

Avondale Residents Association



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ARA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FALL 2022

DEAN ANDERSON, PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbor,

Welcome back Fall to all of our Avondale residents, old and new! It's been quite an interesting time for all of us, having survived hurricane Ian, the ongoing pandemic, and world events being what they are!

Speaking of hurricane Ian, Avondale did very well overall, with many debris, limbs, and a few trees damaged. It took the city a while to clear out the debris, but it's looking ok as of now. Yes, there are still some obvious spots that the city needs to address, but they will. Please note some of the enclosed photos in this edition of our newsletter. Thanks to ARA secretary **Rob Hoff** for getting the flood zone evacuation notice for Avondale out to everyone ahead of the storm. I remained here throughout the storm and was impressed by the quick drainage of all the water throughout our neighborhood. **CONTINUED**

Read more on AvondaleSarasota.org

MEET THE CANDIDATES FORUM

Sunday, October 16, 2022



Jen Ahern Koch, Debbie Trice, and Dan Lobeck.

In October, the ARA teamed with the Hudson Bayou neighborhood to host our Candidates Forum, featuring the three candidates for the Sarasota City Commission –Jen Ahern Koch, Debbie Trice, and Dan Lobeck. On a beautiful fall day, the event was held outside at Carolyn Van Helden's home.

It was an informative event to help us better understand the positions of these three respected candidates. Much attention was given to the city's newly proposed (and now passed) comprehensive plan, which designates major transportation and housing areas in the city.



Our neighborhood borders upon this corridor along Tamiami Trail –let's hope the dentists don't sell their properties to developers so that up to 10-story buildings will be in our neighborhood. Virtually everyone I've spoken to in Avondale agrees with that concern.

Thanks to **Mollie Cardamone** for providing the popcorn and lemonade!

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FALL SOCIAL 2022

Sunday, October 23

A week after the Candidates Forum, the ARA hosted the return of our annual **Fall picnic**. Thanks to our hosts, **Jay and Holly Logan, George Reid** for cleaning up the islands, **Pam Baker** for securing the fantastic caterer, **Atul Vashistha** for the wine donation, **Carlos Pagan** for the music playlist, the city for the tables/chairs, etc., and to all of you who attended this fun gathering. This year we added games for the kids and kept the "business" to a minimum. It was another great fall weather day, and everyone had a welcoming and fun time!



A SAFER STREET



After research and meeting with City officials, S. Osprey Ave. (between the S. Osprey bridge and Loma Linda) was approved for speed mitigation measures — depending on 60% of neighbor approval within a designated area. Dean Anderson and I have been walking around gathering signatures.

So far, every neighbor has been in favor of this. It will result in two permanent speed signs, like the ones already on S. Orange, stating the speed limit of 30, with flashing “Your Speed. “ They will be located south of Lincoln Park Place and north of Loma Linda. It will take some months to process, but we will be in the queue for the signs.

Also in the works is a request for painted pedestrian crosswalks at the appropriate S. Osprey intersections (Alta Vista and/or Irving). In addition, Avondale is working on measures to assist Lincoln Rd. traffic concerns.

These measures will help raise awareness that Hudson Bayou and Avondale are neighborhoods where children, seniors, bikers, and folks walking their dogs reside. Here’s to a safer place to live! – **Medora Sheehan**

Many thanks to Medora for spearheading this project.

In addition, ARA will ask the CCNA (Coalition of City Neighborhood Associations) – of which we are members – for help with the persistent traffic problems such as cars running stop signs and speeding along Lincoln Road and Bahia Vista.

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AFTER THE STORM

When the winds died, we could walk around the Avondale neighborhood to assess the damage caused by Hurricane Ian's high winds and heavy rain. Debris from the storm littered the streets, sidewalks, fences, and trees were down, and street signs were askew.

Here are photos showing some of the damage caused by Ian.





SAVE THE DATE

FLAMINGLE HOLIDAY PARTY

Sunday, December 11, 4 - 6 p.m.

Flamingle is a fun family event that will take place at 1940 Alta Vista Street (front lawn).

Enjoy lite bites and beverages for the whole family.



ANNUAL ARA SPRING SOCIAL

Saturday, April 15, 2023

Wendy and Carlos Pagan

will host the Spring Social at their home.

Join us for a fabulous catered dinner & live music by the Michael Ross Quartet.

All ARA Members are invited to attend.

FINAL NOTE

The ARA just completed a very needed food drive via **Meals-On-Wheels**, to assist our fellow Floridians impacted by hurricane Ian. Thanks to everyone for continuing to donate items of need during this difficult time for those who've lost so much. This food drive will replace the one we usually do during the upcoming holiday season, and we are planning another one for the winter months. Thanks (again!) to Mollie Cardamone for organizing this event.

Lastly, we have a couple of **Avondale Board positions open**. Anyone interested in joining us can contact me at any time (dandersondrums@gmail.com). These positions will be voted on at our February annual business meeting.

Please note the important contact information that will now be on every email, our website (avondalesarasota.org), and our newsletters. These contact numbers will be for:

Click-To-Fix (the city's excellent service for reporting all problems in our neighborhood that YOU can initiate...potholes, broken street lights, broken sidewalks, anything, etc.

Download the app: CoS Click-2-Fix App

The Avondale website: www.avondalesarasota.org. It's all the news you'll ever need

Sarasota police non-emergency phone number is 941-316-1199 for reporting homeless intrusions, suspected individuals on your property, etc.

CCNA website: <https://sarasotaccna.org> (to attend meeting in-person or via Zoom, the CCNA newsletter, position statements, etc.)

Let's all give great thanks to **Georgia Salaverri**, our newsletter editor, for her excellent work on this important service to you, our residents!

Stay calm,

Dean

What are YOU Thankful For?



We are thankful for great neighbors.

May you enjoy the warmth of family and friends this season and the harvest of the feast.

Happy Thanksgiving!