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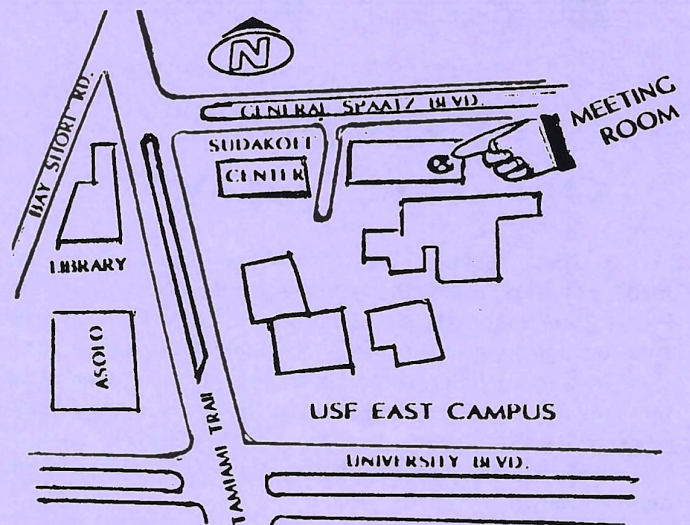
INDIAN BEACH / SAPPHIRE SHORES ASSOCIATION

SPRING GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 17 AT 7PM USF TEACHING AUDITORIUM

We urge you all to come and show your support for the association and to those who keep its wheels turning all year. While the board meets monthly, the association only has two general meetings a year, so your attendance at these meetings is our chief method of finding out how to better serve the community.

As we did at our last general meeting, we will have a panel discussion between the board and the membership on topics of mutual interest. We are also issuing invitations to city and county government officials and police officers to give us first-hand answers to your questions. We will be discussing crime and safety, beautification projects, Indian Beach, Sapphire Shores Park, traffic abatement, zoning problems, the North Trail Plaza and the North Trail plus other issues you might wish to raise. As always the association board will be looking for your direction.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this important event. If you need a ride, just call ANYONE on the board they'll be happy to bring you and take you home. Their names and phone numbers are listed inside this newsletter. The USF Teaching Auditorium is about 200 feet east of The Sudakoff Center. (See map above) Park where you normally do when going to the Sudakoff Center.



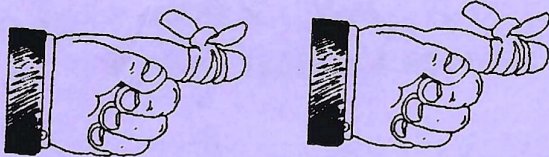
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KUDOS TO BARNETT BANK

We are delighted to announce that Barnett Bank has offered to print our newsletter. Their generosity will save our association almost \$2,500.00 a year in printing cost. In return this will more than qualify them as a newsletter sponsor, allowing them extra advertising space. We are most grateful to Barnett Bank and to Ms. Sherry Riley, manager of our North Trail branch for making this possible. Please let her know how much we appreciate this gesture the next time you are in the North Trail Barnett Bank.

You will notice that the newsletter format has changed somewhat, due to the new printing procedure. We must limit print to one color, no photos, and single sheet paper (requiring staples instead of the folded format). Most of the board of directors feel that the cost savings make these changes worth a try. We would like to know how you feel about it, so call someone on the board with your comments.



ECKERD ON THE MOVE ?

The association has learned that Eckerd Drugs has made inquiries about the possibility of moving its Trail Plaza store to the northwest corner of US 41 and Myrtle Ave. on the present site of G. Willikers Billiards Parlor.

This might prove to be a blessing to the future of the Trail Plaza as it would free up the space needed for a modern "anchor" store. The area that Publix occupied is too small for any type of major store, but too large for most businesses.

ASSOCIATION CALENDAR FOR 1997

SPRING MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 17

PICNIC
SUNDAY, OCTOBER, 26

WINTER MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

BOARD MEETINGS
2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

It's what you learn after you know it all that counts.....*Harry Truman*

HI NEIGHBORS !

Our association officers have always pledged to do the best they can to protect and improve our wonderful neighborhood. However, remember that each of your officers, like yourselves, have many other interests and responsibilities which occupy their minds and time, so please do not wait to be asked to volunteer, but step up and say, "I WANT TO HELP". This is a very active organization, so there is plenty to do. We hold two general meetings per year, monthly board meetings, attend or monitor functions of six other organizations, attend and/or participate in countless governmental meetings, conduct membership drives, initiate beautification and clean-up projects, participate in and support Neighborhood Watch, publish this newsletter four times a year and, of course, hold our popular annual concert and annual picnic. Each of these efforts is accomplished solely by dedicated volunteers, so if we are to continue all these activities, we need you to VOLUNTEER NOW !!!!!!!!!!!



We are looking forward to great things happening this year. We expect the North Trail to continue to improve with what we hope will be a major change in the North Trail Plaza. Alan Lillie has some terrific plans for neighborhood beautification and art. The sprinkler system for Sapphire Shores Park will be installed soon, and we are getting closer to a solution to the problem of shoreline restoration and beautification at Indian Beach. We hope that the litigation involving the remaining "adult entertainment" businesses along US 41 will come to a successful conclusion and the ordinance for which we have worked so hard can finally be enforced. Neighborhood safety will continue to be a prime concern to the association and its officers have pledged to do everything possible to make this the safest neighborhood in the county. We will also be asking for your help in the ongoing task of increasing membership. All in all, it looks like another busy year how productive it will be depends a lot on YOU.

**SEE YOU AT THE GENERAL MEETING ON
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Bart Cotten, President

Phone: 355-0561



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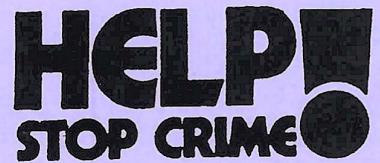
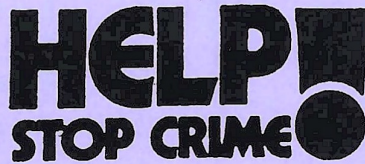
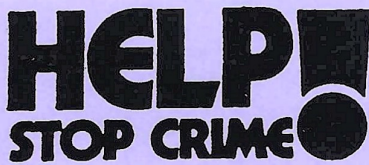
Your board of directors and most association members with whom we have talked, are not in favor of marring our neighborhood streets with speed bumps. However, most agree that we do have a problem with speeding traffic within our neighborhood, especially on Bay Shore Road and Indian Beach Drive. Some concerned residents have contacted the city and the association for some possible relief. As a result, the board has met with city engineering officials and we have agreed to urge the city to do an indepth traffic study, and investigate some possible solutions. This is a subject that we intend to discuss at our up-coming general meeting in June.

We have been told by the police department, that 80% of the drivers stopped for speeding, reside in our neighborhood. Obviously, this is a problem we could very well solve within ourselves without any obtrusive traffic abatement devices, if we would all just slow down.

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

By Debbie Muller

VANDALISM – Several mailboxes and street signs in our neighborhood have recently been vandalized. Please report all cases of vandalism to the police.

25 MPH SPEED LIMIT – Our neighborhood is being patrolled by unmarked police cars and speeders are being issued tickets. OBEY the 25 MPH speed limit!

COURT WATCH – The Greater Downtown Sarasota Action Team has partnered with the Southwest Florida Police Benevolent Association to form the SARASOTA COURT WATCH.

The mission of the Sarasota Court Watch is to identify offenders involved in street-level narcotics, prostitution and crimes against law enforcement officers and to monitor their disposition through the criminal justice system by using neighborhood residents and community business persons.

Volunteers and supporters are needed. Volunteers will be involved with activities including computer training in criminal research, information gathering and filing, letter writing and attendance at court hearings.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL OR VISIT THE COURT WATCH OFFICE :

LOCATION – PBA OFFICE 2075 MAIN ST., SUITE 4 SARASOTA

PHONE – 366-1436 **FAX** 366-1447

HOURS – MONDAY 2:00 – 4:00 PM AND FRIDAY 2:00 – 4:00 PM

REMEMBER – Your participation in Neighborhood Watch helps to keep our neighborhood safe. Report all crime and suspicious activity **IMMEDIATELY**

1. Call the Police 316-1199 (emergency only ... 911)
2. Inform your Block Captain or Coordinator
3. Alert your neighbor

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 BAYOUDIANNE UNDERWOOD – 954-5129
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OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

SARASOTA POLICE DEPT. (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

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WHO TO CALL



FOR SOLUTIONS TO THOSE ANNOYING PROBLEMS

Ambulance, Emergency, Fire.....	911
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Boats, In distress	(Marine Patrol) 316-1201
Building, Permits	(Zoning) 954-4156
Cable TV	(Comcast) 371-6700
Cars, Improperly parked	(Police) 955-7171
City Commission	954-4115
City Manager	954-4102
Dogs, Barking	(Police) 955-7171
Drainage Problems	(Public Works) 365-7651
Electricity, Wires down	(FPL) 379-1424
Power Outage	(FPL) 379-1424
Fences, Permits	(Zoning) 954-4156
Fire Alarms	(Fire Dept.) 364-2200
Flooding, Streets	(Engineering) 954-4180
Garbage, Trash pick-up	(Public Works) 365-7651
Neighborhood Watch	(Debbie Muller) 355-5743
(Officer Pat Ledwith)	954-7057
(Crime Stoppers)	366-8477
Noise	(Zoning/Code Inforcement) 954-4156
Police, Non-emergency	316-1201
North side District Commander	
(Lt. James Schultz)	954-7015
North Trail Plaza Sub Station ...	359-5808
Recycling	(BFI) 953-6559
Speeding	(Police) 954-7025
Signs, Traffic	(Public Works) 365-7651
Street Lights	(FPL) 379-1424
Sweeping	(Public Works) 365-7651
Traffic Accidents	(Police) 954-7045
Trees, Removal	(Zoning/Codes) 954-4156
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Sponsors will be given special recognition and additional space.

Advertising space is limited, therefore all regular ads are business card size ONLY and accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis.

The newsletter is mailed to 1,200 households in the neighborhood and to various governmental, institutional and business leaders. Next cut-off date for ads is September 15th.

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SO MUCH FOR SO FEW

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BEAUTIFICATION NEWS

By Alan Lillie

Our committee's first project has been completed! Please inspect it at the intersection of Poinciana & Lane in the Uplands (just north of the USF campus). It's a 12ft. diameter circle in which we have planted an East Palatka Holly tree surrounded by Indian Hawthorne bushes and Oyster plants. Chris Jorgensen coordinated the project with lots of help from Jack Martin, Kathie Goldman, Kafi Benz and Alan Lillie. Nearby neighbor, Paul Shulick, has volunteered to water the plants until they're well started and then to keep an eye on them for future needs. Our next project is scheduled to be in the area of 45th Street & Sarasota Avenue.

We'd still like to try a plant exchange/ donation event. Any interested gardeners are asked to call Sandy Polishook (358-9513) with comments, ideas, etc. We could probably use anyone's surplus plants in some of our projects.

A program for exhibiting outdoor sculpture in our neighborhood parks and beautified areas is still being developed. We're greatly interested in hearing from anyone with any ideas about this program or anyone who knows any sculptor who might like to participate. Call Alan Lillie (351-2715)

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1st Vice President - Alan Lillie

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

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INDIAN BEACH

It appears that the city and the association have finally reached a means whereby the city can get on with the restoration of the shoreline at Indian Beach. At the April 7th city commission meeting it was proposed by city manager David Sollenberger that they proceed with the restoration in the general interest of the public. The resolution passed without opposition, with Commissioner Nora Patterson adding that funding should include landscaping. It was pointed out during the discussion that this association rarely asks for improvements unless it is able to contribute to the cost, and that we had already collected over \$5,000 for sidewalks and steps at Indian Beach. Our willingness to participate in these kinds of projects goes a long way towards assurance that our requests fall on sympathetic ears at the city commission. Now all we have to do is follow up on the progress and make sure the project is not unduly delayed.

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L. O. S. T. *By Kerry Kirschner*

A workshop held with the Sarasota City Commission and the Local Option Sales Tax (L.O.S.T.) task force on April 29, 1997 further refined projects that the City would pursue if voters agree to continue the local option sales tax in a referendum to be held this coming November. This tax can only be used for infrastructure, i.e. bricks and mortar improvements. On May 19, 1997 the City Commission will finalize its recommended list which will be mailed to all neighborhood associations and interested parties. It will also be published in the Sarasota Herald-Tribune on May 28, 1997. Finally, the public will be given a chance to comment and recommend changes on the proposed projects at a public hearing to be held at City Hall on June 2, 1997.

In addition to improvements to the Van Wezel, stormwater projects and the completion of the beautification of the east end of Main Street, there are projects being discussed by the Commission specific to Indian Beach/Sapphire Shores. Commissioner Patterson, during the workshop, asked for better street lighting in the Indian Beach/Sapphire Shores neighborhood, together with further work on the Bay Shore beach/park, to be included in the list of priority projects. If there are other infrastructure improvements that you would like to see added to this list, you need to contact all the City Commissioners NOW!

The penny sales tax is very important to all of us who care about maintaining the quality of life that we have come to enjoy as residents of the city of Sarasota.

Editors Note: Kerry is the chairman of the Local Option Sales Tax Task Force and a former commissioner and mayor of Sarasota. He lived on Bay Shore Road in our neighborhood for many years and ably served this association as a past president.

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING

The City of Sarasota is in the process of rewriting the City's comprehensive plan. This plan will be a blueprint to guide city officials in all aspects of government, including the writing of the codes that we all must follow in the future.

A part of this City Plan will contain a section called "The Neighborhood Element". Because all neighborhoods are different, each neighborhood will have the opportunity to design portions of that element that pertains only to its area. We are pleased that the city is giving all who wish an opportunity to have their opinions considered. Officers of the association will be attending the workshops that will sculpt the final draft that will be adopted by the City Commission sometime in January. Now is the time for you to get your two cents in by contacting one of the association officers or better yet, attend the workshops in person. The Planning Board and Staff want your comments and ideas. The date, time and place of the workshops are as follows:

Wednesday, June 11, 1997 (Planning Board)
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
City Hall - 1565 1st Street

Wednesday, June 18, 1997 (Planning Board)
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
City Hall - 1565 1st Street

Thursday, July 10, 1997 (City Comm./Planning Board)
6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
City Hall - 1565 1st Street

You may also write your comments to The City Planning Dept., P.O. box 1058, Sarasota, Fl. 34236.
SPEAK NOW, OR FOREVER HOLD YOUR PEACE



HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

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

It is not too late to send your dues in for 1997. The association wants to keep your name on the membership list along with other neighbors who recognize the value of the work the association does. Your membership is the association's biggest asset. If you are not sure whether your dues are current, call Don Kraft at 359-3576 for an update.

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