



# The Daily

Morning Edition

**"I would encourage anybody, Richard Dorfman included, to look at volunteering for the boards with spots open if they feel the call to serve the city."**

- Jennifer Ahearn-Koch, Sarasota Planning Board

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TODAY'S NEWS

**[Development] Planning Board Makeup Call**

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Sarasota's Planning Board has held a consistent make-up now for more than a year, but some critics say the board deserves a shake-up because it has become lopsided with pro-neighborhood members and is making the city unattractive to developments interests.

Richard Dorfman, a North Trail Redevelopment Alliance member who was passed over for a seat on the Planning Board this year, said too many members of the advisory board have ties to the Coalition of City Neighborhood Associations, a group which has led resistance a number of high-profile developments in the past.

He noted three of the five members - Susan Chapman, Jennifer Ahearn-Koch and Vald Svekis - have been heavily active in CCNA. He said by his count Chapman and Ahearn-Koch have voted together 49 of the last 50 times. "We need to give a fair day in court when projects are to be considered rather than encouraging the broad-based thinking that Sarasota is a city where business and developers unfriendly interlopers," he said.

Ahearn-Koch disagreed with the statistic and said there are high-profile instances where she and Chapman disagreed, most notably when Ahearn-Koch supported a chicken-keeping ordinance last year. But she noted the Planning Board is an advisory board, and that the most important thing is for the board to rigorously debate the topics and provide an informed recommendation to Commissioners, who have the final say issues. "You have some very qualified people who have busy scheduled but are willing to donate significant amounts of their expertise and time as citizens," she said. "Our job is to make sure the Commissioners have all the information, and that we've vetted the big issues."

Dorfman said the board should have seats with certain requirements, the way other boards require certain members to have specific qualifications. And he stressed CCNA should have a voice on the board, just not as strong as exists

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Joseph Melancon, "Violet Trees on Pond," 18x24", State of the Arts Gallery, 1525 State St., 941-955-2787



THINGS TO DO

**[TODAY] THEATER: DISENCHANTED, Oct. 11-23**

DISENCHANTED - is a brand new, fun-loving, hilarious musical revue in which the original fairy tale princesses bemoan the exploitation they've suffered in the Disney theme parks and films. Happily-ever-after can be a royal pain. \$28 ticket\*, Dinner priced and sold separately.

**The Golden Apple Dinner Theatre, 25 North**

today. "My problem is not with CCNA. If three members worked for Githler Development that would be just as bad," he said.

Ahearn-Koch said the structural issue was impractical, as anyone can be a member of CCNA and have certain professional qualifications. "You can be a member of CCNA and then go straight over to Chamber (of Commerce) meetings," she said. "P.S., I do both." SHARE: [f](#) [in](#) [t](#)

## HUNTING & GATHERING

### [Daily Shop] **Third Thursday Party in the Plaza**

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The holidays are steps away from knocking on your front door and there is still so much left to be done, like decorating the house. Candles scented with all sorts of holiday deliciousness are the easiest and tastiest way to begin the process, but don't take my word for it. Make a stop at the Third Thursday Party in the Plaza and be the first to meet and smell the new winter line of candles at 12th East and Home along with other freshly delivered items just in time for the recent thermostatic drop. Shop new winter lines and nosh on Fusion Café's creations all while still technically performing an errand. SHARE: [f](#) [in](#) [t](#)

12th and East Home, 5416 Marina Drive, Holmes Beach, 941-778-7440



### [Good Bite] **Happy Hour Pasta**

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Vodka sauce combines ripe red tomatoes, cream, a touch of distilled alcohol—and science. As the ethanol in the vodka cooks off, it releases chemicals in the tomatoes called flavonoids that otherwise aren't accessible in a session on the stovetop. Taste the difference in the Italian Grill's Ziti alla Vodka, in which the rosy sauce is complemented by green peas and served over imported pasta.

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The Italian Grill, 8620 South Tamiami Trl., Sarasota, 941-966-6565



## BUSINESS

### [Exec Moves] **Doss Leading Community Haven**

Community Haven for Adults and Children with disabilities named Marla Doss as interim chief executive officer. Doss is taking the position following the resignation of Jim Doherty. Doss has worked with Community Haven for 26 years and previously served as development director there. Jerry Koontz is providing

Pineapple Ave., Sarasota, FL 34236, 941-366-5454. SHARE: [f](#) [in](#) [t](#)

### [TODAY] **MUSIC: Courthouse Concerts, Realize Bradenton, Oct. 19, 11:30 AM**

Venture to Realize Bradenton's Courthouse Concerts held on select Wednesdays at the Historic Courthouse in downtown Bradenton. Talented musicians play excellent music in a variety of styles including jazz, blues and even Columbian folk music. Attendees are welcome to either bring their lunch or purchase a boxed lunch, which is catered by Renaissance on 9th Street. **1115 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, 941-350-8563.** SHARE: [f](#) [in](#) [t](#)

### [SOON] **FUNDRAISER: Rock and Run for Recovery, Reach Out Recovery, Oct. 21, 5–9pm, Oct. 22, 7am–3pm**

Come out to Lido Beach with your family for Reach Out Recovery's event: Rock and Run for Recovery. This event will bring together local, regional and national agencies to celebrate recovery and offer information and resources. The 2-day festival is FREE and include, live music, artisans, food vendors and a 5K Walk/Run on South Lido beach. Local organizations will be on hand offering information resources and education on addiction and recovery services in our community. For more information call or visit [www.reachoutrecovery.com](http://www.reachoutrecovery.com). **South Lido Beach Park, 190 Taft Dr. and 2201 Ben Franklin Dr., Lido Key, 941-356-0173.** SHARE: [f](#) [in](#) [t](#)

### [SOON] **ART & DISH: Michael's on East**

From Oct. 20–22, a special dish will be available at Michael's on East. The Asparagus Crusted Atlantic Salmon with Chimichuri Roasted Fingerling Potatoes, and Grilled Zucchini drew inspiration from local artist Beverly Smith's piece, "Vietnam". Crafted for our feature **Converge Art 5x5 Dish** in the 2012 edition of *Converge Arts and Culture Book* the dish is bound to be a vibrant fusion of taste and visual inspiration. Pick up the 2012 *Converge Arts and Culture Book* for the full feature. Michael's on East, 1212 East Ave., Sarasota, FL 34239. SHARE: [f](#) [in](#) [t](#)

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### [SOON] **ART & DISH: Veg**

strategic consultation during the leadership transition. SHARE: [f](#) [in](#) [c](#)

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[Opening] [Goodwill Opens Lakewood Center](#)

Goodwill Industries announced the opening of a new donation center in Lakewood Ranch on Town Center Parkway. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the center will be held Nov. 1 at 4pm. The 2,200-square-foot facility will accept clothing, books, furniture, toys and small appliances. There is a donor driver-through at the site as well. The opening of the center creates two new jobs, and will eventually replace an existing donation center. SHARE: [f](#) [in](#) [c](#)

[Goodwill Industries](#)

[Rebranding] [Fast n Fresh Changes Logos](#)

Fast n Fresh, a Sarasota eatery in the Cooper Creek Complex, has unveiled new branding in its logos, menus, website and marketing materials. The company hired Milestone Marketing to update the company brand and is unrolling the changes over time. SHARE: [f](#) [in](#) [c](#)

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OLD GRAY MAYOR

[Column on City Politics] [Business Center to Spur Newtown](#)

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The renovation of a City-owned building on North Osprey Avenue will launch the North Sarasota Entrepreneur Center next week. Adjacent to the Newtown Sarasota County Technical Institute, the new facility will host counseling by certified business analysts and workshops attracting those interested in participating in business incubation in Newtown.

"We are currently involved in several major projects to support entrepreneurs in North Sarasota," said Dru Jones, Economic Development Coordinator for the City's Newtown Redevelopment Agency. In addition to the NSEC opening, Jones

is enthusiastic about the success of the County Entrepreneur Opportunity program, in place since 2006. At least 45 graduates have started new businesses either in commercial areas or from their homes and have been very successful, e.g., Walter Spikes' Urban Auto at 3000 North Washington Blvd; James McKelly's Kuttin Up at 2811 N. Tamiami Trail; and Margaret Esaw's Esaw's Elegant Events at 2239 N. Washington Blvd.

Local educational institutions are also fully engaged with the Newtown initiatives. A CEO Research Project led by USF professor Jean Kabongo is leading his students to develop business concepts that would fit North Sarasota. These ideas will be presented for judging at a community forum to be held in December.

Don't miss out on Veg's special on Oct. 21-22. "Drie Tacos van die See" is a dish inspired by local artist David Steiner's painting "Waves". As part of our feature **Converge Art 5x5 Dish** in the 2012 edition of *Converge Arts and Culture Book* chefs drew on inspiration pieces created by one of our local artists. Chef Marty's seafood dish ties in beautifully to Steiner's painting and the pan-seared jumbo scallop taco, sautéed prawn and guacamole taco, and the wakame and julienne vegetable taco will be sure to delight diners. Veg, 2164 Gulf Gate Dr., Sarasota, FL 34231  
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[Art 5x5 Dish](#)

[SOON] **FOOD: Morton's Firehouse Chili Cook Off, Oct.30, 2pm**

Morton's Gourmet Market invites the community to its 12th annual Chili Cook-off where you will enjoy delicious but spicy chili and other delicious gourmet food catered by Morton's Market. A fun chili competition will also be held between Sarasota's local Fire Houses, who will compete for the title of "Best Fire House Chili in Sarasota". While you sample delicious chili, enjoy live entertainment. All attendees who participate in tasting chili must pay \$5, in which all proceeds benefit the Sarasota Firefighters Benevolent Fund. **Morton's Gourmet Market, 1924 S. Osprey Avenue, Sarasota, 941-955-9856.** SHARE: [f](#) [in](#) [c](#)



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[SOON] **GALA: Mote Oceanic Evening, Oct.29, 6:30pm**




Join Mote Marine Aquarium for their annual Oceanic Evening Event to celebrate their 55th Anniversary at Michael's On East. This black Tie Gala will be filled with entertainment, delicious food and music to make this a night to remember. **Michael's On East, 1212 E. Ave. S. (Midtown Plaza) Sarasota, 941-388-4441.**

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Through a contract with SCF Small Business Development Center, certified business analysts will provide the weekly one-on-one counseling at the NSEC.

A Business Incubator, Feasibility Study/Business Plan led by Axcel Innovation consultants will be launched in November to study the area and complete a report to stimulate new ideas for initiating commercial success consistent with the city's Newtown Redevelopment Plan. In addition to city and county, Economic Development Council and Suncoast Work Force funding and participation, many private companies have also sponsored these initiatives, including Comerica, SunTrust and J P Morgan Chase Foundation.

"There are so many wonderful things happening in North Sarasota," said Jones, "it's almost impossible to keep up with everything we're trying to achieve." And, of course, the frenzy and lessons to be learned are exciting for all of Sarasota County.

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