

# Sorrento South

## Newsletter

### SORRENTO SOUTH DIRECTORY

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In case you're asking yourself why we sent your newsletter by snail mail instead of email, it's because it includes the annual directory of Sorrento South property owners. We remind you that the directory is distributed once a year as a

convenience to our residents, and that it is not to be used for solicitation purposes or shared with others outside the community. The information is the latest you have provided the Association; if something has changed, or you spot a typo, please notify Debe Van Pelt at [debe@comcast.net](mailto:debe@comcast.net) or 966-6725.

#### SDOA MEETING HELD

The Sorrento Dock Owners Association semi-annual meeting was held on March 28, 2012 at the Sorrento Clubhouse. Officers and other directors for the next year are:

President – Jack Riordan  
Vice President – Denny Korinek  
Secretary/Treasurer – Barbara Lechky  
Dock A Director – Mike Lechky  
Dock B Director – Bob Coffey  
Dock C Director – Bruce Sprague

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#### Spring 2012

Three of the six directors are Sorrento South property owners and three are Sorrento East owners. SSPO director Ron Wentworth attends SDOA board and general meetings as liaison. It was reported at the meeting that all electrical problems at the marina have been repaired. There was also discussion about another increase to the dock fees. (This would be the third increase in three years.) No amount or percentage was specified. One director proposed that dock owners be billed annually rather than

bi-annually. However, since the SDOA bylaws require two billings, this proposal could not be adopted without ¾ of the membership voting to amend the bylaws.

Other agenda items discussed were dredging, liability insurance, and the need to replace some pilings on Dock A and the still missing Queen Palm on Murillo.

#### PERSONALS

We regret to inform you of the passing of three long-term Sorrento South owners within a month. Harold Schaller, 1904 Bayshore, died on April 6, 2012. He leaves his wife Doris. Richard Bright, 424 Picasso, passed away April 7<sup>th</sup>. Survivors include his wife Virginia. Maxine Clemson, 2305 Goya, died on May 30<sup>th</sup> after a short illness. She was the widow of Bill Clemson and leaves a brother. Condolences are also in order for the Steves family, 411 Picasso, on the loss of Hank's sister.

We trust you will keep these neighbors and their loved ones in your thoughts.

Please extend a warm welcome to our newest Sorrento South owners. They are Nickie Roth (428 Bellini) and Guillaume & Melissa Jacob (486 Bellini). May they never have a moment of buyer's remorse.

#### CRIME WATCH

procedure required to amend our covenants. That means going from a system of 80% of property frontage in each of five units to a system that requires a two thirds vote of all 122 qualified voting members. The latter system would simplify the covenant amendment process greatly and is more in keeping with standard homeowner association amendment provisions.

However, in order to accomplish this change, we need to vote in the manner described in the *existing* covenants. The fact that it has to be done according to the measurements of each home's property frontage and that 80% of the frontage must favor the change means – as you might expect – that the cumbersome voting process is taking way too long. The Association gave owners who came to the annual meeting last November an opportunity to vote, and again on two dates in January when they provided a notary and two witnesses for those owners who came to the Sorrento Clubhouse to sign the amendment.

The next opportunity to vote will occur at the Clubhouse on **June 13** between 6:00-8:00 p.m. and on **June 16** from 1:00-3:00 p.m. A notary and witnesses will be available and refreshments will be provided. Could it be any easier? If you have not yet cast your vote, PLEASE come to the Clubhouse on one of these two dates if you can.

We usually get our information about neighborhood crime from the Sarasota County Sheriff's office, but this time we learned about it from a resident whose neighbor



said that her vehicle, parked in the driveway, was burglarized. A purse (later found) was taken out of the unlocked car. Unfortunately, the

crime was not reported to the police.

There's no way the sheriff's office will step up patrols if they are unaware of criminal activity in a particular area. When the Association learns of such activity, we can warn residents to take precautions. Once again, please remember to **lock doors and windows** in your home and lock any vehicle left outside. Don't leave valuables such as a purse, wallet, cell phone, or GPS in your car – even if it's locked. And if you do become the victim of a crime, please notify the Sheriff's office at 316-1201. (If it's a crime in progress, call 911.)

#### COME TO THE PARTY



The signing party, that is. As we explained in our last newsletter, the 3<sup>rd</sup> stage of the covenant renewal process involves altering the

This will save the Association the expense of mailing you the materials and save *you* the trouble of having to find your own notary and witnesses. We really need to get this done and would very much appreciate your cooperation in expediting the vote. THANK YOU.

#### HOME IMPROVEMENTS



Are you considering a new roof, driveway, or fence? We remind everyone

that in a deed restricted community like ours, Association approval is required before embarking on exterior property improvements other than landscaping. Written requests are reviewed at Board meetings the second Tuesday of each month. They should include relevant details such as location and measurements (as in the case of a fence) and materials to be used (such as the roof exterior). Photos or diagrams are helpful. If all the necessary information is submitted, you can expect an answer in the next day or two.