



ENGLEWOOD Community Redevelopment Area (CRA)

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Many folks search endlessly for undiscovered treasures in the sea and sand of Florida's West Coast; however, Englewood's residents and visitors have already found a priceless gem in the city that they love. Over its history, this town has been known to draw in people with its sights, sounds, and uniquely festive character emanating from downtown Dearborn Street. A wealth of restaurants, specialty shops, and more welcome everyone to shop local and enjoy themselves in this one-of-a-kind neighborhood.

Never far from home are endless ways to wine, dine, and enjoy some tiki time. Situated along the main street, eateries offer healthy, creative options such as vegan buddha bowls, plus all the best comfort foods one could desire, including superb culinary selections that can curb your Italian cravings or satisfy the Spanish foodie in you. All these tasty meals and more can be found along Dearborn Street.

In between walks to the café and visits to the local bar and grill, there's always time for a slew of incredible shopping. Finding attire with a touch of personal flair throughout the unique boutiques is easy. Fashionable shoes, handbags, dresses, shirts, and more complement any local or traveler's style, and make thoughtful souvenirs. With its blend of art galleries, wine shops, ice cream parlors, and even doggie treat bakeries, it's a rewarding trip for all those who discover its countless charms.

Many know that Englewood contains a rich history of parades, parties, and shows that have ignited celebrations over the years along Dearborn Street. In years past, spring started with Corn Hole Combats Cancer and a Chili Cook-Off event. From August into September, Pioneer Days kept tradition strong with the shipwreck dance, chalk fest, and parade. During October, the streets spread holiday merriment beginning with the city's annual Halloween Safe Walk and continued with November's Englewood Beach Waterfest Block Party. Musicians and artists came together for F.A.M.E Music City Event and December's O.E.V.A. Fine Arts and Craft



Final Design Concept Rendering - Typical Block Treatment of Dearborn St.



Festival. Food aficionados traveled from far and wide during January's annual Seafood and Music Festival. In previous years, March brought together boating enthusiasts to make a splash at the Nautical Festival and Boat Show, and car shows brought out avid automobile devotees in sharp attendance. Although the pandemic has meant that many annual events and public gatherings have been cancelled and/or postponed until 2022, they will return: visit the county's Story Map at SCGov.net for updates on your favorite celebrations.

Since 1998, the Englewood Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) has made carrying out the city's redevelopment projects and programs its focus. Exciting transformations around town are always happening. Beginning in May/June 2021, West Dearborn and the Dearborn Plaza are expected to undergo improvements that are anticipated to take many months

to complete. The South McCall Road plans are well under way, dependent upon easements being obtained, and the CRA hopes to begin construction in the fall. For information about scheduled improvements in 2021 and 2022, log on to scgov.net and select Story Map.

The Englewood Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) continues, with every effort that it makes, to bolster an enjoyable, charming, and safe atmosphere for all to explore and enjoy to the fullest. Unlike hunting for the pearls of the ocean, there's no need to travel far to uncover Englewood's beauty, richness, and exceptional depth.

For more information about this advertorial, contact Sarasota County Englewood Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) at 941.473.9795 or log on to SCGov.net. Located at 370 W. Dearborn Street, Suite D, the CRA office is open from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call to confirm days/hours of operation.

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