

THE AVONDALE REVIEW

1st Edition 2019

Good Neighbors Make Good Fences

(Excerpts from an article by Barbara Peters Smith)

Our beautiful neighborhood was highlighted in a recent article of the Herald Tribune's online edition. Here are a few excerpts that so accurately describe Avondale: "Walls are useful ways to mark boundaries that most folks are willing to appreciate and respect. Avondale, just across the Hudson Bayou from Downtown Sarasota is generous with its over-the-hedge glimpses of secret gardens that you would never spot from a car. Lots of fences here are well made and fine to look at, adding just the right doses of dignity and order."



Good Neighbors...one of Avondale's best features!

President's Message

It's a bit unusual saying "*Happy New Year*" in our first Avondale Newsletter publication since last spring, but we recently said goodbye to our former editor, Emme Queen, who moved out of the neighborhood this fall. We needed some time to replace Emme and her outstanding efforts, and fortunately Avondale resident Georgia Saliverri has stepped up to the plate as our new ARA Newsletter editor! Thank you Emme and also welcome Georgia!

Well, we survived another hurricane season! The rescheduled "Fall" picnic took place on 12/9 was preceded by two hours of torrential rains before the scheduled time! I was proud of the neighborhood for sticking it out...a nice time was had by all. Many thanks to Pam Baker for organizing this event, to the many board members and residents who helped with set-up/break-down, to Carlos Pagan for providing a fabulous playlist, and to all who brought your fantastic food. Finally, a special shout out to Holly and Jay for allowing us to utilize their yard, yet again.



(President's Message cont.)

I would like to remind all our residents of the special members of your ARA board:

Dean Anderson - President

Gary Bockhold - Board Member

Pam Baker - Vice President

Connie Riesenbeck - Board Member

Rob Hoff/Carol Fournier - Secretaries

Mollie Cardamone - Board Member

Julie Sommer - Treasurer

Jean Ruff - Board Member/Imm. Past President

Should you ever have a question, request, or need anything at all, please feel free to contact any member of your board.

A reminder, all ARA board meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month from 5:30-6:30 at 1932 Irving St. If you'd like to bring something forward, either attend one of the meetings or send us an e-mail so that we may discuss it at the next meeting.

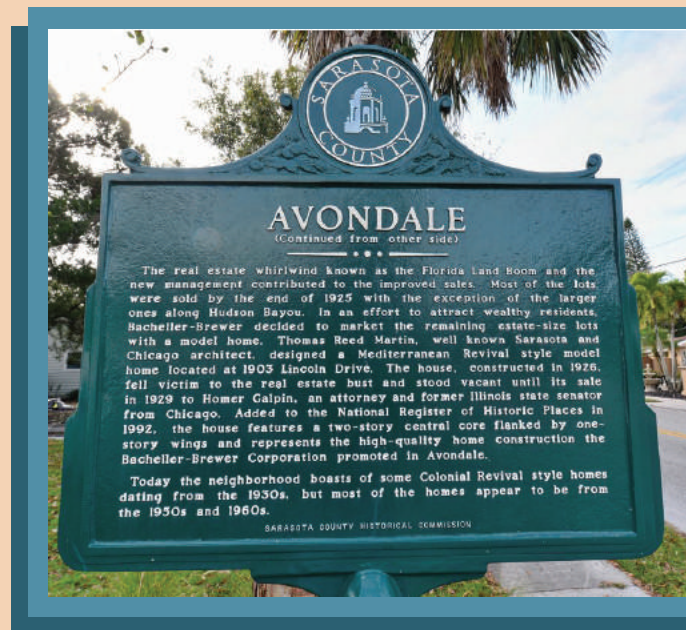
Neighborhood Projects

Avondale Infrastructure Improvement Proposal - Jan 8 2019

We've all been talking for sometime about needing our streets repaved, improved lighting, curbs repaired, drainage improvements, and some traffic calming in our neighborhood. Well, as of this writing, I can report some positive efforts towards reaching some of those goals, some now, and some later.

The ARA board put forward a detailed infrastructure proposal to the City of Sarasota and invited the City Manager, Tom Barwin, to attend our most recent board meeting. The results of that meeting and working with his staff have us looking at the following goals/accomplishments:

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Avondale Historical Trivia!

Submitted by Mollie & Ron Cardamone

Every entrance to Avondale on Osprey Ave and Bahia Vista had decorative coquina shell & concrete seat corners along with the Avondale Lion Urns. They were a very nice and unusual identifier of our neighborhood.

(Avondale Infrastructure cont.)

1. All our streets will be repaved this year (there is budget for this). Bahia Vista will be repaved once the water main project is completed. Osprey and the western part of Lincoln Rd. will be repaved upon the completion of the Lift Station 87 project.
2. Avondale's curbs and sidewalks will be targeted for an upgrade in the next few years. The city will do an assessment and budget planning for this project now so that in can get "in the hopper".
3. The City of Sarasota will work with FPL and devise a neighborhood plan to present to us to improve all the lighting on our streets.
4. Avondale and the City will combine together to do a City of Sarasota Partnership Grant to help prune limbs that are blocking street intersection lighting. Avondale's financial commitment to this is \$500 and the city will bear the remaining \$1500. There are also a few diseased trees that will be removed on Brewer Place. This all can take place in the next few months.

Avondale Planter Replacement Project

ARA board has launched an Avondale Planter Project to replace, or, buy new lion-headed planters the exist around the perimeter of our neighborhood. These planters (like those @ Yale Ave. / Bahia Vista) have historically been a fixture in Avondale history. Over the years, some have broken or stolen. The board has decided to replace 3 of the old ones and buy 3 new ones. These will all be painted, permanently sealed to each base, and planted with "Crown of Thorns" plants. Some of our residents have graciously donated funds to make this happen:



**Gary/Kathy Bockhold, Medora Sheehan, Jay & Holly Logan,
Jodie & Atul Vashista, Dean Anderson & Tihda Vongkoth, Ed & Pat Sheppard,
Georgia & Vicente Salaverri, John & Eva Macaluso**



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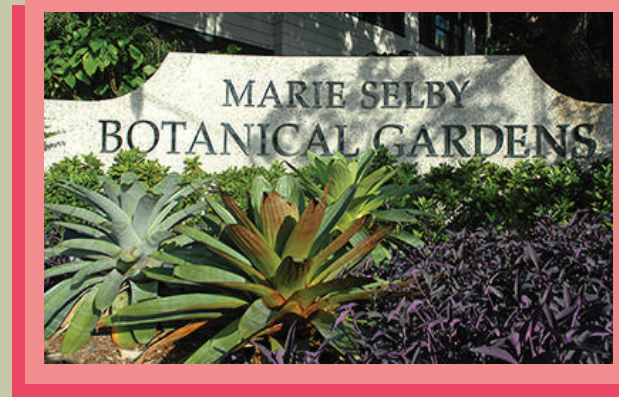
The area now known as Mandarin Park was an exotic fruit and nut grove. Mr. Moffitt, the owner, tried to introduce fruits such as an egg fruit and macadamia nut trees. The squirrels and a freeze every once in a while prevented his success.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

Annual ARA Business Meeting w/ all residents:

Sunday, March 19th, 4-6pm.

This will be held at Selby Gardens and Selby will be presenting their latest renovation changes, the Lift Station 87 Project Manager will give us the updates on the LS87 project, as well as more discussion concerning Avondale's Infrastructure Proposal with the City of Sarasota.



Avondale Spring Social

Friday, April 12 from 7-10pm

This year's annual Spring Social will take place on Friday, April 12 from 7-10pm at Carol Van Helden's house (1905 Alta Vista St.). As a reminder, adults only please! Also, this is traditionally another "pot-luck" dinner, so, look for more details as we get closer. The music entertainment will be by the Michael Ross Trio

Did you see our unwanted visitor?

He was with us for a few days despite many attempts to chase him away! "Outtahere" the Coyote, as he was nicknamed, moved on and has not been seen since. Thank you to all concerned residents who contacted Animal Control and notified people of his presence. "Outtahere", get outta here!



Avondale Clubs – a fun way to get to know your neighbors

Like to play Bunco? Or maybe you would enjoy our Wine Club or Cigar Club! Checkout the details for these groups on our website!

www.avondalesarasota.org



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Mr. Moffitt had a desire to introduce parakeets to the area. He raised thousands of them and released them with the hope they would stay in our area. Unfortunately they flew off to LongBoat Key!

Around the Neighborhood



**Want to be in the next issue?
Come out to our events and get involved!
Join a club, come to our socials, or
attend a board meeting!**



Important 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**

Homelessness Response Team, Cpt. Kevin Stiff: **941-554-3263**

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: **941-361-9501**

Brookstone Middle School: **941-361-6472**

Sarasota Middle School: **941-361-6464**

Sarasota High School: **941-955-0181**