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casing harvesting

Friends of Sarasota County Parks harvesting casings

Once a month a group participates in collecting the empty shell casings at the Sarasota County Gun Range on Knight Trail off Laurel in Venice. The casings are separated according to their material and then recycled, with the revenue from the recycling being placed back into our County Parks.

A win-win for the environment and our parks.

Left to right are Cindy Cook, Ray Bresciani, Connie Bresciani, Jenny Swezy, Tina Prieur and Ashley Malliet.

John McCarthy, General Manager of Parks

has been appointed to focus full-time on product development linked to recreation tourism. "As Jim (Ley) shared with the board, this is a natural evolution for me, and builds upon the success that many of you have helped to develop. Rowing, eco-tourism, volleyball, swimming (and recreational opportunities we have not yet discovered) all have the potential to grow our local economy." Congratulations to John and FOSCP stands by to help in any way possible.

Carolyn Brown Interm General Manager

Carolyn takes over the leadership of Sarasota County Parks and Recreation on January 1, 2011. Carolyn is committed to making this transition and the future of parks and recreation a success. Carolyn has demonstrated time and time again her commitment, passion and spunk for Sarasota County Parks and Recreation. FOSCP has had the opportunity to work with Carolyn on numerous projects over the past six years and we know she will be great in this new

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Featured Article

Natural Resource Events for December 2010

Explore the wetlands along Ainger Creek with retired Penn State biology professor Dr. Bill Dunson from 9-11AM on Thurs. Dec. 9, 2010. *

Strenuous Bike Hikes at the T. Mabry Carlton led by Larry Robbins. This event will be held on Dec. 5 starting at 8AM and will last 3-5 hours. To register, call Larry at 544-0555.

Take a walk on the west

adventure. Congratulations Carolyn!

BIRD WALKS AT SHAMROCK PARK

Wednesday December 8, 7:30 AM

Wednesday January 19, 7:30 AM

Wednesday February 9, 7:30 AM

Wednesday March 30, 7:30 AM

Wednesday April 13, 7:30AM

Join Charlie Sample of the Venice Area Audubon and Friends of Sarasota County Parks for a guided walk of the park to discover a variety of birds that frequent the park or reside year-round. Hikes begin at 7:30 AM and end about 10:00-10:30AM. Meet in the parking lot in front of the Nature Center.

Bring comfortable outdoor clothing, walking shoes, water and field guide. The program is offered FREE of charge.

US 41 Legacy Trail overpass begins

This project will connect two existing segments of the Legacy trail on the north and south sides of U.S. 41 By-pass. A detour has been established so that the Legacy Trail can stay open in that area during the construction project. Go to the Friends of the Legacy Trail web-site for more information.

SHARK RESEARCH IN SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

Sharks (tiger, hammerheads and bull) have been tagged by scientist associated with Univ. of Miami, Rosenstiel School, Florida Gulf Coast Univ., WCIND and others. To find out the reasons for the study, some data that has been reviewed, or to follow the tagged sharks, go to:

<http://www.rid.miami.edu/learning-tools/follow-sharks/>.

This web-site also contains fascinating information on each one of the 14+ tagged sharks.

Osprey Junction Trailhead information

For information on the Osprey Junction Trailhead go here:

<http://www.scgov.net/ParksandRecreation/Parks/OspreyJunction.asp>

New FOSCP Board member and Treasurer

Marcello

side of
Manasota
Scrub
Preserve on
Dec. 8 from 9
to 11.*

Winter Bird
walk at Curry
Creek
Preserve on
Dec. 8 from 9
to 11AM.
Native plants,
wildlife and
birds can be
discovered. *

What Bug is
That?
A guided
insect
identification
walk at the
Jelks Preserve
on Dec. 9 from
9:30 to
11:30AM will
be supervised
by
Entomologist
Dr. Fred
Santana. *

Birding at the
Carlton
Reserve will
take place on
December 12
from 7:30 to
noon and will
be lead by our
FOSCP and
Audubon
member
Charles
Sample. *

Watch the
Geminid
Meteor
Shower at
Red Bug
Slough

Marcello Paolini has been elected as the FOSCP Treasurer. Marcello has been a business consultant and a very active community volunteer. Please welcome with us, Marcello Paolini.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE REGATTAS AT BENDERSON PARK FOR 2011

Another busy year has been scheduled for the spring regatta season. Please look at the calendar below and mark your calendars -- lots of volunteers are needed!

Feb 26&27 Sarasota Invitational

March 26 Dragon Boat Regatta

April 2 Florida Districts

April 8&9 Florida Interrcolliate Rowing Association

April 15&16 Florida Sprints

April 29,30 & May 1 FSRA (High School)

Contact President@FOSCP.org if you can help in this community adventure -- again, we need a lot of community volunteers for one or two hours at one or more of these events. Lets show our visitors Sarasota hospitality.

Phillippi Farmhouse Market

is every Wednesday at Phillippi Estates Park, 5500 South Tamiami Trail in Sarasota. Over 2,000 people are enjoying the great produce prices and on site food plus other vendors. To become a Friend of Phillippi Estates Park please contact the President@FOSCP.org. For more information please visit:

<http://www.farmhousemarket.org>

GRAND OPENING OF THE DR. WILSON HOUSE

Thanks to Tom Matrullo of the Friends of Rothenbach Park, we have a lot of pictures of the plaque dedication and grand opening of the FOSCP offices. Check them out at:

<http://sarasotacivics101.blogspot.com/>

Preserve with Environmental Specialist Jeff Weber on Dec. 13 into Tuesday Dec. 14. Bring a blanket or folding chair to enjoy one of nature's nighttime spectaculars. *

Study the wetlands at Manasota Scrub Preserve on Dec. 16. The walk and discussion will be from 9 to 11AM with Dr. Bill Dunson. *

Study the Wetlands along Ainger Creek with Dr. Bill Dunson from 9 to 11 AM on Thursday, December 2. *

Family Bike Adventures at the Carlton Reserve starting at 10AM on Dec. 18. RSVP by calling David Reynolds at 412-5575.

Enjoy a casual walk through Curry Creek Preserve with Lee Ann Harling from 9 to 11 on Dec.

North Jetty Park clean-up

North Jetty Park clean-up on November 20

Members of the Venice Warehouse, the County and Florida Departments of Health and FOSCP along with students, collected over two pounds of cigarette butts from the public areas at the North Jetty Park in Nokomis. Keeping our parks and beaches clean is a priority for wildlife, the environment, our residents and guests.

Please help!

Looking for an activity for children/family/pets

then just click on "Events" at the top of this e-newsletter. Holiday Pet Festival, 34th Annual Sandy Claws Beach Run, Holiday Toy Hunt, Good Time Groove Holiday Concert, Barefoot Beach Bazaar, Winter Vacation in the Parks School Break Camp, Chef Camp, many events with Santa, Beach Walk and more are offered for your enjoyment. Please go to:

www.parksonline@scgov.net for more information/registration.

Newtown Estates Holiday activities

Please join in the fun at Newtown Estates Park for Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 18th from 9 to noon. Please take toys and games for all ages to the Park for distribution to special families. Don't forget the Friends Pre-Holiday Dance on Dec. 11th from 9 until ?. Tickets are \$15.

Red Bug Slough Butterfly Garden

The butterfly gardens at Red Bug Slough really took a hit from the frost this winter. If anyone has surplus butterfly plants in their yard, please contact Friends of Red Bug Slough's Betsy Roberts who is happy to pick them up. Volunteers are needed to help Betsy maintain this garden. Please contact her at: Betsyred@comcast.net or 941-266-0192

Invest in "Your" County Parks

21, 2010. *

Become a "Little Naturalist" - a new Nature Program for Children. This program will be from 9:30 to 10:30 on Dec. 28 at the Pocono Trail Preserve. *

Strolling Along the Myakka River at Sleeping Turtles Preserve North on Dec. 29, 2010 from 9 to 11 with Florida Native Plant Society members Al Squires and Denny Girard. *

Phillippi Farmhouse Market has re-opened for its second season on Wednesdays through April from 9 to 2PM. For more information call 861-5000.

* Many events are limited in participant numbers. To find out more about the event, what to wear/bring, etc. or to register go to:

People who use Sarasota County Parks and Recreation facilities say that spending time in nature and staying active significantly enhances their quality of life. When people want to connect with their families and friends, they often get together at a favorite park, beach or community center. Now individuals, families, groups and businesses have a tax-deductible gift program that allows you to invest in park amenities to preserve, enhance and expand Sarasota's parks, trails and recreation programs. The "Forever Green" sponsorship/naming opportunity is available in all county park facilities at various levels. Join with FOSCP to enrich our County's quality of life now and for future generations. For more information, click the "Donation" link at the top of this e-newsletter or contact FOSCP to receive a complete listing of opportunities to invest in your community. Please contact President@FOSCP.org or call 861-5483 for more information.

Looking for an activity?

Please go to Parksonline@scgov.net for more information on offered activities like the Winter Vacation in the Parks School Break Camp at Colonial Oaks Park.

New [Haywagon](#) for the Carlton

haywagon



The Friends of the Carlton, a Chapter of the Friends of Sarasota County Parks, has donated the running gear for a hay wagon to Sarasota County for use in the Carlton Reserve and for special events on other public parks and lands. In response to a suggestion by recently retired Carlton Ranger and Naturalist Rick Storsberg (seen here driving the wagon at a retirement reception for Rick and with his wife Sally). The wagon will provide access to more remote areas of the Reserve, especially for children and the elderly who might otherwise not be able

www.scgov.net

Click on calendar of events on the left. Click the "all events" drop down list and choose Nature Walks then click go. On the bottom of each nature walk is an area that states 'Click here for registration'. If you are having problems with on-line registration, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 861-5000 and ask for Natural Resources.

to hike, bike or paddle in the park. To view a calendar of park events, go to <http://www.scgov.net>. Under "Calendar" choose Nature Walks from the pulldown menu. You can also go to <http://foscp.org> and/or <http://web.me.com/FOCR> for more information and a schedule of activities.

County Parkland and Natural Resources listed activities

You can go to scgov.net and under Calendar to sign up for an event. While there you can choose to receive a monthly calendar of programs on Sarasota County Parklands. Or you can request that your name be added to the list by emailing

DZeilman@scgov.net.

WALTON RANCH CELEBRATION DAY

The Myakka Ranchlands is a Florida Forever priority project through joint land acquisition by Southwest Florida Water Management District and the Sarasota County's Environmentally Sensitive Lands Protection Program. The protected lands now extend from the Peace River west to the Myakka River. The Public is invited to the Walton Ranch to explore the trails and take a hay-ride beginning at 10AM on Friday, Dec. 3rd. The ESLOC December meeting will be held on site at 1:30 and all are invited to attend. Please RSVP to dblanc@scgov.net if you are planning on attending. See you there!

Interested in Florida History?

First written records start in 1513 and progress through Indian, French, Spanish, British and, finally, American records. Want to read great Florida History from 1513 to modern Florida statehood? Go to:

<http://floridahistory.org>

A message from Friends of Sarasota County Parks

Due to the Holiday Season we will not be producing a January 1, 2011 e-newsletter. We hope that everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving, are enjoying their families and friends, have a Merry Christmas and a great New Year. If you have any suggestions or comments about this

e-newsletter, please send them to:

President@FOSCP.org.

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