



Community News Update

October 2023



President's Message

Taking Time to Say Thank-You

This month, I'm focusing on saying thank you to two very important groups within the DSCA whose talents, time, and support make such a huge difference.

1. Associate Members

We just can't thank our Associate Members enough. Your support enables us to provide various services and events, including the DSCA Workshop on October 19th. We truly appreciate your role and all your support in these efforts. [Please click here for more information on these members.](#)

2. Board and Committee Members

I'd also like to thank our board and committee members who volunteer their time and skills. Also, I'd like to extend a welcome to our new board member, Victor McTeer.

[Please read about Victor in a brief bio.](#)

- Jaime Still, Vice President
- Clark Lauren, Treasurer
- Judy Mower, Secretary
- Roger Barry, Director
- Peter Fanning, Director
- Patrick Gannon, Director
- Victor McTeer, Director
- Bob Pirollo, Director
- Catherine Sellers, Director
- Ken Shelin, Director

Thank you for your commitment in helping with DSCA's continuous growth, progress and improvement.

Join Us and Looking Ahead

As the year comes to a close, we're in the process of confirming our committee structures and chairs for the upcoming year. If you're interested in becoming an Associate Member, or asking for consideration to serve on the board or a DSCA committee, now is a good time. Contact Downtown.Sarasota.Condo.Assoc@gmail.com for more information.

Best regards,

David Lusk

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October Workshop

Join us for an engaging workshop that tackles the pressing question of effectively managing rapid community growth. Don't miss out on this opportunity to be part of the conversation and contribute to shaping the future of our community.

See you there! Seating is Limited!

DSCA Workshop: Sarasota's Rapid Growth | Thu, October 19, 2023

4:00 PM – 7:00 PM @ 222 S Palm Ave Ste B, Sarasota, FL 34236

Register Here!



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DSCA WORKSHOP

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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DOWNTOWN SARASOTA
CONDO ASSOCIATION

Sarasota's Rapid Growth

MODERATOR: PAUL PETRULIS - REAL MANAGE

SPEAKERS:

- Lt. Jamie Adams - Asst. Commander of the Patrol Division, Sarasota Police Department
- Patrick Robinson - Deputy City Manager & Public Safety Administrator, City of Sarasota
- Wayne Ruben - Chair of the Downtown Improvement District
- Erin Silk - President & CEO of the Economic Development Corporation
- Ian Black - CCIM/Ian Black Real Estate
- Joe Thompson - Client Advisor/Partner at Gulfshore Insurance
- Diana Sada - Shareholder Attorney at Burg Simpson

REGISTER



@ GOEWY HALL
222 S PALM AVE STE B
SARASOTA, FL 34236



This workshop will explore how we as a community can keep in front of growth to ensure a viable Downtown Sarasota that is vibrant and livable for all to live, work, and play.

As the city rapidly expands population and housing density, this seminar asks, what's next and how do we keep from...

Sarasota Living

Obsidian Condominium Proposal – 1260 N. Palm

On October 13, 2023, the City of Sarasota Director of Development Services, Lucia Panica, denied the Administrative Site Plan application for the proposed High-Rise Development at 1260 N. Palm Avenue. A link to the decision follows below: It states in part: “Based on the materials provided, I have determined that the proposed Administrative Site Plan does not meet the standards 1, 3, and 4 of Section IV-506 and is therefore denied.” The decision may be appealed to the Planning Board. The deadline for appeal is Monday, October 23, 2023.

[Administrative Site Plan Decision for 1260 N. Palm Residences \(23-ASP-02\)](#)

Planning Board Rejects One Park Amendment Request



By the end of a special meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 5, the developer of One Park will know if it can build its 123-unit condominium tower as proposed in The Quay.

After hearing arguments from both sides over the definition of adjacency and established precedent, the Sarasota Planning Board voted 3-1, with Chairman Daniel Clermont dissenting, to recommend denial of an amendment to the general development plan of The Quay to allow One Park to be built on blocks 1 and 9 over Quay Commons.

[Read full article from Your Observer here.](#)

Vacation rental fees are going up, citywide expansion may be next



With fee hikes approved, the Sarasota City Commission will take up regulations for short-term rentals across the city. - Article courtesy of The Observer

The proliferation of vacation rental properties in Sarasota has brought the issue to the forefront from both fiscal and livability perspectives as city commissioners and staff grapple with balancing property ownership rights with those of full-time residents.

At its Sept. 5 meeting the City Commission approved by a 4-1 vote, with Erik Arroyo opposed, the first reading of an ordinance to essentially double fees associated with registering and inspecting vacation rentals. The 2021 ordinance covered only properties on the barrier islands. The updated ordinance also requires annual renewals rather the current renewal every two years.

Read full article from The Observer [here](#).

Community Rating System Program Flood Insurance

Flood Insurance Outreach Letter - CRS Credit

Our community is concerned about flooding and has an active program to help protect you and your property from future flooding. The City of Sarasota is a participating community in the Community Rating System Program (CRS), sponsored by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The CRS currently provides up to a 25% discount on NFIP insurance for property owners in the City of Sarasota's jurisdiction. The CRS discount is available even if your property is not in a high-risk flood zone. In fact, from 2014 to 2018, policyholders outside of high-risk flood areas, in the low-risk area, filed over 40 percent of all NFIP flood insurance claims.

Visit <https://www.floodsmart.gov/> to learn more.

Download pdf letter [here](#) - City of Sarasota, Flood Insurance Outreach Letter

Getting Around

Drive Change with Roundabouts: Enhancing Traffic Flow for Safer Roads



At DSCA we want to spread awareness about roundabout safety and help the community feel more comfortable navigating them.

Navigating a roundabout is similar to traveling through a traditional intersection. Follow these simple steps:

- Know where you're going and slow down.
- Choose your lane carefully.
- Yield to pedestrians and vehicles already in the roundabout.
- Enter the roundabout when it's clear.
- Exit the roundabout and yield to pedestrians.

To get a better understanding of how modern roundabouts work, watch this helpful video [here](#). Let's work together to make our roads safer for everyone!

Gulfstream Roundabout



If you're interested in staying updated on the ongoing action and seeing the final result, you can watch the progress by clicking the link below:

Live webcam: [Marina Tower Roof \(Marina Tower Roof\)_|_Nest](#)

NOTE - once the link loads, hover over the image and click on the play (>) button.

Condo Corner

Share Your Community Experiences!

We invite you to contribute to our new beloved segment in DSCA's newsletter, Condo Corner. This platform offers downtown residents a chance to share their stories and insights on the sense of community within their buildings.

We want to know what activities and initiatives take place in your building to foster connections among residents. Do you agree that cultivating a strong community atmosphere matters? Why?

Please send us your thoughts, experiences, and anecdotes to the email address below:

Email: downtownsarasotacondoassoc@gmail.com

Your contributions will be featured in the upcoming edition of Condo Corner, where we celebrate and explore the power of community within downtown Sarasota.

Rosemary District



The Rosemary District Fall Community Meeting held September 28, provided a valuable opportunity for attendees to stay informed about the latest developments in the district and actively engage in discussions. The meeting primarily focused on addressing parking challenges that have emerged due to the district's retail growth, with the aim of addressing concerns raised by businesses, customers, and residents.

DSCA Board October Wrap Up

As has been the recent practice, the 10/4 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 guest speaker presentation.

Guest Speaker: Broxton Harvey, City of Sarasota, General Manager, Parking Division

- View full meeting video [here](#)
 - View speaker video [here](#)
 - View speaker parking presentation slides [here](#)
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DSCA Upcoming Events

DSCA Board Meeting

DSCA Board Meeting - Wednesday, November 1, 2023

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM | @ Zoom & Broadway Promenade, 1064 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34236



Guest Speaker: Jennifer Jorgensen:
City of Sarasota - Governmental
Relations Manager

[Register](#)

Jennifer Jorgensen joined the City of Sarasota as Manager, Governmental Relations in January 2023. Prior to joining the City, Jennifer worked for the Walt Disney Company as a Business Affairs Manager and Manager, Vendor Management Office for over 6 years. Jennifer has her Juris Doctor from the University of Nebraska and her Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communications from the University of Minnesota. She also worked as Legal Counsel and Lobbyist for the Nebraska School Board Association and held various leadership and fundraising positions in higher education and the non-profit sector.

As Manager, Governmental Relations, Jennifer works with City leadership regarding the City's federal and state legislative strategy and consults with state and federal legislative staff on pending legislation impacting the City. Additionally, she oversees the management of the special events, marketing, and the grants departments.

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

Associate Member Events

Associate Members - Post your event on our DSCA Calendar to share with the community!

[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT YOUR EVENT](#)

Upcoming Community Events



FIRST ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY CELEBRATION October 18 - 22, 2023

Over the past year, The Bay has become a beloved and sustainable gathering place for the community. More than 250,000 people have already visited The Bay to enjoy all that it has to offer day in and day out.

The Bay Turns One! Community celebration provides free, exciting, and diverse programming for the entire community to enjoy.

With more than 30 FREE events over the 5 days, there's something for everyone, including family-fun activities, headlining musical acts by Journey former lead vocalist Steve Augeri and Sarasota's own Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe, food and cultural festivals, a one-year community celebration party, Boo! at The Bay Halloween, dancing, nature explorations in nature and more!

Visit [here](#) for more details.

The Bay Park | Calendar of Events

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.

[View the updates from The Bay Park Conservancy.](#)

[View The Bay Park - Calendar of Events](#)



RAAD | SARASOTA PRIDE FESTIVAL
October 21 | 12 - 5 PM

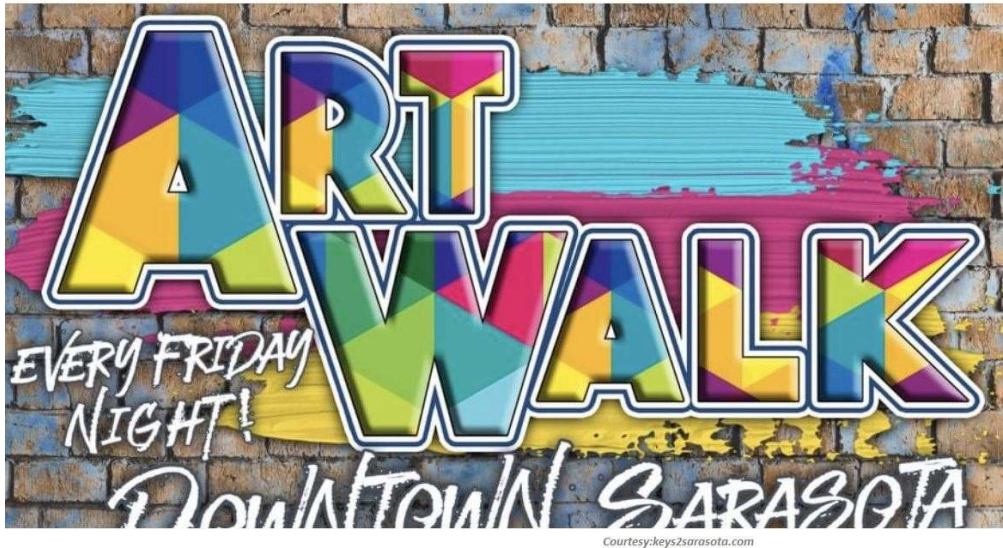
Celebrate love, diversity, and equality at the vibrant Pride Festival! Get ready for an extraordinary experience filled with captivating entertainment, an electrifying concert, and a bustling market. Immerse yourself in the rainbow of talent and creativity as performers set the stage ablaze with their artistry. Let the pulsating beats of the Pride Concert move your soul and ignite the spirit of unity. Discover a treasure trove of unique LGBTQ+-inspired products and indulge in mouthwatering flavors from around the world at the bustling Pride Market. [TICKETS AND MORE INFO HERE](#)



SARASOTA FARMERS MARKET | 7 AM - 1 PM

The Market is open every Saturday all year round! In the heart of downtown Sarasota, centered at the intersection of Main Street and Lemon Avenue, extending to First Street on the North End, and Pineapple Avenue on the South End, with Vendors also located on State Street. Click [here](#) for more information.

PALM AVENUE GALLERY WALK



A casual walk down Palm will lead you on an art walk, housing exceptional pieces curated by downtown galleries and murals created by local artists.

The City of Sarasota is committed to the aesthetic enrichment of the community through private and public acquisition of works of art so that citizens and visitors to the City are afforded an opportunity to enjoy and appreciate art.

Click [here](#) for an audio tour guide and for more information.



FRESH FRIDAY | ART AND JAZZ ON PALM
November 3rd | 7 - 10 PM | MAIN STREET

We invite you to join in for the Art and Jazz on Palm event during Fresh Friday on November 3rd from 7-10 PM. This special occasion marks the reopening of the galleries and stores on Palm Avenue. Begin the evening with a delightful Palm Avenue Gallery Walk, followed by captivating jazz performances, delectable food, and refreshing beverages. Immerse yourself in the world of art and music as you witness the incredible talent on display. Visit downtownsarasotadid.com for more information.

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](#)

If you missed any of our newsletters [Click here](#) to view past issues to share with your condo community

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