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Hi there,

The September Newsletter has much of which to tell: Fun volunteer opportunities, *tours de hither and yon*, triathlons, half-marathons, nature walks and Little Naturalist talks, Paddle Palooza, developing parks projects, hawk hatchlings and Chickens 101, to name a few.

Congratulations to FOSCP board member Charles Sample who was just appointed to the Environmental Sensitive Lands Oversight Committee ([ESLOC](#)).

There's still time before Sept. 6 when the Coca Cola contest ends --[Vote](#) for [Urfer Family Park!](#)



## Calling All Volunteers

Our full list of coming events is further down - these events are seeking volunteers:

**Sept. 3 - The [Venice Triathlon](#) plans to use 80 volunteers for the event at Sharky's On the Pier.**

Julie A. Hunt (941-375-9123) is asking for helpers Call Julie or contact Mike Gippert, [MDSpartan@comcast.net](mailto:MDSpartan@comcast.net).

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## September Friend of the Friends

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**Mandatory volunteer meeting/dinner Thursday night before the race at the Venice Y and a FULL breakfast for volunteers after the race.**



### **Sept 3-4: Hoop It Up**

A [basketball and a football contest](#) in Venice. Terry says he's got volunteers for this.



### **Sept 24:**

- **National Public Lands Day** ([see below](#))
- [Coastal CleanUp](#)



Oct. 4: [National Night Out](#), Urfer Family Park, 6 p.m. Contact Teresa Mast at [tmast@scgov.net](mailto:tmast@scgov.net).



Oct. 8: PADDLE PALOOZA -- a paddling/rowing showcase featuring Rowing, Paddleboards, Dragon Boats, Cayuco Boats, and Kayaks -- needs volunteers.

Hosted by [Vision North Port](#), [Benderson Development](#), the [North Port Area Chamber of Commerce](#), the [City of North Port](#) and [Sarasota County](#), the event is 9 am to 5 pm at the Cocoplum Waterway, Dallas White Park, North Port.

-- Contact [info@visionnorthport.com](mailto:info@visionnorthport.com) or John Krotec, [ops@enviroengineers.com](mailto:ops@enviroengineers.com), 941-371-6208, or 941-400-7333.

## **FOSCP [Chapters](#)**

(Links supplied where we could obtain them)

### **Friends of . . .**

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[Challenger Park](#)

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

[Therapeutic Recreation](#)

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[Venice Community Center](#)

## Nov. 5: Venice Overpass Celebration

The **Celebration** is Saturday, November 5, 9 am to 1 pm at the Venice Train Depot. Volunteers needed to help with helmet fitting, directing walkers and bike riders. Also parking, set-up and take-down help. Please email MJ Rouvet, [mjroutvet@verizon.net](mailto:mjroutvet@verizon.net) or call 484-8964.

## On the Drawing Board

Parks foster Community and create Community Value, including economic value, according to the [Trust for Public Land](#). At FOSCP's board meeting the other day, Carolyn Brown, Sarasota's interim head of Parks, described what's coming up at the [Nathan Benderson Rowing Park](#).

The county is currently finalizing Phases 1 and 2 of the concept plan for the Park. There's already been some brush clearing that now allows views of the rowing site from I-75. The next steps involve quite a bit of earthwork to extend the facility to 2,000 meters, which will allow for world-class regattas. Plans also call for an island that boats can launch from. Completion of these steps is estimated to require a year, she added.

The [plans for Siesta Beach](#) are also moving forward. An update on plans will be presented to the County Commissioners in September. You can get a [glimpse here of what's envisioned](#) for the nation's most fabulous beach..

Benderson and Siesta are two of many projects going on, Brown said.

*Benderson Concept*

To learn more about future park plans, head to the County's new ["Planning for Parks" web page](#). For projects that are under construction, like Manasota and the North Jetty, see the [Capital Improvements site](#) maintained by Public Works.

## [Woodmere Park](#)

## You could . . .

[Become a Volunteer](#)

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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](mailto:foscpnews@gmail.com)

## Events and Resources

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## Got News?

The deadline for sharing your parks events and updates in our next newsletter is Sept. 25th.

## FOSCP Scholarship Winner

This summer, the Friends provided a scholarship for a child to attend Therapeutic Camp, and it was granted to **Olivia DiPierro**, who attended camp at Oak Park.

"The family was very happy to have the help with camp this year," said Kathy Hilton of Parks & Rec, who kindly provided this photo of Olivia:

Olivia DiPierro

## Grants and Arguments in Support of Grants

Did you know that teachers can get "School Garden Grants" of up to \$2000 through a program from Whole Foods? More [here](#), and [here](#).

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The benefits of parks, and a job listing:

- In line with the thought that parks create both community and value, have a look at this excellent collection of the [many kinds of benefits](#) that parks bring to our communities.
- Sarasota County is looking for a Florida Yards and


Neighborhoods Program Assistant. Check out the [Human Resources jobs page here](#). Click through to the applications page, then click on "SEARCH."

## Images

Lynda Eppinger of Parks & Rec shared these great images from [Urfer Family Park](#):


*A young hawk hatched there last spring:*

**Young Hawk**



*A calf born at Urfer June 29th:*

**Young Hawk**



**Don't forget: Vote Urfer for your favorite park before Sept. 6th.**

**National Public Lands Day in Sarasota**

[National Public Lands Day](#) (Sept. 24th) marks the

value and legacy of public lands across the U.S. Brie Ondercin, the organizer for the day's event, says the site chosen for Sarasota County's event is [Sleeping Turtles Preserve North](#), 3462 Border Road, Venice, 34292. A [Little Naturalist Program](#) will be offered for young children, and adults (especially the parents of the Little Naturalist participants) will of course be wanted as volunteers.

The event is Saturday, Sept. 24 from 9 am to noon. Volunteers should arrive no later than 8:45 am to be briefed on the volunteer work. Registration for volunteers will be available on the [County Calendar of Events](#). It should be up by August 16. Space is limited to 25 volunteers.

The tasks scheduled for the day are:

- Trail trimming
- Install 2 18" x 30" interpretive signs
- Install 7 plant ID signs
- Install 2 Pack it In Pack it Out signs
- Plant native vegetation around entrance sign and kiosk
- Pick-up/remove trash
- Tree Trimming
- Event photo documentation

For Information about our Sarasota County site, [click here](#).

## Tour de North Port in October

The second annual "Tour de North Port," an organized bicycle ride sponsored by People for Trees, Inc., will take place on the streets and back roads of North Port on **Sunday, October 23, 2011.**

Riders can choose a 15, 35, or 65-mile route. The registration fee of \$35 (\$10 for children 12 and under) includes a continental breakfast, rest stops with snacks and drinks, SAG mobile support, and lunch at the ride's end! The first 50 adult riders to register will receive a FREE ride t-shirt (may be purchased for \$10). The ride will begin and end at Dallas White Park, Greenwood Ave. North Port. Breakfast/on-site registration/check-in at 7AM for the 35/65 mile rides, 8AM for the 15-mile "family" ride. Online registration and information at [www.peoplefortrees.com](http://www.peoplefortrees.com)

The Tour de North Port is a fundraiser to support the efforts of People for Trees, Inc. to create its own "Tree University," a truly unique, kid-friendly educational Eco-Center to showcase all that is natural and beautiful about Florida. We are a non-profit 501(c)(3) group that formed in 1997 to promote the awareness about the importance of protecting and maintaining a healthy, native tree canopy.

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People for Trees, Inc. Since 1997

## Phillippi Farmhouse Market to Start 3rd Season

**Phillippi Farmhouse Market** begins its third year on Nov. 2. Between years 1 and 2, it doubled the number of vendors and customers, counting 1,700 customers one day last season, according to Market Manager Tim Brown.

"We're looking for more volunteer help for parking, brochures, and greeting customers," said Brown, noting that by attracting the public to the estate, the market provides the opportunity to promote Mansion rentals.

Brown said the Market is "looking to possibly go year round." One benefit: more funds flowing to Phillippi restoration. Last year the Market gave \$11,000 to the cause.

Another innovation: The Market will be using "[Square](#)," a mobile payments start-up, to enable folks to use credit cards at the market. (It'll work for donations too ; ) ).

## UPCOMING EVENTS in PARKS

### September

[Outdoor walks, talks](#) and more throughout the entire month are now on the [FOSCP site](#).

Sept. 3 - [Venice Triathlon](#) at Sharky's on the Pier.

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 for details.

Sept. 11 & 25: [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

Sept. 24 - National Public Lands Day ([more](#))  
- [Coastal Clean-Up](#)



### Beyond September

Tuesday, Oct. 4 - [National Night Out](#) is moving from Payne Park to **Urfer Family Park**. Crime Prevention and the Special Ops Unit will be among the participants.

Oct. 8 - [Paddle Palooza](#) - Row, canoe, kayak, paddle a dragon boat and more. Paddle Palooza happens from 9 am to 4 pm, Saturday, Oct. 8, along the Cocoplum Waterway at Dallas White Park. Hosted by Vision North Port, Benderson Development, the North Port Area Chamber of Commerce, the City of North Port, and Sarasota County. Sponsorships are available by contacting [info@visionnorthport.com](mailto:info@visionnorthport.com). Interested volunteers please contact the same email address.

Oct. 22 - The FOSCP Volunteer Recognition Party - hold the date, details to come.

Oct. 23 - [Tour de North Port](#) - 15, 35 and 65-mile rides.

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

Nov. 27 - [Legacy Trail Half Marathon](#) at Palmer Ranch, 7 a.m.



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

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


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

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

Lime Lake Grand Opening a Hit

[Lime Lake's](#) Grand Opening at the end of July brought out a lot of the community to celebrate this lovely new park:

Lime Lake Opening



Here's a brief video from the event:



Lime Lake Celebration

### A few more things. . .

View the Wilderness Journal of the [T. Mabry Carlton Jr. Memorial Reserve](#) online [here](#). They've been busy!

Here's a cool [blog about playgrounds](#), and another site about [accessible playgrounds](#).  
[Vote Urfer up](#).

Quick wishlist thought: Smartphone developers are constantly coming up with new apps. The other day I discovered a nice guide to [North Carolina's state parks](#), with maps and lovely photos, free for downloading. Here's hoping we'll soon see something similar for Florida.

Stay connected with the Friends. Tell us about your events, updates, links and feedback by writing to [FOSCPnews@gmail.com](mailto:FOSCPnews@gmail.com). Deadline for next FOSCPnews: Sept. 25th.

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For the *Friends*, I'm Tom M.

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