



Community News Update

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A Message From DSCA President

Restorative Cities

Those of you coming back into town will now see newly occupied condominiums, completed while you were away. In addition, new condo and apartment building construction has begun, along with construction of our new roundabout at Gulfstream and US41.

A few fast facts of the month about our downtown:

- Through the end of September, the number of closed real estate transactions in the DSCA neighborhood (broadly speaking, greater downtown, the Rosemary District and Golden Gate Point) were up 26% over the entire year of 2020, and up 58% over all of calendar year 2019.
- DSCA neighborhood with an area only 1.7 sq miles, 8% of the city area, has accounted for 36% of city-wide real estate transactions. The DSCA neighborhood transactions equaled 51% of the value.
- Currently there are over 1,700 (not a typo) new DSCA area residential units either under construction or with approved city site plans.
- Last week, preliminary details became known for a 134-unit condominium, 10,000 square foot restaurant and retail project planned at Block 1 & 9 on the Quay property. This new project is in addition to the Bayso condominium project now under construction at the southeast corner of the Quay site, and the Lennar apartments being built facing Tamiami Trail

- The planned construction in smallish downtown will continue to account for a projected 70% of the city's total growth over the coming five years.

The implications of this growth, it goes without saying, are significant and far-reaching. DSCA board members and other interested residents are in contact with key city staff members and our commission to help ensure the city's strategic and budgetary plans factor in the dramatic changes occurring in the DSCA neighborhood.

What I've been reading....

What I've been reading – I've come upon a very interesting new book: ***Restorative Cities: Urban Design for Mental Health and Wellbeing***. This a new look at urban planning principals in a COVID and post-COVID world. In the incredibly well-research and documented book the co-author Jenny Roe says, the book is aimed to “set out attributes of a city that helps physical health and walkability”

[CLICK HERE](#) to read a good summary by Jane Kelly of the University of Virginia

There are now several copies of Jenny's book in circulation amongst DSCA board members and others and it's getting great reviews. I have been in contact with co-author, Jenny Roe in the hopes of seeing what possibilities might exist to hear more about this food-for-thought and actionable idea book. More on this later.

on the east side of the Quay.

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DSCA Board News October Wrap up

DSCA Board Meeting | October 6, 2021

At the October 6 Board Meeting, we heard from Heather Kasten, President of Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce. Board Director Ken Shelin also introduced a proposal for formation of the new DSCA Arts & Cultural Committee.

[Click Here to View Meeting Video](#)

October 13 Workshop Recap

DSCA Workshop | How Healthy is Your Building?

[Click to View YouTube Workshop Video](#)

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Article from Sarasota Herald-Tribune - October 15, 2021

[Condos in Crisis? Local experts anticipate law changes, insurance hikes for condo owners](#) In the aftermath of the Champlain Towers South condo collapse that killed 98 people in Surfside near Miami in June, the lack of state regulations regarding inspections of mid-rise and high-rise condo towers became clear.

Article from Miami Herald - October 15, 2021

[Florida task force makes recommendations on condo safety](#)

Florida legislators should overhaul the state's condominium laws in the wake of the Surfside building collapse that killed 98 to address inspections, ensuring proper reserves are in place to make major safety repairs and other issues, according to a task force report prepared by a section of the Florida Bar.

[Click to View](#): Report of the Florida Bar RPPTL Condominium Law and Policy Life Safety Advisory Task Force - October 12, 2021

New Arts and Cultural Committee

The **DSCA Arts & Cultural Committee** is formed to work with the DSCA Member organizations, the Downtown Sarasota residents, City of Sarasota staff and other local arts organizations to encourage residents and businesses to take an interest in, engage in the public discussion of such activities, collaborate on, and take public positions on changes and new projects in the arts. Ken Shelin, DSCA Board Director and former City Commissioner, has been selected to chair this new committee. For more information, read the committee goals [HERE](#)

Update on Rosemary Park Survey & Plans

As you may know the first Rosemary District park is in the planning stages. The latest news is that over 800 members of the community responded to the survey stating what they'd like to see in this new park and how they hope to use it.

Kimley Horn, the design firm selected by the city for the park, will be using the results obtained in the survey to develop park concepts. Further refined renderings of park visions are to be available by the end of November for further community involvement

RADD Night Market

The first newly evening Night Market was held October 21st. The market attracted a large attendance and received glowing reviews. The open-air market featured a wide array of vendors, food trucks as well as live music.

Organized by local firm DreamLarge and RADD (Rosemary Arts & Design District) organization the market will be held in the heart of the Rosemary District, at Boulevard of the Arts and Central the third Thursday of each month through April.

City Click-2-Fix info

Click-2-Fix, a new mobile app designed and launched by the City of Sarasota to streamline non-emergency service requests, is now available to the public. The app is free and available for download for Android and Apple mobile devices. Search "CoS Click-2-Fix" in app stores. Once submitted, Click-2-Fix provides the user with tracking updates when an email address is provided. A web-based version of the app is also available at www.Sarasotafl.gov/CoS-Click-2-Fix A brief video on how to use Click-2-Fix can be viewed here:<https://www.sarasotafl.gov/i-want-to/click-2-fix>.

Upcoming Events

Next Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 03, 2021, 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM via Zoom & at Broadway Promenade, 1064 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34236

DSCA Board Meetings are for Board Directors, with designated Condo & Associate Member Representatives, Liaison Association Representatives and invited Guests attending as observers. Contact President, David Lough at (760) 497-9230 or email DavidLough1@gmail.com, if you wish to be invited.



Guest Speaker: Cheryl Mendelson CEO, [Van Wezel Foundation](#)

In January 2019, Cheryl Mendelson was appointed CEO of the Van Wezel Foundation. The Van Wezel is a 80,000-square-foot performing arts hall owned and operated by the City of Sarasota. Cheryl has more than 25 years of fundraising, business development and strategic planning experience. Her career as a nonprofit executive includes time in education, health care and the arts.

[Register](#)

Fresh Fridays Kicks Off



Fresh Fridays | November 5, 2021 - 8:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Fresh Fridays will take place within the same area as the Saturday Farmer's Market on Lemon Avenue between First Street and Paul N. Thorpe Jr. Park. Held each first Friday of the month till May 2021, offering unique ways to freshen up your weekend plans. Each event will take a fresh approach to engage residents and visitors with dynamic opportunities to celebrate the city's diverse music, food and cultural assets.

To learn more visit freshfridayssarasota.com

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