



INDIAN BEACH  
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ASSOCIATION

**General Meeting April 11**

Major Events

Fall Picnic - Oct. 7

General Meeting - Dec. 5

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## GENERAL MEETING

### **NEW CHIEF FAVORS CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT**

The general meeting of the Indian Beach - Sapphire Shores neighborhood association is scheduled April 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the music room of College Hall on the west campus of the University of South Florida.

John P. Lewis, new chief of the Sarasota police department, will be the featured speaker. Chief Lewis, a 30-year veteran of police work was named to head the Sarasota department on February 13, 1989. He previously served 25 years with the Metro-Dade police department and was chief of the Pompano Beach department from October, 1985, until February, 1989.

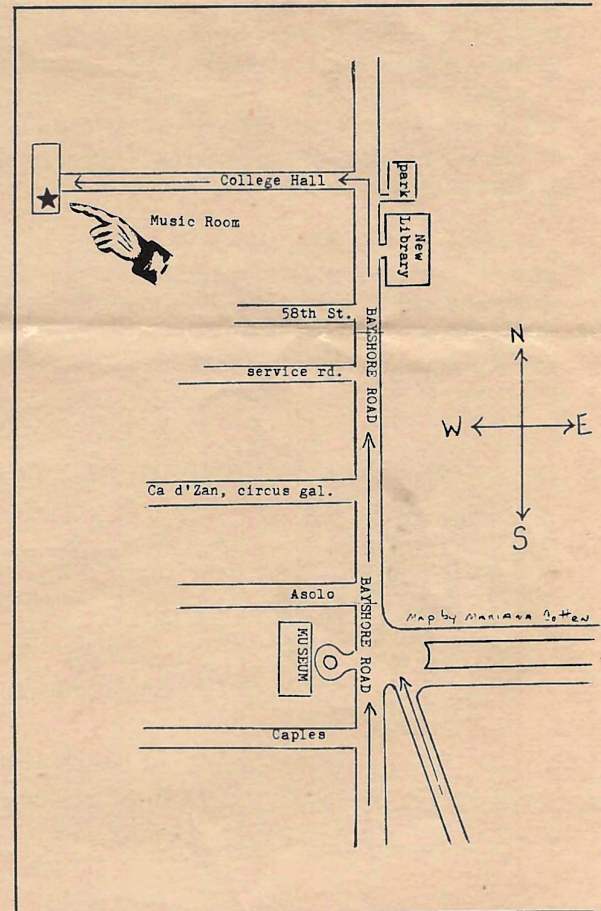
He is an advocate of close involvement between the police and the community in determining plans to control and deter crime and will discuss community problems and needs.

The program also will include a discussion of the proposed Indian Beach historical and archaeological study and the need for involvement of neighborhood residents. Walter Verizzo, of the association board of directors, is coordinating neighborhood involvement with Lorrie Muldowney of the Sarasota city planning department.

The meeting will be conducted by Bart Cotten, association president, who said that there would be committee reports but "they will be short."

He will present the proposed budget for 1989 which includes his recommendation that \$2,000 of the current general fund of \$2,574.68 be placed in an interest bearing account for emergency use and the remainder allocated to the general fund.

Questions will be welcome and refreshments will be served.





## CLEAN UP DOGGONIT

### EVEN NICE PEOPLE AND GENTLE DOGS CAN CAUSE PROBLEMS

Our neighborhood is noted for its nice people and gentle dogs. But sometimes people forget to be nice and dogs -- well, dogs will be dogs. And there-in lies the problem.

Dogs are social creatures and like to communicate with their kind. They frequently pick out a favorite spot to leave their calling cards, sort of a community bulletin board. For years, they have left their messages in a patch of outlawn on Bay Shore Rd. between Highland and Windsor. "It wasn't that much of a problem years ago," says the resident whose yard is so favored. "There used to be a lot more vacant land . . . and lots of trees . . . and cleanup wasn't that big a chore. But now disposal is a real problem."

She has tried everything to get dog owners to help out a bit. Most recently, she put up signs asking the owners to clean up after their pets. She even had a shovel handy to make the job easier. But the dogs can't read and their owners don't, so the problem remains.

She now is desperate and pleads: "If your dog does its duty, please do yours, be a good neighbor and clean it up."

And talking about historical dumping grounds, have you walked on Indian Beach lately? The Indians dumped oyster and clam shells there in the olden days, so historians tell us. Now, the beach has gone to the dogs.

The beach is littered with canine communications and the paw prints indicate collar-to-collar traffic. It is hard to tell if it is the dogs who picked the beach as a favored spot or if it is just a convenience for the owners. Most of the owners seem to enjoy it as much as their pets. They unleash the dogs and then head for a flat rock to sit and soak up some sun - or whatever.

One area resident complains that the beach is treacherous walking -- tide in or out. He says: "It is nice to see people enjoy their pets, but why don't they let us all enjoy the beach and clean up after their dogs."

"In fact," he said, "if they would get up off their flat rocks and pick up some of the bottles and cans -- people litter -- that would be a really neighborly thing to do." by Ed McVeigh

### COMMITTEE SETS GOALS AS 1989 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE GETS UNDERWAY

The association general meeting also will serve as the kickoff for the annual membership drive, according to Don Farr, chairman of the Membership committee.

He said the goal this year is not only to boost total membership but also to increase participation in those sections of the neighborhood which previously have not been well represented on the membership rolls.

In some areas the drive has already started and some non-members may have received telephone calls or personal visits from membership committee representatives.

"I encourage everyone to become a member," Farr said, "get involved and help your association work for you to improve the quality of life in our neighborhood."

He pointed out that the membership application in this issue of

the newsletter has been revised to provide for voluntary discretionary contributions. He explained that the regular annual dues are not sufficient to fund newsletters, beautification projects, the annual picnic, and various other projects.

He said: "We depend on and greatly appreciate your voluntary contributions and we welcome your suggestions on how your money should be put to work."

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### 1989 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- 10 - 15% growth in total membership
- Identification labels for all neighborhood residents
- Recruit assistance from southern end of neighborhood for membership drive



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### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - INDIAN BEACH - SAPPHIRE SHORES ASSOC.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Single \$3 \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ Household \$5 \_\_\_\_\_

Checks should be made payable to:

Indian Beach - Sapphire Shores Association  
875 Indian Beach Drive  
Sarasota, Florida 34234

Voluntary  
Contribution \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



## CRIME COMMITTEE SETS THREE MAJOR GOALS FOR 1989

Chairman Neil Whitney cited three major goals for the Crime committee during 1989.

He said the committee hoped to re-establish working relationships with the Sarasota Police department to invigorate the Neighborhood Watch program and cited action placing Police Officer Cusack on assignment as program coordinator as "definitely a step in the right direction."

The committee's second goal is to audit the volunteer organization set up to monitor the Neighborhood Watch in order to fill existing vacancies and to re-motivate those now serving. Part of the goals is to inventory each block by name, address, and telephone number so that the listing of residents will be current.

"The final goal," Whitney said, "is to assess where we are, and where we hope to be, using crime statistics as the determinant."

He noted that the police computer program providing such statistics is being upgraded so that data pertaining to the neighborhood is clearly identifiable. He pointed out that the "police took this initiative after we had discussed the possibility with them. This shows the willingness of the authorities to make the program effective and the information they provide will be used as a point of reference to rate the effectiveness of the program."

Whitney was optimistic that the committee could accomplish its goals but said that additional volunteers were needed to expedite the program. "It is an interesting project," he said, "please give us a hand."

## FUN AND GAMES PLANNED FOR BASIC PLUS SCHOOL FAIR APRIL 7-8

The Basic Plus school is planning a Family Fun Fair April 7-8 on the school grounds at 2901 W. Tamiami Circle.

The Friday program will start at 5 p.m. with an auction scheduled at 7 p.m. Closing is at 10 p.m. The Saturday program will open at 10 a.m. with a flea market featured until the 5 p.m. closing.

A highlight of the Saturday program will be a basketball game between the Basics Plus faculty All Stars and the Z106 radio station disc jockeys.

Organizers promise "fun for all ages with fabulous food both days, games, rides, booths, and a petting zoo."

If you have any items you would like to donate for the auction sale or the flea market, please call Jane Kirschner at 351-2061 or 355-6946 or Claudia Marvin at 351-1067. Items also may be dropped off at the school office. Tax receipts are available.

The list of auction items will be published in the SARASOTA HERALD TRIBUNE.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Neighbors!

Here we are again with another newsletter, made possible this time by the good people at Northern Trust bank. Their sponsorship covers practically the entire cost of this issue and is a result of the efforts of Boots Reinach, who asked Northern Trust to help us out. If you do business with Northern Trust, tell them how much we appreciate their help. We need more members to follow Boots' example and ask someone to be a newsletter sponsor, or even a partial sponsor. Thank you Boots and THANK YOU Northern Trust.

Under the heading of good news and bad news, I'm sad to report that the Barnett family has moved from the neighborhood. Bob has faithfully served your association as a director and vice president and as chairman of our vital neighborhood Planning and Development committee. He has put in a great many hours to ensure that our neighborhood remains a great place to live. His wife's contributions to the association have been many. Danee has labored over the art and layout of each issue of this newsletter so that it is now recognized as the best-looking newsletter in Sarasota county. She is responsible for the design of our logo and stationery as well. I plan to ask Danee to continue to help us with the artwork after the family is settled in DeSoto Acres. After all, she has nothing to do but run her art design business, her home, and take care of two small children and one large husband. Bob, Danee, Annie, and Charlie, we will all miss you.

The good news is that I have John Hargreaves to fill Bob's expired term as second vice president on the board, and he has accepted. John has been serving as chairman of the Beautification committee and doing a wonderful job. Welcome aboard John. Also, one of our new directors, Frank Folsom Smith, has agreed to accept Bob's chair on our Planning and Development committee.

Our fall general meeting set a record for attendance and we are all extremely pleased. Thanks so much to all of you who were there. Your board works very hard to make this a viable association and your support at these meetings tells us that you too care about what happens in our neighborhood. Our upcoming general meeting April 11 will have several interesting speakers, and it also will give us a chance to get together again for an exchange of ideas. If everyone makes an effort to attend, the meeting will set another record. Let's do it! See you there!

Bart Cotten, President

And by the way, the proposed budget for 1989 looks like this:

Income:	Expenditures:
Estimated 300 membership @ \$5	Newletter ..... \$500
and 100 @ \$3 ..... \$1,800	Picnic ..... \$500
Donations to general fund ..... <u>\$ 200</u>	Membership ..... \$100
	Beautification ..... \$500
	Planning ..... \$ 50
	Crime ..... \$ 50
	Gifts ..... \$175
	Misc. .... <u>\$125</u>
	Total ..... \$2,000

NOTE: Although we have as of the Dec. General meeting \$2,574.68 on hand which includes monies from 129 memberships for 1989, I propose that \$2000 be put aside in an interest bearing account for emergency use and the remainder be allocated to the general fund.



## RESIDENTS NEEDED TO HELP WITH INDIAN BEACH AREA STUDY PROJECT

The neighborhood association has joined forces with the city and the state in a study of the history of the Indian Beach area.

Walter Verizzo, a member of the board of directors, and Lorrie Muldowney of the Sarasota City department of planning and development are scheduled to explain the details of the program at the general meeting.

The program is supported by state and federal funds and will include professional historians and archaeologists but will rely heavily on the involvement of the area residents.

The study area will include the zone bounded on the south by 10th Street, on the west by Sarasota Bay, on the north by 47th Street, and on the east by Old Bradenton Road and the railroad tracks.

Information will be sought on the occupation of the Indian Beach area beginning 5,000 years ago. Stories of Cuban fishing ranchos from the 16th to early 19th century, Fort Armistead - a second Seminole war - period fort, and early pioneer sites from the mid-19th century have spurred interest in the investigation. Information from the study will be used to help protect these important resources.

Verizzo urged residents to participate. "Look through your photo albums," he said, "and dig out letters from relatives who may have lived in the area in years past . . . you might find something there that would be mighty interesting. Let's beat the bushes for those great stories that are out there waiting to be enjoyed by all."

He suggested that residents with items of interest contact him at 953-7902.

Lorrie Muldowney said she would be happy to discuss artifacts and information with members attending the general meeting and urged interested residents to call her at 954-4195 for further project details.

## BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE COMPLETES TWO PARK PROJECTS; CITES ACTIVITY IN SUN CIRCLE AREA

Beauty may lie in the eye of the beholder, but it is usually the result of a lot of hard work.

John Hargreaves, chairman of the Beautification Committee, reports that the committee has made a great deal of progress in the last few months.

He reports "with the help of concerned and generous neighbors and with the assistance of the Association Board and the City Parks department, two islands on Virginia Avenue have been planted with trees and flowering shrubs which will provide ongoing visual delight."

He said residents near Sun Circle have rekindled their interest in working with the city to have the Sun Circle Basin park landscaped. "Several residents," he said "have pledged themselves to the raising of \$45,000 required to install a water meter for the new landscaping."

"Given the enthusiasm of the residents, the cooperation and support of the city and the association's board of directors, you can look forward to seeing an oasis of beauty around the Sun Circle basin," his report concluded.

Hargreaves also added that the committee is eager to work with any neighborhood groups to develop plans to beautify other residential areas.

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