



Historic Laurel Park

Downtown Sarasota

Fall 2022

Laurel Park News

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Upcoming Events

• **Neighborhood Meeting**

Date: November 7, 2022

Time: Doors open 5pm

Meeting starts at 6

Place: Tamiami Tap

711 South Osprey Ave

• **Picnic in Laurel Park**

Date: November 19, 2022

Time: 6pm-9pm

Place: Laurel Park

1725 Laurel Street

Remember to vote!

LPNA Mission

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



Hurricane Ian left us all quite exasperated. Thanks to Charlie and all who helped clean up the park!

New info added to the LPNA website...

The Laurel Park neighborhood is a nationally recognized historic district. These web pages document both the notable houses as well as people that reside in the district. Images and stories span over a century of life in Sarasota.

<https://laurelparksarasota.org/historic-laurel-park/>
or scan the QR code.





Historic Laurel Park



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Oak Street Median

WINNING TOGETHER

Thanks to the grant submission of board member Ron Kashden, the Sarasota County Neighborhood Initiative Grant Program has approved the Laurel Park Neighborhood Association (LPNA) proposal to start beautifying and replanting our Oak Street median.

The \$3117 grant will allow the City and LPNA to add three new Golden Trumpet Trees, baby sun roses (Aptenia), and Hibiscus Fiestas, plus irrigation, to the Oak Street median between S. Osprey Ave. and Madison Ct. abutting the recent landscape done by the City on Osprey Avenue.

This project will replenish the urban canopy in our nationally recognized historic district. At the time the city was plotted in the early 1900s, Washingtonian Palms were planted down the median. After 100 years, many of those trees naturally died, leaving the shaded street bare. Hopefully, we can start to replant Oak St. and bring back the once vibrant streetscape, for residents and visitors, alike.

Our grant was one of 9 countywide grants, approved by the NIGP, ranging from \$800 to \$9400. The successful effort involved the entire community, with 62 Laurel Park residents signing the petition in support of the application. That level of community support was critical to winning the grant and demonstrating our unity. Once complete, the LPNA hopes to create a walking map and host walking tours of the median and surrounding historic structures.

UPDATES

ON VACATION RENTALS IN LAUREL PARK

...And the fight continues. Despite agreeing to comply with the City's ordinance requiring a minimum of 7 days on short term rentals, the LPNA received notice that the owners of 1670 Laurel St were still renting some units for as little as 2 or 3 days. Once again, the Association took action. Ron Kashden collected the needed evidence, and we contacted the City, who again issued another citation. We've informed the City that if the issue goes to hearing, we stand ready to testify or provide additional neighborhood support for our position.

Stay tuned for additional developments!

ON ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY AT ORANGE AND LAUREL

The developer for the LaVerne Assisted Living Community submitted a building permit in mid October and will be in the market for final construction costs by the end of the month. Those two processes will run parallel and we understand they intend to break ground early next year. The construction timeline should be about 24 months.



Picnic, Fall 2021

Sponsored by LPNA & The City of Sarasota

Picnic in Laurel Park

Sat. November 19th 6-9

Bring your own food, beverages, blankets & chairs to the park for an evening of live music by Chameleon!

Historic Laurel Park Neighborhood since the early 1900s

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Renovations & Restorations In Progress on Osprey Avenue

Paul and Michelle van Deventer moved to Laurel Park after living on Siesta Key for 20-plus years and purchased the property at the southwest corner of Morrill Street and Osprey Avenue in July 2020 from longtime Laurel Park resident Kasy Kane. The property consisted of two vernacular houses and a small studio; the couple has planned a sensitive renovation of both houses and the addition of an accessory dwelling structure and garage. Here's their story:

A Sensitive Renovation of a 1939 Bungalow

"Our work on the historic Frederickson House, 310 South Osprey Ave (<http://www.sarasotahistoryalive.com/history/buildings/frederickson-house>) was completed in March 2022. We worked with the City's Historic Preservation Board to get unanimous approval, and received Certificates of Appropriateness - to move (lift and reset the house on a new foundation), and to install a driveway.

The major changes to the Frederickson house were removal of a wall between the kitchen and dining area to create an eat-in kitchen, removal of an exterior door in the kitchen (damage by a small fire in the 1990s) and the addition of an en-suite bathroom and screened porch on the rear of the house.

Our contractor, Brandon Graber of Graber & Co., had a great team. Almost everything was taken down to the studs to repair rotted subflooring, ducts, pipes and electrical work. Wood from the kitchen and bedroom was used to restore damaged wood in the living room and porch, as well as to build a historic replica door for the new bathroom. The front



porch and living room were completely restored, including original old pine wood floors, ceiling and walls.

All of the original windows in the house were completely restored by Steve Qullian at www.woodwindowmakeover.com in Tampa. Steve also offers classes on historic window repair and preservation at his workshop in Tampa, which we highly recommend!

We love this house, and a highlight was when the previous owner, Kasy and her architect daughter came to see the results. We are so grateful to the Kanes for their vision in preserving this property."

Up Next - A 1929 Bungalow

"30 years ago, Kasy's late husband Joseph Kane (along with his late wife Susan) had their 1929 bungalow moved from Prospect Street to 300 South Osprey, next door. The living room of this house is what we first fell in love with, but it too is in need of some historic home T.L.C. (especially the windows). We hope to pursue an Historic Designation with the City for the house, as there are many incentives and benefits to seeking designation, such as the Ad Valorem Tax Exemption.

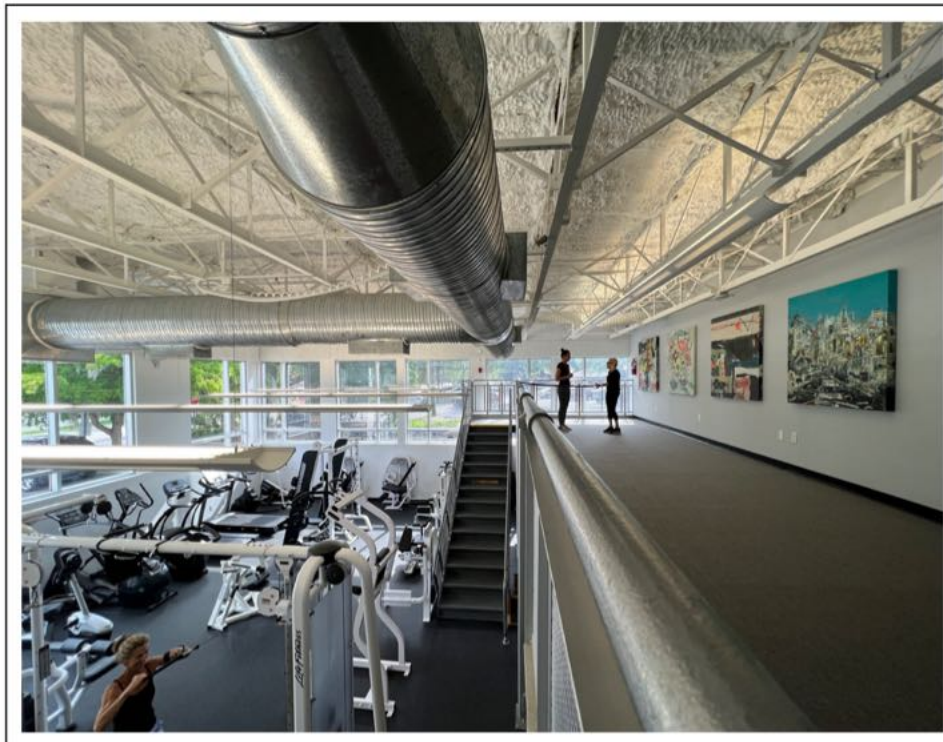
We really enjoy living in Laurel Park and appreciate the advice and support we received from the LPNA board when we ran into hiccups or questions during the planning and permitting process.

We hope that more people see and appreciate the beauty of our neighborhood's historic buildings and invest in the preservation and maintenance of these charming properties that make the area so special."

Thanks for sharing your story, Paul and Michelle, and for your thoughtful renovation on the main thoroughfare into our charming historical district!



thanks,
Marc!
We love our
neighborhood
"Cheers"!



Welcome to **balance**

On April 1st, Mark Eakins opened Balance - a boutique fitness and wellness studio offering one-to-one personal training, massage, thai massage, active isolated stretching, nutrition, as well as yoga, and other wellness offerings. Balance joins Fleet Feet and Tamiami Tap at 711 South Osprey Avenue.

Balance is a community of highly trained, experienced trainers and practitioners who work closely to support you in achieving your goals. Whether you are just starting to bring fitness into your life, are looking for a spark of inspiration to help you break through a current plateau, or are currently being held back by some sort of pain or injury, let Balance help you!

Balance maintains a strong commitment to supporting the local arts community. You will find the space is enriched by a rotating collection created by local professional artists. Stop in and experience what makes Balance a special place!

For more information email BalanceSarasota@gmail.com or call 941.365.6581. A new website for Balance is being developed and will be available soon. Follow Balance on Instagram @balance_sarasota or on their Facebook page for class and workshop information and schedules.



LAUREL PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

MEETING

NOVEMBER 7 2022
711 SOUTH OSPREY AVE
DOORS OPEN AT 5PM
MEETING STARTS AT 6PM



We have a new private Facebook group, just for residents and owners in Laurel Park. Scan the QR code to join and invite others.
https://www.facebook.com/groups/1804316709902290/?ref=share_group_link

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