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"We are hearing a lot of positive feedback, which is great, but we always know there is room for improvement."

- Tim Litchett, City of Sarasota

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TODAY'S NEWS

[Government Meetings] Development, Government Minds Meet

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Business and government officials were cordial, even jovial, with one another at a "problem-solving" meeting Wednesday morning at Sarasota City Hall. Builders reported that permits have moved more smoothly through the bureaucratic process, particularly this year, but all also acknowledged that was in part because less development has happened of late than in the past.

Mary Dougherty-Slapp, executive director of the Gulf Coast Builders Exchange, said her members related permitting in Sarasota was "extremely user-friendly and timely." She would like things to stay that way, she said, and things conversations like those Wednesday will help with that goal. "If there is ever a perception of us versus them, then this is to break that down."

City Manager Bob Bartolotta said the intention of the problem-solving events, which he plans to hold monthly, is to have an arena where problems can be spotlighted bluntly. "We want to solve problems on the spot if we can, and if we can't, we will work on the processes, and if we can't, we will work on the codes," he said. "There is not going to be any retribution for things said here. Feel free to vent."

One issue that was discussed is the level of permitting happening in the city. Sarasota has continued to see more than 5,000 permits pulled each year, according to Neighborhood and Development Services Director Tim Litchett. That has been enough to make sure the building department has always made money, though part of that comes from staff reductions at City Hall.

Litchett said he is concerned about a lower number of major projects coming on line this year, and said the city wants more projects being permitted in order to keep a solid revenue source for the city. The city is anticipating projects such as Staples and Walmart Neighborhood Market to provide some permit flow.

Both developers and government officials are also hopeful an anticipated master plan for North Tamiami Trail will stimulate development there, but are still awaiting a process encouraging community buy-in on the plan to run its course.

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THINGS TO DO

[TODAY] CELEBRATE: CYD Leadership Breakfast,

Sarasota shoe designer Diana Kelly has fused comfort and style in the Black Jacqueline Pump, which features a golden circle brooch front and center. The podiatrist approved footwear sports a one and three-quarter inch heel, leather lining and extra cushioning for day-long comfort. These true treats for your feet come in black and chocolate and are available in sizes six-and-a-half through eleven. SHARE: [f](#) [in](#) [t](#)

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[Good Bite] Frameable Eats

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The roasted beet and arugula salad at the Mad Crow Brewery & Grill looks like something you might hang in your breakfast nook. The verdant bed of spicy arugula is brightened with juicy orange segments, goat cheese crumbles and toasted almond slivers, then splashed with an electric-pink raspberry vinaigrette. Where are the beets? Sliced paper-thin and laid out flat in a tri-colored palette. The creators of this salad do well to present the main elements side-by-side. The sweet, earthy beets serve to balance out the tartness of the greens.

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Mad Crow Brewery & Grill, 1525 4th St., Sarasota, 941-954-2337



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BUSINESS

[Exec Moves] Thompson Acting as United Way Liaison

Following the resignation of United Way of Manatee County President Jerry Koontz, the board of directors has appointed board member Bob Thompson as board liaison while the organization fine tunes its strategic plan. The day-to-day operations of the organization will be managed by Bronwyn Beightol, vice president of community investment, and Sara Rankin Wilson, vice president of resource development. Thompson has served on the United Way board four years and previously was president and CEO of J.J. Haines and Company.

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United Way of Manatee County



[Exec Moves] Rodriguez Appointed to Enterprise Florida

Gov. Rick Scott appointed Henry Rodriguez, owner of Nokomis-based Rodriguez Investment Management to the Enterprise Florida board of directors. Rodriguez

Sept. 15, 7:30am

Join Community Youth Development for it's annual leadership breakfast in honoring and celebrating community leaders who have dedicated themselves to ensuring CYD's success. The breakfast will honor Judge Lee Haworth, 12th Circuit Court and Gwen MacKenzie, Sarasota Memorial Hospital and will take place at the Lee Wetherington Boys & Girls Club, Sarasota. Tickets are \$25 per person. **Lee Wetherington Boys & Girls Club, 3100 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, 941-922-5126.** SHARE: [f](#) [in](#) [t](#)

[TODAY] EXPLORE: Service Industry Summer, Mote Marine Aquarium and Laboratory, September

Discover the secrets of the sea at Mote Marine Aquarium through the month of September where employees of Southwest Florida hotels, restaurants and bars receive a special \$5 rate with proof of employment, which will also cover one guest. Mote has so much to offer with a variety of exciting exhibits and attractions, such as the touch pools, viewable-working labs, Narrated Training Sessions with Sharks, Fossil Creek, Seahorse Conservation Laboratory and animals including sharks, dolphins, manatees, sea turtles and over 100 other species of marine life. **1600 Ken Thompson Pkwy., Sarasota, 941-388-4441.** SHARE: [f](#) [in](#) [t](#)

[TODAY] THEATER: KISS ME KATE , The Players Theatre, Sep. 15–25, Thu., Sep. 15, 7:30pm, Sep. 16,17, 20–25, 8pm Sep. 18, 24, 25, 2pm

The play revolves around Fred (played by Chris Casewell) and Lilli (played by KJ Hatfield) who are divorced in real life but are working together as Petruccio and Kate in a musical version of "Taming of the Shrew". The dysfunctional couple show their true colors acting much like their characters they portray on stage. The comedy ensues as a fight on opening night nearly derails the entire production. To top it all off two thugs have the mistaken idea that Fred owes their boss money and proceed to follow him the entire night. Subscriptions for the entire series range from \$80 to \$126. Single tickets are \$25. To purchase tickets, call, visit the box office, or go online to www.theplayers.org. **The Players Theatre, 838 N Tamiami Trl, Sarasota, 941-365-2494**

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[SOON] SPEAKER: Assignment Downtown Council Luncheon, ADC of The Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce, September 28, 11:30am

The Assignment Downtown Council of The Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce is hosting a luncheon, "Overcoming Obstacles: Lessons in Economic Development" and will feature Nancy Whitworth, director of economic development, City of Greenville, South Carolina. Nancy is an expert panelist and lecturer throughout the country and she specializes in advising communities on downtown revitalization, strategic planning, and public/private partnerships. The luncheon will be held at the Hyatt Regency Sarasota. Tickets are \$25 in advance (includes lunch). RSVP is required. For more information contact Valorie Hillerich. **Hyatt Regency, 1000 Blvd of Arts, Sarasota, 941-556-4046.** SHARE: [f](#) [in](#) [t](#)

[SOON] Music: Bird Street Players Band , Van Wezel, Sept. 16, 8pm

Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall is proud to present Bird Street Players Band. Formed in the summer of 2002, Bird Street Players is a high energy funk, soul and reggae band with driving bass lines, wicked horn solos, a rhythm section that doesn't stop and an enthusiastic front man. Originally based in Tampa/St. Petersburg, The Bird Street

was previously appointed to the board by Gov. Charlie Crist in 2007. Rodriguez has served on the boards for United Way of Sarasota County, the Community Housing Trust and the Sarasota Film Festival. He succeeds John Falconetti. His term with Enterprise Florida runs through September 2014. SHARE: [f](#) [t](#) [e](#)

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[Exec Moves] **Hallam Named VP at Gateway**

Jordan Hallam has joined Gateway Bank of Southwest Florida as vice president and commercial loan officer. Hallam will serve the Sarasota and Manatee markets. He recently, he worked at SunTrust as business relationship manager. Hallam specialized in originating commercial loans and structuring loan solutions to clients' needs. SHARE: [f](#) [t](#) [e](#)

[Gateway Bank of Southwest Florida](#)

Players frequent the music scenes of New Orleans, Key West, Orlando and festivals all over the East of the country. They have performed with bands such as The Meters, Galactic, Karl Denson, G. Love, MOFRO, Dirty Dozen Brass Band and more. The BSP will keep you on your feet all night long and have you hummin' tunes for days. **Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall, 777 North Tamiami Trl., Sarasota, 941-953-3368.**

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[SOON] FASHION: Couture your Closet, Asolo Repertory Theatre, Fri., Sep. 30 and Sat., Oct. 1, 10am-5pm

If you're looking for the perfect one-of-a-kind Halloween costume this year, The Asolo Repertory Theatre will be holding a costume sale on September 30 and October 1, right in time for the holiday. From armor to vintage, including four decades of clothing, hats and accessories will be available to sort through and purchase. Prices will range between \$1 and \$400. The Asolo Rep Costume Shop produced nearly 300 different costumes, which David Covach remarks will be higher quality than last year's sale. The Asolo Rep costume staff will be on hand to assist costumers, and cash or check will be accepted. Get their early to find an amazing piece. **Asolo Rep Scenic Studios, 1009 Tallevast Rd., Sarasota, 34243, 941-351-9010.** SHARE: [f](#) [t](#) [e](#)
[SOON] CELEBRATE: 10th Annual SRQ Hot List Party , Oct. 1, 8pm. Don't miss the SRQ Hot List Culinarium at the historic Sarasota Municipal Auditorium

This annual Hot List Party is a celebration of SRQ Magazine's September Hot List issue which showcases everything "hot", on-trend, and exciting in our area. Party-goers will feast on the finest delicacies of local cuisine, revel in the unique performances of some of the area's most creative and daring performance artists including Fuzion Dance Artists and Black Diamond Burlesque, and of course be front and center for the Hot List Fashion show. Fascinating people, stunning art installations, and delicious cocktails will also abound. 801 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, 941-365-7702 ext 204. [Purchase Tickets Online.](#) SHARE: [f](#) [t](#) [e](#)

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