



This Spaceship Earth.Org Names the City of Sarasota as its First “Crew Friendly” City

ThisSpaceshipEarth.Org has named the City of Sarasota as its first “crew friendly city” for all the environmental initiatives it has put in place, and for its vision of additional initiatives to come.

“We are committed to creating crew consciousness on This Spaceship Earth, the only place where life as we know it exists,” said David Houle and Tim Ramage, Co-Founders of the global climate change non-profit based in Sarasota. “We are thrilled that our headquarter city is so clearly committed to improving Sarasota in ways that are sustainable, forward thinking and proactive in preserving the ecology of the area. In this regard, the City is a leader in the state of Florida, the state most at risk to Climate Change.”

“We are honored to have been named the first “crew friendly city” by ThisSpaceshipEarth.Org” said Sarasota City Manager Tom Barwin. “Years ago Sarasota realized that environmental stewardship meant preserving our fresh air and cleaning our waters. Environmental sustainability is now a core value of this community. Our City Commission has prioritized its public policy decisions and investments to pass on an improving environment to future generations. That is why we have a Manager of Sustainability with Stevie-Freeman Montes working full time with community partners to constantly improve the City’s efforts in this regard.”

“We have a number of current initiatives to make Sarasota ever more sustainable,” said Ms. Freeman-Montes. Examples of City of Sarasota efforts that encourage crew consciousness include:

- Investing millions of dollars on ensuring wastewater effluent does not enter the Bay.
- Analyzing critical city infrastructure vulnerable to climate change impacts.
- Conducting greenhouse gas inventories for both city operations and the community.
- Piloting innovative “Living Seawalls”.
- Installing additional, publicly-accessible electric vehicle charging stations.
- Exploring solar installations and energy efficiencies for city facilities.

In addition to these current efforts, the City will be introducing sea level rise educational markers, and completing a climate change adaptation plan in the near future.



“The City thanks ThisSpaceshipEarth.org for their smart, caring and cutting edge work bridging the gap between caring and acting to preserve our beautiful planet,” said Mr. Barwin.

Mr. Rumage, who is also the Head of Environmental Studies at Ringling College and a noted planetary ethicist, said “This level of understanding, awareness, and commitment to taking action is rare among cities. The depth of knowledge on sustainability, alternative energy, creating a livable city, sea level rise and the need to integrate this intelligence in planning for the future is quite impressive.”

Mr. Houle, a well-known global futurist and futurist in residence at Ringling College added: “As a futurist it is clear that cities, particularly those in coastal areas, will need to change radically in the next two decades to integrate Climate Change into their future planning to insure economic vitality and quality of life. Unlike Sarasota, too many cities have yet to begin this in earnest. That is why the City of Sarasota, under the leadership of Tom and Stevie, is our very first Crew Friendly City. We are honored to have our global headquarters here.”

This Spaceship Earth, Inc, is a 501 (c) (3) Florida non-profit corporation, founded in 2016, committed to creating crew consciousness on spaceship earth. Crew consciousness is the evolution of people from thinking and acting as passengers, to thinking and acting as crew members on Spaceship Earth. It is the only climate change non-profit founded by a futurist and a planetary ethicist. The organization evolved from the book “This Spaceship Earth” co-authored by Houle and Rumage. The website is <http://thisspaceshipearth.org/> . Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/thisspaceshipearth> Twitter handle: @TSEarthCrew Contact: Bob Leonard, Director of Operations, bob@thisspaceshipearth.org

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