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NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERT

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 3 - 5pm

FEATURING

**THE FLORIDA WEST COAST SYMPHONY'S
FLORIDA BRASS QUINTET**

YOU ASKED FOR 'EM WE GOT 'EM! At our December general meeting, an overwhelming majority voted for a more "classical" group to play at our Spring Concert. The program will include a mix of standard quintet literature and pops selections, from the clarion sounds of the Baroque to contemporary jazz. If you care to bring friends who are not members of the association, they will be welcome with a \$3 per person donation.

The concert will be held at the Pepsico Arcade, a pleasant grassy area immediately behind the Sainer Pavillion on Bay Shore Road. Use the same entrance as the Caples Mansion (where we have the picnic), and park on the grass perpendicular to the roadway, please. The arcade is enclosed on four sides and provides an ideal setting for all to see and hear this great musical group. Bring a blanket or folding chairs and as a courtesy to these fine musicians, please arrange to arrive well before 3:00 so that everyone can be checked through the reception area and comfortably seated before the music starts.

For those of you who would like to bring a picnic to enjoy after the concert, we have arranged for use of the Caples Mansion lawn until sunset. Please remember, no dogs are allowed on University property and no vehicles on the Caples lawn. We urge you to mark your calendars for this VERY special event and remember to leave only your footprints behind!

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BLOCK CAPTAINS NEEDED *by don kraft*

Neighborhood Watch works if we have active, involved neighbors and Block Captains. There are several blocks currently whose Captains have moved and need replacing. The following areas have vacancies. If you are at all interested in doing a simple job that is vital to the safety of our neighborhood, Please volunteer NOW.

SAPPHIRE III - (Don Kraft 359-3576) W. Tamiami Cir., Bay Shore Cir., Patterson Drive, Bay Shore Rd. from Indian Bch. to 32nd St., Highland St. and Noorwood Ct.

SAPPHIRE IV - (Diane Underwood 954-5129) Hickory Av. and 24th St.

SAPPHIRE II - (Paul Hoyt 355-6324) Iriquois north of Myrtle, Chapel north Myrtle, 45th St. from Guava Ct. to Sarasota Av., 40th St. to Iriquois, Bay Shore Rd. from 45th St. to Myrtle Av., Sarasota Av. from 45th St. to 47th St. and 42nd St. from Turks Cap to the Trail.

SAPPHIRE I - (Debbie Muller 355-5743) 58th to 47th St.. Debbie has no vacancies at the moment but would like to hear from people who might be willing to help in the future.

BEACH CLEANUP

alan lillie

Our Winter Cleanup was completed on Jan. 25th with 12 bags of trash collected weighing approximately 260 pounds. Many thanks to Bob & Rose Bell, Jack Bradin, Phil Chiocchio, Bart Cotten, Jeff Hess (with boat), Glendy Huene, Sylvia Knight, Jack Martin, Scott Pickett, Kasy Silver and Alan Lillie.



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BEAUTIFICATION NEWS

by alan lillie

The Beautification Committee has now appointed a number of sub-committee chairpersons to concentrate on special activities as follows:

Areas to Beautify ----- John Hargreaves - 351-2416
Design Assistance ----- Wes Synder ----- 351-2454
Maintenance/Planting - Chris Jorgensen -- 351-2321
Plant Exchange ----- Sandy Polishook -- 358-9513
Plant Material ----- Sharon Miller --- 358-8361
Sculptures in Public Places - Alan Lillie - 351-2715
Street Tree Program. -- Ann Ericsson -- 359-2621

We need volunteers for all committees and ask that anyone interested in helping out, please call the chairperson listed above. This is a great opportunity to get involved in an activity that will enhance our entire neighborhood. For our beginning project we've selected a small circle at Poinciana Lane which can easily be used as a learning experience.

We'd especially like to hear from people interested in exchanging plants with fellow gardeners. This is a new idea for us and Sandy Polishook would very much like to hear your ideas. Please call her and if you wish to donate plants to our beautification projects, let her know this too.

Sculptures in our parks and other beautified areas is also a new idea. We'd like to offer Sarasota artists an opportunity to exhibit sculptures (at their risk) in highly visible locations on a rotating basis. We would provide foundations, transportation and installing assistance. If you are interested or know of anyone who is, please call Alan Lillie.

Regarding the Street Tree Program, we are ready to ask the City to plant trees on streets where 75% of the residents approve and agree to water the trees. Call Ann Ericsson if you're interested.

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351 North Shore Drive / 351-2715

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361 South Shore Drive / 355-5929

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686 Mecca Drive / 351-9838

Treasurer - Don Kraft

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Director - Debbie Muller

5200 Bay Shore Road / 355-5743

Director - Sylvia Knight

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2704 Bay Shore Road / 355-1454

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SHAME ON US

At the recent March 11th City election, only 212 of the 1,818 registered voters in our neighborhood bothered to vote. However, this 11.7% showing is slightly better than the city wide average of 8.1%. A breakdown of votes in precinct 16 was Farmer 59, Cardamone 57, and Pilot 40. In precinct 49 the vote was Cardamone 63, Farmer 55 and Pilot 40. The neighborhood totals were, Cardamone 120, Farmer 114 and Pilot 48. It is amazing that with only 11.7% of us voting we still have the audacity to complain about how the city is run! *by bart cotten*

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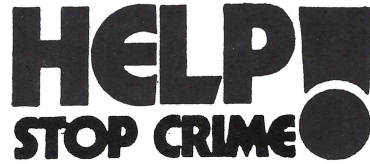
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YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

by debbie muller

Many neighbors have expressed their concerns about the continued presence of lingerie shops and other adult entertainment businesses in our area. These establishments still plague the North Trail, creating a poor image of our city and our neighborhood. The ordinance passed in October of 1994 regulating the location of such adult uses is being challenged by the owners of these businesses in a lawsuit against the City of Sarasota. The ordinance stipulates that there be a certain distance requirement between the adult use and homes, schools and churches. It is a fairly written ordinance, allowing businesses to operate in areas where these distance requirements can be met. It is vital to let your city commissioners know that we strongly believe they must not be coerced into backing down on this ordinance in the face of litigation. You can reach them at 954-4115. Working together we can make a difference and our neighborhood will remain the greatest place to live.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

BY DEBBIE MULLER

The main goal of the Neighborhood Watch program is to decrease crime in neighborhoods by promoting awareness and communication among residents and the police. Neighbors are encouraged to report all criminal and suspicious activityIMMEDIATELY!

Some things to watch for and report include:

- A stranger entering your neighbor's house when it is unoccupied.
- Anyone walking through the neighborhood looking into autos, backyards, etc.
- Unauthorized person taking mail out of mailboxes.
- Persons going door to door. Always check for proper identification.
- Strange vehicles cruising in the neighborhood.
- Abandoned vehicles, may be stolen.
- Persons loitering around schools, parks or secluded areas in the neighborhood.
- The sound of breaking glass.
- Persons in Sapphire Park after 11pm.
- Hearing a scream or other sound of distress.

SEE IT!...HEAR IT!...REPORT IT!

1. Call the Police 316-1199 or 955-7171 (Emergency only 911)
2. Inform your Block Captain or Coordinator (See numbers below)
3. Alert your neighbors

Block Captains are an essential part of Neighborhood Watch. They are responsible for receiving important information and distributing it to residents. If you would be willing to be a Block Captain or want more information about Neighborhood Watch, contact your coordinator.

YOUR PARTICIPATION WILL HELP KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD SAFE

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COORDINATORS

SAPPHIRE I	(58th St. - 47th St.)	.....Debbie Muller.....	355-5743
SAPPHIRE II	(47th St. - Myrtle Ave.)	.....Paul Hoyt.....	355-6324
SAPPHIRE III	(Myrtle Ave. - Indian Beach Dr.)	.....Don Kraft.....	359-3576
SAPPHIRE IV	(Indian Beach Dr. - Whitaker Bayou)	.....Dianne Underwood....	954-5129
UPLANDS	Sarasota County Sheriff's Office	.....Sgt. Dave Hart	.....951-5051

OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Sarasota Police Department (front desk)	.....954-7025
Crime Prevention Neighborhood Watch (Officer Pat Ledwith)	.....954-7057
North District Commander (Lt. James Schultz)	.....954-7015
North Trail Police Sub Station (Jack King)	.....359-5808
Crime Stoppers	.....366-TIPS
City Commission Office	.....954-4115

POLICE SUB-STATION

by don kraft

In December the City opened a Police sub-station in the North Trail Plaza next to the barber shop. Jack King, a volunteer, has been managing the office 4 hours/days and 5 days/week. The office is equipped with a phone line and answering machine, (359-5808), and has proven invaluable to the Neighborhood Watch program.

Please stop by and chat with Jack and make him feel wanted and needed in the neighborhood. He's doing a great job! **THANKS JACK!**



GUEST EDITORIAL



By Darlene Shepherd & Missy Fordor, Managing Agents for The North Trail Plaza

We would like to bring you up to date on the changes that will be taking place at the North Trail Plaza. On Feb. 14th, Mr. Schwartz, (the owner of the Plaza) met with the Mayor of Sarasota and several other concerned citizens. Many options were discussed concerning renovations to the Plaza and we are happy to report that Mr. Schwartz has obtained the services of W. H. Mills Contractor to help in these renovations. We are currently working on a new anchor store to replace Mr. C's Community Market and want to assure all the tenants that we will do everything possible to attract business to the Plaza.

A full-time cleaning man has been hired during business hours to keep the Plaza cleaner, and the police sub-station is now in operation there too.

We are in the process of doing a market survey of the surrounding area, to find out what the community would like to have in the plaza. We welcome your comments....., this is your neighborhood. We will do whatever we can to assure the future success of the center and its current tenants. We are looking for good things to happen and a bright future at the North Trail Plaza.

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The 1996 Christmas light-up contest was judged again this year by the board, with the following results: "The Most Creative Mailbox Decoration" prize went to the elegant profusion of beads, lights, tinsel and ribbons atop the mailbox at 463 South Shore Drive. "The Most Inviting Entranceway" belonged to 321 Ringling Point Drive, with green, red and white lights adorning the railings and bushes leading up to the door. Two Honorable Mentions in that category go to 4875 Brywill Circle and 713 Corwood Drive. "The Most Unique and Imaginative Idea" was the brilliant shooting star over 1014 Sylvan Drive, and the wonderland of blue lights, snow and presents at 4520 Guava Court captured the prize for "The Best Overall" again. "The Best Lit Block" belonged to Sylvan Drive again, with an Honorable Mention to 45th Street between Leeta Lane and Corwood Drive.

A number of houses were also worthy of note and we would like to honor them as well.....527 Parkview Drive, 461 North Shore Drive, 4723, 5031 and 5021 Winchester Drive, 4911 Brywill Circle, 851 Windsor Drive, 902 32nd Street, 825 32nd Street, 830 Indiana Drive, 942 Virginia Drive, 847 Virginia Drive, 2810 Bay Shore Road, 2337 Xora Avenue, and 2474 Hickory Avenue.

BRIDGE ANYONE ?

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6851 S. Longboat Dr, Longboat Waterfront	299,900
1700 Ben Franklin Dr, Lido Regency Gulffront	275,000
900 Tennessee Lane, Museum area renovation	250,000
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If you appreciate this service, you might wish to help Isabel in her task or maybe make a contribution to the association towards the cost of the bags. To contribute, offer help or just say 'thanks', call Isabel at 351-2715.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH

SPRING MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 17TH

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER, 26TH

WINTER MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

NEWSLETTER MAILINGS
MONDAY, APRIL 7TH

THURSDAY MAY 8TH

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

BOARD MEETINGS
2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

SO LONG & HELLO

The association board has recently lost two of its talented and loyal members. Jack Gurney, who served as a director and Michele Violette, who served as our secretary, have both moved out of the neighborhood. We all wish them well and thank them for their contributions. Both still live in the Sarasota area, so we hope they may someday return to the neighborhood.

To fill those unexpired terms, we welcome Jack Martin, who lives on North Shore Drive, and will serve as a director. We also welcome Marcia Newcombe, who lives on Mecca Drive, and will serve as our secretary. Our thanks go out to Jack and Marcia for volunteering their time and talent to help in making our neighborhood a better place to live.



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WHAT HAVE WE DONE FOR YOU LATELY?

by bob bell, membership chairman

At this time of year when association dues are payable, we often hear this question and it deserves an answer. Let's begin with the obvious the picnic, the concert, general meetings, crime watch, crime stoppers, newsletters, beach clean-ups, beautification and other ongoing projects. Less obvious is an immense amount of work that goes on behind the scenes. Board members attend monthly meetings of The Coalition of City Neighborhoods, Gateway 2000, The North Trail Association, City Neighborhood Watch and other governmental meetings that might affect our neighborhood.

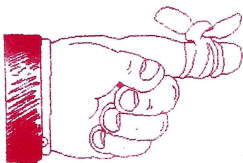
Some problems can be resolved rather quickly but others seem to go on forever, so it takes patience and perseverance to achieve a successful conclusion. A prime example occurred in 1992 when someone from Massachusetts announced he was opening a school for "the learning disabled" in Sapphire Shores. Claiming to have federal discrimination laws in his favor, he ignored the City, which told him he must have a city license, no more than 6 pupils under our present zoning laws and conform to Florida law. Doing none of this, he proceeded to set up the Chamberlain School on Woodland Drive for 15 pupils. The City got an injunction which he appealed and lost, so he recently sued Sarasota for \$2.2 million, claiming discrimination. The association and the neighbors steadfastly maintained that it was not the "disabled children" to which they objected, but the establishment of a commercial institution in a residential neighborhood. The case was finally heard this past February and the City won. It was a great victory not only for our neighborhood, but for all of Sarasota.

Another area of concern that has gone on for years is the "lingerie shops" on the North Trail. The association played a large role in getting an ordinance passed prohibiting such establishments within 500 feet of any residence. Unfortunately the three remaining shops have challenged the ordinance in court, and as long as the litigation continues, the businesses are allowed to remain open. We all hope a successful end to this problem will come soon.

Currently, our board is involved in an effort to encourage some improvement of North Trail Plaza. Bart has met with Mr. Eugene Schwartz, the plaza owner, to discuss his plans, and also toured the North Trail with the real estate manager of Publix Super Markets, looking for a possible new store site. Negotiations continue with the city to restore the shoreline at Indian Beach, and Alan Lillie has developed a hard-working beautification committee.

The work and involvement of the association does not happen by magic, but by the efforts and financial support of all the neighborhood. Minor problems are a fact of life, and must be constantly dealt with, which is why we need your help in persuading neighbors who are not members to join. The more members we have, the more we are heard at City Hall.

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