



FOSCP Board workshop



FOSCP Board Member workshop was held in October. The workshop was facilitated by Mr. James Rollo with a grant from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice. Above, from left to right are Charles Sample, Bruce Dillon, Susan Noah and Kirsten Sheets. Below, from left to right are Betty Johnson, Mike Evans, Andy Gerberich and K.C. Quaretti-Lee. Contact President@FOSCP.org for the results of the workshop.

second picture workshop



Endangered Scrub Jay 10 year study report is out. The Peace River Audubon and Lemon Bay Conservancy are cosponsoring a workshop where the Scrub Jay results will be presented. Join in on Nov. 18 at 7:00PM at the Holy Trinity Lutheran

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Featured Article

FOSCP, Suncoast Polytechnical High School and Sarasota County Parks and Recreation partnering on a Phillips Livable City Award application

Copy and paste the below to see the video on YouTube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OPZNEBbnyAA>

Many people including Nan Summers, John McCarthy, Marshall Pridmore, Kirsten Sheets and others are working hard on an application for the Phillips Livable City Award.

The video, which can be seen on YouTube is finished and the committee is presently working on a handout and bags. This community outreach

Church in Port Charlotte to hear about the status of the Scrub Jays. Mr. Karl Miller will present the completed study. For more information go to: www.lemonbayconservancy.org

Siesta Beach Web-Cam

If you would like to see the conditions at our Siesta Beach, rated number 2 in the United States, copy and paste this in your search engine:

<http://www.scgov.tv/SiestaBeachCam>

BIRD WALKS AT SHAMROCK PARK

Wednesday November 17, 7:30 AM

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 at 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.

-- C.L.U.C.K. --

Citizens Lobbying for Urban Chicken Keeping is having their next meeting November 5th at 7:00PM at the new Sarasota City Police Station. Learn about the upcoming "Chicken 101" course, first Extension-sponsored chicken workshop. Meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, please visit Sarasotacluck.blogspot.com.

Sarasota County Extension Holiday Open House

will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 10 from 1 to 4PM at Twin Lakes Park. Learn how to go green for the holidays.

Demonstrations, free compact fluorescent lights and rain barrel raffles every half hour. Event is free and open to the public. Go here for more information: [Open House](#)

2nd Annual Green Homes Tour

sponsored by the Myakka River Branch, USGBC Florida Gulf Coast Chapter, Home builders Association of Manatee-Sarasota, and Sarasota County will be on Saturday Nov. 13 from 10:00AM to 5:00PM for Sarasota County. Purchase tickets online now at: <http://www.sustainabletampabay.org>

Florida Solar Energy Center, Cocoa, Florida

Course schedule, including the online webinar series, "Achieving Zero Energy Green Homes". For more information and to register:

http://www.fsec.ucf.edu/en/education/cont_ed/schedule.php

adventure is featuring the County's "Getting Really Green" program

with the "Pack-in/Pack-out - it is in the bag program".

Be sure to stay tuned for more fun announcements on this application. Ever heard of "tagging"? We are trying to be the first with a "tag the bag" opportunity.

In summary, this award includes community involvement, economic enhancements and environmental aspects like reducing our footprints. We will have more information posted on our FOSCP web-site in the near future.

4-H Walk-a-Thon

Join 4-H for their annual walk-a-thon on Saturday Nov. 13 at the Myakka River State Park. Check in between 8 and 9AM. The course is seven miles. All those who bring in \$20.00 in donation will receive tee shirts and lunch. Pledge envelopes are available in the 4-H office in Twin Lakes Park.

Information on Rain Barrel Workshops

will be held on November 20, starting at 10AM at Twin Lakes Park. After the workshop, the County will sell rain barrels at \$37.00 each. Call 861-9900 to register.

Phillippi Farmhouse Market

will host its grand re-opening on Wednesday Nov. 3 at Phillippi Estates Park, 5500 South Tamiami Trail in Sarasota. This seasonal farmers market will be open every Wednesday from November through April to coincide with the growing season in southwest Florida. Hours will be 9AM to 2PM. The Welcome Back on Wednesday November 3 will feature a concert, product giveaways, music, bagpipers and general merriment. There will be over 40 vendors in the market which promotes local growers of produce, herbs, flowers, and landscape plants as well as prepared foods to enjoy picnic-style at the market or to take home for a delicious, easy meal. There will also be sustainable products and specialty items, including local handicrafts. The market has ample free parking, handicap accessibility and public restrooms. Join us as we kick off another year of local, fresh foods to nourish the body and soul! 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

Please join in the fun as we have the dedication and grand opening of the Dr. Wilson House at the Urfer Family Park on Nov. 13 starting at 10AM. Music, tours, light snacks and more will be available as we open the new FOSCP/Chapter offices. A special Thank you to John Capen and the rest of the Friends of Urfer Family Park for all they are doing for this community asset.

new surrey

FLT/Sarasota County's new surrey is here!

Special thanks to Sarah Calabrese and the Friends of the Legacy Trail for their dedication and perseverance in helping our community with this new asset. It will be used on the Legacy Trail with people that might have a harder time using bikes.

America Recycles Day

is on Nov. 13. Visit www.americarecyclesday.org to enhance your recycling effort and find events near you.

North Port Community Gardens

invites you to join in the grand opening celebrating this new community asset on Nov. 6th from 10AM to 1PM. For more information call 941-735-6623

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

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 the below or more activities:

Nov. 12 Frankie Valli Tribute at the VCC

Nov. 20 Barefoot Beach Bazaar at Nokomis Beach

Register now for the Winter Vacation in the Parks School Break Camp at Colonial Oaks Park.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!!!

IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE FROM 9 TO 11AM ON MONDAY AND/OR TUESDAYS WE COULD USE HELP PICKING UP CASINGS AT THE SARASOTA COUNTY GUN RANGE OFF LAUREL ROAD. ALL MONEY GENERATED BY RECYCLING THE CASINGS ARE SPENT ON YOUR COUNTY PARKS.

Clean-up Tobacco Litter on Nov. 20

Please join FOSCP, Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT), Sarasota and Florida Health Departments and Sarasota and Florida Parks and Recreation and a group of local volunteers on Nov. 20 from 2 to 4PM at the North Jetty Park. For more information, please contact jennifer.robertson@doh.state.fl.us or President@FOSCP.org.

Contact Friends of Sarasota County Parks

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