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Greetings!

Even in midsummer, The Friends of Sarasota County Parks has a lot going on -- terrific events, [new board members](#), [sports challenges](#) for kids, new park projects, [sustainability initiatives](#), new chapters forming, a very cool [van wrap](#) and lots more - read on!



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UPCOMING EVENTS in PARKS

Save July 30th for the dedication of [Lime Lake Park](#).

The grand opening starts at 10 a.m.. The new park is at 2020 N. Lime Avenue - [get details about parking and the amenities here](#).

In August

Kids' Summer Beach **1-mile Runs** at Siesta Key and at the Venice Fishing Pier, every Wed. 5:30 to register, [Click for flier](#).

August 1-5 - For youngsters, Bobby Jones Golf Club is offering **5-day junior golf camps** with PGA professional Christian Martin. Children ages eight to 18 may participate. The fee is \$100 per child,

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with the camp taking place 9:00 a.m. until noon with lunch included. One camp will be held each month throughout the summer: [More info here.](#)

Aug. 14 and 28 - [Lekatchka Archery Club](#) at Knights Trail. 3D Archery shoots start at 9 a.m. \$10 to shoot, kids under 16 free Lunch \$5 and \$3 for kids

Note: A number of the Nature Events below **require registration**. For more info and details of locations [for all August Nature Events, click here.](#)

Aug. 3 - Little Naturalist Field Trips at Pocono Trail Preserve. 8:30-10:30 a.m., 11 a.m.-Noon, 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Aug. 13 - Perseid Meteor Shower at Red Bug Slough, 4:30-6 a.m.

Aug. 16 - Niche Nature Walk at Phillippi Estate Park.

Aug. 20 - Free Rain Barrel Workshop, Woodmere Community Park and Rec Center.

Aug. 26 - Discovery Kayak, Lemon Bay Park.

## Beyond August

Sept. 3-4 - [Hoop it Up! A Slam-Dunk Contest](#), and [Let it Fly, a flag football tournament](#) (kids 8+), are coming to Venice on Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3-4. Click the links for all the details.

Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2011 - **National Night Out** is moving from Payne Park to Urfer Family Park this year. Crime Prevention and Special Ops Unit will be among the participants.

Saturday, Oct. 8, **Octoberfest** with the Friends of Nokomis Parks.

Saturday, Nov. 5 - [Legacy Trail Overpass Grand Opening.](#)

Sunday, Nov. 27 - Legacy Trail Half Marathon - 7 a.m.

Saturday, March 24, 2012 - [Sarasota Springfest](#) at Palmer Ranch.

Sunday, March 25, 2012 - [Tour de Parks](#)

As always, lots more on the [Parks & Rec Calendar.](#)

\*\*\* Note: The Sarasota BMX SuperCross event previously scheduled for mid-September has been cancelled. \*\*\*

Send your events to [FOSCPnews@gmail.com](mailto:FOSCPnews@gmail.com), and share them on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/foscp.org>

Get Your Legacy Trail Map and Guide

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[HOOP IT UP!](#)

Let It FLY!

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## August [Libraries Calendar](#)

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August [Parks and Rec Calendar](#)

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## August [Nature Walks Calendar\\*](#)

\*Register on-line at [www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net). Click Calendar of Events on the left, then click the "all events" drop down list, choose Nature walks and click go. Many of the events listed have required registration and limits on the number of participants. Please call 861-6222 for more information

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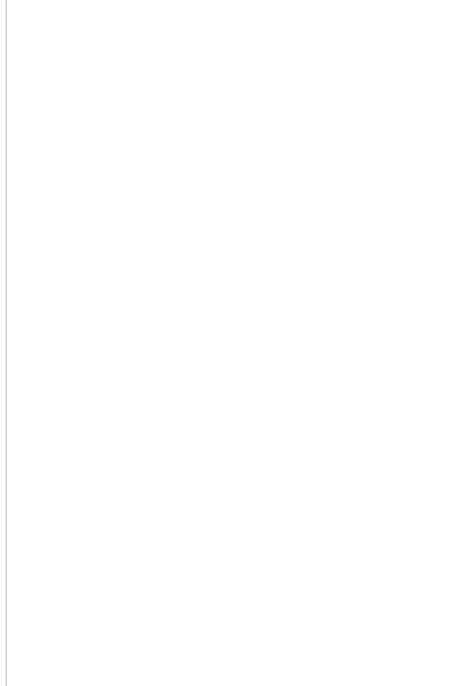
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## Legacy Trail Map



The 2011 Tour de Parks Fun Ride, held on April 3, 2011, was a county-wide event featuring The Legacy Trail and the area's treasured parks. This fully supported bike ride, cosponsored by [Friends of the Legacy Trail](#) (FLT) and Sarasota County Parks and Recreation, welcomed 506 participants, ranging in age from 8-84, who cycled distances from 15-65 miles.

The event attracted visitors and participants from elsewhere in Florida and 13 other states, as well as Canada and Austria.

The Guide and Map can now be [downloaded from FOSCP's Site](#).

Historically linked by a rail line that served the area for nearly 70 years, the cities of Sarasota and Venice are now connected by this same corridor through the multi-use, 10.6-mile Legacy Trail.

The **2012 Tour de Parks** is set for March 25, 2012, to be held in conjunction with City of Venice's 85th Anniversary Celebration. The route will depart from the Historic Venice Train Depot and make use of the Bicycle/Pedestrian overpass, currently under construction, which will connect the 10 miles of trails north of Hwy 41 with the 10 miles of trails south of Hwy 41.

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Got a minute to **Take a Survey** for Bicyclists, Runners, Joggers, Walkers and Skateboarders?

Sarasota County wants your input on what's most important in planning new bicycle paths, new pedestrian walkways, and intersections that involve vehicular traffic. [Click here to go to the county's website](#) to find out more and take the survey.

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Legacy Trail is one of many [Florida Trails found on this site](#). Another guide to **bike trails around the state** can be found [here](#). Locally, the [Coastal Cruisers](#) organize rides and actively work for safer paths.

## Culverhouse Nature Park Deeded to County

The Sarasota County Commissioners accepted the deed to 82 gorgeous acres of parkland in central Sarasota County on Tuesday, July 26, at their regular meeting. Hugh and Eliza Culverhouse are the generous donors. The park, to be called **Culverhouse Nature Park**, is located within Palmer Ranch, and is in walking distance from many of the Palmer Ranch communities.

Eliza Culverhouse, as an organic vegetable gardener herself, loves the idea of the garden within the new park. She hopes children will

## Join In



From Terry:

Hi All -- just thought I would send some dates that we know of -- your participation in the events would be great. Please let me know if I have missed anything.

- July 30 Lime Lake Park Grand Opening
- Sept 3-4 Hoop-it-up in Venice
- Oct. 4 National Night out at Urfer Family Park
- Oct. 8 OctoberFest with the Friends of Nokomis Parks
- Oct.15-16 Sun Fiesta
- Oct. 22 or 29 the Grand Opening of the Legacy Trail Overpass
- Sometime this fall we will have the Grand Opening of the Osprey Trailhead Junction.

Please let me know if any of the dates are incorrect. Thanks

We will need a lot of volunteers for many of these events -- please send this list to your Chapter members. Thanks again.

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enjoy the park, explore its many habitats, and help their parents grow vegetables. Eliza promotes the idea of "No child left inside," and she wants people to remember to wear sufficient sun protection outdoors.

The park and garden will have a wonderful ripple effect in mid county. Its social impact is incalculable in terms of healthy eating and community building. See maps of the Nature Park [on Facebook](#).

Contact the leader of Friends of Culverhouse Community Garden, Catherine Dente: [greenbeyer@comcast.net](mailto:greenbeyer@comcast.net)

Contact the leader of Friends of Palmer Ranch Parks, Fred Falkner: [fred42@comcast.net](mailto:fred42@comcast.net)

The County is also developing developing plans for [Siesta Key](#) Beach, [Tuscano Park](#) in Venice, and [Warm Mineral Springs](#) in North Port. Look for more on these in future issues.

## Help Plan a Park

Sarasota County Parks and Recreation wants to hear your thoughts on plans for the future [Tuscano Park](#).

The future park site at 5800 Tamiami Trail in Venice is approximately 11.6 acres and is surrounded by several large church properties. The residential community of Plantation is located to the north across Tamiami Trail.

Short-term improvements proposed for the site include:

- mortise fencing,
- shell or grass parking area (four to five cars),
- picnic areas,
- and possibly a few individual pieces of playground equipment.

This **open house** meeting will provide you with the opportunity to talk to staff and learn about short-term improvements planned at the 10-acre site. Come and participate:

**Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011**  
**5 - 7 p.m.** Woodmere Park  
3951 Woodmere Park Blvd.  
Venice, FL 34293

### Developing Plans Afoot...

[Friends of Arlington Park](#) are planning a Butterfly Garden. In Englewood, Lemon Bay is starting a Friends Group, and there's a new chapter forming at the 17th Street Paw Park.

[T. Mabry Carlton Reserve's July update is here](#).

## Miles and Smith Join FOSCP Board

Marc J. Miles and Jeremy

(Links supplied where we could obtain them)

## Friends of . . .

[Arlington Park](#)

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[North Water Tower Park](#)

[Nokomis Parks](#)

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[Payne Park Tennis Courts](#)

[Phillippi Estate Park](#)

[Red Bug Slough](#)

[Rothenbach Park](#)

[Sarasota Adaptive Rowing](#)

[Shamrock Park](#)

[T. Mabry Carlton Reserve](#)

[Ted Sperling Park at S. Lido](#)

[Therapeutic Recreation](#)

[Urfer Family Park](#)

[Venice Community Center](#)

At its July meeting, FOSCP welcomed two new board members: **Marc J. Miles** and **Jeremy "JD" Smith**.

Marc is an attorney who has lived in Switzerland, Denmark and Japan, and now practices in Venice. Jeremy is a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones in Sarasota.

In other Board news...

- The **Volunteer Recognition Party** has been set for Oct. 22 - hold the date, details to come.
- Thanks to a gracious contribution from the [Z Foundation](#), all the pending charitable projects on **Gulf Coast Gives** have been funded. New projects are on the way.
- Updated the process for the personal tribute program for donating benches with memorial plaques. [Download the details here.](#)
- See FOSCP's [Letter to the Editor](#) regarding ads in parks.
- City parks of Sarasota and Venice will be organized via newly forming groups modeled on FOSCP but independent of it.
- The board has created a committee to recommend a new CPA/Auditor.

## You could . . .

[Become a Volunteer](#)

[Start a Chapter](#)

[Become a Member](#)

If you start a Chapter, create a website or Facebook group, or begin chirping about parks on Twitter, let us know at:

[foscpnews@gmail.com](mailto:foscpnews@gmail.com)



## Englewood Center for Sustainability (EC4S)

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Englewood Center for Sustainability

*"Simply defined, sustainability is the capacity to endure"*

[EC4S](#) is Englewood's platform for not only sharing sustainable ideas but developing practical applications for sustainable ways of life. The EC4S has partnered with Sarasota County Parks and Recreation in this ambitious educational endeavor at the Buchan Airport Community Park, located at 1390 Old Englewood Rd, 34223.

The center is operating as a chapter of the Friends of Sarasota County Parks and the group is gratefully using the Friends' 501(c)(3) status for fundraising. Find out what they're doing. EC4S's [Facebook page is here](#), and [they tweet here](#).

### Got News?

Share your parks events, updates and feedback through our new email address:

[FOSCPnews@gmail.com](mailto:FOSCPnews@gmail.com).

## Van-Tastic Wrap!

**See for yourself: Now That's A Wrap's makeover of the Van is done.** Riding behind, you see great images of Urfer Family Park, Legacy Trail and Nathan Benderson Park. Stop by their [Facebook Page!](#) More pics on [FOSCP's home page](#).

FOSCP VAN

## Planning an Event? Get Out the Word

**Social Media** offers a powerful multiplier effect in helping you spread the word about your event, whether it's a fundraiser, volunteer recruitment, or a workday.

Some of the ways you can get people buzzing about what you're doing include:

1. Post details and photos on FOSCP's [FaceBook page](#).
2. Tweet it and put [#FOSCP](#) in your tweet.
3. Make sure it's on the [Parks and Rec Calendar](#)
4. Email folks who use your park.
5. Add it to the [Herald-Trib](#) and to [Sarasota Patch](#) calendars.
6. Email dates, times, details to this newsletter [FOSCPNEWS@gmail.com](mailto:FOSCPNEWS@gmail.com) at least a week before the first of the month in which your event falls.
7. [Google +](#) has arrived, and will be including organizations as it develops - stay tuned.

## Making the Economic Case for Parks

Do parks create economic value? Listen to Robert Hammond talking about building a park in the sky, and how it is growing half a billion dollars in property value for New York City.



Robert Hammond: Building a park in the sky

**FOSCP's New Number: 941-275-9397**

The **"Forever Green" sponsorship/naming opportunity** is available in all county park facilities at various levels.

For more information, [click this "Donation" link](#) or contact FOSCP to receive a complete listing of opportunities to invest in your community. Please contact [President@FOSCP.org](mailto:President@FOSCP.org) or call 941-275-9397.

## Newsletter and Social Media

Please share your parks events, updates and feedback through our new newsletter email address: [FOSCPnews@gmail.com](mailto:FOSCPnews@gmail.com).

[Find us on Facebook](#).

We've got a new [Twitter account](#) as well - follow us there!

Thanks! - Tom M.

*Friends of Sarasota County Parks, Inc.*



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