



# SRWA Newsletter

Working together for a better community



## ***FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK***

Every AGM sees a flurry of activity, and more so if it is an Election Year. This year however, the process was very smooth since the same team was returned without any contest. Shri. Vyasa Rao, an experienced advocate of the Karnataka High Court conducted the proceedings in an exemplary manner.

Soon after, the Committee met to elect the Office bearers for the term 2023 – 2025.

- Indu Rani Sridhar - President
- Prema K Vasant - Immediate Past President
- Chaitra Mukund - Vice President
- Vishal Makhija - Hon.Secretary
- K.R.Krishnamoorthy - Hon.Treasurer (also in charge of Membership Management)

Committee Members -

- Praveen Prabhakar - Legal Counsel
- Dr.Ramanjini Gowda and Anupama Harish - Communication with Government agencies
- M.R.Sridhar – Traffic and Safety
- Amrit Hinduja – Community Bonding

Subsequently, two members were co-opted with specific portfolios -

- Vikram Igoor – Park development
- Dr.S.Niranjana – Traffic

This committee, while signalling the theme of continuity, aspires to increase membership, make efforts to curtail the commercialisation of the locality and usher in a feeling of belonging to the community. We find now, there are many amongst us who are already second generation in Sadashivanagar. It is this young group that we intend to bring into our fold so that Sadashivanagar becomes a vibrant place which its residents will feel proud of.

Best wishes to the young and old.

# Events & Happenings

## ➤➤➤ INDEPENDENCE DAY- 13.8.2023



The Independence Day, 2023 featured a unique event on 13th August. The students of Shishu Vihar, presented an interesting display of unicycling followed by a juggling session. These students have been trained in unicycling by an American expat, David Foy who visited India, fell in love with the country and decided to work with children. It is really creditable that he has now brought these children to a level of international excellence and they have participated in Paris and by the time this newsletter is published they would have represented India in a unicycling event in Minnesota!

The Low Level park came alive with two busloads of young teenagers offloading their glitzy unicycles. They soon organised themselves for the show crisscrossing along the paths in different formations. Our children were enthralled and were ready to try out the unicycles themselves. They were given an interesting demo of juggling, which they quickly mastered.

The chief guest, Dr. Ashwathnarayan was very impressed by the skills displayed by these young troupe of unicyclists and encouraged them to take this forward in every possible way.

It was an emotional moment when we asked Mr. David to say a few words about his journey from the world of IT to working with the not so privileged. The most satisfying part of the journey had been receiving the love and affection of all the children he had trained, who are family to him now. We too, could easily understand this, when the child in them surfaced and they asked us for permission to play in the park for a bit longer after their sumptuous lunch that SRWA provided. The flag was hoisted to the strains of the national anthem, and the walkers in the park came forward to take part in the celebration.



## ➤➤➤ COFFEE MORNING - 10.12.2023



The aroma of coffee is all pervasive and the Coffee Morning has now become "a much looked forward to event" in the SRWA calendar of events. On a pleasant December morning, many residents from the neighbourhood came together and participated in a very constructive discussion on community upkeep and welfare. This proactive interaction of the community is what will help in making Sadashivanagar a better place.

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## ➤➤➤ *REPUBLIC DAY - 26.1.2024*



SRWA invited Shri. Rajachandra, a distinguished resident of Sadashivanagar, to be the chief guest on this occasion. After the flag was unfurled jointly by the SRWA President and Shri. Rajachandra, he spoke about the contribution of the erstwhile Mysore state before partition and their accession to the Indian Republic. It was a very interesting discourse on the forward and liberal thinking of the Maharajahs of Mysore.

To mark the occasion, a tree sapling was planted by the chief guest assisted enthusiastically by a few children present.

## ➤➤➤ *THE SADASHIVANAGAR CARNIVAL - 11.2.2024*

The Carnival has now caught the attention of all our residents and people from the neighbouring areas. This year's carnival was a bigger, better version of last year's. As one entered, one realised that this carnival had now got upscaled by leaps and bounds, yet maintaining the laid back, relaxed atmosphere with which we started. The car display by KIA Motors caught everyone's attention, the variety of stalls and of course the food stalls providing home cooked delicacies attracted all the visitors. Our Sadashivanagar kids were not to be out done. They had a stall on their own selling lemonade, chocolates, sandwiches, book marks, fridge magnets and ever so many knick knacks. They made a good packet but their biggest gain



was making new friends and now they have made a merry band – The Sadashivanagar Kids Club. More about that a bit later. The highlight of the carnival was the magic show and of course, the rest of the evening was dominated by Bikash Sunar and group. The music was a sublime mix to suit young and old and had everyone's feet tapping. The games zone was enjoyed both by the young and old.

It has been such fun and so exhilarating working together for this carnival, that it leaves no doubt in our minds that this is the kind of bonding Sadashivanagar needs. We thank Bank of Baroda, Deutsche Bank, Taapasi Motors (KIA) and Kanti Sweets for supporting the carnival. So Au revoir, till we meet again next year.

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## »»» **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING - 24.3.2024**



A Special General Meeting was held on March 24, 2024 at the Sadashivanagar Club seeking to amend the MOA on certain points regarding membership. After thorough discussion and deliberation the following resolutions were passed -

- The address of the Association is temporarily taken as Post Box 8048, Sadashivanagar Post 8th Main Road, Sadashivanagar, Bangalore - 560080 or at any other place/s as may be decided by the Managing Committee.
- A resident who has attained majority and who normally resides in a house/flat located within the jurisdiction of the Association as defined in Clause 3 of the Memorandum of Association, is eligible for membership on payment of ₹2,000 (Membership Fee).
- All members, irrespective of the date of their admission into the Association, have to pay the annual subscription of ₹1,500. The annual subscription for any year should be paid between April and June of the year.
- Members who have attained 80 years of age as on April 1 of any year are exempted from paying the annual subscription from then on.
- Members who are spouses of existing members (Spouse Members) pay a reduced annual subscription of ₹500, effective from April 1, 2024. Spouse Members will however pay the full Membership Fee and will have the same rights as any member.
- All notices to Members for the Annual General Meeting and Special General Meeting shall be communicated by the Management Committee to the registered e-mail address or to any other electronic medium or device of the Member, indicating the time & venue of the meeting along with the required material for discussion at the meeting.

## »»» **SADASHIVANAGAR KIDS CLUB**

The formation of the Sadashivanagar Kids Club was a fallout of the Sadashivanagar Carnival. Since then one can perceive a definite hype whenever there is some activity in the area. The Star Party held in March 2024, in collaboration with volunteers from the Bangalore Astronomical Society attracted a large number of kids, who enjoyed observing the stars through a telescope. The young parents are now in touch with each other and we encourage them to organise more such activities.



## »»» **THE GREEN MILE - 16.6.2024**



SRWA had collaborated with Sustainable Fashion Week India, a venture by our two enterprising women entrepreneurs and SRWA members, Laghna Gowda and Priyanka Abhishek, to organise the Green Mile event to mark World Environment Day. A walkathon at Sankey Tank followed by Yoga, Zumba, clothes recycling and composting workshops and a flea market were part of the event. This encourages all our talented and versatile women of Sadashivanagar to come forward and participate in many such activities.

# Area Upkeep

## »»» COORDINATION WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

There has been a continuous drive to improve cleanliness in the area against all odds. The Managing Committee members are in constant touch with the government agencies/officers/pourakarmikas of the BBMP in this effort. Some identified black spots that were reported by the residents have been cleared but it is no surprise that many more are mushrooming. It is our request that residents take greater onus for clearing and cleaning up their own streets.

In addition, there is constant coordination with the BWSSB for the repair of faulty drainage lines, blocked and overflowing manholes etc. SRWA has time and again taken up the repair work of the Janata Bazaar washrooms to keep them clean and functional.

Despite many roadblocks we have succeeded in undertaking some tree pruning activity too.

Meeting with the traffic police has become almost a daily occurrence in our lives. The increase in accidents due to speed and rash driving needs to be curtailed. We have put in a requisition for more cautionary boards at appropriate junctions. SRWA itself has added one more convex mirror on 13th Main, in addition to the ones installed over the last 2 years.



## »»» MAINTENANCE OF PARKS

As per the new ruling, all parks are open from 5.00 AM to 10.00 PM. and all watchmen have been instructed accordingly. This was a much needed respite for all residents.



Extensive repair work was taken up at the Low Level Park. The roof of the main stage area had been damaged and needed immediate attention, the tiles in the gazebo and the front entrance gate were falling apart. SRWA swung into action and we were able to take up some major renovation work before it could get further damaged. The play area equipment also required a major revamp. The BBMP finally did it after a great deal of follow up by the SRWA.

## »»» CHECKING COMMERCIALISATION

Commercialisation has become rampant in the area. We have issued cautionary notices regarding the same and have requested neighbours to be alert when they see any commercial activity coming up on their streets. We have aired our grievances to the BBMP Chief, Shri. Tushar Giri Nath in October 2023. In addition, an article detailing the issue had been featured in the Bangalore Mirror on April 21, 2024.



On the same note, the SRWA has been working towards making the erstwhile BDA Mini Market a more citizen friendly venture rather than the government's planned commercial complex. In this regard, we met Shri. Jayaram, the BDA Commissioner and voiced our concerns. The Residents have come forward to help and have given their suggestions of their preferences in the poll that was

conducted by the SRWA and at a meeting held on June 23, 2024. Deccan Herald and Bangalore Mirror covered our story in Jul 2024.



# Know Your Neighbour

*BHADRESH SHIVASHANKAR*

## ➤➤➤ *RUNNING TOWARDS BETTER HEALTH*

Bhadresh Shivashankar is an avid runner who participated in the New York Marathon 2023. By running, Bhadresh wishes to create awareness on the importance of it as a remedy to create an optimal work life balance.

Nearly 18 years ago, when Bhadresh was working as an engineer in Dubai, he developed high cholesterol and triglycerides. That is when he started running and it brought the best out of him, clearing all negativity, keeping him happy and restoring his health. He is a member of a running group called Pacemakers which trains in Cubbon Park and Lal Bagh.

Bhadresh has run four of the six major world marathons - Berlin 2018, Chicago 2019, London 2022 and New York 2023 with a best timing of 4 hours 15 minutes. He plans to compete in the Boston and Tokyo marathons in next 5 years depending on the availability of funds and sponsors. Godrej Developers previously funded his marathons. The New York marathon was self-funded supported by his sister in New Jersey.

He has been a Pinkathon ambassador. Pinkathon is a run group for women founded by actor and model Milind Soman which deals with awareness of breast cancer and its early prevention.

Bhadresh has also supported Samarthanam School for the Blind by guiding visually impaired runners to complete the Mysore-Bangalore run spanning 150 kms spread over 3 days.

We wish Bhadresh the very best and hope his dream of competing in the remaining two world marathons is fulfilled soon.



# From the Sadashivanagar Kids Club



*Myraa Makhija, Grade 4, Trio World School*



*Nethra H Bhat, Montessori 2, NPS*



*Shreshta Manoj, Grade 4  
Jain Heritage School*



*Aasiyah Fatima Rizvi, K2, Neev*



*Mohammad Asghar Rizvi, L4, Safari Kid*



*Maya Shivapuja, K2, Neev*