



Why Neighborhood Association?

The IRNA started as a neighborhood association on the barrier island and ever since its neighborhood focus has been almost exclusively west of the river. Typical examples have been Rockridge, the mobile home parks, residents near the proposed Sebastian cement plant and residents near the Wild Turkey mining project.

We can't solve all neighborhood problems but within reason, we'll listen. We know how the system works and know who the people are who should be contacted. If the issue has countywide implications and the neighborhood has no other way to get representation we have and will likely be able to make a contribution. **This is just another reason to support us, we are the only voice for the vast majority of Indian River County residents.**



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IRNA to Hire Executive Director

The IRNA has been an active force in the county for over four years with no paid staff. Our volunteers have been organized to provide the only strong and unified voice to counterbalance the access and influence of the development industry. We have many accomplishments and will continue to make a difference in countywide issues and continue to represent neighborhoods that are forgotten by local governments or invaded by special interests.

But now we are going to make a bold new step which will take us to a new level of influence and accomplishment. The next logical step for a growing and successful organization is to have a paid executive director who can coordinate the efforts of its many volunteers and maximize their effectiveness. To quote John Higgs, Chairman of the IRNA **“All the successful not-for-profit organizations in the county have paid executive directors and it's a logical step for the IRNA.”**

The Executive Director will gear up for the all important 2010 county elections, coordinate position papers, respond to neighborhood issues and most importantly build the IRNA membership base. **We know that the vast majority of county residents agree with our philosophy of sustainable growth and we know that they want us to represent them.**

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No individual can follow all the issues, go to all the meetings, speak up for the regular people and hope to accomplish anything. No one person has a chance against the well organized and financed special interests, it just can't be done. We have no self interest or profit motives. Our solitary purpose is to protect our communities for the enjoyment of its current citizens and for future generations.

Your 2009 IRNA dues are payable now so please use the enclosed postage paid envelope. We need your help and especially now that we will have a paid Executive Director. Our effectiveness depends on your support so please respond today.



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Peter O'Bryan To Speak At IRNA Luncheon



On Thursday, January 29th County Commissioner Peter O'Bryan will speak at an IRNA luncheon. His subject will be "Indian River County Economics: Silver Linings in the Storm Clouds". Peter has been a County Commissioner since 2006. The IRNA strongly supported his candidacy and he has been an outstanding representative ever since.

The luncheon will be at noon at C.J. Cannons Restaurant which is in the Vero Beach Airport Terminal. The cost will be \$10 for a delicious lunch.

**To make reservations call 772-794-IRNA(4762).
Hurry because we expect a full house.**

Date & Time: Thursday, January 29th, noon
Location: C.J. Cannons Restaurant
Cost: \$10
Reservations: 772-794-IRNA (4762)

IRNA Website: A Must Read!

www.IndianRiverna.com



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About Us: Defines the reasons for our existence and perseverance.

Newsletters: Features all previous issues, beginning with July 2004.

Important Information: Contains articles impacting Vero Beach and Indian River County.

The Officials Watch: Keeping you informed about actions of your elected officials.

Political Committee: Explains how you can make contributions to our political action committee, by check or online.

Membership: Shows the different categories, payable by check or online.

Elected Officials: State, county and city officials explain who they are and how to contact them.

Register to vote: Tells the process and gives absentee ballot information.

November Elections and The IRNA

As you know we had an objective of gaining a majority of the County Commissioners in the November 2008 elections. We failed and are very disappointed, although one of our candidates, Gary Wheeler, was reelected. We have done a significant amount of soul searching and have carefully analyzed the results. We feel we had good candidates who ran good campaigns and they had good organizations. **There was one clear deficiency, we were badly outspent.** We are determined to not let that happen again. We will be building a war chest so that we will be ready. **Just another reason to give us your support today.**

IRNA NEIGHBORHOOD LIST

Arbor Trace	Laurelwood	River Oak Estates
Baytree	Marbrisa	Riverside at Island Club
Bent Pine	Mill Creek	Riverwind
Bermuda Bay	Moorings	Robles del mar
Cache Cay	Oak Chase	Roseland
Carlton	Oak Harbor	The Sanctuary
Castaway Cove	Ocean Colony	Sawyer Park
Central Beach	Ocean Pearl	Seaforest
Citrus Springs	Old Orchid	Seagrove Oceanside
Cypress Lake	Old Savannah	Seagrove West
Diamond Lakes	Old Sugar Mill Estates	Sea Oaks
Dixie Heights	Orange Heights	Sea Watch
Estuary	Orchid Island	Sebastian Highlands
Fairlane Harbour	Palm Island	Smugglers Cove
Forest Lake	Plantation	Stonebridge Sub
Fountains	Park Shores	The Crossings
Grand Harbor	Pebble Bay	The Shores
Grove Isles	Pebble Beach Villas	Timber Ridge
Hammock Lakes	Pelican Pointe of Sebastian	Vero Isles
Indian Oak	Peppertree	Vero Lake Estates
Indian River Club	Pointe West	Vero Shores
Indian Trails	Regency Park	Victoria
Island Club	Riomar	Village Green
John's Island	Riomar Sands	
Kenwood Village		
Laurels		

Many Issues Still Remain

While the most important issue on the horizon is the County Commission elections in 2010 we have many important issues that impact all of us and must be addressed.

Here are just a few:

- The interlocal agreement, who wins, who loses?
- What will happen in Fellsmere and how can the county control this potential explosive growth?
- How can we build a sustainable industrial/commercial base instead of totally relying on residential real estate development?
- Can we maintain environmental integrity and still grow our local economy?
- What will happen to the Vero Beach electric and sewer plants?
- How can we assure transparency in government?
- Will there be water supplies for future generations and at what cost?
- How can we stop mining in residential neighborhoods?

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