

FALL 2021

# AVONDALE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



## ARA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dearest Neighbors:

Welcome back (if you've been away) and welcome Fall. I trust that everyone has had a safe and healthy summer. I wanted to title this writing as "The Covid Impact on Avondale," but that sounded too somber, so let's say that, though still in the pandemic situation, we all are somewhat safer this Fall than last.

Even so, your ARA board voted to postpone (ugh, again...) the Fall picnic to be safe. We're hoping to have a fabulous Spring Social in April, thanks to our hosts, Wendy and Carlos Pagan.

Since our last newsletter, Avondale has had some interesting news relating to our infrastructure.

- The **Lift Station 87** project has finally been completed with only the small park on Pomelo Ave. (where the old lift substation was located) to be landscaped. I know it's technically not Avondale, but it will be a lovely place to walk to and enjoy and is only two blocks from S. Osprey Avenue.
- In conjunction with ending the **LS87 project**, the improvements to S. Osprey were also completed. We know that some S. Osprey residents have taken the majority of the construction intrusion who are quite unhappy with the project. However, the improved infrastructure to this area will only increase our property values,...

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...exist 50+ years, and was engineered to drain the water from all areas of S. Osprey downhill to the bayou. If you've ever gone by there, like I have, right after a hurricane and major thunderstorms, the sidewalks and the street drained beautifully.

- **Sign Dedication Ceremony, October 30, 4 - 5 pm.** With help from the city via a grant, Avondale purchased a new neighborhood entrance sign located at the corner of Lincoln Road. and S. Osprey Avenue. The ARA will host a brief, relaxed "Sign Dedication Ceremony" with complimentary water and wine. Sarasota city officials will be invited as well. It will be very low-key and give us a chance to interact together, outside. Please wear your mask when not drinking!
- The City of Sarasota has launched a **new app called "Click-To-Fix."** It is an extremely easy-to-use method for any citizen to report issues such as a broken street light, street cleaning needed, a pothole repair needed, curb repair, or consistently too much water build-up in the street, etc. The ARA sent you an email with this information, and the ARA website ([www.avondalesarasota.org](http://www.avondalesarasota.org)) has this info as well. The city's website for this is: <http://www.sarasotafl.gov/CoS-Click-2-Fix>

**A few general announcements:**

- The ARA board would love to have another board member or two. If interested, don't hesitate to get in touch with any board member! (Carol Fournier, Connie Reisenbeck, Jodie Vashistha, Rob Hoff, Pam Baker, Mollie Cardamone, or Georgia Salaverri).
- All Coalition of City Neighborhood Association (CCNA) meetings are now available for live viewing for all residents. The CCNA meets on the first Saturday of each month from 9-10:30 am. The ARA will email you the link a few days prior to each meeting. Either Jodie Vashistha or I attend these meetings to represent Avondale.
- On behalf of the ARA board and all our residents, I'd like to express our deepest condolences to the loss of Jan Nemeč's husband, Carl, over the past summer. He certainly will be missed by all of us.

Finally, it's time to renew! Please visit the ARA website [www.avondalesarasota.org](http://www.avondalesarasota.org) to renew your membership!

Well, that's it...enjoy the holidays, stay strong, and stay safe.

Dean Anderson, President  
Avondale Residents Association



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

**Evan Kraus and Patty Turk**

Evan and Patty and their fluffy pup recently moved to Avondale.

Evan is an attorney who specializes in employee benefits; Patty sells commercial real estate—assisted living.

They have four children, ages 30, 27 (girls), 24, and 23 (boys), whom all remain in Chicago's former hometown.

## LIGHTS ON FOR OUR TRICK OR TREATERS ON HALLOWEEN

Little Batman's, Princesses, Mad Scientists, Witches, and Pumpkins will be strolling through our neighborhood on Halloween evening. They'll be carrying their trick-or-treat bags in the hope of filling them to the brim with sweet treats. With so many new children in the neighborhood, it's a great time to welcome them to the community.

So, let's turn on our lights on Halloween night, welcome them, and offer a tasty treat!





## POMELO PARK

When complete with landscaping, our new park will be a sweet spot to walk, sit, and take in the loveliness of our community.

## SOUTHSIDE VILLAGE HOLIDAY CONTEST: BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

The Southside Village is again sponsoring its Holiday Decorating Contest - Show off your family's holiday decorating skills by entering the Southside Village Neighborhoods Holiday Lighting Contest! All decorations must be up by December 17.

The competition is divided into eight residential neighborhoods and businesses. There will be one winner from each neighborhood, nine total winners, one overall winner, and three special awards.



# A special thanks to Dean Anderson



Thank you, Dean, for getting the City to address our sidewalk issues.  
Work is underway to correct the trip hazards.

## FINAL NOTES

Save the Date!  
Saturday, October 30th at 4pm

### Avondale

**Sign Dedication Ceremony**  
(at the corner of Lincoln Dr & Osprey Ave)

All neighbors are invited for light refreshments. Please bring a chair.  
Membership Renewals will be accepted  
(\$50 donation to Avondale Residents' Association)

Rain Date: Saturday, November 6th, 4pm



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