



## PLATINUM ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

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## President's Message - Thanksgiving

Wishing everyone a happy Thanksgiving. And to many of you who have just returned it looks like you may have done so in the nick of time. This with as much as 3 feet of snow forecast in some parts of NY today.

For those returning, I can report your DSCA board has continued to be busy having continued our tradition of meeting monthly throughout the year. DSCA actively follows and provides input to several matters with outcomes of interest to our downtown constituents. DSCA also continues a tradition of having guest speakers at our board meetings. These have included City Manager Marlon Brown, now mayor, Kyle Battie and Van Wezel Foundation CEO, Cheryl Mendelson. For December our guest will be newly elected At-Large City Commissioner Debbie Trice.

Speaking of elections, a shout-out goes to our downtown resident of which over 72% of eligible voters did vote in the local November election. The two main precincts within the DSCA area voted at a level amongst the top ten percent of all 99 County precincts. By voting and active participation in our community DSCA area residents are making a difference.

A few couple of asks and a final thought:

- Please complete the Engineering Design Criteria Manual (EDCM) Survey following below. The EDCM is technical talk for a manual that establishes criteria and specifications for "public realm" consisting of publicly owned streets rights-of-ways and other publicly accessible open spaces such as parks, plazas
- If you haven't done so yet, you should visit the recently opened Bay Park. It is spectacular. And check out the link to all listed below.
- Another noteworthy item to be thankful for this year is the continuing progress being made on the Rosemary District Park where final construction drawing preparation is underway.

In closing I'd be remiss if I didn't express appreciation to our City staff members and City Commission for your work over the year on greater downtown matters. DSCA appreciates these important relationships that contribute to make Sarasota the great city it is and will be for the future.

Have a great holiday, everyone.

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING




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## Election News



### **Jen Ahearn-Koch, Debbie Trice win Sarasota City Commission at-large seats**

Incumbent Jen Ahearn-Koch and Rosemary District leader Debbie Trice have been elected to the two at-large seats up for election on the Sarasota City Commission. Community activist Dan Lobeck finished in third place. The results mean that the commission will be majority female again, as three of five commissioners are women. Ahearn-Koch had the highest percentage of the vote in the election – 40.9%. Trice had 31.1% of the vote, and Lobeck 28.1%. Trice said she's excited about the win. [Click here to read more from the Herald-Tribune.](#)


**Election Results:** [See election results in Sarasota and Manatee counties](#)

### **Sarasota County voters renew penny sales tax by highest margin in state**

A sales tax won renewal in Sarasota County with a massive level of support. Ultimately, almost 78% of voters supported renewing a penny sales tax in the county for an additional 15 years. The vote renews the tax until 2039. Had the vote failed, the tax would have expired in 2024. [Click here to read full article.](#)

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## Public Survey - Engineering Design Criteria Manual (EDCM)



**CLICK HERE**

[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/R/EKTCYUMYEJ](https://forms.office.com/R/EKTCYUMYEJ)

**WE WANT YOUR INPUT ON WHAT INFRASTRUCTURE CHALLENGES THE COMMUNITY IS CURRENTLY FACING THAT MAY BE SOLVED WITH UPDATED DESIGN CRITERIA**

The City of Sarasota is updating the Engineering Design Criteria Manual (EDCM) to improve the quality of design in the community. The EDCM is actively in the revision process through October 2023. During this time the City will be collecting recommendations for changes to sections of the EDCM.

City staff hosted the first EDCM Public Meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and presented it at CCNA on November 5<sup>th</sup>. The first meeting was to inform the public of what the City is doing and present findings of the existing conditions analysis, best practices, and opportunities for the design standards update. At this meeting, a paper survey was provided for public input.

**The City would like your input on what infrastructure challenges the community is currently facing that may be solved with updated design criteria.**

**Take the EDCM Public Survey by clicking [Sarasota Engineering Design Criteria Manual - Public Meeting #1 Survey \(office.com\)](#)**

**Survey will close on December 10th, 2022 at 4:30pm.**

For more information, visit the EDCM project page at [Transportation Engineering Division | City of Sarasota \(sarasotafl.gov\)](#)

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## Staying Informed

In case you are not familiar with the City's Email Subscription link - in which you can receive notices of public meetings such as City Commission, Development Review Committee, Public Art, etc., please sign-up on the City's website using the below link then you can select what meeting notices you would like sent to you. [City of Sarasota, Florida \(govdelivery.com\)](#)

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## Van Wezel Foundation Update

Ken Shelin, Chair of DSCA's Arts and Cultural Committee has been designated by Marlon Brown, City Manager to take the lead in coordinating tours of the Van Wezel Hall with Hall Manager, Mary Bensel's staff, so that people can get a first-hand look at the current condition of the existing structure. Led by 3 VW staff members with intimate knowledge of the hall, the tours last about 1 hour and take people through the backstage, basement and building ceiling areas. There is a fair amount of walking and stair climbing.

For people interested in taking the tours, they should contact Ken Shelin directly at [kshelin@aol.com](mailto:kshelin@aol.com).

He will let you know when tours are scheduled. The tours are arranged around events taking place in the building so dates and times are arranged so they don't interfere with staff work responsibilities.

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## Rosemary District



Earlier this week over 100 residents attended a Rosemary District Community Meeting at the Fogartyville Media and Arts Center. Newly elected Commissioner Debbie Trice was the guest speaker.

Residents received updates on several Rosemary initiatives including a personal update from Parks & Recreation Director, Jerry Fogle on planning for the construction of the new Rosemary park.

Early progress on concepts for Streetscape efforts on Boulevard of the Arts and 10th were also shared.

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## Getting Around



### **Gulfstream Roundabout Update**

Work continues on the Gulfstream Roundabout with plans to open in early 2023. 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.

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### **New Service Starts at SRQ- Nonstop service to Raleigh-Durham, NC**

SRQ is pleased to announce that Avelo Airlines will begin service from Sarasota Bradenton International Airport (SRQ) to Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU) on February 17, 2023.

[Click here to read more.](#)

## 54 destinations and 11 airlines!



**Check out where else you can go from SRQ**

Avelo		Delta	
New Haven, CT	(HVN)	Atlanta, GA	(ATL)
Raleigh-Durham	(RDU)	Detroit, MI	(DTW)
Air Canada		Minneapolis, MN	(MSP)
Toronto, Canada	(YYZ)	New York, NY	(LGA)
Allegiant		Frontier	
Akron-Canton, OH	(CAK)	Philadelphia, PA	(PHL)
Allentown, PA	(ABE)		
Appleton, WI	(ATW)	JetBlue	
Asheville, NC	(AVL)	Boston, MA	(BOS)
Austin, TX	(AUS)	New York, NY	(JFK)
Baltimore, MD	(BWI)	New York, NY	(LGA)
Boston, MA	(BOS)		
Cedar Rapids, IA	(CID)	Southwest	
Chicago/Rockford, IL	(RFD)	Atlanta, GA	(ATL)
Cincinnati, OH	(CVG)	Austin, TX	(AUS)
Columbus, OH	(LCK)	Baltimore, MD	(BWI)
Des Moines, IA	(DSM)	Chicago, IL	(MDW)
Flint, MI	(FNT)	Cincinnati, OH	(CVG)
Fort Wayne, IN	(FWA)	Cleveland, OH	(CLE)
Grand Rapids, MI	(GRR)	Columbus, OH	(CMH)
Harrisburg, PA	(MDT)	Dallas, TX	(DAL)
Knoxville, TN	(TYS)	Denver, CO	(DEN)
Indianapolis, IN	(IND)	Houston, TX	(HOU)
Louisville, KY	(SDF)	Indianapolis, IN	(IND)
Minneapolis, MN	(MSP)	Kansas City, MO	(MCI)
Nashville, TN	(BNA)	Milwaukee, WI	(MKE)
Pittsburgh, PA	(PIT)	Nashville, TN	(BNA)
Peoria, IL	(PIA)	Pittsburgh, PA	(PIT)
Richmond, VA	(RIC)	New York, NY	(LGA)
St. Louis/Bellefonte, IL	(BLV)	St. Louis, MO	(STL)
South Bend, IN	(SBN)	Washington, DC	(DCA)
Syracuse, NY	(SYR)		
Tulsa, OK	(TUL)	United	
Washington, DC	(IAD)	Chicago, IL	(ORD)
American		Denver, CO	(DEN)
Austin	(AUS)	Houston, TX	(IAH)
Charlotte, NC	(CLT)	Newark, NJ	(EWR)
Chicago, IL	(ORD)	Washington, DC	(IAD)
Dallas-Ft. Worth, TX	(DFW)		
Philadelphia, PA	(PHL)	Sun Country	
Washington, DC	(DCA)	Minneapolis, MN	(MSP)
Breeze			
Hartford, CT	(BDL)		
White Plains, NY	(HPN)		
<i>Nonstop Destinations</i>			
<i>Seasonal Destinations</i>			

## DSCA Board November Wrap Up

As has been the recent practice the 11/2 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, [View Meeting Video HERE](#) - DSCA Board Meeting 2022-11-02  
[View Speaker Video HERE](#)- Herminio Rodriguez, Director of Information Technology, City of Sarasota

## DSCA Upcoming Events

## DSCA Board Meeting

**DSCA Board Meeting | December 7, 2022 | 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.** held via Zoom & at Broadway Promenade, 1064 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34236



[Register](#)

The daughter of two public school teachers, Trice grew up in New York City. After graduating from college, she worked at Metropolitan Life Insurance as a systems analyst and then at IBM in marketing and management roles.

Trice moved to Sarasota in 1997 to take care of her aging parents. Since then, she has done different kinds of community service here. She served on the Sarasota County Charter Review Board from 2006 to 2010 and on the board of directors of the Rosemary District Association from 2019 to 2022, first as secretary and then as president.

One of Trice's key goals is to address the City's housing crisis in hopes to help implement a long-term solution to the problem.

**Following the meeting, the Board will be hosting a reception to thank our City Staff and City Commissioners for their valuable service to our community**

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.

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## DSCA Holiday Reception





**DSCA Holiday Reception - December 7, 2022 | 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM** Location: Zoom & Broadway Promenade, 1064 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34236. We wish to thank our City Staff and City Commissioners for their valuable service to our community and invite them to meet with the Downtown Sarasota Residents and Associate Business Members. Spouses Welcome!

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## Associate Member Events

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

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## Upcoming Community Events



### **Impact Theatre Mural Dedication | November 28 | 4 PM**

Location: Corner of 5th and Central Celebration of the reveal of the "Impact Theatre" mural, a colorful and symbolic artwork created to recognize the common bonds of Jewish and African Americans in the Rosemary District. The Impact Theatre is inspired by the legendary relationship between Martin Luther King Jr. and Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel. Founding sponsors at the forefront of the project are the [Jewish Federation of Sarasota-Manatee](#), [Temple Sinai](#), and [Newtown Alive](#) and is part of the Walter Gilbert Mural Initiative

### **Sarasota Holiday Parade | December 3, 2022 | 7PM**

The 26th Anniversary of the Sarasota Holiday Parade will begin at Main Street and U.S. 301 in downtown Sarasota. The parade will end at J.D. Hamel Park at Main Street and Gulfstream Avenue. [Click here for more details.](#)

### **Downtown Sarasota's Annual Tree Lighting | December 1 | 6 - 8**

**PM** Location: Selby Five Points Park, located across the street from the Selby Public Library. 1 Central Avenue, Sarasota, FL. Enjoy refreshments, music, holiday carols and photos with Santa! The Christmas Tree will be lit at 7 p.m. where photos can be taken.

### **The Ringling - Holiday Splendor | Dec. 1, 8, 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 to learn more.](#)

### **Annual Sarasota Christmas Boat Parade of Lights | December 10**

The crowd-pleasing parade was started in 1986 and takes place the second Saturday evening of December, starting around 6 p.m. The boat parade starts from City Island and will be just enough to help put you into the spirit of the season. [Click here for pictures and the best place from which to view the boat parade.](#)

**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.](#)

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## Fresh Friday's

**HOLIDAY TREASURES | Art Walks on Palm Avenue | Friday, December 2, 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, December 2nd, 7-10 p.m.**  
Now in its second season, the December 2nd Fresh Fridays event will be led by the talented and charismatic Brandon Wardell, a singer with Broadway credentials and a set of performing arts skills that will wow the holiday crowd. Shop.Stroll.Sing! will also have a forecast of "snow" and holiday karaoke to make the night a spark of joy to start the holiday season! You can expect some tasty food and beverage offerings from select downtown hospitality partners to go along with FREE holiday polaroid portraits and some FRESH signature giveaways. [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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