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Presidents Message

It has been a very unusual year for our neighborhood, especially with all the weather related events that we had to endure and the departure of some of our closest friends in the neighborhood, all leaving for various reasons, yet telling us - "We love Avondale!" Regardless, we had a very nice 100th anniversary as a neighborhood.



2025 Annual Business Meeting

This year, this very important event will take place on February 23, 2025, and will be held at the Payne Park Tennis Clubhouse - 2050 Adams Lane (this is located right next to where you pay your taxes...). We need you there to vote on a few things, enjoy some free appetizers, and enjoy the great (cash) bar located there.

Save The Date!

Dogs & Drinks - Wednesday February 19, 5:30-6:00pm
Annual Business Meeting, Sunday, February 23, 4:00-6:00pm
ARA Spring Social - Friday March 28, 6-10pm

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Presidents Message, Continued:

Our annual ARA Spring Social will be a bit earlier this year, on Friday, March 28, from 6-10pm. From 6-7 we will have “happy hour”, followed by a catered dinner with live music again provided by the Michael Ross Trio. This year’s event will be hosted by Georgia and Vince Salaverri, at 1115 Yale Ave. Mark your calendars!

Dogs & Drinks will have a new location: Corner of Yale and Irving. BYO Dog and Drinkor come without either and just socialize! Wednesday February 19, 5:30-6:00pm



Something to look forward to (or not...) is the city’s plan to install underground, force main piping with “pits” connecting to side streets. These “pits” will be located at each intersection, (for us - Alta Vista at S. Osprey). This project will start in May and last about 5 months



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The ARA Fall Picnic, officially dubbed the “Avondale’s 100th Celebration”, featured the Sarasota High School Band Drumline who toured the neighborhood and provided exciting riffs to get everyone excited about the 100th Celebration. We had a great turn out of residents to enjoy food and drink that was eclectic and delicious, both catered and pot-luck style. Joining us were three of our Sarasota City Commissioners: Mayor Liz Albert, Vice Mayor Debbie Trice, and At Large Commissioner Jen Ahearn Koch.



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More Pics from the 100th Anniversary Fall Picnic



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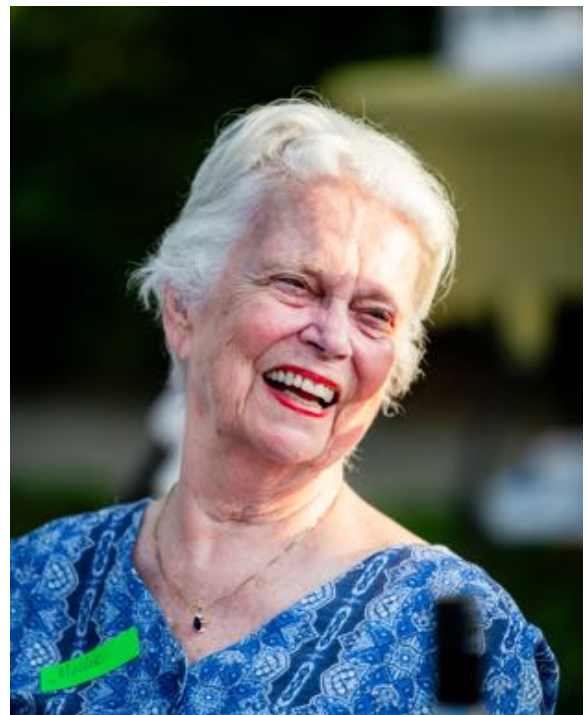
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Cheers to Mollie!

Prior to the ARA Fall picnic in November, the ARA board voted to purchase a plaque that honored the many years of service to our neighborhood that Mollie Cardamone has provided. It is centrally located at the intersection of Yale Ave. and Irving St. in the east side curb barrier. Also, Mollie was recently awarded the "Lifetime Achievement Award" by the City Coalition of Neighborhood Associations at the December CCNA meeting.



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Welcome New Neighbors!



Kerry and Dennis Prado moved to 1107 S Osprey this past summer. They have been visiting family in the Sarasota area for the past 30 years and now are looking forward to spending more time with their parents. Kerry's parents spend winters in Sarasota and Dennis' parents in Punta Gorda.

They moved from the north suburbs of Chicago and plan on returning during the hot summer months. Kerry and Dennis are originally from Connecticut and Pittsburgh and met at Bucknell University. They moved their young family to the Chicago area 25 years ago.

Kerry and Dennis have three daughters who now live in New York City, Chicago, and Madison, WI. Their family enjoys spending time at the beach, the Selby Gardens, playing pickleball, golfing, boating, biking, or enjoying a good meal at one of Sarasota's many wonderful restaurants. They are looking forward to living in Sarasota and to meeting their neighbors in Avondale.

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Farewell to Jodie and Rob



It is with great sadness that Avondale has lost two of our most special ARA board members. Both Jodie and Atul Vashisha and Rob and Sue Hoff have moved to different neighborhoods and we will miss their presence here in our neighborhood. Jodie has served on the ARA board as Treasurer for the past 5 years and Rob has served 11 years as our Secretary. We will certainly miss their level of service that they have provided to our neighborhood.

