



Laurel Park News

Upcoming Events

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While many of our residents spend the summer months in the North, our dedicated board continues to devote their efforts and time to Laurel Park Neighborhood Association(LPNA). We have a number of projects in the works and others that have made great progress.

The LPNA Board and its members continue to volunteer their time to improve the quality of life in Laurel Park and keep its historic charm intact. As residents, we are well aware that development surrounds our quaint downtown neighborhood. Over the years our residents have positively affected the development by working with government to reduce the impact on our neighborhood.

To support these efforts, we encourage everyone in the neighborhood to become a member of LPNA by filling out the membership form on the back of this newsletter.

LPNA General Meeting

Date: Monday, Nov 4, 2019
 Time: 6:00pm
 Location: Tamiami Tap, Osprey Ave
 Food provided by LPNA. Cash bar for drinks. Be sure to linger and meet your neighbors!



Tunes in the Park

Date: Saturday, Nov 16, 2019
 Time: 5:00-9:00 pm
 Location: 1720 Laurel St



Live music with Swinging Bridge! Please bring a main dish to share. Desserts, light drinks and utensils provided by LPNA.

Please contact Jolie, if you would like to volunteer to help with this event. Jolie 941-951-2468

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Our Mission

- Protect residential and historic integrity
- Work with governmental agencies
- Promote communication
- Encourage safety and beautification



Sign up for Nextdoor.com then select Laurel Park in Sarasota.

Stay Connected!

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Hudson Bayou Restoration Project

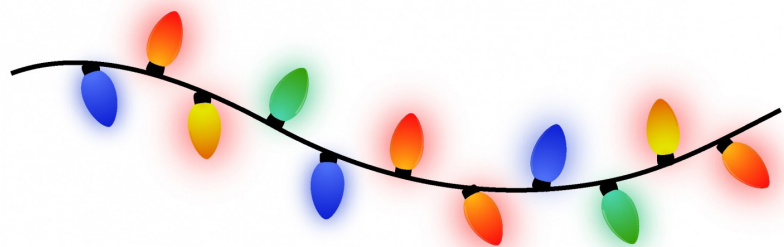
On April 23rd, representatives from the LPNA board and concerned neighbors met with Mike Taylor (Deputy Building Official) from the City of Sarasota and Harold Roebuck (County Stormwater Manager) from Sarasota County to address the condition of the bayou running north-south from Oak St., parallel to Ohio Place, into Hudson Bayou.

Several neighbors had expressed concern about debris and blockages, erosion, and construction related impact on the stability and effectiveness of the bayou in a major storm situation. These concerns were shared and the issues were observed on a walk around the bayou.

The County has been responsive to the concerns raised. Initially they targeted a cleanup through the Sarasota County Sheriff's Work Offender Program, but ultimately concluded the scope of work required was too great. The proposed work involves clearing downed trees, blockages, and other debris from within the bayou. Sarasota County then put the project out to bid and now, with the advent of a new fiscal year, is working to schedule a date for the work to take place.



Thanks to Mr. Harold Roebuck and Sarasota County! - *John Shkor*



Holiday Decoration Contest!

Let's get our neighborhood holiday spirit going!

Decorate your house by December 9th

Best Decorations win \$100!

LPNA Board Members to judge

Winner will be announced via email and Nextdoor.com

CENTER FOR ARCHITECTURE
PRESENTS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2019
3:30P-5:30P

MEET AT THE CENTER
MEMBERS \$25 NONMEMBERS \$35
ALL SALES FINAL

130 YEARS OF
ARCHITECTURE

LAUREL PARK

Walking Tour of Laurel Park
Host: John McCarthy

Hawkins Court Success Story!

The first phase in restoring the historic brick surface of Hawkins Court is complete.

Owen Burns and McAlpin Paving Company laid the brick, not only on Hawkins Court, but throughout Laurel Park. Currently, Hawkins and a section of Rawls are the only brick streets left in the neighborhood. All the others are paved over with asphalt.

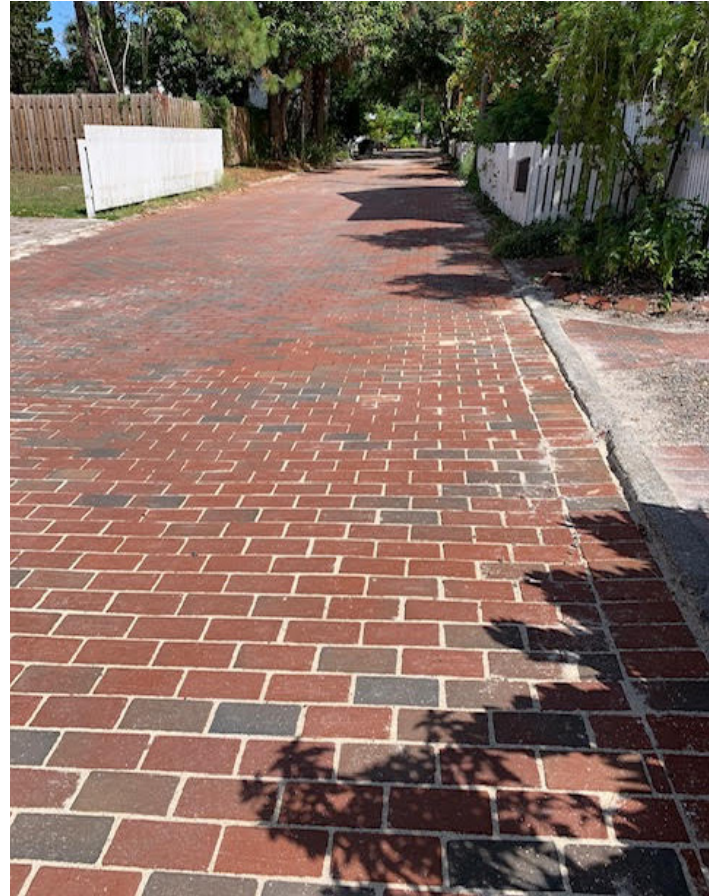
By 2016, time was taking its toll on Hawkins' nearly 100-year old brick surface. A cable company had dug up and asphalted over a long, 3-foot wide swath and the underlying roadbed was starting to fail. Many bricks were broken or missing. Alice Sundstrom, a Hawkins homeowner and then President of LPNA, was concerned it would eventually get so bad that a quick, asphalt fix might be necessary to keep the road passable.

She and her husband, Bob Wernick started looking into getting the street restored. LPNA immediately jumped on board and Lorrie Muldowney helped get the Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation to back the restoration. That was just the beginning. There were still petitions needing signatures, lobbying, budgeting, design, and construction yet to be done.

Early on it became clear that Department Head, Doug Jeffcoat and everyone at Sarasota's Public Works Department appreciated the importance of saving the city's remaining brick streets. They were instrumental in marshaling the project to completion. The City Commission also backed it by including Hawkins Court in a budget that was already stretched thin.

Now, after three and a half years of planning and about 6 weeks of construction with residents trudging through mud to reach their homes, the long, straight portion of Hawkins is restored. Public works was able to save the old "D" curbs while providing improved drainage and better access to driveways.

The new brick matches the old incredibly well and the street retains its warm, timeless quality.



Next up, starting the process all over to restore the loop that connects Hawkins to Osprey Ave. and repave the loop connecting to Julia St.

We encourage everyone to swing by Hawkins Court on your next walk and check out the work. It's a great example of how residents, with the backing of LPNA, can work with the city to retain our neighborhood's historic character and **keep Laurel Park a great place to live!** - Alice Sundstrom

What's the Buzz? Sarasota Honey Company

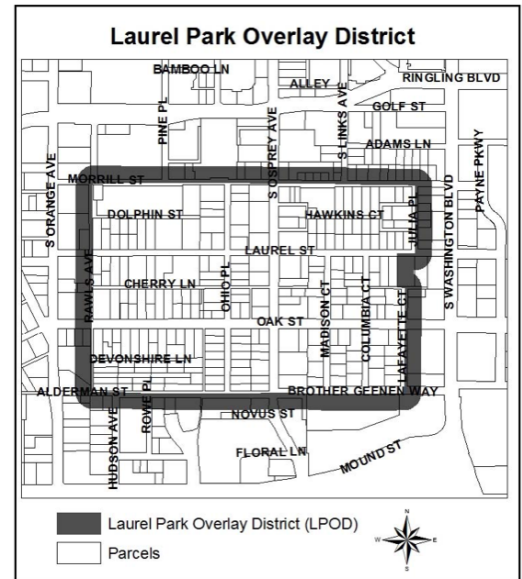
Did you know Sarasota Honey Company collects raw honey from Laurel Park hives? It all started with Betsy Sublette. Alma and Glenn Johnson, owners of Sarasota Honey, look for people who are willing to "Host-A-Hive". Of course, Betsy, stepped right up to the challenge and became a host! You can buy local raw honey collected from Laurel Park's hives at Sarasota Honey. Just stop in and ask for "Selby Gardens Honey" (Alma will tell you, it actually comes from "a little neighborhood downtown called Laurel Park"). From their website, I learned that raw honey is an alkaline-forming food that contains natural vitamins, enzymes, powerful antioxidants and other important natural nutrients. For those who have allergies, consuming raw honey from your local neighborhood can help reduce symptoms experienced pollen season. Alma and Glenn are committed to helping the bees thrive and making honey, skin care, soaps, candles and sauces. They give tours, classes and workshops about bees and beekeeping. It's a great place to take kids and grandkids, too! If you have never been to Sarasota Honey Company, you are missing out on a true gem. Go see this unique organization with preservation of bees at its core. - Laurie Hall



The Scoop on Laurel Park Overlay District

Laurel Park has a long history of working with developers to improve the impact of new projects built on the edge of the neighborhood. In the past, this communication was built into the city approval process – public hearings were required for large new buildings. When the city eliminated those hearings, Laurel Park worked to recreate that process for projects on the perimeter of the neighborhood. Eventually, a compromise was reached, and the Laurel Park Overlay District was formed (in 2013.)

Projects falling wholly or partly into that Overlay must go through a special process which requires community meetings both before and after the project is submitted to the city. While the developer is not required to change the project based on public input, the process does enhance communication and ensures that "local knowledge" is shared with the developer and the city. The Overlay also ensures that those living nearby, or the neighborhood association, have the right to appeal a project to the Planning Board and, if necessary, the City Commission. An appeal is expensive and quite difficult, but it is important that the neighborhood is guaranteed that right, should it prove necessary. - Kate Lohman



✓ Yes, I Want to be a Member of the Laurel Park Neighborhood Association Membership is free so sign up today!

Membership is open to everyone who lives in or owns property in Laurel Park. Unlike most neighborhood associations, renters are welcome to join, have a voice and vote! Membership benefits include newsletter, email updates of news and events in and around the neighborhood (including crime alerts), and opportunities to volunteer and meet your neighbors.

Membership must be renewed every year.
If you do not remember signing up, please do so again.

Name _____
Address _____ Apt/Unit# _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Email _____
Phone _____

Donations are very welcome and encouraged as they help fund neighborhood projects, newsletter, parties and website.

Donation ____ \$25 ____ \$50 ____ \$100 ____ other

Please make checks payable to LPNA and mail to:
LPNA

P.O. Box 1485, Sarasota, FL 34230

Interested in volunteering?

Please check any areas of interest and we will contact you to get involved.

- Historic Preservation
- Crime Watch
- Newsletter
- Social Events
- City Government
- Membership