



# LIDO KEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

## LIDO KEY MATTERS

### NOVEMBER 2022

#### Events Calendar

All Membership Meetings held at Lido Beach Resort 8th floor, 10:00 on the 3rd Saturday of the month:

**NEXT MEETING: Jan 21, 2023**

**Marlon Brown**

**“Meet and Greet”**

**Happy Hours 5-7 pm**

**The second Tuesday of the month**

**at: Lido Key Holiday Inn**

**Kokomos, Holiday Inn**

**November 8th, at 5 PM**

#### Presidents Letter

Good morning to LKRA members as well as new one. As I write this letter we, I must first say the dodged two potential storms over the last few weeks and the beach held up very well. Communities south of Sarasota did not fare so well. So far, we are experiencing mild fall weather wise. Season is here and of course, traffic is starting to get heavy as usual. The Ben Franklin solar lighting project is complete and the restoration of the beach dunes is in the final design and with a possible start in the spring. At the most recent city commission, the commissioners voted to delay by a five – zero vote until 2024 the reopening the discussion on changing the zoning of St Armands, which was well received by most on the keys.

At our November member meeting, we had a presentation by Bill Wadill (executive director for the Bay Park project) and the first phase was recently completed and had its grand opening over 10 days. They are now in design for phase two. The Gulf Stream roundabout is on schedule to become operational by the end of November

On the social front, we are starting to plan our annual breakfast meeting at Lido Beach Resort among other events.

To end the letter I again must say how much I appreciate how members are involved with our association. To all of the existing and new members I wish everyone to have a safe and happy holiday season.

Have a great day and hope to see you around the Key

Carl Shoffstall, President LKRA.

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**Marlon Brown**

**Sarasota City Manager**

We recently concluded, "10 Days At The Bay" - a grand opening celebration for Phase 1 of The Bay Park, our brand-new signature park that preserves, restores, and transforms 53 acres of public land into a blue and green oasis for all to enjoy. It was an incredible sight - friends, families, neighbors, and people of all backgrounds joined together as one community - to experience the park's natural beauty and celebrate the transformation of our bayfront. None of this could have happened without a strong partnership between the City of Sarasota and The Bay Park Conservancy. This public-private partnership has allowed the aspirations of our community to become a reality. As we look toward the park's future, we can appreciate that this is only the beginning. The Bay will continue to be a lively destination filled with events, programs, and amenities for all to enjoy. Explore our shoreline with free walking tours that showcase our region's rich biodiversity, or jump into a kayak for a guided tour through the park's restored mangrove system. Get fit at The Bay with free weekly health and fitness programs, including yoga, Zumba, Tai Chi, and even pickleball. Or wind down and relax at Sundays by the Bay, a free weekly music program featuring local talent ranging from jazz and marimbas to guitar and gospel. Visit [thebaysarasota.org/calendar](http://thebaysarasota.org/calendar) for a complete list of events and activities.

On May 17, 2021, the City Commission directed staff to explore a design competition to update the City seal. DreamLarge, a local vendor, was selected for design and engagement services.

As part of this approved scope of work, representatives from DreamLarge led the following activities: 1. Met with City Staff and Commissioners and conducted background research to understand current brand identity and goals. DreamLarge used this information to develop a community survey to solicit feedback on the existing seal and how residents view Sarasota. 2. Deployed a community survey from March 15 - April 15, receiving 2,688 responses. Used survey results to inform guidelines and evaluation criteria for a public design contest for the City seal. 4. Organized a public Seal Design Competition from May 1 - June 15, receiving 148 entries. 5. Convened a review panel of 12 community members from diverse backgrounds and vocations to review the designs and make recommendations to DreamLarge. 6. Presented the Top Five recommended designs, along with a sixth design created by DreamLarge, which synthesized the common key elements, to the City Commission on August 1. DreamLarge also presented the common features among the top choices: nature, water, the sun, and the Ringling Bridge. With direction from the Commission, DreamLarge allowed the five finalists to resubmit designs with the following suggestions: - Ensure the design is legible up close or from far away. - Create a simple black and white version along with the color version. - Include "City of Sarasota" and consider including the City's motto, "May Sarasota Prosper- Change any palm tree to be a native Palmeto. - Incorporate a degree of seriousness as the seal may be used in times of crisis. The resubmitted designs, along with an updated synthesized design created by DreamLarge were presented at the September 6, 2022, Commission meeting. Commissioners voted to select the synthesized design created by DreamLarge, with suggestions for possible revisions including adjustments to scale, adjustments to colors/ fonts, and of local wildlife. Today DreamLarge is presenting those revised designs for selection of a new City Seal.

Marlon Brown

City Manager

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**Liz Alpert, Esq.**

**District 2, City Commissioner**

As is generally the case, there are many things going on in the City. Debbie Trice is our newly-elected City Commissioner. Our new Mayor for this year is Kyle Battie, and I am your new Vice-Mayor.

Unfortunately, the Gulfstream Roundabout has been delayed due to Hurricane Ian. The expected completion is Spring 2023. However, we were fortunate that the hurricane did not cause a lot of damage to the City and, thankfully, the renourished beach is still intact.

In an effort to encourage people to come to the Circle for the holidays, there will be a Winter Festival on the Circle this holiday season. In addition the annual tree lighting is still scheduled for December 2 at 6:30 p.m. We hope to see all of you there.

If you haven't already, be sure to take advantage of the trolley to get on and off the barrier islands. We are getting good feedback that people are using it and are enjoying it. You may have seen the bus/bike lane created on the Ringling Bridge to speed the travel time for the trolley.

I want to remind everyone to get the Click2Fix app. That way if you see anything that the City needs to take care of, it is a quick and easy way to report items that need the City's attention.

As always, I am always available via email at [liz.alpert@sarasotafl.gov](mailto:liz.alpert@sarasotafl.gov) or 941.228.5979.

**Spencer Fordin, A+E Editor**

**Your Observer**

**The best things to do around Sarasota for Dec 1 - 6**

<https://www.youobserver.com/article/the-best-things-to-do-around-sarasota-for-dec-1-6>



## Problems at Ted Sperling Park

- **Noise:** 1) Boats with high wattage sound systems anchoring on the beach 2) Boom boxes both portable and automobile installed 3) Professional DJs at non-permitted parties organized on social media. 4) Jet skis.
- **Jet Skis:** Take up parking spaces; create noise; tear up seagrass; endanger swimmers; and create traffic issues. An environmental nightmare.
- **Flooding:** The parking lot floods due to impermeable surface. The proposed walkway system will add additional impermeable area.
- **Dogs:** The beach is littered with dog poop. Turtles, birds, wildlife, and visitors are under constant threat from off leash dogs.
- **Overuse and Traffic:** The Park is utilized well beyond its capacity. Cars illegally park - while others, idle in line at the Park entrance. Boats anchor on and pull apart the beach. Dozens of jet skis zoom along the coastline and pull up on the beach. Additional visitors arrive by bus. The result- the Park's environment degrades.
- **Truck & Car Racing:** The ½ mile straight road to the Ritz has become a racetrack. Vehicles use both lanes racing from the Park. Off roaders make donuts in the flooded parking area.
- **Unsafe Swimming Conditions:** Swimming is prohibited, yet the beaches are covered with swimmers and there are no lifeguards!
- **Hours:** Nothing good happens after dark. Police calls to the Park were up 300% earlier this year over last. A woman was kidnapped from the Park this year.
- **Overnight "Campers":** Are arriving on the shuttle and sleeping in the Park.

## Solutions:

- **Lifeguards:** Put lifeguards on the beach. Protect the swimmers.
- **Prohibit Boat anchoring and jet ski beaching**
- **Assign a marine police patrol**
- **Park Rangers:** We need two to enforce the rules. No dogs, no boom boxes, no open fires.
- **Noise Standards:** Establish and enforce a Park specific noise decibel standard.
- **Storm water system:** Install a storm water system to alleviate Park flooding.
- **Close the Park:** Determine its capacity and close the Park when it's full. Improve the parking lot to define drive aisles and spaces while installing an efficient drainage system.
- **Coordinate traffic control measures with the City of Sarasota.** Prohibit cars idling at the gate waiting for cars to leave. Use electronic signage to advise the Park is closed. Keep the traffic out of the neighborhood!
- **Close the Park** ½ hour after sunset. Clear the Park of overnight campers.
- **Coordinate with City, County and State authorities:** Stop advising that it's the other governmental agency's problem.

**The Art of the Steal at St. Armands Circle**

The Longboat Key residents are listened to at Town Commission meetings. It is a dance where no individual wins, but the community as a whole wins instead. The opposite happens in the city of Sarasota. It is not negotiation. It is not a dance. There is no listening, no empathizing with residents and issues. Let me explain how offensive it is across only a handful of very small bridges.

For now, we will not get into the request to add height and to add density and residential units to the St Armand circle, which is heading to the City Commission in back channeled and contorted form.

That is what some of the Circle property owners have been demanding and trying to sneak through the commission and work back channels. Forget that for a moment. Let's save that for another column. Even though that is the action that threatens to destroy the beauty and integrity of St. Armands and the status of the region not to mention the very meaning of the history of the Circle.

But the symbol The Sarasota City Commission and how little they care for residents on Lido and in and around the island was shown in how they approved a winter carnival with utter contempt for anyone who had concerns.

To be clear, a winter festival on St. Armands Circle is not a bad idea. It just depends on how you go about it. Drinking cheap wine out of a bag sitting on the sidewalk is not a winefest.

We should all remember and still love memories of Christmas and holidays and children frolicking and snow storms and skipping school. Those are all good healthy instincts.

But what is not healthy and is not good for the community is to add Carnival Cruise Line looking sideshows and I hate to say it sort of replete with inflatable balls, polyurethane skating rinks and an entertainment group wanting to monetize Christmas and extract \$20 a ticket from parents who can't go sledding or sip cocoa like a Hallmark movie in a snow swept mythical Vermont village.

**Where the Sarasota City goes wrong**

But those are just judgments, let's talk about the real issues. All of this could have been avoided. The city simply ignores all of the opposing residents — totaling the majority of Lido and St. Armands Homeowners who are concerned about traffic and the loss of the park.

The Merchant Association was opposed for numerous reasons, but mainly because of zero communication and coordination with all of their efforts.

Here is what they did: Simply turned over a public space to a private operator without any of the protections that you would see Longboat Commissioners request.

- They are going to add traffic
- None of the money is going to stay in our community — Ride Entertainment is a National Company and is using Sarasota Park space
- No effort, pressure or request was made by the City to ensure or create a program for those who cannot afford \$20 for the 15 minutes of bliss that will be allowed per ticket on the plastic rink
- No effort to ensure any of the money would support a charity.
- No capacity to control the event by simply leasing a Christmas Carousel and providing free rides to area kids. A low key and class act for the holidays that the City could accomplish without a Carnival atmosphere.
- No effort to put any controls or constraints.

We must remember, the new \$268,000 tree is owned by the city. The City can contract with a carousel operator and provide a free Christmas carousel for all the residents of the city. That and decorations is what we wanted and needed. Not Leonard's Inflatable Funhouse.

John Ringling created the circle. He was trying to create an elegant European-inspired experience. A place where people in America could elevate the culture. But instead of harkening to the colorful circus days, the best we can do is something any suburban community in any church parking lot could pop up.

I'm sorry. I'm not against trees and carousels and Festivities. I'm against tackiness. I'm against traffic. Most importantly, I'm against ripping off people under the guise of giving them a Christmas experience. The city should not be selling Christmas and the beauty and meaning of it off to some carnival operator in the middle of the most beautiful traffic circle of all of the traffic circles we will ever have in this beautiful city of Sarasota.

But the opposition and this rant all emanate from the fact that the Sarasota City Commission does not filter and take in information and forge a result that is superior to the starting point.

There is no dance in Sarasota City Hall. There is no artful negotiation. After the Lido Pavilion Fiasco, the push to build hotels on the Circle and now a Winter Carnival, what could possibly be next?

The Carnival is but a tiny example. The Circus is about to really begin.

The City Commission is considering yet again the idea of adding height and residential density to the Circle in the coming days.

Can you imagine the idea of a small group of barely elected officials fundamentally changing the entire Circle in one fell swoop? But this time it will not be for a month and half — it will be forever.



**Jay Elasser**

**VP LKRA**

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**Dunes and Beach Update:**

A concept plan for the dunes is being prepared which should take our new beach from offering protection from a 10 year storm to offering protection from a 25 year storm. Fortunately our beach did well with the recent hurricane and tropical storm.

**Andrew Warfield, Staff Writer**

**Your Observer**

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**Ringling Bridge shared bus-bike lanes activated**

The Florida Department of Transportation Southwest Florida division has announced it opened the temporary shared bus bike shoulders across the John Ringling Bridge. The shoulder will be open to the Bay Runner trolley when traffic in the general travel lanes is slower than 15 miles per hour. The Bay Runner trolley can enter the lanes and any passing, even by bikes, will be prohibited.

At the same time, the shoulder will remain open to bicyclists and scooter riders.

Buses and trolleys can travel up to 10 mph faster than the flow of traffic in the general purpose lanes, or up to 25 mph, while using the shoulder.

The use of the shoulder is up to the transit driver's discretion. They are required to use emergency flashers when in the lane. Bike and scooter riders must travel in the direction of traffic. Passing of vehicles or bikes by any users of the shoulder is prohibited.

Operating hours of the Bay Runner are 8 a.m to midnight, seven days a week.

The temporary shoulder will be in use until the completion of the Ringling Bridge repair and renovation project, scheduled for 2023. Afterward, the bridge will have two general travel lanes, a transit lane and a bike lane in each direction.



## Where Is It Safe to Swim in Sarasota Right Now?

*SWIM ADVISORY: Officials have detected fecal bacteria and red tide in our waterways. We spoke with an expert in Sarasota water quality to find out where it's safe to swim.*

The results of the most recent water sampling in Sarasota County should make swimmers cautious. Dave Tomasko, executive director of the Sarasota Bay Estuary Program, found enterococci values in Sarasota Bay that could be harmful—and that's compounded by the discovery of elevated levels of red tide near South County beaches. Enterococcus is a bacteria that lives in the intestinal tracts of warm-blooded animals. It is a fecal indicator bacteria that usually results from sewage runoff or excess plant matter after a storm and can cause UTIs, bacteremia, meningitis, intra-abdominal infections, and wound infections if exposed.

In this case, there's good news and bad news. According to Tomasko, if you swim in upper Sarasota Bay—that is, the body of water north of Siesta Drive—you should be fine. But in the lower bay, between Siesta Drive and Venice Inlet, the latest results indicate that half the sites tested have more bacteria than the “never to exceed” level. According to Jennifer Clemente, an environmental specialist at the Florida Department of Health, that level is 70.5 colony forming units. “At one site, we found a level four times that threshold,” Tomasko says. “In Lemon Bay, we've got values that are more than 180 times higher than the ‘never to exceed’ value for bacteria.”

The levels measured along the Gulf-facing beaches by the Florida Department of Health show no concern for enterococci. The highest level found was 20 colony forming units per milliliter of the bacteria at Turtle Beach, Venice Fishing Pier and Brohard Beach. Any level under 35 is considered “good.” The difference between what the Florida Department of Health found and the Sarasota Bay Estuary Program findings is location. The focus of the Florida Department of Health's water quality tests are on highly-populated Gulf-facing beaches, with the exception of Bird Key Point where officials found no concern for enterococci. The Sarasota Bay Estuary Program focuses testing within the bays and waterways, appropriate to their name. “Bacteria loads from Hurricane Ian are coming in from runoff, and runoff is a larger portion of the water mass in the bays than in the Gulf of Mexico,” Tomasko says. “Plus, many bacteria die off with exposure to salty water.”

But is there a cause for concern at the beaches? The Florida Department of Health recently reported elevated levels of *Karenia brevis*, which causes red tide, at Venice Beach, Service Club Park, Venice Fishing Pier, Brohard Beach, Caspersen Beach, Manasota Key and Blind Pass. Even with the presence of enterococci and red tide in some areas, Tomasko says it's safe to go to the Gulf-facing beaches, but would stay away from the southern parts of our bays. He was just in the water at Terra Ceia Bay this past weekend, he says. Clemente confirmed that Sarasota County's beaches are free from any concern of enterococci and safe to swim. Both recommend staying close to northern beaches, though. “Would I swim or wakeboard or take my daughter waterskiing in Little Sarasota Bay or Lemon Bay right now? No, I wouldn't. Not yet,” he says. Tomasko also added that he would stay out of local creeks, too, for at least a few weeks.

As for the red tide at the beaches, use common sense. If you see dead fish bobbing around the in water, the potential for bacteria is high. “But [it's] also not a good idea to be breathing in vapors from red tide if others are bothered, even if you aren't,” Tomasko says. “There is a body of evidence accumulating that suggests exposure to red tide toxins is not good for your health, even if you may be able to ‘tolerate’ it.”



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## Welcome back: What you missed in Sarasota

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In the interests of bringing up to speed the folks who summer in places such as Grosse Point, Tonawanda, Westport or Naperville, we bring you our annual look back at some of the big news you might have missed and a few of our favorite happy happenings that crossed our paths while you were away. Welcome back.

### **A new commission:**

During a statutory meeting of the commission to swear in newly re-elected Jen Ahearn-Koch and newcomer Debbie Trice as at-large members, commissioners unanimously selected the District 2 representative, Kyle Battie mayor. Battie, who served as vice mayor this past year, succeeded Erik Arroyo at the center of the dais. Commissioners Liz Alpert and Ahearn-Koch have served previously as mayor for a year, as had Hagen Brody, who ran an unsuccessful bid for Sarasota County Commission rather than seek reelection.

### **A new police chief:**

In a ceremony packed with friends, family, co-workers and more police brass than a St. Patrick's Day parade in Chicago, the city named its first Hispanic police chief in late April, Rex Troche. Troche said for his part, serving the role as interim chief simply made even clearer that the path toward the formal position was the right direction for him. Troche has been Sarasota Police since 2002, serving in each of the departments divisions and rising through the ranks after starting his law enforcement career in Largo in 1997.

### **Airport builds up capacity with new gate plan:**

With an eye toward growth and the need to better serve current customers, the airport has embarked on a \$72 million project to add a ground-based boarding facility capable of serving upwards of 2.5 million passengers a year through five new gates. Combined with the current 13 gates, SRQ's capacity will be about 5 million annual travelers. If that number sounds outlandish, consider the airport in 2021 had more than 3.1 million passengers, 1.2 million more than in 2019.

### **Bobby Jones coming along, but not done.**

Work on the project will reset the forlorn 36-hole layout to Donald Ross' original 18-hole layout, with such modern-day improvements as, oh, drainage. Also in the offing, a nature park that will one day occupy the remainder of the acreage and serve as a filtering agent for storm water runoff from miles around. First tee shot will likely come in the spring of 2023.

### **A new street (sort of):**

Workers got started over the summer in converting the eastern segment of Ringling Boulevard from a four-lane road with conventional parking and no accommodation for bikes or scooters. Now, it's a two-lane road with designated space for two wheelers, along with plenty of buffering between them and the traffic lanes. Work now is progressing west of U.S. 301 with the goal of safely linking Legacy Trail with the bayfront. The \$2.76 million project is scheduled for completion soon. Project Manager Camden Mills said Ringling Boulevard is a suitable route for the project, because the road, which runs parallel to Main Street, it is not a thoroughfare or designated evacuation route. Because traffic declined from an average of 14,000 vehicle trips per day in 2002 to 7,900 trips in 2019, losing one travel lane in each direction would have minimal impact on traffic.

### **No smoking at the beach:**

The city in September joined the ranks of counties and municipalities around Florida banning smoking on beaches and in parks, empowered by a state law that sunsetted a state ban on local governments making such rules. City Commissioners left open the possibility of setting aside a place to puff in parking lots or other designated sites as a means to accommodate those who still want to fire up while along the shore.

### **Mote deal closes in Benderson Park:**

In mid-July, the Sarasota County Commission unanimously voted to convey the site near Interstate 75 to Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium for \$100. There, the nonprofit marine research organization plans to build a new 110,000-square-foot aquarium, a project years in the making. Days later, Mote closed on the property. Construction is underway on the 11.76 acre site, once owned by Sarasota County.

### **Orchestra music director dies.**

The Sarasota Orchestra announced the death of incoming music director Bramwell Tovey on July 12. Tovey, 69, had accepted the position of music director in 2021, but his previous obligations did not allow him to take full control in Sarasota until the upcoming season. “There was immediate chemistry between Maestro Tovey and our orchestra,” said Joseph McKenna, the president and CEO of Sarasota Orchestra, as part of an official statement. “We shared with him an expectation of a long partnership. Like so many, all of us at Sarasota Orchestra feel the tremendous loss of a great friend and sincere collaborator.

## **Rachel Burns, Executive Director    St. Armands Circle Association**

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**The St. Armands Circle Association is sad to announce the cancellation of the 44th annual Holiday Night of Lights on St. Armands Circle.** Although the celebration has changed over the last 43 years, the first Friday of December has become a celebration and tradition on St. Armands Circle for many Sarasota residents, families, and visitors.

For the 2022 Holiday Season, we are excited to unveil the new 60-foot Christmas Tree, and planned a celebration fitting this exciting event. The City of Sarasota granted the 60 foot Christmas Tree to the St. Armands Circle Association and the grant request was secured with the assistance of the St. Armands BID. Unfortunately, for the 2022 holiday season, the City of Sarasota entered into a contract with a private organization for use of the Circle Park for a two-month period spanning November to early January. The restrictions placed on the St. Armands Circle Association for Holiday Night, have made it impossible for us to present a celebration on Friday, December 2nd for the public this year, but we look forward to celebrating Holiday Night of Lights with you in 2023.

The St. Armands Circle Association wants to thank you for your ongoing support of the small business owners on St. Armands Circle. We wish you, your families, and your friends a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

## Architect selection timeline laid out for new performing arts center

A week after it was formed, the committee tasked with recommending an architecture firm to design the proposed Sarasota Performing Arts Center at The Bay met to launch the six-month process. That's the timeframe laid out to the panel by New York-based Paratus Group, a consulting company that guides museums



and cultural institutions through complex building projects. Primarily an orientation meeting, the five-member SPAC Architect Selection Task Force introduced themselves to each other, to the extent that was necessary, and to the public. It also received instruction from Assistant City Attorney Michael Connelly regarding Florida's Sunshine Laws, which require transparency in all matters regarding public investment.

They were also primed on Florida's Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act, which defines the process for state government agencies, municipalities, school boards and school districts to hire professional services using a qualifications-based selection process rather than on a lowest bid basis.

That's a three-step process that begins with a public announcement of qualifications proceeding, starting with a request for qualifications process, applications from which a group will be selected to respond to a request for performance. The RFQ was scheduled to posted by the end of the week.

Step two of the process is narrowing the pool of candidate firms from the RFQ applicants to a minimum of three. The third and final step is to select the winning firm following site visits and public Q&A, and competitive negotiations with the selected recommended firm. Prior to this stage no financial matters may be discussed.

Guidelines require that if the parties cannot agree to terms, the task force commences negotiations with its second choice, and so on. The anticipated budget for the SPAC project is \$275 million.

Once selected and terms established, the task force goes before City Commission for approval of its recommendation. Specifications of the RFQ include a 2,100-seat main hall, a 300-seat flexible performance space and a total of 165,000 square feet of building utilizing inside and outside education, event and rooftop spaces. The replacement of the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall is part of the The Bay park project, a reimagining of the city-owned, 53-acre site along Tamiami Trail between Boulevard of the Arts and the 10th Street public boat launch.

The Bay redevelopment is led by the Bay Park Conservancy in partnership with the Van Wezel Foundation — both bodies chartered by the city — the latter responsible for construction of the SPAC. Funding for the entire park project, including the SPAC, is a combination of private donations, grants, a portion of the countywide penny tax and revenues from the bayfront-area tax increment financing district.

The task force was also briefed by Paratus Group founder and President Andrew Klemmer and Project Manager Cortez Crosby, who walked it through the process from RFQ to final selection. Paratus Group will cull the RFQs and prepare them for task force review and communicate with firms to address general questions about the project within permitted parameters, and will prepare and distribute the RFPs. It cannot make recommendations to the committee.

## **Architect Selection Timeline for the Performing Arts Center**

### Stage 1

Objective: Create short list of candidates based on request for qualifications, firm philosophy and comparable projects.

Task Force meeting 2: Review RFQ responses and reduce to short list of firms

Time frame: November-December 2022

### Stage 2

Objective: Select semifinalist candidate firms based on proposals that include specific approach to the project and in-depth understanding of each firm including proposed personnel, expertise, relevant build projects, etc.

Task Force meeting 3: Review RFP responses and narrow semifinalist candidates

Time frame: December 2022-January 2023

### Stage 3

Objective: Select finalist firms based on visits to projects they designed, evaluation of their ability to deliver a successful building, and reference calls with former clients and colleagues

Task Force meeting 4: Review findings from building tours and reference calls, select a minimum of three finalist candidates to interview, identify topics for discussion, and develop a list of questions for finalist interviews

Time frame: January-March 2023

### Stage 4

Objective: Hold in-person interviews with finalists

Task force meeting 5: Finalist firm interviews and public Q&A opportunity

Timeframe: March 2023

### Stage 5

Objective: Select the top-ranked candidate

Task force meeting 6: Final deliberation and recommendation for selected architect

Timeframe: March-April 2023



**LKRA Elections information**

Annual elections for the LKRA board are conducted each February. Our bylaws require that anyone wishing to run for the board must notify Kathy Kussy at [kwkussy@mail.com](mailto:kwkussy@mail.com) or a board member no later than November 30. The five board members whose terms are ending, Carl Shoffstall, Jay Elasser, Kathy Kussy, Bruce Abramowitz, and Diane Sterner, have all agreed to run for reelection so we have the same number currently running as are open. If we need to do a ballot election they will be sent out in January by email or mail if necessary. Ballots can be returned by mail or brought to the February membership meeting. Only one ballot per household will be accepted. The Board members for 2023 will be announced at the February breakfast meeting

For those who are not interested in a board position at this time but might be interested in the future, or those of you who would like to help out by serving on a committee, let us know of your interest. We are always eager to get others involved and there is always a lot to do.

**OUR APPRECIATION TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE CREATION, PUBLICATION, AND DISTRIBUTION OF THIS NEWSLETTER**

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*Celebrating 50 years of Community Involvement (1972 - 2022)*

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**\$50.00 Condo Association, Hotel or Business**

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**2023 Resident Meetings:** January 21, February 18 (includes Annual Member Breakfast). March 18, April 15, June 17, August 19, October 21, and November 18

Please mail completed Membership Application and Check made out to:

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