



# Community News Update

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## Rosemary District Park

As many of you know earlier this year the city purchased two parcels of land at the intersection of Boulevard of the Arts and Central for a first, Rosemary District Park. Now 20-years after the lack of open space in the Rosemary was highlighted in Sarasota's Downtown Master Plan, work is moving full-speed-ahead to develop park concepts. This after countless hours of volunteer's time in working with the city to get to this point, including contributions of over \$120,000 from area residents to aid in the purchase of the park parcels.

There is a compelling need for more green space in the Rosemary District. Almost 4,000 people now live in the Rosemary District with around 85% living within a 5-minute walk of the planned park. 93% of Rosemary residents live in multi-unit complexes. Surprising to some, over 12,000 people live in the DSCA neighborhood within a mile of the park site. Lots of people will be interested in taking a stroll by the new park. As such, getting the park design right using best practices for small urban, 'pocket parks' is a paramount goal.

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The request today is for about 5-minutes of your time to complete a park survey. Your help on the survey will assist the City's Parks & Recreation and design team in better finding out what people want in their Rosemary Park. The results of the survey will guide park design professionals to come up with a few specific park visions. Initially their work will result in a few pictorial renderings showing key park features and elements. These concepts will be refined after further engagement in face-to-face meetings with residents over the course of the next two months.

Even if you don't live in the Rosemary District your opinions are important. The hope is many residents throughout the city will on occasion enjoy the city's newest park.

[Take the Survey](#)

## DSCA Greenspace Committee Gets Update on FDOT Landscaping Plans

On August 24, 2021, members of the DSCA Greenspace Committee and interested residents held discussions with the Florida Dept of Transportation (FDOT) Landscape Architect, along with the City Sr. Arborist and the Assistant City Engineer.

At the Sep. 8 City Commission meeting, DSCA President David Lough spoke in support of the Tree Protection ordinance, which the CC voted to have the City Attorney bring forward the draft ordinance at a future CC public hearing on the proposed ordinance.

DSCA will also pursue FDOT's offer to update the Gulfstream Roundabout Landscape Plan to include more canopy trees adjacent to pedestrian sidewalks and bicycle trails.

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## Updates on Gulfstream Roundabout construction w/Webcam link

LIVE WEBCAM of Gulfstream Roundabout: Click the link below to watch the progress of construction and view detours 24/7 thanks to Marina Tower resident Jesse Biter.

[View Live Webcam](#)

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## Upcoming Events

### Next Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 06, 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.



[Register](#)

Guest Speaker: Heather Kasten  
President/CEO: Sarasota Chamber of Commerce

Heather Kasten is the President/CEO of the Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce and has been in that role since March of 2019. Her background in business is robust, building her career working in sales and financial investing. She worked for the Greater Sarasota Chamber in a variety of capacities before moving on to lead the Lakewood Ranch Business Alliance for several years.

## Condominiums in Crisis: How Healthy Is Your Building?

**OCT 13, 2021 from 4-7:00 PM**

*Art Ovation, 1255 N Palm Ave, 34236*

Florida condominium owners are facing a great financial awakening! The insurance rate increases last year were just the beginning to the financial crunch Florida homeowners will soon face. Take the tragedy in Surfside that caused lawmakers to take a closer look at reserve studies, building re-certifications and deferred maintenance. Compound that with a labor shortage and drastic increases for building materials and you have the perfect storm for a financial crisis. Join us for this timely seminar!

**MODERATOR**

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