



The Voice of Nokomis

Newsletter of the Nokomis Area Civic Association

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Next NACA General Meeting

Tuesday, July 26, 6:30 pm, Nokomis Community Center
234 Nippino Trail East, Nokomis — Free! All Are Welcome!

CANDIDATE FORUM

SIX CANDIDATES FOR FLORIDA STATE SENATE, DISTRICT 23, AND BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT 1

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Bill Cantrell, NACA President, billcantrell@verizon.net

NACA QUARTERLY MEETING: TUESDAY, JULY 26, 6:30 PM

The Board Members of NACA will be hosting a Candidate's Forum on Tuesday, July 26th, at 7:00 PM at the Nokomis Community Center. Our guests participating will be those running for Florida State Senate, District 23, and the two Republican Primary Candidates for Board of County Commission, District 1.

Each candidate will receive several questions in advance so that they may prepare deep and thorough answers...not just "talking points." This type of format will allow you to make an informed decision for the upcoming elections.

Confirmed attending will be: State Senate, District 23: Frank Cirillo (DEM), Doug Holder (REP), Nora Patterson (REP), Greg Steube (REP); Board of County Commission, District 1: Mike Moran (REP) and Frank DiCicco (REP). The latter two face off in the August 30 primary.

Candidates have been requested to arrive early and stay afterwards to get to know our NACA Members better. Doors open at 6:30 PM, with coffee and sweets, with our program beginning at 7:00 PM. This is always a very popular event. Hope to see you, and bring a friend!!

PROPOSED SHERIFF'S MAINTENANCE FACILITY

Several concerned residents recently brought to the NACA Board's attention a proposed Sheriff's Dept. Maintenance Facility to be constructed on County property at the northwest corner of Honoré Ave. and Laurel Rd. NACA is normally notified by the County of any public meetings or notices for future land-use proposals in the Nokomis area. ***Unfortunately, we were not notified of a recent Public Meeting for this proposal.*** NACA has requested details and any information for this proposal from the County...without success to date.

Based on the lack of information, NACA and many residents do not agree that having such a maintenance facility at this location is the best land use for the "Gateway" into Nokomis. There is a very large parcel of County land on Knight's Trail that the Sheriff's Dept. currently occupies. NACA feels this could be a better choice for their proposed project.

BOLD LANDSCAPE INITIATIVE

NACA partnered with the Venetian Golf and River Club, the City of Venice, and Sarasota County Commissioners at the Metropolitan Planning Organization to secure funding from the FDOT for a "Bold Landscaping" project at the I-75/Laurel Road interchange. This \$1 million project should begin sometime this summer. Once completed, Nokomis will have the nicest looking interchange in the County.

To see a COLOR version of the newsletter, Nokomis improvement updates, and other useful information, visit NACA's internet website, <http://naca-nokomis.com>.

A WARM WELCOME TO PARADISE GRILL

Mary Beth Hansen (local Nokomis resident and restaurateur) opened Paradise Grill late January of 2016. Loving Nokomis and its future, Mary Beth invested in a major renovation of the old Ophelia's Pasta House in the Publix Shopping Plaza on U.S. 41 in Nokomis, creating Paradise Grill. The atmosphere is great, the food delicious, the staff most welcoming and attentive. The new Tiki Bar has been very popular, with live music most nights.

Hours of operation: opening at 7:30 AM daily for breakfast, closing Sunday – Thursday at 10 PM. Friday and Saturday, open until 11. Happy Hour is 7:30 AM to 7 PM daily. Please stop by and visit Paradise Grill. . . a great addition to our community!! □

NOKOMIS UPDATES

John Ask, NACA Government Affairs Liaison

NOKOMIS REVITALIZATION SUCCESSES

Two Nokomis revitalization positives are happening on Tamiami Trail. The new owners of Addy's Villas of Nokomis are remodeling and upgrading their property. Addy's accommodations have kitchenettes with granite counters, wood cabinets, and stainless appliances in their villas, studios, and cottages; very unique and special! Guests can stay a few days, a few weeks, or a few months; some of the units even have a garage! Call Addy's if you'd like to view one of their rooms in advance if you have guests visiting; we think that you'll be very impressed. NACA recommends that you support Addy's and our other local businesses whenever possible.



Addy's Villas, 330 Tamiami Trail North, Nokomis

The second example of Nokomis revitalization is the new, one-hundred-room Home2 Suites by Hilton being constructed on Albee Road at Tamiami Trail. This, too, can be either a single-night or

NACA ADOPT-A-PARK CLEAN-UP

Nokomis Community Center & Park

8:30 AM, Saturday, August 6

Patrick McCarthy, 724-1609

Adopt-a-Park Team Leader

hosted by NACA & Friends of Nokomis Parks

Hope to see YOU there!

extended-stay accommodation. This high-profile parcel of several acres has been vacant and distressed for many years; NACA was vocal in supporting the rezoning to a mixed-use land entitlement, with the hotel being the centerpiece of the project. There are areas designated for a restaurant and shops east of the hotel fronting on Tamiami Trail. [See photo on bottom of next page.] We are hopeful that this project will foster more revitalization of our other distressed properties on the Tamiami Trail corridor sooner rather than later. □

WATERWAYS REPORT

Patrick E. McCarthy, NACA Secretary/Waterways Chair

Summer was in full swing at press time. With the great economy and growth we are experiencing, the waters are as crowded as I have ever seen.

After nearly three years, some of the navigational markers in the area have been replaced. Whether the job is "complete" or not depends on who you ask.

Florida's "probable cause" law went into effect July 1st. A long-overdue affirmation of the 4th Amendment. It prohibits local and state law enforcement from stopping a vessel for the sole purpose of inspecting it for compliance with the safety-equipment carriage and use requirements if it displays a Florida safety-inspection decal issued by law enforcement on a previous stop. So get your boat inspected today!

Be Safe out there and Sea you on the water. □

HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS

Please send any changes in your email address to our NACA President, Bill Cantrell, at billcantrell@verizon.net.

NACA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – \$5 PER YEAR OR \$20 FOR 5 YEARS

Please include any information that does not appear on your check on the application below. Make check payable to "NACA." U.S. checks only, please!!! Remember the Bonus Offer: one free year of dues (includes a year's subscription to the newsletter) for every NEW member you sponsor. Your name must appear on their application to receive credit.

Date _____ Amount Paid _____ Check one: New Member Renewal Number of Adults in Household _____ PLEASE PRINT!!

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Homeowners' Assoc. _____ Name of sponsoring NACA member if applicable _____

NACA MEMBERSHIP AND NEWSLETTER

Have you paid your 2016 dues yet? The number after your name on the label is the year through which you are paid. If you have questions, please contact our Treasurer, Victor Bagnardi.

We welcome your membership and encourage you to invite your neighbors to join, too. There is great "strength in numbers." We need you! Please report any changes of address or other corrections to your mailing or membership information to Victor at vbagnardi@verizon.net

or by mail. No phone calls please.

Send your check payable to "NACA" for \$5 per year or \$20 for five years per household (U.S. checks only please!) and application below to:

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NACA PERSPECTIVE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF MEMBERSHIP

NACA continues to be an organization of individual Nokomis homeowners collaborating for the betterment of our community and Sarasota County. Collectively, we can and do have a strong voice with our elected officials and decision-makers. We truly are able to accomplish more as an organized group vs. any of us individually. Please continue to be a NACA member, and please encourage your neighbors to join, too. Let's continue to work together in ensuring that Nokomis remains a vibrant area, providing an outstanding quality of life and appreciating property values. Membership information is on p. 3 of this newsletter, is on our website, and will be at our July 26th meeting, too. Thank you!

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE:
GOP PRIMARY FOR BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSION, AUGUST 30TH**



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