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Greetings!

Brown, Ritter, Dente

At the Palmer Ranch Gathering

The June 18th **Gathering at Palmer Ranch** brought out many helpers from Parks & Rec, from FOSCP, and from the Sheriff's Office, including the bomb squad and the Junior SWAT Team. Booths were staffed by Friends of Palmer Ranch and Friends of the Legacy Trail among other helpers.

While the kids enjoyed the SWAT challenge course and the Aquatic Center at the Y, we also learned more about plans for **Culverhouse Nature Park**, which will serve as the **North Trail Head** of the Legacy Trail. There will be parking, a restroom, drinking water fountains, a play area, hiking and more, says Fred Falkner.

Click for a [slideshow of the Gathering](#), including photos of the proposed 82-acre Nature Park.

Featured above l. to r.: Carolyn Brown, interim director of County Parks & Rec, Jessica Ritter, Parks & Rec, Catherine Dente, FOSCP.

Fledgling red-shouldered hawks at Urfer

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redshoulderhawkbabe



Lynda Eppinger sends this update:

"We are developing some different interpretive programs for Urfer and some of the other parks. Of course, the Photo Safari at Urfer is still taking place the first Friday of each month. Please welcome anybody who would like to go along on this guided walk geared toward nature photography. Hopefully we'll get some rain before our July 1st program to liven things up a bit!

"The red-shouldered hawk chicks (2) have fledged, so the bridge has been reopened. The chicks are still hanging around begging for food from the parents (typical "teenagers"). We lost our sandhill crane chick-not sure how. The parents have moved on, but at least the male is no longer attacking the cars in the parking lot! Two bobcats and numerous gopher tortoises have been spotted here as well as many other turtles and birds. The park is humming with life!"

Baby Gopher Tortoise



Coming up at Urfer:

Photo Safari - July 1

Workday - July 9

Times for both: 9 - 11 a.m.

for updates from the Chapters

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Sarasota YMCA
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[Parks and Rec Calendar](#)

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*Register on-line at 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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EVENTS in PARKS

Coming in July

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

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, 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.](#)

Remaining Camp Dates:

* July 25-29

* August 1-5

Want to help create a tidal wetland? Come to the **Native Planting Event at North Lido** on Saturday, July 9, 2011 9 a.m. - noon. [Find all the details here.](#)

July 10th and 24th: Lekatchka **Archery Club** on [Knight's Trail](#) - 3D Shoots begin at 9 a.m. \$10 to shoot, kids under 16 free. Lunch \$5, \$3 for kids. Kids Archery Classes at Cooks Sportland start July 8th. Call Tom or Don for times: 941-493-0025.

Save July 30th for the dedication of the brand new [Lime Lake Park](#) - we'll be putting more info out on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) as it becomes available.

Beyond July

Sept. 3-4 - Hoop it Up! A Slam-Dunk Contest coming to Venice on Labor Day weekend. [More here.](#)

September 15,16,17,18 - Sarasota **BMX SuperCross.** [More here.](#)

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.

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

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

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

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

Big Truck Day

Big Truck Day is a big hit with kids of all ages, as it gives kids a chance to meet and climb on some of the largest firetrucks and public works trucks in the county. It's free for them, but needs your support. Can you help? [Gulf Coast Gives](#)

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
- Sept 15-18 BMX SuperCross at Fairgrounds
- Oct. 4 National Night out at Urfer Family Park
- Oct. 8 OctoberFest with the Friends of Nokomis Parks

The BMX'rs Are Coming

The UCI **BMX SuperCross Event** in September is looking to be quite something. This is one of only five pre-

qualifying rounds worldwide. The races will be at the fairgrounds, and John McCarthy says tickets for this Olympic pre-qualifying event will go fast, if the London event was any indication..

"London sold 5,500 tickets in five days," McCarthy said the other day.

Hotel rooms and tickets are available through the [main event site](#). **Volunteers, save the dates:** September 15, 16, 17 and 18 – we'll need you! More soon.

Here's a taste of what London was like:



S.I.G.N.bmx crossroads to London Olympics 2012

- 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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North Port Parks

FOSCP Has a New Number

From Terry:

FOSCP has a new phone number for donations and all other calls: [941-275-9397](tel:941-275-9397). Thanks to Bruce Dillon for making the arrangements.

FOSCP now has a **tax-deductible gift program** that allows interested parties 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.

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 or call our new general FOSCP number, 941-275-9397, for more information.

Getting Out the Word About Your Event

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 at least a week before the first of the month in which your event falls.

Tour de Parks Drew Cyclists from Afar

From a write-up in the Office of Greenways & Trails Newsletter:

The 2011 **Tour de Parks Fun Ride**, held on April 3, 2011, was a very successful 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. Though approximately 75% of the cyclists were from Sarasota County, the event attracted visitors and participants from elsewhere in Florida and 13 other states, as well as Canada and Austria.

NB: Due to ongoing construction of the **Legacy Trail Overpass** in Venice, motorists might encounter temporary lane closures or other brief delays. (Construction suspended on July 4.) The Legacy Trail will be **closed to pedestrian traffic** from the Train Depot in Venice north to Colonia Lane effective immediately throughout the duration of construction - target completion in Fall 2011.

An Afghan Raffle

Leila
Frangie, a
Sarasota
County
Master
Gardener
and
member of
the
Leadership

Team of the Culverhouse Community Garden, has just finished this magnificent knitted afghan and has donated it to raise money for the Garden.

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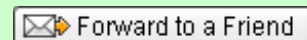
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If you start a Chapter, create a website or Facebook group, or begin chirping about parks on Twitter, let us know at:

foscpnews@gmail.com

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afghan image

The afghan measures about 6 1/2 ft. by 5 1/2 ft., and would look beautiful draped over a living room couch or chair. The pattern is called "Pinwheel," and the afghan is made from luscious yarns of soft acrylic blends.

Only 100 raffle tickets will be sold, so each \$5 ticket has

very good odds! Contact greenbeyer@comcast.net, or call 924-6828. The raffle will end either on the opening day of the Culverhouse Community Garden or whenever 100 tickets have been sold.

Odds and Ends

The YMCA's [Summer Camps](#) are in full gear, as are [Sarasota County's](#).

[Click to see a Weather Site](#) with a format we've not seen before.

Incidentally, if you're looking for hiking or paddling trails around the state, the [Greenways & Trails site](#) is a nice resource.

A bit of newsletter news

This month's newsletter was compiled by Tom Matrullo of the [Friends of Rothenbach Park](#). We are gearing up to make news of what's happening in our parks more openly accessible to our volunteers and to the public at large.

To that end, please share your parks events, updates and feedback through our new email address: FOSCPnews@gmail.com.

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

Sincerely,

Tom Matrullo
Friends of Sarasota County Parks, Inc.

P.S.

Now That's a Wrap!

As some of you already know, the FOSCP van is getting wrapped. The final proofs came back from [Now That's a Wrap!](#) as we were going to "press" and Wow! For a sneak peak, [click here.](#)

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