

### NEWSLETTER March 2024 www.ibssa.ws

## **President's Message**



Dear Neighbors,

"Okay, so who is going to be there?" asked one of my colleagues when I walked into the shared office space at my workplace. Hearing this

one-sided conversation on the telephone seemed a bit like listening to a Bob Newhart monologue. I wasn't trying to eavesdrop, but it was hard to ignore what was being said since our desks were right next to each other. From the conversation, I could tell it was a pitch by our company secretary attempting to persuade my office mate to decide about attending a corporate meeting that was going to be held in a few days. There was a long silence. Just as I was about to re-focus on my task at hand, I heard his voice blurt out in an emphatic and slightly frustrated tone, "Yeah, but WHO'S going to be there?!

When we first moved to the neighborhood several years ago, I was delighted to receive a newsletter from the Indian Beach Sapphire Shores Neighborhood Association! I read through the newsletter to get a better idea of what was happening and who was involved in the life of the community. Coming from a town with its own neighborhood association, I knew I wanted to get involved right away. I knew the power of what an organization like this could do. I also knew it would be a good way to get to know my new neighbors. I found the membership form in the newsletter, clipped it out, and sent it in with my check.

Fast forward to 2024, and I am now president of our IBSS Association. It's a task that challenges me nearly every day. You might be surprised by all the ways our organization works to provide activities, be your liaison to the City of Sarasota, and make the quality of life in our neighborhood the best it can be. Your IBSSA board of directors and I are constantly keeping our eyes and ears open for issues that might affect all of us. We would love for you to do the same! Let us know what you think, become a member of the association, and get involved.

Apparently, it really mattered to my colleague, who was going to be at the meeting he was considering attending. Although he didn't tell me exactly, I can just imagine what characteristics he was looking for- people with an interesting perspective, with knowledge and a willingness to share, with the ability to make good decisions and be considerate of different viewpoints, and to be positive and realistic, just to name a few. When people think of our Indian Beach Sapphire Shores neighborhood, I hope they would also have a positive image inspired by the small acts of kindness each of us make every day, so that they too would say, "YES, I want to be there!"

#### Sincerely,

Henry Bausback, *President* Indian Beach Sapphire Shores Association

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## IBSSA Neighborhood Yard Sale a Success!

This year 63 neighbors signed up for the annual yard sale, compared to 31 last year. \$500 were collected in sign-up fees, and so after expenses the neighborhood association realized \$275 in profit that can go into future events. There will also be \$250 in funds from a City Neighborhood grant coming back to the IBSSA to help offset costs associated with printing and signage. Ceci Wooster and her husband Jack created the map and flyer that Jacqueline Crouse (Events Chair) took to neighborhood businesses. Additionally, Jacqueline had large signs made and she put them up at intersections along with helium balloons. She delivered lawn signs and maps to all sellers. It all made for a fantastic sale! Thank you to all!





Jacqueline Crouse, Events Chair, at her post.



Great deals to be found!



Books, housewares, clothes and more!



Richard Parlato displaying some bargains.

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Neighborhood Watch 🔲 Newsletter (secure ads/write articles)
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mail:
Phone:
<sup>nd</sup> Name:
2 <sup>nd</sup> Email:
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give permission to IBSSA to email electronic neighborhood communications.
Yes 🔲 No

If you have any questions about the status of your membership, please contact John Olenski, Treasurer, at (203) 450-2012 or treasurer@ibssa.ws Annual Dues Payment ------\$30.00

Voluntary Contribution(s):

Greenspace \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Doggie Bags \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$

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**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.** 

**NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS:** Neighbors are encouraged to submit articles, pictures, or neighborhood news to be considered for inclusion in the newsletter. To submit items, place an advertisement, or for more information, contact Kate Bloomquist, Editor at (941) 232-5867 or newsletter-editor@ibssa.ws

#### **ADVERTISEMENTS:**

Business Card (3.5" wide x 2" tall) Quarter Page (3.5" wide x 4.25" tall) Banner (7" wide x 2" tall) Half Page (7" wide x 4.25" tall) Back Page Half (7.5" wide x 4" tall)

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## **Ringling College UPdate**

Ringling College grows and glows. Its community outreach is increasingly creative. Having been with the College for six years, Assistant Vice President for Facilities Management, lively Viron Lynch, is pleased with the progress on Ringling's 48-acre campus. "The number of galleries open to the public," Viron noted, "have grown to eight. Their shows include works of students, faculty and alumni as well as visiting artists." During these exhibits, community members can attend artist talks and faculty lectures at no charge.

"The Morganroth Auditorium," Viron added, "has many lectures open to the community. And there is a public Art Walk on campus once a month." In addition, neighborhood residents can benefit from the College's new library to some extent. Some workshops and seminars are accessible on the first floor and "area alumni can use the library on weekdays."

Further, Ringling's Town Hall Lecture Series hosts five "internationally acclaimed speakers" annually. A ticketed series, the presenters cover not only the arts but politics, business and entertainment as well.

One of the newer attractions, under Viron's purview, is the College's Sarasota Art Museum. "The Museum opened five years ago," Viron stated, "and is three miles to our South. Besides the exhibits and installations in the galleries, there are studio classes for people of all ages."

One of the more innovative offerings at the Museum is "10X10X10". In this ticketed series, ten creative people present ten slides in ten minutes each.

Also housed at The Museum is the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). Offering non-credit educational programs, OLLI has two signature programs. They are CONNECTIONS: a documentary film series, and Listening to Women.

Heading back North, Ringling acquired The Trail Plaza with no immediate plan for development. While the College uses some buildings for storage, the current anchor is Amscot ("The Super Money Store"). There is also the N.Y. Beauty Supply. The third tenant is Bacres. This "European Artisan Deli" features items such as goulash, pierogies and stews along with cheesecakes and pies.

Most importantly, the College's current \$175 million campaign will highlight "the new signature building ...that will serve as a creative beacon for the community." Expected to take about four years to complete, this four-story building will house a welcome center and The Basch Gallery on the first floor. The next three stories will hold teaching spaces for animation and other high-tech fields.

Significant scholarship support and faculty endowments are other priorities. Called The Catalyst for Creativity, the College's ambitious campaign has a "\$33 million goal to support community programming". Yes, indeed!

Mack Goode, Chippewa Place



## **Remembering Frank** Zimmerman

Frank Zimmerman passed away on Sunday February 25th. He and his wife Anita had lived on North Shore Drive since 1994. Last year they made the move to the Sarasota Bay Club. Frank was a bit reluctant to leave the home he and Anita loved so much but they both felt it was time to downsize. Frank was very involved in our community and served as IBSSA Treasurer for some years. He and Anita also supported New College, the Boys and Girls Club, Asolo Theater, Florida Studio Theater, and the Ringling Museum. Born in North Dakota and a transplant from Michigan, Frank adapted to the Florida lifestyle quite well. He always had so many kayaks he needed a trailer to pull them around to various launch sites.



David Jennings

## Hi Neighbors! I have references in our neighborhood.

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Wendy Kaneko sang some of her originals, one of several jammers. Bill Eno provided great guitar fills!



These folks who left Longboat Key for our neighborhood won tickets to Discover SRQ Tours!



These happy folks got a gift card to Mama G's.



Lucky winner of Plant Witchery donated by the owners of Shelf Indulgence Used Bookstore and Cafe.

## **IBSSA Spring Social Neighbors having fun and making friends!**



Thanks to Carley Dufficy from Sarasota County Mosquito Management Services.



Winner of the doggie costume contest. Fanny pack donated by North Trail Liquors.



Lucky winner of a cool shirt and \$10 gift card to The Mable.



Happy recipients of a gift card from RONC's Donuts.



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The winners of the Cornhole Contest got a gift certificate from Shelf Indulgence Used Bookstore and Cafe.



Happy to be winner of a koozie and free pass to Smugglers Cove Adventure Golf.

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Second place in Doggie Costume Contest. \$15 gift certificate from D'Hero's Pet Services.



Happy recipient of a gift card to Mama G's.



"Mom, when can I go to the Sarasota Ballet for lessons?"

## **Neighborhood Watch News: Debbie Muller**

Hope this year is off to a wonderful start for all of our neighbors and continues to be great throughout 2024. As we begin our 41st year as diligent participants in Neighborhood Watch much appreciation goes to each and every caring resident of IBSS. Vigilance at all times and putting into practice "concern, awareness and communication" are the main reasons we have had any success in helping to keep our precious families, beautiful neighborhood and lovely Sarasota safe.

With the rapid changes occurring within our city many old, well-established neighborhoods are becoming part of, or replaced by, a highly transient community. This trend often promotes unfamiliarity among neighbors and sometimes corresponding opportunities for the criminal element, increasing the community's vulnerability to crime.

We are very fortunate that our residents "See It, Hear It, Report It" whenever and wherever criminal or suspicious activity is observed. Remember that our call could stop a criminal act, prevent an injury or save a life. Our neighbors are the best!

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 (941) 316-1199 or (941) 316-1201 or 911
- Inform your Watch Coordinators and Alert your neighbors

Please Don't Speed! 15 mph in school zones 25 mph throughout neighborhood

IBSS Crime Report 2023	Jan 1 –	Dec.31
(Approximate Totals)	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Burglary /Structure	11	9
Burglary/Vehicle	26	23
Motor Vehicle Theft	5	12
Robbery	1	0

#### \*Secure valuables outside in your garage or carport!

– <u>Dec.31</u>
<u>2022</u>
160
196
149
44

#### HELPFUL NUMBERS

#### Sarasota Police Department:

Non-Emergency(941)	316-1199 or (941) 316-1201
SPD Front Desk	(941) 263-6025
Chief Rex Troche	(941) 263-6001
	rex.troche@sarasotafl.gov
Deputy Chief Scott Mayforth	(941) 263-6006
<u>S</u>	cott.mayforth@sarasotafl.gov
SPD Directory of Personnel Divis	sions & Units (941) 263-6773
SPD Website	<u>www.sarasotapd.org</u>
Crime Stoppers	(941) 366-TIPS (8477)
Animal Services	(941) 861-9500
Code Compliance	(941)954-4125

#### **Neighborhood Watch Coordinators**

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

Debbie Muller	 (941) 355-5743

Sapphire II: (47th Street - Myrtle Street)

Barbara Cherry	(941)	355-2898
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#### Sapphire III: (Myrtle Street - Indian Beach Drive)

Debbie Muller	(941)	<mark>355-5743</mark>
Coordinator Needed!		

Sapphire IV: (Indian Beach Drive - Whitaker Bayou)

Yvonne Lacey......(941) 365-7063

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## Upcoming Events and Odds n' Ends

### Save The Dates: Monthly Events!

Saturday, April 27th, 8:30 a.m. Walk with your neighbors to Mama G's German Bakery on New College Campus for breakfast (no worries, you will walk off any calories consumed)! Meet at the dog water fountain in Sapphire Shores Park at 8:30 a.m. and walk together to get a delicious Egg Frittata, Croissant, or sweet treat, and coffee.

Saturday May 11th, 6:45 p.m. Meet at Bacres European Artisan Deli (3333 N. Tamiami Trail Plaza Unit 100) for dinner with your neighbors. You can order off the menu as you wish. RSVP to jacquelinecrouse@gmail.com by noon Wed. 5/8/24 so we can reserve your seat.

Wednesday June 12th, 7:15 TEAM IBSSA's TRIVIA competition at **The Mabel**. Please arrive no later than 7:15 as the contest starts at 7:30 and is VERY popular. We are a highly intelligent community. Come out and help our team win the CASH PRIZES!

**Sunday, November 2nd** If you enjoyed the Spring Social, be sure to plan on attending our "Fall Picnic in the Park"!

















#### Placement of Trash/Recycling Containers



Trash and recycling containers shall not be placed at the curb or roadside any earlier than 5:00 p.m. of the day prior to regularly scheduled collection. All emptied containers shall be

returned to proper storage on the premises of the owner no later than 8:00 a.m. on the day following the day of regularly scheduled collection. Trash and recycling containers shall be stored between collection days in side or rear yards and not front yards. Front yard shall mean the yard area extending from the front facade of any building on the zoning lot to the street, or a minimum distance of twenty (20) feet from the street, whichever is greater. (Section 16-34)



Free jewelry cleaning to IBSSA Members! Thank you, Jeremy Thayer, neighbor and owner of Thayer Jewelers.

Many thanks to these local businesses that supported our Spring Social!











## Early 2024 Real Estate **Updates**

It looks like 'season' is here again and Sarasota is booming with snowbirds and vacationers! With Spring around the corner and visitors from near and far, it has been a busy couple months for the Hayden Team. We have been listing, selling and showing homes in the neighborhood at a steadier pace compared to this time last year, which is exciting and promising. After a colder winter, it's great to see the housing market heat up again.

Mortgage rates remain steady, just below 7%, but many experts are predicting rates could be closer to 6% by the end of 2024.\* What happens next remains to be seen but it will be interesting to see how it plays out and the effects on the housing market. Below are some highlights of what we're seeing in the neighborhood:

- Listing prices range from \$350K to \$8.1M
- There's a pending sale at 4223 Bay Shore Road for \$10M! This is great for the neighborhood, and as seen above, the wide range means there's a home for everyone in IBSS.

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- In January 2024, homes in IBSS sold in 75 days, on average, compared to 50 days a year ago.\*\*
- The average home sells for about 5% below list price.\*\*\*

What does this mean? The market remains strong in Sarasota, but the intense growth seen after the pandemic has waned, meaning buyers need more patience when selling their homes. We don't believe this is a downturn as Sarasota continues to be a popular destination for second-home seekers and those looking to relocate from colder climates and areas with higher costs of living.

\*Mortgage Rates Forecast For 2024: When Will Rates Finally Come Down? - Forbes Advisor

\*\*Indian Beach-Sapphire Shores, Sarasota Housing Market: House Prices & Trends | Redfin

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# YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD TEAM



4931 BAY SHORE DRIVE SOLD IN 3 DAYS - \$2,100,000



**847 MYRTLE STREET** OFFERED FOR \$689,000



4103 TURKS CAP PLACE SOLD - \$665.000



**3016 BAYSHORE CIRCLE** OFFERED FOR \$699.000 Bret Lageson





984 INDIAN BEACH DRIVE SOLD - \$610,000



1057 22ND STREET OFFERED FOR \$599,000





4845 WINCHESTER DRIVE PENDING SALE - \$899,000



## Real Estate Summary December 1, 2023 - February 29, 2024

Status	Address	Current Price	Square Feet	Beds	Baths	Year Built
ACT	928 HIGHLAND ST	\$350,000.00	1,232	3	3	1950
ACT	966 32ND ST	\$350,000.00	470	3	2	1925
ACT	974 32ND ST	\$350,000.00	732	2	1	1940
ACT	1031 INDIAN BEACH DR	\$449,000.00	1,016	2	1	1945
ACT	2236 IXORA AVE	\$489,000.00	1,138	2	2	1950
ACT	1011 VIRGINIA DR	\$510,000.00	1,118	2	1	1955
ACT	1057 22ND ST	\$599,000.00	1,525	3	2	1952
ACT	847 MYRTLE ST	\$689,000.00	1,716	4	2	1948
ACT	3016 BAY SHORE CIR	\$699,000.00	1,350	2	2	1956
ACT	738 CORWOOD DR	\$737,500.00	1,798	3	2	1968
ACT	626 46TH ST	\$739,500.00	1,351	2	2	1973
ACT	5246 BAY SHORE RD	\$749,000.00	2,005	3	3	1960
ACT	730 40TH ST	\$749,999.00	1,598	4	2	1954
ACT	4050 TURKS CAP PL	\$799,000.00	2,038	3	2	1955
ACT	864 41ST ST	\$849,000.00	1,332	3	2	1953
ACT	4530 GUAVA CT	\$850,000.00	1,770	3	2	1981
ACT	815 PATTERSON DR	\$900,000.00	1,584	3	1	1952
ACT	3834 IROQUOIS AVE	\$1,340,000.00	1,957	3	2	2022
ACT	5102 WINCHESTER DR	\$2,250,000.00	3,076	3	3	2008
ACT	567 BELLORA WAY	\$2,500,000.00	2,933	3	3	2020
ACT	456 ACACIA DR	\$2,995,000.00	3,816	3	5	2025
ACT	4526 BAY SHORE RD	\$4.350.000.00	3,838	4	4	2023
ACT	0 BAY SHORE RD	\$4,500,000.00	3,410	4	4	2025
ACT	418 ACACIA DR	\$5,995,000.00	3,433	3	3	2024
ACT	4311 BAY SHORE RD	\$6,250,000.00	5,033	4	5	1925
ACT	309 RINGLING POINT DR	\$8,190,000.00	7,009	5	3	1999
PND	3842 CHAPEL DR	\$390,000.00	1,164	2	1	1953
PND	846 42ND ST	\$415,000.00	1,265	2	2	1950
PND	944 HIGHLAND ST	\$489,000.00	1,260	2	2	2003
PND	984 INDIAN BEACH DR	\$635,000.00	1,625	2	2	1941
PND	4103 TURKS CAP PL	\$685,000.00	1,828	3	2	1948
PND	4845 WINCHESTER DR	\$899,900.00	2,261	3	2	1949
PND	924 INDIAN BEACH DR	\$2,200,000.00	2,974	4	2	1998
PND	2704 BAY SHORE RD	\$2,900,000.00	3,900	3	3	1925
PND	4223 BAY SHORE RD	\$10,000,000.00	5,701	4	5	1940
SLD	5019 STEVENS DR	\$390,000.00	1,071	2	2	1957
SLD	845 32ND ST	\$515,000.00	1,289	2	2	1971
SLD	848 MYRTLE ST	\$535,000.00	1,410	3	2	1956
SLD	2459 IXORA AVE	\$550,000.00	1,186	3	3	1945
SLD	825 TENNESSEE LN	\$615,000.00	1,526	3	2	1955
SLD	981 CALOOSA DR	\$749,000.00	1,838	3	3	1950
SLD	437 SAPPHIRE DR	\$998,900.00	1,614	2	2	1955
SLD	4810 BAY SHORE RD	\$1,200,000.00	2,073	3	2	1951
SLD	904 VIRGINIA DR	\$1,200,000.00	1,839	3	2	1941
SLD	5022 SUN CIR	\$1,300,000.00	2,166	3	3	1950
SLD	2850 BAY SHORE RD	\$1,600,000.00	3,529	4	4	1957
SLD	1030 SYLVAN DR	\$1,715,000.00	927	2	1	1957
SLD	4931 BAY SHORE RD	\$2,100,000.00	3,023	4	3	1952







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## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

<u>IBSSA Board Meetings 7:00 PM</u> April 4, 2024 May 2, 2024 June 6, 2024 In-person at Light of the World Church

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE** for June issue: May 31, 2024

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