



# SINGER ISLAND CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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## President's Message

### BEACH EROSION SOLUTION IMMINENT

With the recent City Council vote approving the funding of the long awaited breakwater project, we are one step closer to hopefully implementing the remedy to the erosion of our beautiful beaches. The action taken by Council seeks funding of up to 20% of the estimated \$34 million project cost through a bond issue with the balance coming from County, State, and Federal sources. Final approvals and permits at State and Federal levels are all that remain between now and commencement of construction. While not without its detractors, we are grateful for the action taken by Council and look forward to turning the first shovel of sand sometime in 2009.

While it may be premature to pop the champagne cork, the Beach and Dunes Committee and the men and women of SICA deserve hearty thanks for persistently staying the course over the past ten years in our collective quest to protect and re-nourish our beaches and protect and preserve the many ocean front residences. During this time, SICA 1) supported the County effort to obtain rights of way to provide access for renourishment efforts; 2) persistently collaborated with local, County, State and Federal representatives; 3) supported annual renourishment efforts by County & State; 4) lobbied for support of funding by County of an Army Corps Engineer in order to expedite the breakwater project; and 5) lobbied the Council to support the project through the financial and permitting process.

Most importantly, we do not believe that we could have reached this point were it not for the development of and adherence to our Guiding Principles created in 2001 and our engagement in the political process. Together, these actions formed the basis for dialogue and mutual support and the breaking down of traditional and historical barriers. That is not to say that we all march hand in hand down the same path, but it does indicate a strong recognition on the part of many, that we are joined together in a way where one cannot move forward without the other. Accordingly, we have vigorously supported the redevelopment effort not only on the Island but in the Greater Riviera

Beach area as well. Additionally, we have supported a variety of social initiatives such as feeding the elderly, supporting youth programs, Black History Month and the Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation to name a few. We are proud and have been well served to join hands with like-minded citizens from all over in order to advance the City and its residents.

Much remains to be done in the city of Riviera Beach. Moving at a painfully slow pace before, The Marina District project has been affected by the economy and the jury is still out as to the effect of engaging the Treasure Coast planning Council for a total re-do of the Comprehensive Plan at a cost expected to exceed \$2 million. On the plus side, the A1A beautification project is on schedule for commencement in 2009-10 and the Ocean Mall is finally under construction. The dry sand area East of the Mall is also scheduled for a major facelift and beautification. Significant challenges remain at the fiscal and operational levels as well and need to be continuously addressed.

All in all, we have not moved as fast as we may have liked, but SICA has and continues to make a difference in the quality of life on the Island and in the entire City. There are many challenges that lie ahead, including those who do not want to see a harmonious city joined together, but with the support of our membership we will continue to make progress. On behalf of the SICA Board, thank you for your support and a happy and healthy season and New Year to all.

Anthony J. Gigliotti, President/Chairman

### **SICA Prepares for March 2009 Council Elections**

Once again, we are facing an important election with three Council seats up for consideration. This, like every election, is very, very important and your participation and vote will matter greatly in helping to achieve our goal of effective responsible government for all. Be sure to vote and even if you are registered out of state, you may qualify to register locally and vote in this important election. We need a 75% turnout. Do your part. (Please see the article on page 2 on how to register and vote locally.)

## Ocean Mall Project Commences

The work on building a new Ocean Mall has finally begun. Two of the four buildings comprising the old mall were demolished last year. The status of the remaining two buildings is uncertain as negotiations with the existing tenants have not produced a resolution. The old tennis courts have been removed and a new road installed over the old courts. While Ocean Road will remain as an artery, it will be upgraded and beautified to complement the new surroundings.

The Ocean Mall, as we discuss it, is made up of four distinct components. Beginning with the dry sand area, immediately east of Ocean Road, plans are in place to create a parklike setting with landscaping, pathways, rest rooms, and other amenities including tennis and volleyball courts. Projected cost of these improvements, as presently configured, will be in excess of \$4 million and the cost of this will be borne by the City or taxpayers through a bond issue. Moving west to the actual retail section of the Mall, the plan calls for four detached, but integrated buildings, which will comprise the "new Mall". If negotiations with the tenants in the two remaining structures are not fruitful, construction of two new buildings will commence at the northern and southern sections. Presumably, the two remaining old buildings would be replaced when the leases expire. The cost of this component will be borne by the developer. The third component will be the new parking lot and infrastructure including utilities, paving and landscaping. The projected cost for this component is estimated at \$6 million and will also be the city's financial responsibility. The fourth component is located on the southern half of the parking lot and is slated for a five-story hotel. There is no information on the tenants for the new Mall, however, the hope was to attract top tier restaurants and shops. We will keep you informed on this aspect as it happens.

SICA has long held that the "back properties", those including the Sands Hotel strip and properties immediately west of this strip, should be included in the redevelopment of the Ocean mall and that this was the appropriate site for a signature hotel. However, to date this notion has not taken root and since each of the properties in this area is privately owned it has proven difficult to get everyone on the same page. Having said that, this area remains a top priority for SICA as it represents a magnet for many of the undesirables that we constantly run into and see each and every day. Most concerning is that this area is a breeding place for many of the crimes committed on the island. We will persist in this and keep you informed as to what actions might be taken to improve the situation.

## SICA Participates in Thanksgiving & Christmas Feeding

Once again, a number of neighbors from all over the City joined together with the Youth Recreation Association to feed the residents of the Villa Franciscan home for the aged on Thanksgiving Eve. Residents were treated to a fish fry and then received a take-home dinner of turkey, breaded chicken and ham along with all the trimmings for their Thanksgiving day dinner. A similar event is planned for December 23rd when we will help provide Christmas dinner to the residents. Special thanks to those Board members who contributed time and money for the Thanksgiving dinner and to an anonymous donor for committing to providing the main course for Christmas dinner.

## Procedure to Obtain a Florida Voter Card

**In Person:** Go to the Supervisor of Elections, North County Office, across from the Gardens Mall, at 3188 PGA Blvd., Room 2401 (second floor). A voting machine is present, if you wish to practice.

Tell the clerk you wish to register to vote.

- A. You must be a citizen of the U.S.A.
- B. You must be 18 years or older.
- C. You must be mentally competent.
- D. You must not be a convicted felon.
- E. You must provide one of the following I.D.
  - 1. A Florida Driver's License
  - 2. A Florida I.D. Card
  - 3. The last 4 digits of your Social Security number
  - 4. If over 65, none of these is required
- F. In response to your legal residence, it is "where you sleep".

**By Mail:** You may also call 624-6555 to have a "Voter Registration Application" mailed to you. You must be registered at least 29 days before you can vote in an election. It takes 3 weeks to receive your voter card. The municipal election is March 10, 2009 and the Voting place is The Fire Station on Singer Island. When you vote, you need a photo/signature I.D.

### **YOU CANNOT VOTE BY PHONE.**

"Snowbirds", you will need to re-register when you return to your home state.

For help call Vice-Pres. Bernie McConnell at 881-3027

# YEAR 2009 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Singer Island Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. # \_\_\_\_\_

Local Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Condo/Community: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered to vote in P.B. County?: Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Membership: **\$40 REGULAR** **\$75 SPONSOR** Benefits: Attend our Wednesday breakfast (Dutch Treat) and 1 line ad in quarterly newsletter.

*\$6.00 of membership fee goes to SICA Political Action Committee.*

**Please make checks payable and mail to:**

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## **SICA Announces Bylaws/Guiding Principles Change**

***Herman McCray and Dan Calloway***  
***Named Charter Associate Members of SICA***

In recognition of the growing and critical relationship between the Mainland and the Island, the SICA Board adopted a change in its by-laws to eliminate the word "mainland" and where appropriate refer to the Island as part of the greater Riviera Beach Community. The Board continues to believe that the Island's interests are best served by bringing people together at every level to achieve common purpose and has further amended the by-laws to create an Associate level of membership for non-Island residents who share our same goals and values.

## **Jazz Fest Cancelled**

At a recent workshop the City Council decided to cancel the Jazz Fest due to previous losses and financial uncertainty going forward. In the last two years the Jazz Fest lost over \$380,000 and \$650,000 respectively. It is uncertain what will occur in the future but we are on the record that we would only support a well run event that is self-sustaining.

To register for the tutor training, please contact Nelson Pino at (561) 863-5778.

DePorres P.L.A.C.E. Adult Literacy Center was founded in 1997 to provide adults in Palm Beach County with the opportunity to learn how to read, write, speak and listen to English. The center offers one-to-one and small group instruction for adults (over 18 years old) who attend classes twice a week for 1 1/2 hour sessions.

DePorres P.L.A.C.E. offers classes in Adult Basic English (reading and writing) and English for speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). During the workshop, prospective tutors will learn how to use the Laubach Way to Reading Series for literacy students or the Side-By-Side Series for ESOL. No previous teaching experience is required, just the desire to help someone achieve his or her reading or English speaking goals.

DePorres P.L.A.C.E., Inc., an Adult Literacy Center in Riviera Beach, (The former St. Francis of Assisi School.)

DePorres P.L.A.C.E., 100 West 20th Street, Room 105, on Saturday, January 17, 2009 from 8:30 AM to 4 PM at

**Tutors and Volunteers Sought for Adult Literacy Program Tutoring Training Scheduled for January 17, 2009**

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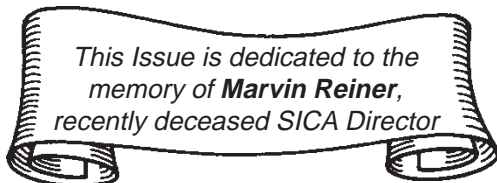
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**Election Polling Location Change**

Thanks to Board member Lillian Pironti and City Clerk Carrie Ward, the new polling location will be at the fire station located on Singer Island for the March 2009 elections. Ample parking and improvements to the facility will provide for a convenient voting experience.



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