

President's Message



Hello Neighbors!

People who know me well know that I enjoy working in my yard on the weekends. You might even call yard work a hobby of mine. I'm not sure you can really call it gardening, though I have referred to it as that at times.

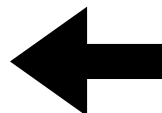
I tend to think of a gardener as someone who plants something with intention and has a whole lot more skill. I think I fall in the category of maintaining things mostly.

My wife and I were fortunate enough to inherit a lovely landscaped property when we purchased our IBSS home several years ago. I've learned that in Florida plants either die right away or they grow like crazy and seem indestructible! One thing is for sure, what we started out with years ago is not what we have now. When I look back at old photos I see the transformation of before and after, and it amazes me. It certainly convinces me of what some have called yard work- "slow performance art." I have often just referred to it as cheap therapy!

It turns out I am not alone in that thinking. Last month the Associated Press published an article titled "Gardening's hidden benefits: How digging in the dirt could bolster mental well-being." According to researchers, being actively involved in the process of gardening is far better mentally and emotionally than just being outside.

I would propose that gardening and helping others brings an even deeper dimension to the satisfaction and sense of purpose the activity provides. If you would like the opportunity to try your hand at communal gardening, I have good news! Our IBSSA Greenspace Chair Lindsey Jennings has some great plans for our Greenway and could use your help. Simply sign up to volunteer for Greenspace when you renew your membership, contact Lindsey or any board member personally, and/or make a financial contribution to our IBSSA Greenspace fund. It's bound to be a whole lot cheaper than your psychiatrist!

Sincerely, *Henry Bausback, President, IBSSA*



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Neighborhood Watch News

The well-being of one's family is precious and priceless but not promised or assured. While we hope for, strive for and are grateful for good health and happiness, we must realize that maintaining safety and security contributes to our overall well-being. Preventing crime is a good first step in keeping families, neighborhoods and communities safe.

Residents of Indian Beach Sapphire Shores are truly devoted to achieving this important goal. Concerned, vigilant and caring neighbors are ever watchful and ready to stop law-breakers in their tracks. Immediately calling the police to report criminal and suspicious situations, alerting your neighbors and informing your Neighborhood Watch Coordinator assists in getting information out about what is happening more quickly throughout the area. We are our own best defense against criminals. Thanks to thoughtful neighbors, we live in a wonderful neighborhood.

As we welcome the fun festivities of fall and the holiday season, take care, be aware and don't hesitate to See It, Hear It, Report It!

Thank you, neighbors, *Debbie Muller*

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
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IBSS Crime Report

Jan. 1 — Aug. 31

(Approximate Totals)	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Burglary /Structure	7	3
Burglary/Vehicle	6	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	0
Robbery	1	0

Citywide Crime Statistics

Jan. 1 — Aug. 31

(Approximate totals)	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Burglary /Structure	73	104
Burglary/Vehicle	105	102
Motor Vehicle Theft	76	78
Robbery	25	34

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SPD Website.....www.sarasotapd.org

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Animal Services.....(941) 861-9500

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☐ Beautification/Greenspace ☐ Membership ☐ Picnic/Events

☐ Neighborhood Watch ☐ Newsletter (secure ads/write articles)

Name: _____

Email: _____

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2nd Name: _____

2nd Email: _____

2nd Phone: _____

IBSS Address: _____

Membership Year: _____

I give permission to IBSSA to email electronic neighborhood communications.

☐ Yes ☐ No

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November 30: DEADLINE for December issue

Meet Lindsey Jennings, Greenspace Chair

I was born and raised in the IBSS neighborhood. My work weaves together art and caring for the land and community, whether through creating documentaries and art films, hosting mindful events or tending to my own urban homestead.



I studied at Ringling College of Art and Design and then at New College of Florida, where I spent countless hours in the campus garden and food forest learning about permaculture, native habitat and the art of caring for the land and waterways.

At New College I worked to protect and preserve our green spaces—from native habitats to community gardens. I saw the deep importance of having an engaged community and how important education and interaction are in these spaces.

This year, I am beginning work on an edible garden for the IBSSA Greenway Gardens, working alongside Jack Wooster's beautiful additions to expand our native pollinator gardens. These projects positively beautify an underutilized section of the neighborhood.

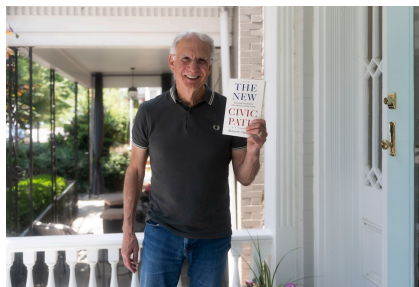
Serving as Greenspace Chair will be a way I bring my lifelong love for my home into service, connect with neighbors, steward the land and celebrate the beauty of the green spaces that make our community so unique. I invite you to explore all of our Greenspaces in the IBSS neighborhood.

Join The Patterson Foundation's: The New Civic Path Book Circles

The Patterson Foundation is facilitating book circles throughout Sarasota that readers in IBSS may be interested in learning about.

A free copy of Rich Harwood's newest book, "The New Civic Path," will be provided along with a bookmark to each participant. And each book circle that meets three or more times before the end of October will be awarded \$300 by The Patterson Foundation to donate to a regional nonprofit of their choice on The Giving Partner. Copy this address into your browser to go to the

Patterson Foundation website. Information can be found there to join the book circle. thepattersonfoundation.org



Restored cul-de-sac on South Shore Drive

Multiple vehicles involved in renovation/construction on our street destroyed plants and more in the circle in the cul-de-sac at the end of South Shore Drive. We spent \$3,500 on irrigating and installing plants and trees. We continue to irrigate the circle from our well. We put rocks in key locations so big trucks would not run over the vegetation as they have in the past. Hopefully this will inspire others in IBSS to contribute to the beautification of our neighborhood.

Paul J. Gilroy, Ph.D., South Shore Drive

(We, the IBSSA Board, thank Paul and his family for their generous contribution to our neighborhood.)



Update on Ringling Museum via Steven High

After directing four museums nationwide, Steven High became executive director of Ringling Museum in 2011. While leading the Nevada Museum of Art, the Museum received the National Award for Museum Service. Ready to oversee another "three to four years at Ringling", Steven is pleased with the exhibitions and programs scheduled for that period.

(Steven High, cont. on next page)



Looking back to high school in Idaho is where he met his wife, Lisa Lee (a former editor of this colorful newsletter). And he remembered that his parents encouraged him to pursue his higher education anywhere. That's why he chose Antioch College (in Ohio) which supplemented liberal arts courses with numerous internships.

After graduating from Antioch, High was an assistant research curator at The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. Then he was

an assistant curator at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston. He completed his graduate studies in Art History at Williams College. As Executive Director here, his mission is to serve the institution's future "through funding, programming and continued relevance". So, sustaining a creative balance between the Museum's traditional offerings and his focus on contemporary art is stimulating growth.

Years ago, in my interview in this publication with Mark Ormond, a former Ringling curator, Ormond credited "Steven with opening the Chao Center for Asian Art, the Kottler/Coville Glass Pavilion and the Monda Gallery for Contemporary Art." Plus, Mark cited the Museum's "excellent library" as another asset available to the public. Scholarly Steven proclaimed that the library houses hundreds of art-related magazines, encyclopedias and many rare books. Plus, Ringling is part of a major consortium of research libraries that provide access to an abundance of information on art from around the world.

Meantime, family programs have increased and include art-making on select Saturdays. Special events abound all year round, culminating in holiday happenings in the always ornate Ca' d'Zan Mansion. And, uniquely among area institutions, the Ringling is OPEN FOR FREE ON MONDAYS. This community incentive features access to Mabel Ringling's vibrant gardens and The Museum of Art.

The relationship with Florida State University assures ongoing maintenance of the basic facilities. The State also provides funds for repair and restoration following hurricane damages. While the museum's own permanent collections – historic and modern – are always on view, there is an objective to stay current. One example of an innovative offering is HAT. Aimed at an avant garde audience, HAT (in the historic Asolo Theater) features a diversified set of unusual performers.

Over his remarkable Ringling tenure, Steven has traveled often for business and pleasure. Besides

attending museum conferences, he also visits places like Greenville, South Carolina which is a growing art magnet or Monte Carlo for the annual circus competition.

As the Museum has expanded in almost all areas, a recent fundraising campaign exceeded its goal of \$100 million. One objective was to increase the Ringling's permanent endowment which adds security for ongoing operations. Another goal was to better serve the Museum's 18,000 members and hundreds of thousands of visitors.

Seeing that the Museum is on solid ground, Steven expects to take it to its HIGHEST peak ever.

Mackarness Goode, Chippewa Place

Look What They Dun to my Plums, Ma!



We've had a few Java Plum trees in our backyard for 30 years. They seem to grow as fast as bamboo, provide great shade and occasionally get butchered by FPL tree contractors. They are native to India and were brought to Florida when a lot of agricultural experimentation was happening in the late 1800's.

The problem **has been** the plums that drop every summer. What a mess! You can see them on neighborhood streets where Javas make up part of the canopy. A gooey purple splotch big enough to wipe out a bicycle! It has been a Love/Hate relationship all these years. Love the shade. Hate purple stains on shorts when I don't wipe off an Adirondack before sitting down.

A Love/Hate relationship **until now**.

Inspired by my daughter's growing interest in gardening and food forests, we did a little research. Turns out the "Jamun" fruit (Indian Blackberry) is an antioxidant and good source of Vitamin C. They taste wonderful and are often found in Indian cuisine.



It wasn't hard to find a Jamun Jam Recipe online and I ate all three jars we made! It was perfect drizzled on morning oatmeal. Now, I can hardly wait until next summer when the fruit comes back, and we

can set up a real Jammin' Jamun Jam Production.

David Jennings, Woodland Drive

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ACT	835 INDIANA LN	\$475,000.00	1,373	\$345.96	3	2
ACT	4120 SARASOTA AVE	\$539,900.00	1,386	\$389.54	3	2
ACT	4801 SARASOTA AVE	\$560,000.00	1,492	\$375.34	2	2
ACT	4616 LEETA LN	\$565,000.00	1,581	\$357.37	3	2
ACT	2850 BON AIR AVE	\$575,000.00	2,199	\$261.48	3	2
ACT	3312 BAY SHORE RD	\$575,000.00	960	\$598.96	2	1
ACT	831 40TH ST	\$599,000.00	1,476	\$405.83	2	2
ACT	626 46TH ST	\$629,500.00	1,351	\$465.95	2	2
ACT	528 45TH ST	\$649,000.00	1,637	\$396.46	3	2
ACT	2207 HICKORY AVE	\$649,999.00	1,723	\$377.25	3	2
ACT	1039 23RD ST	\$674,999.00	1,513	\$446.13	3	2
ACT	5201 STEVENS DR	\$675,000.00	2,016	\$334.82	4	2
ACT	1051 INDIAN BEACH DR	\$675,000.00	1,300	\$519.23	3	2
ACT	3734 IROQUOIS AVE	\$689,000.00	1,659	\$415.31	3	2
ACT	730 40TH ST	\$750,000.00	1,598	\$469.34	4	3
ACT	913 TENNESSEE LN	\$899,913.00	1,082	\$831.71	2	1
ACT	2814 W TAMIAMI CIR	\$1,000,000.00	1,997	\$500.75	3	2
ACT	734 INDIAN BEACH CIR	\$1,350,000.00	2,160	\$625.00	3	3
ACT	455 ACACIA DR	\$1,395,000.00	1,994	\$699.60	3	2
ACT	457 WOODLAND DR	\$1,490,000.00	2,593	\$574.62	3	2
ACT	904 VIRGINIA DR	\$1,499,000.00	1,920	\$780.73	3	3
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ACT	587 47TH ST	\$2,500,000.00	2,939	\$850.63	3	3
ACT	377 S SHORE DR	\$2,750,000.00	1,943	\$1,415.34	3	2
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ACT	4014 BAY SHORE RD	\$3,600,000.00	3,410	\$1,055.72	4	4
ACT	3931 BAY SHORE RD	\$3,900,000.00	3,012	\$1,294.82	4	3
ACT	3301 BAY SHORE RD	\$3,995,000.00	2,703	\$1,477.99	3	3
ACT	620 INDIAN BEACH LN	\$4,250,000.00	7,248	\$586.37	5	5
ACT	404 S SHORE DR	\$4,290,000.00	5,270	\$814.04	5	6
ACT	309 RINGLING POINT DR	\$5,995,000.00	6,918	\$866.58	5	3
ACT	4423 BAY SHORE RD	\$10,900,000.00	7,615	\$1,431.39	5	5
ACT	4123 BAY SHORE RD	\$15,000,000.00	5,117	\$2,931.41	5	6
PND	809 40TH ST	\$375,000.00	1,050	\$357.14	2	1
PND	3004 BAY SHORE CIR	\$525,000.00	1,604	\$327.31	2	2
SLD	5012 EASTCHESTER DR	\$425,000.00	2,071	\$239.93	3	2
SLD	4817 SARASOTA AVE	\$430,000.00	1,352	\$324.70	3	2
SLD	4704 WINCHESTER DR	\$494,000.00	1,226	\$406.20	2	1
SLD	4857 STEVENS DR	\$635,000.00	1,767	\$382.00	2	2
SLD	3001 BAY SHORE CIR	\$650,000.00	2,067	\$342.04	2	2
SLD	426 S SHORE DR	\$867,500.00	1,858	\$500.54	3	2
SLD	577 CORWOOD DR	\$916,300.00	2,450	\$424.08	4	2
SLD	494 SAPPHIRE DR	\$1,150,000.00	1,674	\$716.85	3	2
SLD	4521 BAY SHORE RD	\$3,250,000.00	3,801	\$920.81	4	4

Real Estate Summary

The data shows a rather stable IBSS market. Since our last newsletter 8 properties have been sold and 3 are pending a sale. Active listings are up a bit with 36 homes available – compared to 26 last year. Our neighborhood continues to (slightly) outperform the wider market in Sarasota/Manatee and I believe it is because people tend to choose our neighborhood **and then** they find a home.

This is a little different than a place like Lakewood Ranch or Wellen Park where buyers have dozens of similar homes to choose from and builders provide incentives to keep sales moving. However, even in our neighborhood buyers are still in control and sellers will have to accommodate to a certain degree. Price and quality are always key to getting a property sold.

Hurricane Helene was 12 months ago. One of three storms impacting our neighborhood – this one was the “surge event”. The Helene surge impacted more of our homes than Milton, the wind event. In the last year there have been 18 demolition permits applied for in our neighborhood. Many of these are waterfront homes which suffered more damage than can be repaired. Most of them have not been torn down yet so be prepared for more change in coming months.

This will continue to drive new construction along Alameda, Bay Shore Road and in Sapphire Shores. Homes will be elevated above flood elevation. They will be bigger, and they will be significantly more expensive. But they will also be “storm hardened” and more resilient against future weather events.

The dynamic of ranches and bungalows slowly being replaced by more modern, elevated houses is changing the neighborhood aesthetic, making the old classic homes more special.

This will highlight the importance of finding ways to save historic structures and appreciate “living on grade” to maintain the “vibe” we all chose when deciding to live here – **before** we found a house to call our own.

David Jennings

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