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Presidents Message - Restorative Cities

I suspect that if you've walked downtown, you've noticed many other people are too. Between seasonal residents returning, full-time folks and visitors it is clear, there are a lot of people on our streets and sidewalks. In total the county saw what is being called "a healthy increase" in the number of visitors in FY 2021. That total, 2,899,600 which was up 28%, compared to the FY 2020 figure and 4% above the record number in FY 2019.

Traveling by air to Sarasota, we also have had more company. A record number of passengers, just over 300,000, traveled through [Sarasota Bradenton International Airport \(SRQ\)](#) in January alone – continuing a trend of record-breaking increased use of the airport. January passenger traffic was 138% increase over 2021 with the year totaling an amazing 3-million passengers. Growth in passengers this year will likely continue to climb with the addition of more flights. SRQ's 53rd nonstop flight begins next month.

In addition to air traffic and visitor growth downtown, residential construction is booming. I wrote about this in December. The rate of new construction has accelerated further. Over 600 residential units are under construction, and 400 more about to break-ground. Over 2000 new units in total will be completed within 5-years, all within a less than two square mile area.

With the objective of supporting smarter growth for Sarasota DSCA has set the goal to be at the forefront of both reporting growth related data

With the above backdrop of the rapid increase in the number of downtown residents, And impact of land development projects, and lessons learned from COVID, the Downtown Sarasota Condominium Association (DSCA) is sponsoring a special public workshop event on March 24, 2022: Restorative Cities.

The event is designed to further DSCA's mission to engage in activities to "enhance the lives of the residents and property values of its member condominiums and townhouse associations." [Dr. Jenny Roe](#), the co-author of [Restorative Cities: Urban Design for Mental Health and Wellbeing](#), will visit Sarasota in March and present a blueprint for urban design, mental health, and well-being in the context of rapid growth and the City's [recently adopted 2-year strategic plan](#). Dr. Roe will outline 'restorative urbanism', a new concept that places wellness, and quality of life and mental health at the forefront of city planning and urban design. The theory and ideas set out in Restorative Cities are driven by research, drawing upon the most up-to-date scientific evidence.

Dr. Roe will present seven pillars of the **Restorative City 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, that together make a restorative city. Through this framework, Dr. Roe will address an essential question that comes with urban growth and its related issues of ever rising rates of

of both reporting growth related data as well as working to develop projections for the future. Using as much data as possible our board and committees are engaged in even closer communications with city staff. This to advocate for enhanced strategic planning, infrastructure buildout and policies that accept growth while at the same time improving downtown living experiences. DSCA notes that recent research amongst Sarasota visitors cited the number one reason for coming to visit was for 'relaxing and unwinding', and we'd like to continue this tradition.

new land development, population, stress, and the realities of becoming a larger city. *How 'well' can we really live in closer proximity?*

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DSCA Board February Wrap up

DSCA Board Meeting | February 3, 2022

As part of DSCA's outreach City Manager, Marlon Brown was our featured guest speaker at our recent board meeting. With a focus on downtown Marlon provided an update on key city-wide initiatives and planning matters. I am pleased to report Marlon confirmed several projects identified by the DSCA Board remained high priority projects. These include:

- the acceleration of the development of alternative concepts for an improved Main Street design that will include wider sidewalks, canopy trees and safer experience for cars and pedestrians.
- streetscape efforts for Boulevard of the Arts, 10th Street where concept work is underway on an accelerated timetable with the goal of having these *Complete Street* designs largely ready by mid-year for construction to start if funding is available.
- Design work of the new Rosemary District Park including the demolition of the existing structures at the park site.
- The Bay Park where incredible progress is being made toward the official opening of Phase 1 of the project later this year.

On top of this Marlon committed to work even closer with DSCA on strategic and annual plans to support the downtown area where 70% of the City's population growth is occurring. Marlon's full remark can be viewed in this informative 30 minute [YouTube video](#). View full board meeting video [here](#).

County Ballot Initiatives

Registered voters in Sarasota County have been notified of the March 8, 2022 election.

“For March 8, there are two ballot questions and no candidate races,” said Supervisor Turner. “I encourage everyone to take a moment to familiarize themselves with the sample ballot prior to voting.”

The two ballot questions are to:

- 1) Continue existing 1 mil School District Tax for another 4 years; and
- 2) Reverse the previous voter-approved 3 single-member districts for County Commission by approving that all 5 county commissioners are elected county-wide.

The sample ballot for the countywide March 8, 2022, School District Millage Referendum and County Charter Referendum is now available [online](#).

Voters who have questions or need assistance may call 941.861.8619 or visit the elections website: <https://www.sarasotavotes.gov/>

EV Charging Station Member survey



With the rapid growth in electric vehicle sales, the issue of charging stations installed on condo property becomes increasingly important. Several condos in Sarasota are planning to install – or have already installed – EV charging facilities in their buildings or on their association property. Given the wide selection of EV charging solutions and the challenges faced in locating and operating these stations, it will be extremely helpful to all our members to learn of the experience of others.

Accordingly, we have sent a brief survey to the property manager and Member Representative for each of our member condos, townhouses and apartments. The survey is gathering information on types of EV charging solutions, where sited, who pays and how usage of any common EV chargers is handled. We will tabulate the results and share them with all DSCA members.

Rosemary District Park Update



Take Survey Now

Rosemary District Park Design Feedback: Express your likes and dislikes on elements illustrated by the first 3 design concepts. This link takes you to a video about the concepts and the elements — and the survey. Survey deadline has been extended to **February 25**, but do it now.

When completed, results from the current survey will guide the Kimley-Horn design team as they produce 2 new design concepts for further resident feedback.

Demolition of the buildings on the park site is scheduled to begin on February 22, and irrigation and sod will be installed in early March. Watch it all happen on the park [Webcam](#)

Lofts on Lemon



David Lough (DSCA president) and Joe Chambers (Calston Advisors Group Project Co-developer and Sarasota Housing Authority partner)

The Lofts on Lemon affordable apartment complex in the Rosemary District is nearing completion with first residents anticipated to be moving in early this fall.



Debbie Trice, Rosemary District President and David Lough (DSCA President)

The 128 one, two- and three-bedroom units will offer affordable apartments to households based on area median income thresholds. Fifty-two units are being designated for workforce housing units with a preference for "Hometown Heroes," a local program with a mission to provide housing for local police officers, firefighters, teachers, and nurses. Amongst other amenities the five-story building will offer a large community room, fitness center, and fiber optics connectivity. There are also plans for a future playground.

This Sarasota Housing Authority project is being funded by a variety of private, community, business, and government financial support. Several years in planning and two-years of construction. Thank you, Joe Chambers, for the guided tour of this great addition to our community.

Bay Park Update



[The Bay Park](#) will be an iconic, public destination that welcomes the full diversity of the area, enhances our status as a cultural capital and serves as a venue for multi-generational, inter-neighborhood, broad-based enjoyment of our Sarasota Bay.

The Bay invited you to take a walk in the park and attend a [free program](#) and to sign up for the [weekly newsletter](#).

View the latest construction updates [here](#).

DSCA Upcoming Events

DSCA Board Meeting

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



**Guest Speaker: Rex
Troche, Interim
Chief of Police**

[Register](#)

Interim Chief Troche began his career with the Sarasota Police Department in 2002. He served in all four agency divisions (Patrol, Professional Standards, Criminal Investigations, and Support Services) as either an officer or supervisor. Troche was promoted to Sergeant in 2013 and promoted to in 2017. In 2018, he earned a master's degree in emergency management from Saint Leo University and was promoted to Captain in June 2020.

Troche is a member of the Hispanic American Police Command Officers Association, International Association of Chiefs of Police and FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development. He graduated from the Senior Management Institute for Police (SMIP), a leadership program hosted by the Police Executive Research Forum.

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 Annual Members Meeting & Workshop



Jenny Roe, Professor of Design and Health, Department of Urban and Environmental Planning, University of Virginia

DSCA Workshop: “Restorative Cities” Building A Healthy Tomorrow for Sarasota’s People, Places & Environment
Thursday, March 24, 2022 4:00 - 5:45pm | Location: Senior Friendship Center, 1888 Brother Geenen Way, Sarasota 34236

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

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

[Register for Workshop](#)

Speakers:

- Jenny Roe, Professor of Design and Health, Department of Urban and Environmental Planning, University of Virginia
- Jon Thaxton, Director of Community Investment, Gulf Coast Community Foundation
- Mary Davis Wallace, Senior Planner, Department of Public Art, City of Sarasota
- William Nields, MD, Medical Director for Clinical Services, Cognitive Health Center
- Craig Cerreta, Managing Broker, Premier Sotherby's International Realty

DSCA Members Meeting & Organizing Board Meeting
Thursday, March 24, 2022 4:00 - 5:45pm | 6:00 - 6:30pm

Agenda: [Download Members Meeting Agenda](#)

6:30 - 6:45pm Board Meeting

Associate Member Events

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Upcoming Community Events

Bay Park Conservancy Events

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. View Calendar of Events [here](#).

Rosemary District Night Market

Third Thursday's! | February 17th | 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!

Fresh Fridays

First Friday's | March 4th | 7 - 10 pm | Tropical block party celebrating NEIGHBORS & NEWCOMERS

A first-Friday tropical block party featuring: free signature party favors, drinks al fresco, light bites, free live entertainment, and more! Slip on your flip-flops, sport your gaudiest floral print shirt, grab your straw hat and leave your lost shaker of salt at home as Main Street gets tropical between Palm Ave and Pineapple Ave from 7-10 pm!

[For more details...](#)

Elizabeth Moore Sarasota Open

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...](#)

Interested in Hosting a Player? Special incentives/Perks! Fill out the Housing Form [here](#) and contact casey@sarasotaopen.com for any questions.

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