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*Happy  
Thanksgiving!*



## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup> 7PM  
AT USF SUDAKOFF CENTER**

It is time again for our annual general meeting and all are urged to show your support for the association and to all those who keep the association wheels turning all year long. We only have two general meetings per year, but your board trudges through 12 board meetings and numbers of various other meetings each year, so it helps them to feel that someone cares about what they do when the membership comes to the general meetings.

Don't forget that after the meeting, the art work of some our neighbors will be on display in the lobby during our refreshment hour. We hope you will stay and enjoy a cup of punch and a cookie and get to know more of your neighbors.

# HI NEIGHBORS !



Another year has flown by and the old neighborhood lives on. The I.B.S.S.A. has experienced, as usual, both some good times and some unpleasant times, but fortunately, the good times have outnumbered

the bad. Let's hope 1996 brings nothing but good fortune to all of us.

In 1995, through a lot of hard work, our membership grew to 478 families by the time of the picnic. We took in some new members at the picnic, but their memberships will be applied to 1996. What was most encouraging was the large number of new members that joined during 1995. Our records show that almost 170 new families joined the association during the year.. This shows us that more and more new families are moving into the neighborhood and especially encouraging is the number of young families that are moving here and remodeling some of our older homes. I, for one, feel the association should do everything possible to encourage and develop this trend.

1995 brought the passage of the CITY NUISANCE ABATEMENT ORDINANCE. This means that owners of businesses that allow drug dealing and prostitution on their premises, will no longer be able to claim that they are not aware of such activities, and therefore will held responsible. For us in Indian Beach/Sapphire Shores, this will help law enforcement to encourage some of the businesses on US 41 to clean up their act. On the same subject, some of our members have asked me what has happened to the ADULT ENTERTAINMENT ORDINANCE that was supposed to eliminate the porno and blue video shops on US 41. Since the ordinance has taken effect, two such businesses have closed and the remaining two have sued the city. They will be allowed to continue business until the suits are settled. I have been told that the suits will be heard " in the near future " and the city feels confident that it will prevail. In any case the ordinance has discouraged any additional such businesses from opening up on the Trail.

1995 also saw the completion of Stage One of the beautification of Indian Beach. John Hargreaves was the driving force behind this, and now it is up to the rest of us to raise the money to complete the final stages. This project is on private property, therefore, we cannot ask the City for help on this one. So, if we want any other improvements to this area, we will be forced to dig down in our own pockets to get it done. If you wish to help with this project, call Alan Lillie at 351-2715.

Our Sunset Concert was a smash hit, and our 1995 picnic was the biggest ever. We had well over 200 in attendance at the picnic and it continues to be THE neighborhood event of the year.

The negative happenings of the year were few but none the less unpleasant. One of our new neighbors on the waterfront proposed a dock that would have extended 300 feet into the bay, and your board felt that such a dock would infringe on the rights of the adjoining neighbors. We therefore had to oppose one of our own. This is one of your board's most unpleasant tasks, and we pray that we won't have to face it often.

Your nominating committee has told me that it has not found anyone to take on the position of president of the association for the 1996 - 1997 term and I have reluctantly agreed to serve one more term. Hopefully, at the general meeting, someone will step forward and relieve me of the task but I won't hold my breath. Therefore, in 1996 and 1997, I will seek to initiate procedures that will make the job of president easier. This will mean asking more of you to become actively involved. If you want to protect your property values and preserve our unique neighborhood, you should be willing to do your share. Don't let others make the decisions that affect your home.

Bart Cotten, President I.B.S.S.A.

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## WANTED

One or more of you talented people out there are needed to write human interest articles about your neighbors for the newsletter. We have an abundance of interesting and unusual personalities living in this neighborhood and we would all like to know more about them. As this newsletter is only published four times a year, it should not be too big a task. If you are interested in this project, call Bart at 351-3236. If we get several volunteers, we will split up the work load.

# NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS BY DEBBIE MULLER

With the holidays approaching we need to take extra precautions in keeping our homes and ourselves safe. As of September 30, 1995, there has been a slight increase, about 4%, in the number of serious crimes committed in the City of Sarasota compared to last year. Daytime burglaries seem to be the primary crime in our neighborhood. **WARNING !!!** Never leave garage door openers in unlocked vehicles parked outside. Burglars can gain easy access to your garage and possibly into your home by using your own garage door opener. We have also had an increase in mailbox vandalism. Please, remember to report any and all suspicious persons or activity to the police immediately. **SEE IT!!! HEAR IT!!! REPORT IT!!!**

1. Call the Police at 955-7171 (911 is for emergencies **ONLY**)
2. Notify your block Captain or Coordinator.
3. Alert your neighbor

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COORDINATORS

- SAPPHIRE I (58<sup>th</sup> St. to 47<sup>th</sup> St.)  
Debbie Muller 355-5743
- SAPPHIRE II (47<sup>th</sup> St. to Myrtle Ave.)  
Paul Hoyt 355-6324
- SAPPHIRE III (Myrtle Ave. to Indian Beach Dr.)  
Don Kraft 359-3576
- SAPPHIRE IV (Indian Beach to Whitaker Bayou)  
Bill Zuk 955-5051
- UPLANDS Sarasota County Sheriff's Office  
Stg. Dave Hart 951-5051

## CRIME STOPPERS PROGRAM

Crime in our neighborhood is everyone's number one concern and so it is with your association's officers. We feel that we must do everything in our power to combat crime in our neighborhood. Therefore, the board has decided to participate in the very successful Sheriff's Crime Stopper Program. Rewards will be given by the Sheriff's Department for information leading to the arrest of persons committing a crime in this neighborhood and elsewhere. To emphasize our commitment to the program, the association is supplying, free of charge, the window stickers that you should find enclosed in this newsletter. Stickers are being sent to all residents in the neighborhood, whether they are association members or not, and members may purchase additional stickers at the December 5<sup>th</sup> general meeting. The board is also looking into the cost of adding Crime Stopper signs to our existing Neighborhood Watch signs. The association will donate funds to the program and increase donations if the program proves effective in deterring crime in our neighborhood.



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## SERVICES AVAILABLE

The following are services offered by our neighbors. As always, we recommend that you ask for references from anyone who works in your home. To be listed here, call Bart or Mariana at 351-3236.

### BABY SITTING

Rebekah Shamsey - 351-1884  
Bonnie Wilson - 355-6312

### YARD WORK

John Shamsey - 351-1884

## BUSINESS DIRECTORY COMING SOON

Peggy Haynes has been hard at work forming a list of our neighbors who either own or manage businesses, so that those of us who wish to patronize them may do so. If you wish to have your business listed, I urge you to contact Peggy at 359-3185 as soon as possible, as once the list is compiled, it will probably not be updated until next year.

# MINI ART SHOW

Those of you who attended last year's December general meeting will remember that during the refreshment hour, we had an art exhibit featuring amateur and professional artists from the neighborhood. It was very well received and enjoyed by all, and we would like to repeat it for this year's meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup>. If you think you would be interested in displaying some of your artwork, please call Mariana Cotten at 351-3236 for all the details and instructions. You **MUST** call to reserve space. Association members only, please.

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## PLANNING BOARD VACANCY

City officials have suggested that our neighborhood have representation on the City Planning Board. This is one of the most vital advisory boards of the city and it's work is very important to the future of all Sarasota neighborhoods. Here is a chance to turn rhetoric into action and become part of the solutions to the problems within our City. Call Mr. Billy Robinson, City Clerk and Auditor, at 383-3721 for information as to how to seek appointment. If planning is not your thing, ask about vacancies on other advisory boards.



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## CHANGES IN BY-LAWS PROPOSED

The board of directors is asking the membership to make a change in the by-laws that would provide for three more directors. It was decided that since most of the decisions that affect the neighborhood are made by the board, a larger representation would be desirable. As it stands now, we have 5 officers whose positions prevent them from taking on other tasks. That leaves 5 directors to do most of the committee work, and an additional 3 would help to spread out the duties. Therefore, at the general meeting you will be asked to vote on changing Section 2 of Article V to read as follows: "Sec. 2 There shall be thirteen (13) directors (five (5) of whom shall be officers) elected for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected. All officers and three (3) directors shall be elected in odd years. Five (5) directors shall be elected in even years."

Also proposed, is a change in the manner in which dues may be paid. Renewing dues each year takes a lot of time and money. The board would like to give the membership the option of paying dues for a longer period of time. It is difficult to remember whether or not you have made your annual payment, consequently many of you pay dues several times in one year. We feel that offering other options would be helpful to all. Of course, those who wish may continue to pay dues on a yearly basis. You will be asked to vote on the following change in the by-laws:

### "ARTICLE IV - DUES

The amount of dues of the Association shall be determined by the Board of Directors and shall be renewed yearly or as prescribed by the Board of Directors. Dues shall be payable January 1<sup>st</sup> for the coming year."

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Part of the huge crowd enjoying great weather, great food and great fun at our October picnic. The "CHEERS EDDIE" sign is a salute to our neighbor and band leader, Eddie Owens, who suffered a stroke and for the first time in 8 years was not leading his band at the picnic. Mrs. Owens tells us Eddie has a long road to full recovery, but is coming along nicely.



## 1996 DUES NOW BEING ACCEPTED

1995 was a record year for memberships for the I.B.S.S.A with 478 families signed on and paying dues. Thanks to everyone, you may now all take a bow!!!! However, there is little time to relax, as the 1996 membership campaign has already started. Let's hope this is the year we can exceed that elusive number of 500 memberships. Those of you who are already members, can help by renewing as soon as possible so that your membership committee will not have to spend time and money sending out renewal notices. Also, we hope that those of you who can scrape up an extra buck or two will send them along as a contribution, as you did last year. In 1995 we received over \$1,000.00 in contributions, some as small as one dollar and some as much as \$100.00. Your board wants to keep our dues as low as possible, but ten dollars per year dues without contributions will not make it possible to send out 4 newsletters, have a picnic, a concert and two general meetings, much less any beautification projects. The association will be grateful for anything you are able to contribute and, of course, your membership will always be welcome whether you wish to contribute or not. Fill out the form below and send it in without delay. It will help your board get it's job done efficiently.

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

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone : \_\_\_\_\_ NEW: \_\_\_\_\_ RENEWAL: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation : \_\_\_\_\_

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\$10 Per Household \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## CHRISTMAS LIGHT UP

One of the joys of Christmas as we drive or walk along our streets, is admiring the lights and decorations of the season. They spread cheer and a sense of unity and pride in our neighborhood. In an effort to get you into the Christmas spirit, the association is again sponsoring the 2nd Annual Christmas Light Up Contest. The judging will take place one evening during Christmas week in the following 4 categories: "Most Festive Entrance/Doorway", "Best Free-Standing Display", "Most Creative Mailbox Decoration" and "Best Overall". The winners will each receive a \$25.00 gift certificate to a local restaurant. The association will honor the "Best Lighted Block" with a donation in its name to the Mayor's Feed the Hungry Fund. Judges will be from the I.B.S.S.A. board and, of course, no judges will be eligible to win.

So, get out those lights, put a wreath on the door or a bow on the mailbox. Even the smallest of decorations lets people know you've got the spirit...and who knows, you might just give it to someone else!

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## 58th STREET UP-DATE

We are pleased to announce that the USF has dropped, from its Master Plan, the concept of turning 58th Street into a main thoroughfare serving the west campus. Persistence and hard work by our 58th Street neighbors saved their lovely little street from being destroyed. The association thanks the University for its consideration and for being a good neighbor.

## ELECTIONS

Elections will be held at the December 5th general meeting for all officers and three directors. If you wish to serve either as an officer or director, please call Bob Bell at 355-8743. Nominations will be taken from the floor providing the nominee has agreed to serve.

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## SARASOTA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH CELLULAR PATROL

The Sarasota Police Department is offering Neighborhood Watch groups an opportunity to organize citizen patrols using cellular phones. The purpose of the patrol is to observe and report suspicious activity or crimes in progress. The patrol will never be allowed to confront anyone involved in these activities. You will be supplied with a cellular and be given training. You will be asked to patrol for at least 2 hours each month. It is expected that the presence of a citizens' patrol will deter criminal activity in our neighborhood. The success of this cellular phone patrol depends entirely on the interest of the residents who are willing to volunteer their time. Your association is as troubled as all our neighbors over the increase in crime and we feel we should take every opportunity we can to control the problem. The police cannot do the job alone, so we need to step up and say we are willing to spend a little time to protect our neighborhood.

If you want to know more about the program or wish to find out how to volunteer, call Debbie Muller at 355-5743 or Officer Pat Ledwith at 954-7057.

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