am  
**Ainsley Place**  
Light weeding. Very stony island on a very active street. If the turnout is large we will assign volunteers to "strictly socialize".

Jan. 21st Sunday 9am  
**Marlin Conservation Square**  
Final clean up, coffee time.

Jan. 28th Sunday 9am  
**The Greenway**  
Very light clean up. An opportunity to discuss what do we want to do with this area?

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