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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 AT 7 PM**

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It is time again for our annual general meeting and we urge you all to come and show support for the association and those who keep its wheels turning all year. While your board meets monthly, the association only has 2 general meetings a year, so your attendance at these meetings is our chief method of finding out how to better serve the community.

This year, after the elections, we will have a panel discussion between the Board and the membership about topics of mutual concern. We will be discussing crime and safety, several beautification projects, Indian Beach, possible traffic abatement, the North Trail Plaza and the North Trail, plus other issues you might wish to raise. The association board will be asking you for direction during the coming year.

Don't forget that after the meeting, a number of artists who live in the neighborhood will have their art work on display in the lobby during the refreshment hour. We hope you will stay and enjoy a cup of punch and a cookie or two, while getting to know more of your neighbors.

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 numbers are listed inside.

**LET'S MAKE THIS THE BIGGEST ATTENDANCE
EVER !!!!!**

HI NEIGHBORS !

Here it is, the end of another year for the Indian/Beach Sapphire Shores Association, still going strong for over 50 years. We have accomplished much over those years, but if you look back through the minutes of our meetings



over that time, as I have, you will see that we are still having to address many of the same issues today. I wish we could "fix" something and not have to be concerned with it ever again, but life, neighborhoods and politics just don't work that simply. So, it is evident that the work of the association must go on and on, relying on the desire and dedication of the folks who live here to get the job done. The effectiveness of this association is in direct proportion to the dedication of its leadership. By leadership, I mean not only the officers but also the folks out there who say, "Yes, I will help on this project", or "Yes, I will be there at that meeting." This is what football teams call depth, but what neighborhood organizations call STRENGTH.

For me, one of the **BIG** accomplishments of the past year was finally exceeding 500 households as paid members. It is sad but true that the wheel which squeaks the loudest gets the most grease, and we are a very large wheel at city hall. It has always been my policy that this power not be abused, that every request we make be fair and deserved, and I would hope that policy will be continued in the future. I find it gratifying that our organization has always been willing to chip in when we request beautification projects, giving us a monetary interest in the project.

I regret that we have had to oppose yet another neighbor who was seeking to install a 350' dock in our bay. Sometimes we have to decide what is best for the neighborhood in general, and stick to that decision but it hurts.

We are very pleased with the continued improvement of the North Trail. It has come a long way, but still has a way to go. Your association hopes to be a part in that exciting improvement. We will talk more about this at the general meeting.

SEE YOU THERE!

On behalf of Mariana, Alex and myself, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Indian Beach Sapphire Shores Association Officers and Directors for 1996

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451 Woodland Drive / 351-3236

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351 North Shore Drive / 351-2715

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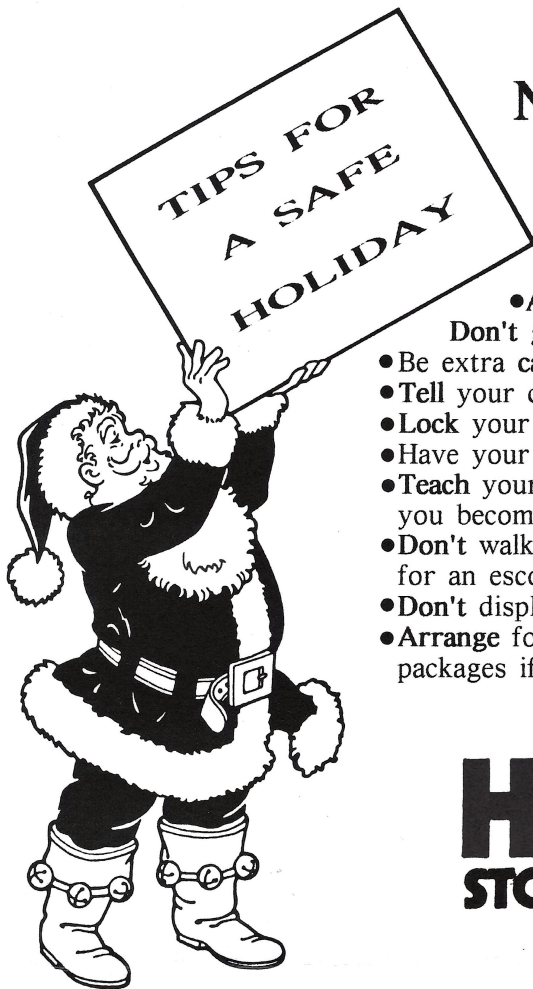
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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

By Debbie Muller



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- Stay alert to your surroundings and the people around you.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Don't go shopping alone if you plan to be out late.
- Be extra cautious about locking doors and windows when you go out.
- Tell your children never to go into the parking lot alone.
- Lock your car and close the windows. • Lock your packages in the trunk.
- Have your key in your hand when you return to your car.
- Teach your children to go to a store clerk and ask for help if you become separated while shopping. • Park in a well lighted area.
- Don't walk to your car alone if it is parked in a dark area, call store security for an escort. • Be extra careful with purses and wallets.
- Don't display gifts where they may be seen through a window or door.
- Arrange for a neighbor to pick up newspapers and mail, and accept packages if you are not home.

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STOP CRIME

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For information about Neighborhood Watch, call your Coordinator :

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SAPPHIRE II ... 47th St. to Myrtle Ave. ... Paul Hoyt 355-6324

SAPPHIRE III .. Myrtle Ave. to Indian Beach Dr. ... Don Kraft 359-3576

SAPPHIRE IV .. Indian Beach Dr. to Whitaker Bayou ... Diane Underwood 954-5129

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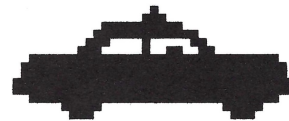
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NORTH SIDE DISTRICT COMMANDER Lt. James Schultz 954-7015

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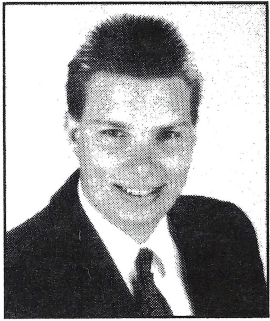
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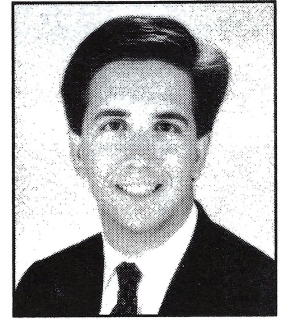


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900 Whitaker's Bayou	\$1,795,000	337 North Shore Drive	\$710,000
850 South Shore Drive	1,395,000	1045 Tocobaga Lane	650,000
3221 Bay Shore Road	1,390,000	3139 Bay Shore Road	475,000
945 Whitaker's Lane	950,000	3007 Bay Shore Road	405,000
356 South Shore Drive	899,000	3133 Bay Shore Road	350,000
367 South Shore Drive	549,000	826 Indian Beach Drive	285,000
636 Indian Beach	475,000	4908 Sun Circle	280,000
5050 Bay Shore Road	450,000	5022 Sun Circle	265,000
4900 Sun Circle	339,500	4831 Bay Shore Road	257,500
4911 Brywill Circle	285,000	5022 Sun Circle	217,000
4012 Bay Shore Road	265,000	939 Alameda Way	185,000
4540 Leeta Lane	184,900	614 Beverly Drive	170,000
1105 Tahiti Parkway	149,900	511 45th Street	158,000
724 Indian Beach	149,900	960 Indian Beach	141,000
559 Poinciana Drive	120,000	460 Shore Drive	140,000
886 32nd Street	109,000	2230 Alameda Avenue	136,000
1011 Virginia Drive	83,000	354 North Shore Drive	134,100
3606 Bay Shore Road	79,900	830 Indian Beach Drive	131,000
5236 Stevens Drive	74,000	756 Corwood Drive	127,000
730 40th Street	72,000	868 Patterson Drive	125,000
1044 Virginia Drive	67,900	4844 Winchester Drive	125,000
2836 Tamiami Circle	62,500	429 Acacia Drive	124,500
7322 Chapel Road	52,500	880 Virginia Drive	118,000
		915 22nd Street	\$115,100
		4920 Bay Shore Road	115,000
		5102 Winchester	115,000
		4929 Brywill Cir	114,000
		963 Virginia Dr	112,500
		119 Whitfield	110,000
		4639 Charles Lane	107,500
		1024 Indian Beach Dr	106,000
		5019 Stevens Drive	95,000
		1039 Caloosa Drive	93,000
		1050 24th Street	93,000
		4723 Stevens Drive	92,500
		4829 Winchester	90,000
		5010 Stevens Drive	89,900
		745 47th Street	85,000
		2461 Hickory Ave	79,900
		508 45th Street	79,000
		846 32nd Street	77,500
		5024 Winchester	75,500
		4824 Stevens Drive	74,900
		4915 Winchester	73,900
		1006 24th Street	71,500
		861 41st Street	68,000
		1064 Virginia Drive	48,260



BEAUTIFICATION ACTIVITIES

By Alan Lillie



Sapphire Shores Park is becoming a favorite place to plant trees as a memorial. So far we have planted a live oak, in memory of Mona McDonald from her grandchildren, a mahogany by friends of, and in tribute to, John Ulmer, a live oak as a birthday gift by Karen



Nalven to her husband Bob and a live oak by Bart Cotten as a gift to the park. There is still space for a few more trees if anyone is interested. Our **VERY** special thanks to Betty Boylan who has faithfully watered these trees until they become established. Without her effort many of them might not have lived.

The "Florida Coastal Cleanup" was held on September 21st and your association participated by cleaning our shoreline from Caples Campus to Whitaker Bayou. We had 14 volunteers who picked up 9 bags of trash with an estimated total weight of 200 lbs.. Not only was the trash bagged, it was also itemized and counted. Foam plastic cups and containers were the most numerous items with beverage containers in second place. Our thanks to: Bart Cotten, David & Linda Jennings, Bob, Marsha, Andrew & Paul Judson, Sylvia Knight, Jack Martin, Liz Martin, Pegi Pearson, Kasey Silver, George Sweitzer and Walter Verizzo.

A beautification committee is forming and we expect to soon be able to report on our goals and capabilities in assisting to landscape public areas within our association borders. Ideas and volunteers will be welcome.

Hopefully, by now we are all aware of the annual "Christmas Light Up Contest". We started doing this two years ago in an effort to create some sorely needed holiday cheer around the neighborhood. It has been an immense success and, we hope, a lot of fun for the participants as well as observers. This year there will be four categories eligible for prizes: "Most Creative Mailbox Decoration", "Most Inviting Entranceway", "Most Unique and Imaginative Idea" and "Best Overall". The judging will take place sometime during Christmas week and the winners will be notified of their \$25.00 gift certificate to a local restaurant. Also, the block which makes the best effort at "lighting up" will be honored with a donation in its name to the Mayor's Feed the Hungry Fund by the association. Judges will be from the I.B.S.S.A. board, and of course, no judges will be eligible to win. So get out the lights, wreaths, bells, bows or whatever, and let's show everyone we've got lots of Christmas spirit! Remember..... it's not necessarily quantity, but **QUALITY**, that counts!



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I hope everyone noticed the neat new signs that were put up to remind us all of the picnic. They were a far cry from the hand drawn signs of the past, done with dedication but not much talent. This year, Dick Simons donated 17 metal real estate signs. Then he, Betty Boylan, Jeff and Christine Winsler and myself got together in Dick's garage and painted them white. Pam Holler, an association member and the owner of Gulf Coast Signs, generously provided the plastic lettering, and has also offered to provide new lettering as needed for future events. The resulting signs are lovely, and Pam, we cannot thank you enough. You too, Dick!

Unfortunately, all did not go smoothly, and when our bright new shiny signs were placed where we've put them twice a year for the past 9 years, the City of Sarasota's Code Enforcement confiscated about half of them for "being in the right-of-way" (between the curb and sidewalk). Even though they were less visible, we managed to rescue them and relocate them on private property. The association is deeply grateful to those kind folks who allowed us to use their lawns for the last three days. Many, many thanks !



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That's what most folks were saying on "picnic day" when more of our neighbors than ever before gathered in perfect weather at beautiful Caples Hall on the bay to eat lots and lots of great food, listen to good music and enjoy meeting each other. Many of the kids had their faces painted by clowns Rainbow and Sunbeam while some others had caricatures drawn by artists from the Ringling School of Art and Design. Sean Connelly, neighbor and new chef at the Mel-O-Dee Restaurant, delighted all by tossing everyone a fresh caesar salad on the spot. To say the least, **A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!** It takes a lot of hard work to put one these picnics on and it all starts with the picnic chairman. This year's chairman, David Bouverat, had the courage to volunteer even though he had never been to one of our picnics before. The great job he did shows that sometimes dedication can match experience. Many thanks to David and all those who generously gave of their time.....Dick Simons, who picked up the donated food from neighborhood restaurants, Don Farr, who arranged for the grille and tables and returned them, Joe and Louise Markoya, who work so very hard on setting up and cleaning up, Brad Kwenski and Fred Knight, who braved a very hot fire all afternoon to cook our hot dogs and chicken, Scott McBeth who tried to keep the cooks cool and lent a hand behind the serving table, and as usual, the officers and directors who were there doing what ever had to be done. A special thanks to all of you who stayed to help with the unglamorous job of cleaning up. We also want to thank our Mayor, Mollie Cardamone, for stopping by to say hello.

We have a number of merchants who faithfully sponsor this event in various ways. We hope that you all tell them in person how much we appreciate their support. They are : **COMMUNITY MARKET, GATOR'S GRILLE, CHEF PAUL'S, MEL-O-DEE RESTAURANT, OLD HICKORY RESTAURANT, CAPTAIN BRIAN'S SEAFOOD, WINN-DIXIE, PUBLIX AT UNIVERSITY, SUBWAY SANDWICHES, JUNGLE GARDENS, BANYON CAFE AND THE NORTH TRAIL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION.**

ELECTIONS

An election will be held at the annual general meeting on December 3rd to name 5 directors for terms of two years. Directors are expected to attend the monthly board meetings and any other association events. The president may ask directors to serve as committee chairs or to attend meetings that may be important to the neighborhood. Jack Martin is the chair for this year's nominating committee and will be searching for members to replace any of the outgoing directors who might wish to retire from the board. If you feel that you might wish to serve the neighborhood as a director, contact Jack at 355-3080. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the general meeting.

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 has become very popular and we will be doing it again this year at the meeting on December 3rd. If you think you would be interested in participating, please call Mariana Cotten at 351-3236 to reserve space. You will need to bring whatever equipment you require for displaying (easels, etc.) and be at Sudakoff Center by 6:15 pm to set up. **ASSOCIATION MEMBERS ONLY, PLEASE.**



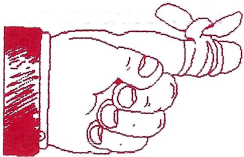
NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

We met our objective for 1996 by increasing our membership to over 500 households! The Board is pleased and thankful for your support. As there are over 1300 households in the Neighborhood, we would like to increase membership significantly in 1997. PLEASE, CONSIDER JOINING IF YOU AREN'T ALREADY A MEMBER! Dues are only \$10 per household. Dues for 1997 are due in January, although we begin collecting for the following year at the Annual Picnic. The Board sincerely hopes you will continue your membership, so we are providing this opportunity and coupon to do so. Remember, you may join for more than one year by sending a check for several years if you desire. Donations are also appreciated. Just cut and complete the application, write your check, place in an envelope and mail promptly, or bring to the December meeting.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

The Association provides you with the opportunity to participate in the Spring Meeting, usually in early March, the Spring Concert in late April, the Annual Picnic in October, and the Annual Meeting in December. At the meetings, issues affecting the neighborhood are discussed. The Association keeps watch on rules, regulations etc. proposed by the City and County governments and represents the neighborhood before the various Commissions. This is important and, WE ARE HEARD, as we are the largest Association in the City and represent over 500 households and businesses. The Association provides improvement to our two parks, neighborhood beautification, keeps you informed by quarterly newsletters, sponsors beach clean-ups, and provides support to Neighborhood Watch and general neighborhood security improvements. All of these efforts BENEFIT YOU! PLEASE, JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW!!!

**THIS IS A BILL FOR
1997 DUES. PLEASE,
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INDIAN BEACH SAPPHIRE SHORES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION Membership Application and Dues Renewal Form

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