



Community News Update

October 2022



Presidents Message

DSCA is excited about The Bay Park's Grand Opening! The Bay Park is our community's new, signature, public park along Sarasota Bay. The opening of Phase 1 will provide the area with 15 acres of green space, mangrove tunnels, a children's play area, kayak launch, walking paths and more which officially opened on October 15. The Bay's 10 days of opening events are currently being held. Photos of 10 days at the Bay follow along with a calendar of events.

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Enjoy photos below from the Bay Park's Grand Opening Celebration

**Friday, October 21:
Bay Park - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**



Left to right: County Commissioners:
 Nancy Detert and Ron Cutsinger,
 Michael Klauber
 Congressman Vern Buchanan
 Vice Mayor Kyle Battie
 City Commissioners: Hagen Brody and Jen
 Ahearn-Koch



David Lough, Doug Jeffcoat and Willie
 Shaw



David Lough and Deputy City Manager Pat
 Robinson



Ron Burks, Michael Saunders, Jennifer
 Compton, AG Lafley and Jim Travers

DSCA Workshop Wrap Up

DSCA Workshop: Are Fines Coming to Your Condo? New Legislative Deadlines Are! October 20, 2022, 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM @ Goewey Hall (at Church of the Redeemer's Robinson Center) 222 S Palm Ave Ste B, Sarasota, FL 34236

Thank you to everyone who came out and attended our workshop! With about 100 people in attendance, we are happy to be able to provide topics that are pertinent to today's ever-changing environment. Some of the topics discussed at the event were:

- Latest insurance reform
- Reserve studies, milestone inspections & reserve funding
- How we got here, plans for the coming year
- New legislative regulations
- Inspections, fines & governing officials

We hope everyone learned something new!

Enjoy photos from the Workshop below



Election News



Call to Action - Get Out and Vote

Calling on all residents... In the August 23rd primary where At-Large City of Sarasota Commissioners were on the ballot only 41.6% of registered, downtown or near downtown residents cast their ballot. The November general elections will have consequences for our State....and, for local matters important to all. Plan to Vote, the changes to the City's planned zoning text amendments early next year will have generational consequences....

Nov. 8, 2022: General Election

Mon., Oct. 24 - Sun., Nov. 6: Early Voting

Sat., Oct. 29, 5 p.m.: Deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot be mailed

Tues., Nov. 8: Election Day, polls open 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.: Voted vote-by-mail ballots must be received in the election's office by 7 p.m.

[Sarasota County Supervisors of Election](#)

Penny Tax Information



Voters will have an opportunity to pass a penny, or 1 cent, sales tax extension on November 8 that the county uses for a number of streets, roadways, infrastructure and environmental projects. The Penny Tax in effect since 1989 adds 1 cent to Florida's 6% sales tax charge for the next 15 years.

DSCA encourages all voters to continue to support the critically important Penny Tax so vital to fund numerous infrastructure and other needs for our growing community. Without the approval of "Penny" which is projected to generate over \$900 million over 15 years many vitally important improvements will not be made. [Click here to learn more.](#)

Van Wezel Foundation Updates

Last November, Cheryl Mendelson, CEO, Van Wezel Foundation was guest speaker at our monthly board meeting. As a follow up Ms. Mendelson provided some additional information we would like to share with the members.

[Van Wezel Foundation Answers to common questions](#)

DSCA is working to arrange full tours, including the backstage areas of the Van Wezel to further acquaint residents with all aspects of the performing arts center. The tours will be hosted by the technical and professional operating staff of the Van Wezel. Further information will be available soon as to when tours will be scheduled, with registration information detailed.

Getting Around

Gulfstream Roundabout Update



Work continues on the Gulfstream Roundabout with plans to open in early 2023. For those interested, you can watch progress live on a webcam Marina Tower Roof (Marina Tower Roof) | Nest NOTE - once the link loads, hover over the image and click on the play (>) button

Marina Tower Roof (Marina Tower Roof) | Nest

New SRQ Airline Options

Sarasota Bradenton Airport has just announced even more direct flight now totaling 53 destinations and 11 airlines. Amongst the latest direct flight options available this season are White Plains, NY, Denver and Toronto. Check out the growing list at: www.flysrq.com

Rosemary District Update

Thanks to Moriah Taliaferro of Sotherby's Realty Group there is a new video tour of the Rosemary District with David Lough, DSCA president, serving as the guide. The YouTube video updates all on what's happening in this arts and cultural district.

The video captures a lot of new projects happening in the Rosemary, not just housing construction, but new business and mixed-use buildings as well. One of the projects is ParkSide, a collaborative space for several restaurateurs. And detailed planning for the Rosemary Park is a significant project for the neighborhood underway.

[Watch Video - The Latest Look at the Rosemary District in Sarasota Florida with Moriah Taliaferro, Sotherby's Realty Group](#)

Parkside construction underway -- Boulevard of the Arts and Central



DSCA Board October Wrap Up

As has been the recent practice the 10/5 DSCA board meeting was held in hybrid fashion, both in person at the Broadway Promenade Club Room and via Zoom. Following are links to the full board meeting and presentation by, [View Meeting Video HERE](#) - DSCA Board Meeting 2022-10-05
[View Speaker Video HERE](#) - **Florida Studio Theatre** - Mulva Project 2022-10-05

DSCA Upcoming Events

DSCA Board Meeting

DSCA Board Meeting | November 2, 2022 | 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. held via Zoom & at Broadway Promenade, 1064 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34236



Guest Speaker:
Herminio Rodriguez,
Director of
Information
Technology, City of
Sarasota

[Register](#)

A hands-on Informational Technology (IT) executive with over 25 years of functional and multi-industry experience in transforming projects and strategic business processes to reduce cost, maximize value and improve performance. Herminio has been IT Director at City of Sarasota since 2014 and was IT Director at Rutgers University in New Jersey prior to 2014. He leads the digital transformation and prioritizes data driven decisions in real time. Following its core tenets of security, stability, and quality customer service, the Information Technology (IT) Department handles all aspects of technology, both existing and emerging, for the City of Sarasota including networking, telecommunications, security, customer support and Geographic Information (GIS).

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.

DSCA Holiday Reception



Register

DSCA Holiday Reception - December 7, 2022 | 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Location: Zoom & Broadway Promenade, 1064 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34236

Associate Member Events

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW EVENTS OR SUBMIT YOUR EVENT](#)

Upcoming Community Events

Chalk Festival



ANNUAL CHALK FESTIVAL - Due to Hurricane Ian, The Annual Chalk Festival originally planned to occur in Venice has been moved to Sarasota and will be held on Palm Avenue in the Burns Court neighborhood **October 28 - 31**.

[Visit their events page here for more details.](#)

Palm Avenue Art Walk

First Friday of each Month 6 - 9 p.m. | ART WALKS ON PALM

November 4th | "A Prelude to Season" Palm Avenue hosts a monthly Art Walk. Browse the fine art galleries, jewelers, and restaurants of Palm Avenue while enjoying dancing, live music, and refreshments. This has been one of the traditional ongoing monthly events in Sarasota for many years. Visit [Palm Avenue in Downtown Sarasota for more details.](#)

Fresh Friday's

SOUL ON STATE | State Street | Friday, November 4th, 7-10 p.m.

The November 4th entertainment—K-Luv and the United Funk Federation—is chock full of soulful accolades and talent, including performances with B. B. King, Al Green, Liza Minnelli, and sold out shows at Apollo Theatre in NYC. Fronted by the magnetic, vivacious Kim Lovering, the band covers all the soaring energy of Aretha Franklin while mixing in the funky grooves of Chaka Khan. Ample on-street parking will be available on Pineapple Avenue, Palm Avenue, Main Street and Orange Avenue. [Click here for more details.](#)

Save Our Seabirds



SAVE OUR SEABIRDS | Cocktail Party and Art Sale

Sunday, November 13, 2022 | 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. @Sarasota Garden Club
1131 Boulevard of the Arts

Save Our Seabirds announces a first of its kind event, bringing together talented, award-winning local artists and the local community in support of the critical mission of Save Our Seabirds. Join us at the enchanting Sarasota Garden Club, where the avian-inspired work of over a dozen artists will be on exhibit and offered for sale. You'll see beautiful paintings, photography and other art that captures the amazing grace and beauty of our indigenous birdlife. Sip a cocktail and enjoy light bites while viewing the exhibit amidst the gorgeous botanical gardens. We expect that it will be an evening to remember. Capacity is limited, so please reserve your spot! [Click here for more details](#)

Rosemary District

Check out the latest news and events happening in the Rosemary District, a blend of modern culture, food and activities you can schedule your whole day around.

SAVE THE DATE... a Rosemary District Community meeting is planned for **Wednesday 11/16 at 5:30 pm.** at the recently updated Fogartyville venue. Details to be available soon.

[Click here to view Rosemary District Events](#)

The Bay Park Conservancy

Sarasota's bayfront will be an iconic, public destination that welcomes the diversity of Sarasota, enhances our status as a cultural capital and serves as a venue for multi-generational, inter-neighborhood, broad-based enjoyment of our bayfront.

[Click to view the updates from The Bay Park Conservancy](#)

[Click to view The Bay Park - Calendar of Events](#)

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