

P R E S I D E N T ' S N O T E

I'd like to update you on the success our web site (www.rockscivicasn.org) and to offer our thanks and appreciation to Allan Silberman, who came to the board with an idea of a vendor list and brought it into reality. The two are tied together, because the only logical way we could keep the list fresh with new recommended vendors and disseminate that list to you was to create a web site and make it interactive and accessible. To date we have received over 1300 clicks on our web site and we are pleased with that result. Remember to go on line to find a new vendor, to suggest a vendor or click on contact us and give us your thoughts and opinions.

Because we have historically asked our members for a one time financial contribution, the board felt it was important to make the web site self-sufficient. So, to pay for the internet hosting and updates, we asked a limited number of businesses to advertise by our linking to their web sites or email for \$150/yr. We set a goal of 6 and our sponsors are tastefully displayed across the top of our home page. Take a minute to thank these sponsors: Doc Ford's Sanibel Rum Bar & Grill, Sanibel Island Fitness Center, Marge Meek of Rosier Insurance, Storm Smart Industries, Patti Farst, realtor and 'Tween Waters Inn – Captiva.

This year we are sending this newsletter to more than 90 members via email, saving us time and money. In the back you will find a form to keep your information accurate and with more emails, we can become even more efficient. Also, the newsletter will be posted on our web site, so you can always find out all the general information there as well.

Happily I can report that this has been a quiet year. We continue to monitor city council meetings and will mobilize our energy should a situation arise that affects our area. From the West Wind Inn to the west end of West Gulf Drive, and all roads that feed into our area, our charter is to preserve our area and to represent the homeowners individually or collectively. We continue to follow-up on the improvements to the bicycle path behind Rabbit Road and hope that more people will use it instead of the street when that repair is completed. An issue that will gain attention in

the next year is the City looking at aging non-conforming resorts and inns. Since we have 3 along West Gulf we are very interested in the direction that discussion takes.

Your board is here for you should you need assistance or need to talk over an issue that concerns our area. Please contact any one of us and let's help each other. That's what a neighborhood association is all about.



Marge Meek,
President

**HELP US RETAIN ACCURATE INFORMATION ABOUT YOU
&
COMMUNICATE WITH YOU BY E-MAIL**

____ Please add my email address to The Sanibel Rocks Civic Association's mailing list so that in the future I can receive the Association's annual newsletter and other bulletins via email.

My email address is _____

____ I have no email and need to receive communication by mail.

If there are any changes to the mailing address above, indicate those changes here.

Name _____

Telephone number _____

Send this to The Sanibel Rocks Civic Association, P.O. Box 281, Sanibel, FL 33957

OR

Fax this form to 239-472-4035

OR

E-mail your information to rocksassn@aol.com

I understand that my information will not be sold, distributed or used for any other purpose other than for communications to and from The Sanibel Rocks Civic Ass'n. and its members.

**ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE ASSOCIATION**

Friday, April 4, 2008

St. Michaels and All Angel's Episcopal
Church Meeting Room

Light lunch at 12:00 noon

Short Business Meeting at 12:30

Followed by the Guest Speakers:

Mayor Mick Denham

City Council

City of Sanibel

&

Dee Serage-Century

Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation

Gator Tales

&

Rusty Farst

The Rocks Civic Ass'n Board Member

Video of the Green Team

*All members are invited
Come meet your neighbors*

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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- Louise Johnson**
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3784 Coquina Dr 472-6803

At the annual meeting the nominating committee will present Demo Scutakes, 713 Durion Ct and Sandy Tannenbaum, 3806 Coquina Dr and for a two year director position

Any member is welcome to attend board meetings which are held at 1:30 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from October through April at the Sanibel Captiva Community Bank

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

Barbara Bolt, Joe Paonessa and Kara Cuscaden

BRAZILIAN PEPPER REMOVAL

The City of Sanibel is diligently working with all property owners to get our island free of the pest plant Brazilian Pepper. Our zone is the next in line for eradication of this plant species. Most of us know this pesky plant personally, and if you don't, you soon will. City vegetation inspectors look from our roadways and can spot this plant from across our yards, and if they see it, a letter will soon be in your mailbox. This letter will inform you of your 1 year voluntary allotted time to remove it, with a 20% return of cost by the city of Sanibel. After the 1 year window you will receive another letter with more urgency. Let's all become proactive in removing this noxious invader. Sanibel's wildlife will be more productive and our native plants will thank us for the space to grow.

ALLIGATOR STUDY ANTICIPATED

Last year, the University of Florida in partnership with J.N."Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge, the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation and the United States Geological Survey initiated a study into the abundance and distribution of alligators on Sanibel Island. The purpose of this project was to provide a scientific basis for managing alligators on Sanibel with the joint goals of insuring public safety and conserving ecological integrity. This has been completed and the FGSU has the information and will soon publish it.

VENDOR LIST UPDATE

Last year the Rocks Civic Association established a Vendors List of recommended tradespeople to work in and around our homes. The list is composed of written evaluations collected from members of the Association and is available on line at the Association's web page www.rockscivicassn.org and then clicking on "Vendor's List". Lawn care, painters, plumbers, electricians and pool maintenance personnel are among the more than dozen trades listed on web site. We anticipate updating the list annually, so please add your recommendations to the list to increase and expand its usefulness to the members of the Rocks Civic Association. There is a form available right on the web site for your use or you can call Allan Silberman, 472-5317 and he will help you keep our list current and useful.

INFORMATION TABLE ON REDUCING NUTRIENT POLLUTION

One of our Rocks members and a volunteer with the City of Sanibel, Barbara Bolt will be available for questions and will have informational material available at our annual meeting. Due to the increasing nutrient concentrations in the waters surrounding our islands, massive algae blooms have blanketed our beaches and deteriorated our water quality. The City of Sanibel is committed to reducing nutrient pollution in our waters as proven by Sanibel's fertilizer ordinance. Learn more about simple ways we can reduce nutrient pollution.

RECOMMENDED VENDOR LIST

Here is the current list of recommended vendors from you, our members, who said you were satisfied with the work performed and would use these vendors again. For a more complete review of these vendors, visit our web site at www.rockscivicassn.org and be sure to add your own preferred suppliers. We all know how popular these lists have become in other cities; let's help our excellent workers get their names out as well.

Painters

- Phil Finnel 472-4120
Lee Almas 472-5522
Moulaisons 693-0698
D/B/A Color Concept 242-2656
John Grey Painting 463-6973
Wayne Graves 994-6094
Barefoot Charley's 395-3928
The Paint Co 472-8844

Electricians

- Molnar Electric 472-1841
John Marshall 472-0175
Lee Almas 472-5522
Frank Cole 565-7887
Home Tech 433-3344

Plumbers

- Nave Plumbing 472-1101
Lee Almas 472-5522
Frank Cole 565-7887
Royal Flush 565-6526
Home Tech 433-3344
Sweetwater Plumbing 472-4329
Panther Plumbing 472-0113

Lawncare/Cutting

- D.R. Irwin 472-3642
McLaughlin's Service 267-2847
Vides Lawn Service 770-5178
Michael Rembrandt 472-2662
Earthcare 472-3440
Lewis Phillip 910-1875
Luis Pagan 470-3570
Rusty Farst 472-6803

Wallpaper Installers

- Lee Almas 472-5522
Michael Simon 466-9271

Landscaping Service

- D.R. Irwin 472-3642
Rusty Farst 472-6803
Vides Lawn Service 770-5178
Wilson Ldsg 395-2625
Tree West 910-3256
Earthcare 472-3440
Earthgraphics 472-2229
T & S Landscaping 348-0274
Dickey Bros 936-5833

Pool Maintenance

- Island Condo 472-4505
Bob Taylor 292-3321
Deep End Pool 463-0330
Steve Liese Pool Svc 292-9523
Scott Splashman 267-2500

Window Glass Repair/Cleaning

- Sanibel Glass 472-5318
San-Cap Cleaning 472-4400
Tim Macko 395-0305
Absolute Pressure 472-2020
A-Rite Glass 275-3757

Handyman Services

- John Dickerson 482-6756
James Greim 560-3235
Lee Almas 472-5522
Frank Cole 565-7887
Chip Gelpi 850-3597
Jack David 279-8701
Philip Klaren 980-2192

Air Conditioning Service

- Sanibel Air Conditioning 472-3033
Island Aire 472-1260
Jerry Carroll 267-6469
Marby Brothers 482-1122
Coastal Cooling 432-9833
Home Tech 433-3344
Gulf Coast Cooling 768-2665