

# Avondale News Bytes

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FALL ISSUE

## Did You Know? Avondale Safety Patrol

A neighborhood watch program is a crime prevention plan under which civilians agree to keep an eye on one another's properties. Suspicious activity is reported to law enforcement agencies. In Avondale, our watch program is an informal group lead by area dog walkers. Meet some of your neighbors and their pets who help (even inadvertently) keep our streets safer.



Left - Claudio Ruben walks his Australian Terriers, Miles and Malbec (yes, like the wine). Claudio and his wife moved to the new home at the southeast corner of Lincoln and Osprey earlier this year. Welcome to Avondale neighbors.

Right - Carolyn Van Helden and new puppy Zoey relax in her dog-friendly yard on Alta Vista. Her Coton de Tulear breed is named for a city in Madagascar and for its cotton-like coat.



Right - David Nau lives at the southwest corner of Bahia Vista and Yale. He and his partner Judy Dempsey can often be seen walking Patches, their Shih Tzu. David is a local residential contractor and Judy is an artist. Patches really rocks her ponytail!



### 3 Simple Ways to Keep Crime at Bay

Some neighborhoods experience less crime than others, but no neighborhood is crime free. Even quiet, historically safe communities may face a crime threat at some point. Here are 3 simple ways to team up with your neighbors for a safer neighborhood.

1. **Get to know your neighbors.** Introduce yourself as you meet others on our streets.
2. Keep up on crime trends and spread the word. Give your email to Rob Hoff for updates.
3. Consider security cameras and leave a light on at night.

## President's message



Hello Avondale Residents,

It has been a wet and humid summer. I even thought we should build an ark at times. Hopefully, fall will bring cooler temperatures and sunny days. Speaking of fall, our neighborhood picnic is around the corner.

The picnic will be held on October 25th from 4-6:30 pm. As in the past, we will meet at Holly and Jay Logan's property located on 1863 Irving Street. Board member Pam Baker is in charge and will be sending instructions on what to bring. It is always a fun time and a great way to meet your neighbors. This year we are hoping to have some great musical entertainment from some of our very own residents. Please encourage everyone to come.

You can also pay your Avondale Residents Association (ARA) dues of \$20 at the picnic or you can mail them to Julie Guirguis, ARA treasurer, at 1940 Alta Vista. Dues are used to produce our Avondale newsletter and to provide funding for enhancements in the neighborhood.

I look forward to seeing old and new residents on October 25. It will be a fun time to celebrate what a great neighborhood we have. ARA President Jean Ruff

**Note:** Board meetings are open to all Avondale residents and are announced via email. Please contact ARA secretary Rob Hoff at [robhoff@mac.com](mailto:robhoff@mac.com) if you would like to be added to our email list. All residents who submit their email to Rob will be given important notifications and security alerts in addition to notice of ARA meetings.



## Like a Good Neighbor



In an effort to shield the neighborhood from the Gateway Bank building and US 41, three neighbors on Brewer Place put together a landscape plan to add landscaping between the parking lot and Brewer Place. The plan adds 8 new Ligustrum trees, 11 Fishtail palms, 14 additional Pittosporum and a Viburnum hedge to run the length of the parking lot. The cost is \$12,000. Property owners will cover \$3,000 and be responsible for the maintenance. The balance will be covered by the homeowners.

The Avondale Residents Association (ARA) reviewed the plan and believes this project will benefit the neighborhood as a whole. While willing to support the project, the ARA has limited funds. We are reaching out to our neighbors to ask for contributions to help offset the cost of this project. If you would like to pitch in, please send a check to ARA treasurer Julie Guirguis at 1940 Alta Vista St. Any amount will be appreciated.

Kathy & Gary Bockhold

## Spotlight on

### Pandora Seibert, Seibert Interiors



A native Sarasotan, Pandora has been immersed in the world of art, design and architecture since childhood. Her childhood home, designed by her father Edward “Tim” Seibert, AIA, was a classic Sarasota School of Architecture house. Seamlessly blending its lush Siesta Key outdoor setting with elegant flowing interior spaces, the home was featured in numerous national magazines. The movers and shakers of Sarasota’s art, architecture and literary scene at the time were regular visitors and family friends. These extraordinary influences throughout her life have helped to refine her talents and have given Pandora an intuitive understanding of art and design.

Pandora runs her own interior design and Feng Shui practice and its principles are reflected in her work. Her designs have been featured in a number of professional journals and Pandora was awarded “Most Creative” room design in the 1999 Symphony Showcase.

Prior to moving to 1850 Irving Street in Avondale, Pandora lived just west of Osprey Avenue on Alta Vista for many years. When asked why she chose Avondale, Pandora said she loves the area because it’s a great established old Sarasota neighborhood. Welcome to Avondale Pandora!

## Editor’s Note

When I first proposed a newsletter to the ARA Board last February, my intent was to provide a tool for residents to learn more about their neighbors. Toward that end, the focus was to be social in nature and feature pictures and stories about the residents in our neighborhood. It doesn’t take much to meet your neighbors but the effort could enrich your life while helping to strengthen your neighborhood. Engaging with other residents will help create a more friendly and safe environment for all to enjoy.

I’ve lived in Avondale for twenty-five years through many changes - mostly positive. And no matter where I travel throughout the world, there truly is no place like home. One of the many reasons the area appealed to me was the wonderful trees that tower over so many homes. Hopefully others feel the same and we can protect this neighborhood treasure.

In closing, this is your newsletter and I need your help in creating a better product. Please send your suggestions, ideas for articles and your pictures (JPEG) to [bemmequeen@gmail.com](mailto:bemmequeen@gmail.com). To receive an E copy of the newsletter, send your email address to ARA treasurer, Rob Hoff at [robhoff@mac.com](mailto:robhoff@mac.com). Thanks for your help, Belinda “Emme” Queen



# Mark your Calendar

October 10-12.....Sarasota Fall Bayfront Boat Show  
October 25.....Avondale Picnic

# Important Phone Numbers

## Emergency Services

- Police, Fire, Medical Emergencies: 911
- Police Department - non-emergency: 941-316-1199
- Fire Department – non-emergency: 941-861-5000

## Building and Property

- Building Inspections: 941-954-4126
- Code Compliance: 941-954-4125

**City Hall:** 941-365-2200

## Utilities

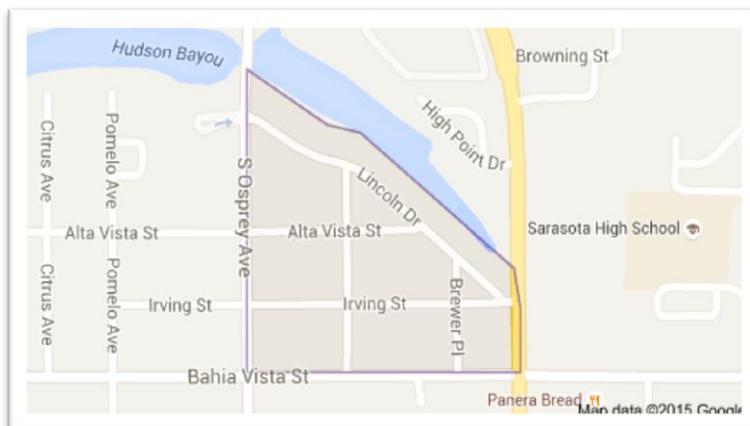
- Customer Service: 941-955-2325
- Water and Sewer Repairs: 941-955-4838
- Garbage pickup: 941-365-7651
- Recycling: 941-497-8088

**Sarasota County Animal Services:** 941-861-9501

## Schools:

- Southside Elementary School: 941-361-6420
- Brookside Middle School: 941-361-6472
- Sarasota Middle School: 941-361-6464
- Sarasota High School: 941-955-0181
- Pine View School: 941-486-2001

# Avondale - On the Map



North of Bahia Vista, South of Hudson Bayou, East of Osprey Ave, West of the Trail