



# Community News Update

December 2022



## President's Message - Holiday

Downtown Neighbors and Friends,

I want to start off by wishing everyone happy holidays! Speaking of happy, how about three separate pieces of good news to share from developments just this month. The highlights:

- **Gulfstream Roundabout:** The long-awaited Gulfstream roundabout, 3+ years under construction, will be opened next week, with a target date of 12/22. While there is more to do at the roundabout, including landscaping, the roundabout will be fully functional. Importantly the Route 41 improvement between Gulfstream and Fruitville will be completed to complement traffic flow with the roundabout at Fruitville. Possibly most important the crossover traffic patterns at Main Street and Sunset are being removed. Details follow with a link to a webcam overlooking the roundabout.
- **Ringling Trail:** Officially opened at a Ribbon Cutting ceremony just yesterday, the one-mile Ringling Trail 'complete street' features protected bike lanes between Lime and Pineapple avenues. The Ringling Trail is now connected with the 18.5-mile Legacy Trail that joins Sarasota with the Historic Venice Train Depot.
- **Bay Park:** Further enhancements at the OVAL AREA include rest rooms, a new pedestrian drop off area with handicap parking and, enhanced

Looking ahead to 2023, efforts in greater downtown include a makeover of Bayfront park, construction design work for Boulevard of the Arts, 10th streetscapes, the completion of the new Rosemary District Park, and another phase of work proceeding at the Bay Park.

Currently there are over 1300 new residential units under construction downtown and another 1500 (not a typo) in some stage of planning. It is clear there will be tremendous amount of greater downtown growth resulting in up to a 30% increase in residents, during season by 2030. Your DSCA board and its committees are working closely with city staff and the commission to provide visioning ideas, concepts and, avenues for meaningful resident input as plans are put in place to accommodate the growth.

Final thought, when you get a chance, extend your appreciation to the city commission, staff, the Bay Park Conservancy and all involved for making all three of these recent additions happen. These improvements were years in the making. Let's keep going, there are many additional capital improvement opportunities in city's master plans, with some of these already on the drawing board. Multiple funding sources exist for getting these projects underway!

Wishing all a happy holiday season and upcoming New Year,

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## Associate Member Thank you



The DSCA would like to send a special thanks to all of its Associate Members for their continued support of the organization. Our Associate Members allow the DSCA to put on the educational events our members have come to enjoy. Please take a moment to check them out on our website to learn more about their businesses.

[DSCA-Associate Members](#)

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## Bay Park Update

### The Nest at The Bay NOW OPEN!

Pictured below is The Nest Concession Team Marcy, Craig and Teresa.



### Getting Around



### **Nearing The Finish Line**

Work continues on the Gulfstream Roundabout with plans to open 12/21. 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.

[Click here to read 12/14/22 Road watch update from FDOT.](#)

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## Ringling Trail Grand Opening

A great time was had by all at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Ringling Trail earlier this week. The bike lanes are painted a bright green to let cyclist know they are approaching an intersection and increase the visibility of cyclists.

Plans are underway between the City of Sarasota and Sarasota County for future connectivity of the Ringling Trail and Legacy Trails. Plans include extending the cycling trail to the Bayfront park, the Bay Park, St. Armand's Circle and Lido Key. There are also plans to extend cycling trails to Bobby Jones Golf Club and Nature Trails.

[Click here to watch a street level view of the Ringling Trail!](#)

[Learn more about the Ringling Trail complete street project](#)

[www.FriendsoftheLegacyTrail.org](http://www.FriendsoftheLegacyTrail.org)



Left to right: David Lough, Alvie Corales, Chief Transportation Planner; Marisa Knight, Public Works Coordinator; Corinne Arriaga, Transportation Planner with City of Sarasota



Photo courtesy of City of Sarasota

## Rosemary District

The RADD organized, Rosemary District annual Holiday Party included entertainment provide by the Sarasota Music Conservancy. Thanks go to Lena Cambis and Sean O'Neal, founders of the Music Conservancy, whose offices and studio are in the Rosemary District. Future additional performance of the Music Conservancy are planned at the Rosemary Park. Please look for additional details on future performances soon. And, learn more about the wonderful work of the Music Conservancy at:

[www.sarasotamusicconservancy.org](http://www.sarasotamusicconservancy.org)



## DSCA Board December Wrap Up

As has been the recent practice the 12/7 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, Debbie Trice.

[View Meeting Video HERE](#) - DSCA Board Meeting 2022-12-07

[View Speaker Video HERE](#) - Debbie Trice, City Commissioner

DSCA happily welcomed over 60 guests to this years, December 4th event at Broadway Promenade. Guests included representatives from our condominium's members and DSCA's Associate members. Special guests included Mayor Battie and Commissioners Alpert and Trice. Also, City Manager, Marlon Brown and the City's Chief Engineer, Nik Patel.

Pictured: Kristin Fourie and Frank Berke



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## DSCA Upcoming Events

### DSCA Board Meeting

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

**Guest Speaker:** Camden Mills, P.E. Capital Projects Manager, City of Sarasota

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### Associate Member Events



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## Upcoming Community Events



**Lights In Bloom - December 10, 2022 - January 5, 2023** (select nights)  
6:30 to 9 p.m. *Early Entry Begins at 5:30 p.m.* Lights in Bloom® features more than two million lights illuminating the gardens and walkways. Don't miss a holiday photo opportunity, activities, and entertainment. Food is available for purchase from the Michael's on East grill, including a cash bar. [Click here for more information.](#)

### **The Ringling - Holiday Splendor | Dec. 15 | 5 - 8:00 PM**

Celebrate the holiday season and help support the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots, serving Sarasota and Manatee counties. Local schools will provide musical entertainment on the Bolger Campiello. Admission to this event is free with one unwrapped toy per person. Food and beverage will be available for purchase. All venues will be open for self-touring, including the Museum of Art, Ca' d'Zan, and the Circus Museum. [Visit TheRingling.org](http://TheRingling.org) to [learn more.](#)

### **Holiday Nights | Friday, December 23rd | Downtown District**

Friday, Dec. 23rd the downtown district will be bustling with extended merchant hours from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. for last-minute shoppers! Skip the mall madness and come enjoy live music and the holiday charm of historic downtown Sarasota! Visit [DestinationDowntownSarasota.com](http://DestinationDowntownSarasota.com) to view where to shop.



### **Sarasota New Years Eve Pineapple Drop Block Party | Dec 31st | 1 PM - 1 AM**

The big New Year's Eve party in Sarasota is the annual Pineapple Drop Block Party! The dropping of the big glowing pineapple comes at midnight and takes place at the intersection of Lemon Avenue and Main Street in downtown. There will be live music, with DJs and Bands performing, carnival rides, games for kids, food and drink vendors, plus special offers at local bars and restaurants. [Click here for more info](#)

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## **Fresh Friday's**

### **AN EVENING ON PALM | Art Walks on Palm Avenue | Friday, January 6, 6-9 p.m.**

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.](#)

### **SOUL ON STATE | State Street | Friday, January 6, 7-10 p.m.**

On Friday, January 6th, the Downtown Improvement District wants to take you BACK TO THE 80s! The totally rad block party will be held on State Street from 7 to 10 p.m. with special headliners, Stereotomy. Hailing from South Florida and renowned for their high-energy performances, the six-piece 80s cover band will be performing everything from Madonna and Cindy Lauper to Depeche Mode and Duran Duran, with all the Day-Glo glam of the iconic era. Expect some far-out party favors and signature giveaways to go along with the delicious bites and beverage offerings you've come to love. This will be the gnarliest block party of the year, so don your throwback 80s threads and don't be a party pooper![Click here for more details.](#)

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## Rosemary District Park

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

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## The Bay Park Conservancy

Sarasota’s bayfront is 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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