



# Community News Update

March 2022

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## Restorative Cities Event

DSCA Workshop: "Restorative Cities"  
Building A Healthy Tomorrow  
Thursday, March 24, 2022  
4:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Featuring Jenny Roe, co-author,  
*Restorative Cities - Urban Design for  
Mental Health & Wellbeing*

Dr. Jenny Roe, co-author of  
Restorative Cities: Urban Design for  
Mental Health and Wellbeing, will  
present a blueprint for urban design,  
mental health, and well-being in the  
context of rapid growth and the City  
of Sarasota's recently adopted  
strategic plan. Dr. Roe will present  
the seven pillars of the Restorative  
Cities Framework; organized by the  
principles and strategies of urban  
environments that promote well-  
being: *the green city, the blue city,  
the sensory city, the neighborly city,  
the active city, the playable city, the  
inclusive city, and finally, the  
restorative city.* Jenny Roe, a  
Landscape Architect and  
Environmental Psychologist, is  
currently the inaugural Mary Irene  
DeShong Professor of Design &  
Health and Director of the [Center for  
Design & Health](#), School of  
Architecture, University of Virginia.



Please share this workshop invitation  
with your friends, neighbors and  
associates. Here is a link to the event  
flyer to post on bulletin boards and  
store windows: [DSCA-Workshop  
Flyer.pdf](#)

[Register](#)

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## DSCA Board March Wrap up

### DSCA Board Meeting | March 2, 2022

We were honored to have Interim Chief Rex Troche in attendance for our March board meeting. He shared his passion for law enforcement at a young age and has held various positions within the Police Department. Troche is a member of the Hispanic American Police Command Officers Association, International Association of Chiefs of Police and FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development.



Guest Speaker :  
Rex Troche, Interim Chief of Police

[Click here to view](#) Board Meeting  
Video

[Click here to view](#) Interim Chief Rex  
Troche Video

Interim Chief Troche expressed his commitment to protecting our city by:

- Building positive networks within our communities
- Taking measures to decrease the unsheltered homeless crisis by:
  - Educating, purging and enforcement
  - Continuing to offer resources
  - Increasing police presence by hiring personnel
  - Implementing more training within the police department
- Addressing challenges regarding the noise by:
  - Enforcing current laws
  - Encouraging the community to advocate concerns to legislature
  - Advising residents to help by utilizing resources and supporting law enforcement

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## Rosemary District Park Update

Bulldozers were at work earlier this month as old buildings at Boulevard of the Arts and Central to make room for a new park in the Rosemary District. Temporarily the city has completely sodded the park site until the permanent park is constructed.

Also, survey results are in regarding with community members preference for a park concept indicated. 425 people participated. The 'winner' by a significant margin was the "Tranquil" treatment shown below. Kimley-Horn, the city's design firm, is now further refining this concept, including with the lighting treatment. Please expect 3-D version of a new design to be unveiled during mid-April for further community input.

Budgeting sources for building the long-term park is on the city commissions Agenda next week. Stay tuned for further information on this exciting development.



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Rosemary District Association Board  
members and Tara Tahmosh  
(Principal, Sarasota School of Arts &  
Sciences)



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## 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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## DSCA 2022 Annual Member Meeting Proxy

The DSCA Annual Members Meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2022. The Members Meeting follows the DSCA Workshop (Restorative Cities) being held at the Senior Friendship Center at 4:00 p.m.

Click [HERE](#) for the Agenda for the Annual Meeting and Organizing Board Meeting to follow.

Click [HERE](#) for the Limited Proxy for voting on the proposed By-Laws Amendment and Slate of Directors.

**PLEASE VOTE** Sign the Limited Proxy, and email a scanned copy or photo of the Proxy to [Downtown.Sarasota.Condo.Assoc@gmail.com](mailto:Downtown.Sarasota.Condo.Assoc@gmail.com). You can also bring it to the meeting by 6:00pm on March 24th. Remember only one Proxy vote per member condo. Your association membership with DSCA must also be fully paid before the Mar. 24 Member Meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at our Annual Meeting. As we expand our ability to communicate meaningful information to our downtown residents, we appreciate any suggestions on how we can continue to serve our members.

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## Two new ways to get around Sarasota



## **Scooter and Bike Share Program Coming to City of Sarasota**

New micro-mobility transportation options will soon be available to residents and visitors of Sarasota after the City Commission unanimously approved an agreement with an e-scooter and bike sharing provider. Veo, a nationwide company based in Chicago, was selected as the exclusive operator in designated areas across the City of Sarasota. About 350-400 scooters (both seated and stand-up) and 50-75 bicycles (traditional and pedal-assisted) will initially be available for rent, with the company having the option to increase the rental fleet if usage requirements are met.

City staff will now be assessing areas of the City where scooter and bike corrals may be operated via geofencing and establishing parking corrals. The service is expected to be available in early March. Click [here](#) for more information.

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## **Bay Runner Trolley**

A new open-air trolley connecting downtown Sarasota, St. Armands Circle and Lido Beach launched Wednesday, March 2nd. The trolley was approved by the Sarasota City Commission to help alleviate traffic congestion between downtown Sarasota and the barrier islands by offering an easy, hassle-free alternative to an automobile, the city said. The Bay Runner will operate daily, including holidays, from 8 a.m. to midnight, carries 28 passengers and is equipped with a wheelchair boarding lift. The Sarasota Bay Runner app will track real-time information including approximate arrival times and will be available via the Apple App Store, Google Play and at

[www.SarasotaBayRunner.com](http://www.SarasotaBayRunner.com)

A QR code on Bay Runner stop signs directs users to the app, as well.

[Find out more](#)

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**Click-2-Fix**

Reporting an issue in the City of Sarasota just became easier. The City has created an app you can download to report problems such as potholes, broken sidewalks, tree limbs down, parking meters, and many more. City departments receiving the submissions include: Public Works, Parks & Rec, Utilities, Risk Management, Parking, and Code Compliance. Users can also add photos and the physical location of the issue to assist staff.

The app forwards your submission to the appropriate departments where, during normal working hours, they will take care of the requests. Users will receive email updates and/or can return to the site to check the status of submitted issues. When the issue is resolved, it will be closed. Not able to use the app on your phone? Use the links below to access the app online. Report an issue online [HERE](#) and contact specific departments [HERE](#)

**Get a preview of the app here - [CoS Click-2-Fix Intro Video](#)**

**Click-2-Fix Stats** as of 3/14/22

- Since launching last June, there have been 1,010 work order requests
- App has been downloaded by almost 800 people
- Download the CoS Click-2-Fix App from your device store, ([Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#))

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## City of Sarasota Brand Survey

## **The City of Sarasota is seeking public input through a brief online survey to inform its logo and seal rebranding effort.**

The City of Sarasota is seeking public input through a brief online survey to inform its logo and seal rebranding effort. The City has partnered with Dream Large, the largest registered benefit corporation on the Gulf Coast of Florida, to design the survey and better understand how the community sees Sarasota.

This survey is the first step in a six-month process, which will include a range of community engagement efforts including a future design competition for the City Seal. The survey will gauge the overall public sentiment toward the City's brand identity, and responses will inform the creative direction of the outcome.

"As Sarasota evolves, so does the City's brand," said Sarasota Mayor Erik Arroyo. "Our image should reflect the vibrancy of Sarasota to the greater community and the world. Our image should reflect our standing as a top destination, as a cultural hub, as an innovation driver, and the best place to live."

The 5-minute survey closes on **Friday, April 8, at 11:59 p.m.** To take the survey, visit [SarasotaBrandSurvey.com](https://SarasotaBrandSurvey.com)

For more information, contact Marketing and Outreach Coordinator Ciera Coleman at 941-263-6321.

[Take the Survey](#)

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## **DSCA Upcoming Events**

### **DSCA Annual Members Meeting & Workshop**

**DSCA Workshop: "Restorative Cities"** Building A Healthy Tomorrow  
**Thursday, March 24, 2022 | 4:00 – 5:45 p.m.** | Location: Senior Friendship Center, 1888 Brother Geenen Way, Sarasota 34236

[Register for Workshop](#)

The Members Meeting and Organizing Board Meeting will follow the DSCA Workshop on Restorative Cities, featuring author Jenny Roe.

**DSCA Members Meeting & Organizing Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 24, 2022 | 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.**

Agenda: [Download Members Meeting Agenda](#)

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## Restorative City Book Signing / Meet & Greet

Bookstore1Sarasota is hosting a book signing event at their exciting NEW LOCATION! Featuring Jenny Roe, the co-author of, "Restorative Cities, Urban Design for Mental Health & Wellbeing." **Saturday, March 26, Noon - 1PM.** Location: The Mark, 117 S. Pineapple Ave. Sarasota, FL 34236 View full event details [HERE](#) and Check out Bookstore1 events [HERE](#)



The following is an excerpt from "Restorative Cities, Urban Design for Mental Health & Wellbeing"

*"Covid has shown us that cities can be damaging to our health, including our mental health. This thoroughly researched book, written in very approachable language despite coming from academia, is the playbook on how a city can become a place where everyone feels their spirits are lifted, their worries are calmed, and their energies are high for doing well and doing good."* Jenny Roe, Professor of Design and Health, School of Architecture, University of Virginia.

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## DSCA Board Meeting

**DSCA Board Meeting | April 6, 2022 | 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.** held via Zoom & at Broadway Promenade, 1064 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34236



**Guest Speaker:**

Brendan Ragan

*Director*

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As a founding Artistic Director of Urbanite Theatre, Brendan has directed the regional premiere productions of *The Smuggler*, *Sender*, *The Feast*, *Wakey, Wakey*, *The Drowning Girls*, *Echoes*, *Thirst* and *Breadcrumbs*. Most recently, Brendan wrote and directed the world premiere of Urbanite's immersive drama *Safe House* and created the one-man audio drama *Conceal & Carry* by Sean Christopher Lewis. Regional directing credits include the *Odyssey Play Festival*, *ThinkTank Theatre*, *Hermitage Artist Retreat*, *American Stage*, and the FSU/Asolo Conservatory's production of *Reckless* (Handy Award, Best Director). For *Single Carrot Theatre* in Baltimore, Brendan led the world premiere productions of *La Muñeca*, *Illuminocem*, and *A Short Reunion*. MFA, FSU/Asolo Conservatory 2013.

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](mailto:DavidLough1@gmail.com), if you wish to be invited.

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## Associate Member Events

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

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## Upcoming Community Events

### Rosemary District Night Market

**Third Thursday's! | March 17th | April 21st**

Location: Boulevard of the Arts and Central, Sarasota. Bring along your friends and family to this once-a-month Thursday night market and immerse yourself in the unique and diverse culture of the Rosemary District. Join members of your community in exploring the vibrant and growing Rosemary District through engaging with local vendors and hearing music from local bands. Build relationships within the community as you catch up with neighbors and chat with new people you have yet to meet!

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## RADD for Ukraine



**Saturday, March 19 6:00 p.m.** [DreamLarge](#) is hosting a fundraiser for Ukraine

This free outdoor event will be held in the DreamLarge Yard at 600 Central Ave. in the Rosemary District and will include a supply drive, live music, food trucks and both RADD and Ukrainian vendors. One hundred percent of all proceeds donated will go to support humanitarian and emergency response work in Ukraine and its neighboring countries. [Click here](#) to find out how you can help and for more details.

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## Fresh Fridays

**First Friday's | April 1st | 7 - 10 p.m. | Art on the Block** A first-Friday arts-themed downtown block party with performance, visual, circus, and culinary arts as a backdrop. Featuring: dancing, free signature party favors, free polaroid portraits, beverages al fresco, free live entertainment, and arts showcases from prominent arts organizations and creatives. Located on Lemon Avenue between First Street and Main Street.

[For more details...](#)

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## Sarasota Open Tennis Event

**April 10th - April 17th** | For the first time in the history of the event, we are excited to announce that the Sarasota Open ATP Challenger will be held in the City of Sarasota's recently renovated Payne Park, located just steps away from Main Street, which boasts an incredible food, art and shopping scene.

[For more details](#)

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