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INDIAN BEACH SAPPHIRE SHORES ASSOC.

President's Message

Dear Neighbors,



Perhaps like many of you, I do a lot of commuting to and from work during the week. On average, it takes me between 20-25 minutes to travel one way. This gives me a decent amount of time to spend thinking about neighborhood projects, listening to the radio, or striving for some kind of self-enrichment by listening to audio books.

I rarely have enough time to read a book for pleasure, so I was quite delighted upon reading a Tweet by Stephen King that essentially said he considered listening to an audio book reading. Maybe you disagree, but I was thinking, "How cool is this? I can drive and read a book at the same time!" Audio books are not just about hearing the words to create the imagery, but also about the performance of the person speaking those words to create additional effect.

After hearing Edward Herrmann narrate The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics, by Daniel James Brown, I decided that I liked his style so much that I would look for other titles read by him. Most recently I listened to Einstein: His Life and Universe, by Walter Isaacson. What a fascinating biography!

One morning on my way to work, as I was listening to the book while driving north past the airport, I was suddenly snapped out of my usual morning fog by the words, "Sarasota, Florida." It turns out that Albert Einstein came to Sarasota in 1951 to recuperate from surgery. Intrigued by this snippet, I investigated further and found an article from 2016 published in Sarasota Magazine with more detail. Although he rented a place on Lido Key, he did visit our Indian Beach Sapphire Shores neighborhood with a trip to one of our oldest and most cherished attractions-Jungle Gardens! Reportedly, he loved it! It doesn't take a celebrity to visit your home or community for you to feel proud of it, but I sure had a wide smile when I learned about that story. Sarasota has had a lot going for it for a very long time and it is still known around the globe for its many assets. Your Indian Beach Sapphire Shores Neighborhood Association works hard to be an essential link between all of us residents, the City of Sarasota, and the wider community at large. We on the board of directors appreciate your support, your encouragement, your involvement and especially your membership in our organization. We want to keep our little corner of the world the best it can be, because you never know who might come for a visit!

Sincerely,

Henry Bausback, President **Indian Beach Sapphire Shores Association**

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Congratulations Alex & Jazzy Winners of our Inaugural Dog Costume Contest at the Annual IBSSA Picnic!

Alex, the very realistic looking "Lion", was our first-place winner of our inaugural Dog Costume & Tricks contest at this year's annual picnic! Alex is a 9-year-old rescue. He and his owners have lived in IBSS for just over a year. They decided to move to our neighborhood after doing an extensive statewide search for a new home, and they love it here! Alex's first place prize was a delicious pizza generously donated by Sal at Rico's, which Alex shared with his owners. Alex also enjoys dressing up in other costumes, so be on the lookout for Elvis or a Butterball turkey while you are out and about!

Jazzy, the very realistic looking "Hot Dog", was our second-place winner. He is only a year old and loves wearing his hot dog costume as well as playing with his human family! Jazzy's second place prize was a box of delicious donuts generously donated by Andreas at Jack's Donuts, which he shared with his family. In addition to dressing up, Jazzy loves to "sing opera" when he sees cats, squirrels, or rats, so listen for him when you are out and about-he doesn't charge for his concerts....yet!

The competition should be robust next year, so start getting your pets ready in advance! By: Jacqueline Crouse



Alex, the "Lion"





Some picnic photos: Chris setting up tables for the potluck. Henry (Pres.) planning with Sharon, or perhaps getting ready to play the drums?



While this is not the actual "Jazzy", this is how cute he looked!







And far off by the bay, the membership table is taking shape!

IBSSA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM			
Membership type: New Renewal I would like to volunteer: Beautification/Greenspace Membership Picnic/Events Neighborhood Watch Newsletter (secure ads/write articles)			
Name:			
Email:			
Phone:			
2 nd Name:			
2 nd Email:			
2 nd Phone:			
IBSS Address:			
Membership Year:			
I give permission to IBSSA to email electronic neighborhood communications. Yes No			
If you have any questions about the status of your membership, please contact			
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Annual Dues Payment\$30.00			
Voluntary Contribution(s): Greenspace \$			
Doggie Bags \$			
Other \$			
Total Enclosed \$			
Pay online: https://www.ibssa.ws/join-ibssa/			
Checks payable to: IBSSA Mail to: PO Box 49673, Sarasota, Fl 34230			
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING IBSSA!			

This newsletter is published four times a year for all residences in the Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores neighborhood. Newsletter will be mailed approximately **mid-March**, **mid-June**, **mid-September**, and **mid-December**.

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What's Your Hurry?

Shortly after we moved here decades ago, I was the "high bid" at a silent auction. The prize was a twohour consultation with a licensed arborist. We spent the time walking our new yard identifying every tree and plant on property. I still have my notes tucked into "Dig Manual, A Guide to the Identification and Selection of Florida Ornamental Plants".

Our inventory of trees included more invasive exotics than I care to admit. Many of the species today turn up on the City's "what not to plant" list. But it was important to me to know what we had and what to expect through our first round of seasons in Sarasota. What was going to bloom and when? What animals might be occupying this habitat? Which trees were going to provide the most advantageous shade?

Over the years trees have been moved, removed, replaced, died, and some carefully pruned and sculpted. For me, the key phrase is "over the years". In my Real Estate business, I'm often encouraging new homeowners to wait a year before rushing to judgment about a tree. One full trip around the sun to understand seasonal changes.

This is most important for trees with dramatic but relatively short blooming cycles. November was the best month I can remember for Floss Silk Trees. But for 11 months of the year, they are bare and threatening with thick sharp prickles designed to keep

animals from climbing their trunks (and children!). The Royal Poinciana is

up it's pure magic.



So, for our newer residents I ask, What's your hurry? Make the effort to learn what you have and where if fits in our tropical puzzle. You might learn whoever chose a particular plant knew what they were doing. You might befriend a family of owls. You might find a tree canopy keeps the late afternoon sun from turning your living room into an oven.

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New College Campus Master Plan Update Information Julie Morris

You have power to impact the future of the New College Campus by providing your input on the updated Campus Master Plan (CMP). New College is convening meetings, conducting surveys and inviting written feedback to create a future campus plan that is reflective of the needs of faculty, staff, students, neighbors and our broader community. The public is invited: Master Plan Public Hearing, January 22, 2024, 5:30 p.m. Sudakoff Center, Sarasota, FL, 34243 Follow this link for more information. https://www.ncf.edu/master-plan/

Membership Survey!!

Thanks for being an IBSSA Member. We are considering how we can enrich our member experience next year and want your input! Please answer the following survey before Jan. 20, 2024. Thanks! Rita Mann

1) Do you use the IBSSA Member Discount Card?	Please respond on this form.
	*You can clip it out and mail it to:
a)Use all the time	IBSSA P.O. Box 49673 Sarasota, FL 34230
b)Occasionally use	(ATTN: Rita Mann)
c)Never use	* You can take a pic with your phone's
	camera, and send that pic to:
Comment on your usage:	ritaibssa@yahoo.com
2) If we continue the IBSSA Member Discount Card in 2026 improvement?	
3) If we discontinue or phase out the IBSSA Member Discolike to experience instead?	unt Card in 2024, what would you
a)Member educational experiences (opportunity to learn some Share an example:	thing new)
b)Member socializing opportunities (restaurant outings, book Share an example:	club, exercise/recreation)
c)Other	
Share an example:	

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Happy New Year Ending and 2024 Beginning

Mack Goode, Chippewa Place

"DESTINATION SARASOTA" EXTOLS OUR CITY'S "SAFETY AND QUALITY OF LIFE".



As one neighbor exclaims, "our areas are walkable, safe and peaceful." Local citizenry boasts lots of seniors, along with middle-agers sending their kids to surrounding schools. Neighborly New College and Ringling College faculty offer illuminating company.

With IBSSA residents enjoying housing from under \$400,000 to over \$10 million, it is discouraging that only one-third of our households are IBSSA MEMBERS. While some VOLUNTEER, as gardeners, for example, many more could contribute to

activities highlighted on the membership sheet. Donations support "picnics/events",

"beautification/greenspace", "neighborhood watch" and this noteworthy newsletter. Annual IBSSA events that are sponsored encompass yard sales, an Easter egg hunt, the art festival, ice cream socials and picnics. For natives and visitors alike, Ringling Museum is still free on Mondays and Ringling College's galleries are open, without charge. The Jungle Gardens' fees are reasonable. And the fanciful Marietta Museum of

Art & Whimsy suggests a certain donation.

Additionally, there is a relatively new kayak launch at Sapphire Shores Park. Recreation stalwarts also include mini golf at Smugglers Cove and fishing at Harts Landing where poles can be rented and bait bought.

For guests, popular places to stay remain The Golden Host (Resort) and the Reserve (Retreat). Eateries that beckon: are Captain Brian's Seafood (under new management but largely the same), Fork & Hen, plus Bacres European Deli as well as Shelf Indulgence Used Book Café with specialty sandwiches.

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Although the neighborhoods' attractiveness has prompted a

housing boom, new structures are not overwhelming building lots. Moreover, renovations and restorations are thoughtfully tasteful.

IBSSA thus continues to cultivate preservation and sustaining nature as paramount priorities.

May this coming year promote even greater community collegiality and conservation.

NOTE: There is an IBSSA membership discount at many local businesses.







ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE INDIAN BEACH-SAPPHIRE SHORES



SATURDAY, JAN. 27, 2024 (9:00-3:00)

The Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores Annual Yard Sale is scheduled on Saturday only this year. Joining together as a neighborhood brings more customers, better advertising, and limits excess traffic to one weekend. Advertising starts right after the holidays and customers wait to be notified of the date. This is a perfect time to clean out items you no longer need or to shop for treasures. Buyers love this event and come every year.

To cover costs of maps, flags and advertising, each participating household is asked to pay a small fee: \$5 if you are an IBSSA member. \$15 if you are not an IBSSA member. It's easy to become a member. Go to our website: www.ibssa.ws click the "Join Now" button on the left of the home page.

The deadline to be listed on the map is Tuesday, January 23, 2024.

Maps listing all participating locations will be provided to shoppers.

To participate and be added to the neighborhood map you will need to register & pay your fee.

Go to our website: www.ibssa.ws and click on "Yard Sale 2024" on the left side of the page under Save the Date or scan this code:

The link will take you to our donation page where you will fill out the form with all the information asked, including the fee amount, and then click "submit". You will then be taken to our Paypal account to complete your payment.

For questions or to sign up: contact Jacqueline Crouse at yard-sale2024@ibssa.ws

Membership Renewals are in January!

PLEASE consider becoming a member of IBSSA! If you have not already joined, consider the annual fee of \$30.00...just \$.08 a day or \$2.50 a month!! The greater our membership the better we can serve our neighbors and surrounding community.

Neighborhood Watch News: Debbie Muller

The holiday season is here! This wonderful time of the year will hopefully bring peace, comfort, and joy to all. With the uncertainty that each day brings it is comforting to have the love and support of those we hold dear and to give the same, with a joyful heart, to others. Family, friends and a community of kind, caring residents are gifts that cannot be bought.

We know that families and communities are safer when we watch out for one another. Awareness of our surroundings is imperative at all times. Immediately reporting all crime, suspicious activity or persons to law enforcement is of utmost importance. Taking precautions to keep yourself and others safe is essential. Implementing basic crime prevention measures can greatly enhance our security and peace of mind during this hustle, bustle season and throughout the year.

Thank you, neighbors, for making Indian Beach Sapphire Shores a wonderful place to be home for the holidays. Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas, Joyous Holidays and a Happy, Healthy, Safe New Year.

For more information about your Neighborhood Watch, call Debbie Muller at (941) 355-5743

See It! Hear It! Report It!

Report all crime and suspicious activity ... IMMEDIATELY!

Call the Police **316-1199** or **316-1201** or Emergencies **911**,

Inform your Watch Coordinators and Alert your neighbors.

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15 mph in school zones25 mph throughoutneighborhood

IBSS Crime Report	January 1 – November 28		
(Approximate Totals)	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	
Burglary /Structure	11	7	
Burglary/Vehicle	23	17	
Motor Vehicle Theft	4	14	
Robbery	1	0	

*Secure valuables outside. 2 incidents of bicycle theft from carports on Iroquois Dr. reported 11/19/23.

Citywide Crime Statistics	January 1 – August 31		
(Approximate totals)	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	
Burglary /Structure	114	160	
Burglary/Vehicle	187	196	
Motor Vehicle Theft	93	149	
Robbery	51	44	

HELPFUL NUMBERS

Sarasota Police Department:

Non-Emergency	(941) 316-1199 or 316-1201
SPD Front Desk	(941)263-6025
Chief Rex Troche	(941) 263-6001
	rex.troche@sarasotafl.gov
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SPD Directory of Personnel Divisions &	units(941) 263-6773
SPD Website	<u>www.sarasotapd.org</u>
Animal Services	(941) 861-9500
Code Compliance	(941)954-4125

Neighborhood Watch Coordinators

Sapphire I: (58th Street - 47th Street)

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Barbara Cherry -----941/355-2898 or

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Sapphire III: (Myrtle Street - Indian Beach Drive)

Debbie Muller-----941/355-5743

Coordinator Needed!

Sapphire IV: (Indian Beach Drive - Whitaker Bayou)

Yvonne Lacey -----941/365-7063 or

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Snakes in the Garden

By Natalie Firnhaber

There are four different kinds of snakes that I've seen in my yard/garden. The black racer was the first—a three-foot long all-black snake that eats little rodents and is



harmless. Sometimes we notice each other at the last minute and we both quietly walk or slither away. The glass lizard has the body of a snake but the head of a lizard. It's about 14 inches long and



is thin and a little transparent-looking. It's very fast on the ground; on cement it just can't seem to get a good grip and can be dangerously pokey if an egret is flying overhead and notices this tasty meal trying to get across the sidewalk. Once, I was

talking to my neighbor, standing barefoot in my yard and felt a tickle, looked down and a glass lizard scooted over my foot. I was happy the little guy just considered me part of the terrain. Not so long ago I found a tiny black snake in my



pool, fished it out to save it, and noticed a red ring near its head. It was about 8 inches long, adult size. It's called a red ring snake, only very slightly poisonous, and mostly to little things it wants to eat. Recently I discovered a very tiny snake in the ground when I was digging something up. It was about 6 inches long and



had the girth of an earthworm. it's a Bahamian blind snake, which lives underground. It's even shyer than the little ring snake.

Talie

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENT

PROPERTY INSURANCE

THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY

IBSSA neighbors - join us for an informal Q&A with insurance expert Jeff Hamer, hosted by local Realtor Bev Murray. Get the lowdown on the new flood maps and how to mitigate the spiraling costs of homeowners insurance.

Thursday, January 18th I 6:00pm - 8:00pm 4420 Bay Shore Road, Sarasota, FL 34234

SPACE IS LIMITED!

Please RSVP by Jan. 15th to bev@murraygroupusa.com







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Real Estate Update

Real Estate Update December 10, 2023

Sometimes I refer to previous newsletters for a quick year over year comparison of the Real Estate market.

- Today we have 19 Active Listings. Last year at this time we had 22.
- Today we have 5 Pending Listings. Last year at this time we had 6.
- Since September 1st we've seen 9 Sold Listings. Last year we saw 11 in the same time frame.

This similarity with the prior year is not unusual.

Being an older neighborhood, we have limited inventory for sale at any given time. When properties go on the market it's typically due to someone downsizing, relocating for a job, moving in to assisted living or moving on in more "finite" terms.

Our neighborhood is drawing Buyers from the West Coast (California, Oregon & Washington) and Europe (Germany & Switzerland) in addition to the continued migration of Northerners (Virginia, North Carolina, New York).

A newer development for me this year was meeting several homeowners from Siesta Key and Longboat Key. Let's call them "traffic refugees" complaining about gridlock and the inability to get on or off the keys.

It's not surprising our neighborhood resonates with people from the Village on Longboat or those reminiscing what Siesta Key was like 25 years ago. They appear stunned at the quietness of our streets, the ease of getting out on to University Parkway or into downtown Sarasota.

It's a wakeup call and a reminder we need to be diligent in protecting what we have in Indian Beach/Sapphire Shores. One way you can do this is by joining the Neighborhood Association. This is where we educate ourselves on City Zoning Code and potential changes in density and land use being actively discussed at City Hall.

An early civic mentor of mine said "...you have to show up to make a difference".

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Real Estate Summary June 1, 2023 – August 31, 2023

Status	Address	Square Ft.	Current Price	Beds	Baths	Year Built
ACT	966 32ND ST	470	\$400,000.00	3	2	1925
ACT	974 32ND ST	732	\$400,000.00	2	1	1940
ACT	3842 CHAPEL DR	1,164	\$410,000.00	2	1	1953
ACT	846 42ND ST	1,265	\$435,000.00	2	2	1950
ACT	944 HIGHLAND ST	1,260	\$509,999.00	2	2	2003
ACT	848 MYRTLE ST	1,410	\$544,000.00	3	2	1956
ACT	1011 VIRGINIA DR	1,118	\$575,000.00	2	1	1955
ACT	825 TENNESSEE LN	1,526	\$615,000.00	3	2	1955
ACT	528 45TH ST	1,087	\$759,000.00	3	2.5	1955
ACT	730 40TH ST	1,598	\$775,000.00	4	2	1954
ACT	864 41ST ST	1,332	\$849,000.00	3	2	1953
ACT	4530 GUAVA CT	1,770	\$899,900.00	3	2	1981
ACT	630 CORWOOD DR	1,897	\$969,900.00	3	2	1963
ACT	4810 BAY SHORE RD	2,073	\$1,295,000.00	3	2.5	1951
ACT	904 VIRGINIA DR	1,839	\$1,400,000.00	3	2	1941
ACT	2704 BAY SHORE RD	3,900	\$2,900,000.00	3	3.5	1925
ACT	333 N SHORE DR	1,980	\$3,400,000.00	2	2.5	1963
ACT	337 N SHORE DR	4,839	\$3,975,000.00	5	5.5	1958
ACT	4223 BAY SHORE RD	5,701	\$10,000,000.00	4	5.5	1940
PND	5019 STEVENS DR	1,071	\$415,000.00	2	2	1957
PND	2459 IXORA AVE	1,186	\$599,000.00	3	3	1945
PND	981 CALOOSA DR	1,838	\$775,000.00	3	3	1950
PND	5022 SUN CIR	2,166	\$1,498,000.00	3	3	1950
PND	1030 SYLVAN DR	927	\$1,950,000.00	2	1	1957
SLD	916 PATTERSON DR	2,017	\$250,000.00	3	2	1956
SLD	821 41ST ST	864	\$454,000.00	2	1	1956
SLD	4704 WINCHESTER DR	1,226	\$465,000.00	2	1	1950
SLD	3617 IROQUOIS AVE	1,651	\$500,000.00	3	3	1985
SLD	805 TENNESSEE LN	1,242	\$900,000.00	2	1	1966
SLD	2152 ALAMEDA AVE	1,861	\$990,000.00	4	3	1946
SLD	2850 BAY SHORE RD	3,529	\$1,600,000.00	4	4.5	1957
SLD	612 BELLORA WAY	2,749	\$1,625,000.00	3	2.5	2018
SLD	2040 ALAMEDA AVE	3,993	\$4,750,000.00	5	5.5	2023





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Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale! January 27th 9:00-3:00

IBSSA Board Meetings 7:00 PM January 4, 2024 February 1, 2024 March 7, 2024 In-person at the Light of the World Church

Feb. 29th, 2024: SUBMISSION DEADLINE for March. issue

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