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# NEWS AND VIEWS

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**CONCERT & MEETING**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH**  
**4PM UNTIL SUNSET**  
**AT USF CAPLES HALL BAYFRONT**

This year the Spring Meeting and the Annual Spring Sunset Concert will be combined into one happy event held on the beautiful bayfront of Caples Hall. Not to worry as the meeting portion will be very brief, leaving plenty of time to lay back and enjoy the Jazz drifting with the cool breezes from the bay. Since we began having this picturesque concert several years ago, it has become immensely popular and eagerly anticipated by the neighborhood. Bring your own refreshments, chairs or blankets as the association will provide only the music and the setting. For you new folks, the entrance to the Caples Hall is the first drive south of the Ringling Museum, just look for the sign on Bay Shore Road. Sorry, USF does not allow pets on the grounds or vehicles of any kind past the front of the building. Make up a group of your neighbors and come have fun. - **RAIN DATE - APRIL 27th.**



## HI NEIGHBORS !!!!!

We are now well into another year and the work of the association seems to never cease. But, I have come to the realization that the

more things change, the more they stay the same. As an example, I was reviewing some of the association's minutes of meetings and read where your board of directors had discussed asking the city to improve the landscaping around the sewer lift station on Bay Shore Rd., repaint the street lights along Bay Shore Rd. and to restripe the center line of Bay Shore Rd.. These items had been discussed in our January 9th, 1996 board meeting, however, the minutes I was reading were written on January 25th and February 8th. 1956.

At the time of this writing, the big news around the neighborhood is the closing of the Publix store in North Trail Plaza. Your association made many phone calls, signed petitions, appeared on television and wrote many letters as did The North Trail Association, The Downtown Association, Gateway 2000, The Ringling School of Art and Design, the City of Sarasota and many others, but to no avail. It now appears that the decision to move out was cast in stone and deals were in progress for subleasing the space and selling the equipment months before the announcement was made. Therefore, we were never given the opportunity to plead our case. If you are looking for someone to blame, fingers can be pointed all around. First, there is little argument, that the property owner was and is less than cooperative. The needs of this neighborhood were not part of his agenda. We feel that Publix did not give this neighborhood, which has supported their store for many years, the chance to work with them to turn the profit picture around. We were told the store was not too far from turning a profit, but still little effort was made to improve the store. The finger of blame can also be pointed to ourselves for not giving the store more support. I know many did not shop in this Publix because it lacked variety in stock and some of the amenities of other stores, but maybe, just maybe, if our support had been stronger, Publix would have made a better effort at remodeling this store. This, of course, is all speculation, but I am positive about three things: 1. The closing of this store affects all our property values. 2. Our task of improving the quality of the North Trail just got harder. 3. **WE WILL NOT GIVE UP ON THE NORTH TRAIL.**

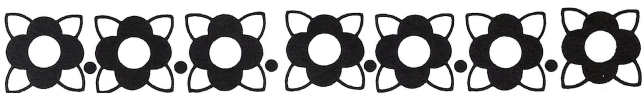


## AND THE WINNERS ARE ..... By Mariana Cotten



Big thanks and congratulations are in order for everyone who took the time and effort to decorate their houses and yards for Christmas this year. On December 21, our Christmas Light-Up Contest judges went around the neighborhood to pick the winners in 5 categories, and we were thrilled to find that there was a huge increase in the number of decorated properties over last year. The creativity and imagination were wonderful and made our job very difficult, but after much looking and talking, we came up with the following results: The Best Free-Standing Display prize went to the stunning shooting star over the house at 1014 Sylvan Drive. A huge tree branch was covered in white lights creating the star's dramatic trail. The prize for the Best Mailbox went to the elegant profusion of elaborately wrapped presents cascading from the box at 420 Sapphire Drive. It was beautifully done and made a lovely sight from the street. An Honorable Mention in that category went to the charming pheasants atop the box at 463 South Shore Drive. The Best Doorway/Entrance was a tie this year. We couldn't decide between the delicate and tasteful floral arrangements on the double doors at 738 Corwood Drive and the dramatically lit walkway leading up to 321 Ringling Point Drive. The Best Overall was the beautiful Christmas card scene at 4520 Guava Court created by a mass of delicate blue lights. The fantasy-like detail of outlines and another present-laden mailbox resulted in a truly magical scene. It was extremely difficult to pick a winner and we felt that houses at 2830 Bay Shore Circle, 910 Virginia Drive and 325 Ringling Point Drive also deserved an honorable mention in this category. We were delighted to award the Best Lighted Block honor to Sylvan Drive with honorable mention to the 45th Street block between Leeta Lane and Corwood Drive. The category winners each received a \$25 gift certificate to one of our neighborhood restaurants and The Best Lighted Block is honored with a donation in its name to the Mayor's Feed The Hungry Campaign.

In closing we would also like to give honorable mentions to the imaginative lighted arch over the driveway at 2433 Hickory Drive, the jolly HO-HO roof at 1062 Sylvan Drive, the outlined rooftop at 851 Windsor Drive, the whimsical music and decorated outside tree at 473 Poinciana Drive, the eclectic melange at 4723 Winchester Drive, the tasteful swags on the hedges at 4521 Leeta Lane and the festive red bows on every Highland Street mailbox. We thank you ALL for helping to make the neighborhood more festive during the holidays, and we hope next year will be even better!





# KUDOS



FOR NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION  
By Mary Newton

Mr. & Mrs. Hancock at the corner of Mecca & Brywill have cleared the triangle between sidewalks and planted lovely flowering shrubs and plantings. They can frequently be seen weeding and tending their plot and all who pass by are cheered by the attractive setting.

Also Mr. & Mrs. Connolly at the corner of Beverly and Eastchester continue to add to their lush wildflower plantings. Thank you for your efforts.

We hope that other I.B.S.S.A. residents will follow the example of these two public-spirited neighbors. If you know of someone who deserves kudos for public beautification projects, please let Bart know.

Look around you ! Is there a spot near your house that you can beautify?



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## THANKS HENRY

Henry Goldman has compiled our membership in computer form and has volunteered to keep the list up to date. It is a big job, and we are most grateful. Between two computer whizzes like Henry and our treasurer, Don Kraft, we should have records like never before. However, if you find a mistake, call Henry at 351-4837 or Don at 359-3576 and they will be happy to fix it.

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## WARNING

The association wishes to make everyone aware that the parking or storing of recreation vehicles of any kind in front of any residences is in violation of a City Ordinance. Parking of such vehicles in side or rear yards is permissible. While the association does not actively pursue violations unless complaints are received from members, we do want to bring the ordinance to the attention of everyone. We advise those who may be offended by such vehicles, to take complaints directly to the city's code enforcement department.



## NEIGHBOR

We often receive complaints from members that the correspondence they receive is impersonally addressed "NEIGHBOR". We don't like it either, but it would be an impossible task to keep up with the comings and goings of 1,200 residences. If someone out there is offended enough to take on that task, you would be more than welcome to do so. Please, please call Bart at 351-3236, and the job is yours!



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# TEE SHIRTS

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# KAYAK CLUB ???

By David Jennings

The popularity of kayaking has been increasing rapidly .... and for good reasons! It's easy! It's healthy! It's fun! It is also one of the most intimate ways to enjoy the water.

Several kayakers in the neighborhood are interested in establishing an IBSSA kayaking club. If you want to meet other kayakers in the neighborhood, explore nearby places or maybe even team up and road trip to exciting paddle destinations, please leave your name and phone number at the following .....355-7228.

## CRIME STOPPERS PROGRAM

Your association has increased its participation in the Sheriff's Crime Stopper Program by purchasing 25 custom made signs to go along with our Neighborhood Watch signs. On Saturday, March 16th, Jack Gurney and Bart Cotten installed them at locations entering the neighborhood. We hope these signs, plus the window stickers that were mailed to all of you with the last newsletter, will be an additional deterrent to crime in our neighborhood.



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## NEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Our neighbors on the east side of US 41 have recently formed a new association. Former I.B.S.S.A. member, Ryan Crosby, and her husband, Eric Franklin, are largely responsible for the organization of this new group. Our association pledges to help them in any way we can to get them up and running. Together we will form a stronger voice on the north side of Sarasota.

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# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

By Debbie Muller

Three burglaries were reported in our neighborhood during the first three months of the new year. Two of these occurred during the evening while the residents were out for a short time. The burglars gained entry to one home on North Shore Dr. by breaking a small window, and to the second, on Bay Shore Road, by breaking a pane of glass in a door. Money and jewelry were among the items stolen. Fortunately, in one case, some of the possessions were recovered due to the arrest of a burglary ring. In the third theft, on Stevens Dr., items were taken from an open garage while the owners were at home. Remember that most criminals are opportunists. The most effective deterrents to these intrusions are concern, awareness and communication. Remember also that lighting around your house is one of the best deterrents.

Bill Zuk, coordinator for Sapphire IV, is no longer able to serve and is in need of a replacement. If you live on or south of Indian Beach Dr. and are interested in helping your neighbors, call Bill at 955-1708 and he will gladly give you the details. This is not a difficult job, but a very, very important one that is vital in our effort to make this a safer place to live.

Help keep our neighborhood safe by participating in Neighborhood Watch! Report all crime and suspicious activity **Immediately:**

- 1st. Call the Police at 955-7171 ( 911 is for emergencies only)
- 2nd. Notify your Block Captain or Coordinator
- 3rd. Alert your neighbors.

For more information about Neighborhood Watch and the newly formed Cellular-Phone Citizens' Patrol, call your Coordinator or Officer Pat Ledwith, Sarasota Police Department, at 954-7057.

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COORDINATORS

**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 Bch. Dr.) - Don Kraft - 359-3576

**SAPPHIRE IV** - (Indian Bch. Dr. to Whitaker Bayou) - Bill Zuk - 955-1708

**UPLANDS** - Sarasota County Sheriff's Office - Stg. Dave Hart - 951-5051



## GUEST EDITORIAL BY

CITY COMMISSIONER NORA PATTERSON

I am delighted to have the opportunity to bring a few bits of news to you. You live in one of the most politically aware city neighborhoods, and I will touch on a couple of areas you may find of interest.

People living in the Sapphire Shores/Indian Beach neighborhoods have long been waiting for the City to do away with the adult entertainment establishments along the North Trail. The City passed two ordinances, surrounded by controversy, with the intent of bringing relief to affected neighborhoods. One ordinance prohibits nudity at establishments selling alcohol. Another, created a ban in most zone districts, including the North Trail, on all adult establishments. We were as restrictive as our legal staff said we could be and still defend the ordinances in court. We allowed one year for the existing businesses to disappear, and you may be wondering why such businesses are still in place. We are currently fighting numerous lawsuits and we cannot close these places down until the litigation has been resolved. Some of these have voluntarily ceased to do business.

Sherry Plaster Carter won a national award for the North Trail Ordinance that many of your neighborhood leaders helped to construct. A significant part of the focus was on controlling crime through environmental design that promotes visibility and sight lines in a concept called CPTED. The Ringling School of Art and Design was the first participant when it enlarged it's facility. According to Sherry, crime in the North Trail district has dropped by 29% from 1990 to 1994. Chief Jolly confirmed these statistics. Although there is much to be done to rejuvenate the commercial corridor, and crime is higher than we would like, statistical progress and national recognition are encouraging. Now if we could only figure out how to keep Publix in the immediate area. The good news is that Winn Dixie is remodeling.

City taxes will be substantially down this year, and lower further over the next three years because of fire consolidation with the county. A fire fee, however, will replace some of the savings, and for the less highly valued homes there may be little or no savings for this year.

I enjoy working with Bart Cotten and other city people from your area. Please feel free to call me or other commissioners, at 954-4115, if you have ideas or information we should consider.

## MEMBERSHIP

1996 memberships are coming along nicely, but we still have a way to go to reach our goal of 500 residences. If you have not renewed for 1996 do so today --- don't put it off. If you are not sure whether or not you are paid up, call Henry at 351-4837 or Don at 359-3576

## INDIAN BEACH SAPPHIRE SHORES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION Membership Application and Dues Renewal Form

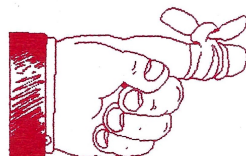
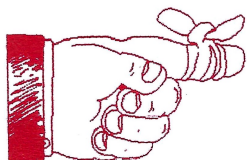
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## SERVICES AVAILABLE

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### BABY SITTING

Rebekah Shamsey - 351-1884  
Bonnie Wilson - 355-6312  
Carolyn Ward - 359-3173 - also  
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## I. B. S. S. A. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mark your calendar **NOW** with the important dates of association events. We know you will not want to miss something special.

**SPRING CONCERT/MEETING**  
SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH, 4PM TIL SUNSET  
AT CAPLES HALL BAYFRONT  
(rain date - Sat. 27th., same time/place)

**ANNUAL PICNIC**  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH, 4PM TIL SUNSET  
USF CAPLES HALL BAYFRONT  
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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
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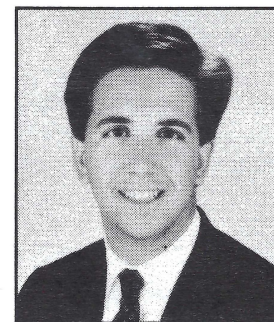
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