



# Boulevard Buzz

News from Siesta Key Village Association – June 2009

## The *new* Siesta Village

The completion of the gazebo at the corner of Canal and Ocean Boulevard was the last item in the beautification project. It's been worth the wait. The actual ribbon cutting and dedication won't be held until 10 a.m. on Monday, July 6, due to scheduling problems with the county commissioners.

Project coordinators have been over the project with only a few details remaining to be fixed. The dead junipers will be replaced once the drought is "officially" over.

President Mark Smith, working with Village property owners, has set up the maintenance corporation for the Village. A Request For Proposals will be sent out soon to hire a company to handle ongoing maintenance.

SKVA is looking for suggestions to promote the Village's "new look." Anyone with ideas is encouraged to attend the general meeting at Daiquiri Deck Raw Bar, 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 2.

### Meetings

The Siesta Key Village Association holds general membership meetings the first Tuesday of the month, 8:30 a.m., at Daiquiri Deck Raw Bar. All are welcome.

### Send us your e-mail

If you'd like to have more up-to-the-minute news on Siesta Village and you don't receive e-mails from us, send your e-mail address to mark@smith-architects.com and he'll get you on the list.

### Thanks for the flags

Thanks again to Russell, Mark, Kay and Roz for the Memorial Day flags.

### IN THE GAZEBO

The gazebo will have a plaque in memory of Charlie Valentine, the late executive director of the Siesta Key Chamber of Commerce, and the flagpoles will be in memory of Capt. Ralph Styles, the former submarine captain who hosted flag raising and lowering ceremonies at his home on North Beach Road for many years.

Former county commissioner Jack O'Neil has started a fund at Sun Trust Bank to raise money for a bronze plaque to be placed between the flagpoles in Capt. Styles' name. Donations may be sent to Sun Trust, 5035 Ocean Blvd., Sarasota 34242, made out to either John O'Neil or Nancy M. Belardinelli, with a notation for the Capt. Styles Fund.

The flagpoles will be dedicated on Nov. 11, Veteran's Day.

### **BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT RECEIVES COUNTY AWARD**

The Siesta Village Beautification Project has received the Sarasota County Keep Sarasota Beautiful Award for 2009. Siesta Key Village Association and President Mark Smith were nominated for the award by the Siesta Key Chamber of Commerce and the award was received at a dinner at the Venice Community Center.

Additionally, Village Cafe and Adamo Insurance/Allstate received recognition for the businesses' donations, sponsorships and volunteer time.

## Smith leadership recognized

Mark Smith, president of Siesta Key Village Association, has received the AIA Florida Silver Medal - Hilliard T. Smith Community Service Award which recognizes "an architect whose leadership in community activities and service has been a direct benefit to the profession or community...The individual's leadership and service must demonstrate, beyond any reasonable doubt, qualities, programs or civic influences that have benefited the profession or the community."