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Greetings!

November is upon us, and the Season is rife with openings, grand openings, and all kinds of volunteer opportunities. For example, there's a need for hands-on folks at the Regattas. Or, you could release your Inner Elf. See below.

The Phillippi Farmhouse Market opens Nov. 2, with more vendors (58) than ever – the citrus and veggies are fresh and mostly home grown, says Fred, and **volunteers** are always welcome.

Right behind that is the **debut of our newest chapter**, the Englewood Farmer's Market. As of Thursday Nov. 3, it's a weekly market on Dearborn St. from 9 am to 1 pm.

And right behind *that* – on Nov. 5 – comes the **Grand Opening of the Legacy Trail Overpass**. If you're a fan of the Overpass, you probably know that it actually opened - quietly - a few days ago. Here's a sneak peak of the Surrey paying an early visit.

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There's much more happening - it's all below - enjoy.



Nature Garden Coming

Quick news, from [The Culverhouse Community Garden Facebook page](#):

On Sept 29, 2011, Sarasota County became the proud owner of the deed to Culverhouse Nature Park. Perhaps by January 2012, residents will have public access to the 82 gorgeous acres that will remain in their natural state as much as possible. Slowly, improvements will appear in the park: a community vegetable garden, nature trails, a wide open multi-purpose field to toss a ball, fly a kite, or practice your soccer moves. The park is in walking distance from many Palmer Ranch subdivisions and will be well treasured by county residents.

You're Invited...

... to the [Nov. 5 Legacy Trail](#)

[Culverhouse Comm. Garden](#)

[EC4S](#)

[Englewood Comm. Garden
Garden at the Springs](#)

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

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[Urfer Family Park](#)

[Venice Community Center](#)

[Woodmere Park](#)

You could . . .

[Become a Volunteer](#)

[Start a Chapter](#)

[Become a Member](#)

[Overpass Celebration](#). Festivities go from 9 - noon, and include more than 20 health and wellness exhibitors, Train Depot tours, a bicycle raffle, free youth helmet fittings and more. Speeches at 9:30 a.m., ribbon cutting at 10:30.

Legacy Invite

Be one of the first pedestrians to cross the Legacy Trail Overpass and receive a Commemorative medal. FOSCP will have a tent there - come on out and help!

UPCOMING EVENTS in PARKS

- November -

NOTE: Throughout November there are many, many Nature Walks, talks, and more strenuous events in our parks – too many to list here. **But we have listed them here**, on FOSCP.org. Check them out – it's an amazing array of outdoor adventures with expert guides and leaders.

Wednesday, Nov. 2 - [Phillippi Farmhouse](#)

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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[Cyclovia Venice](#)

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Grow a new
playground

FOSCP is
sponsoring a fund
to build
a playground.
Can you help?
More on [Gulf
Coast Gives](#).

[Market](#) opens 3rd Season, 9 am to 2 pm every Wednesday through April 2012, rain or shine. Note: **volunteers needed** - call Ann Van Cott: 966-2236 or Priscilla Brown: 861-5000 (county phone), manager of Phillippi Estate Park and the Farmers Market.

Thursday, Nov. 3 - [Englewood Farmer's Market](#) premiers on Dearborn St., 9 am - 1 pm. Open every Thursday for the season.

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

Saturday, Nov. 12 - Jay Watch Results and Recognition Celebration At the [Archbold Hufty Learning Center](#). (352) 732-1225.

Sunday, Nov. 13 - [13th Annual Special Olympics](#) 5k, 7-11 a.m., South Lido Beach Park, Sarasota. Contact: Jonthan Poyner, 861-5000.

Sunday, Nov. 20th - [Cyclovia Venice](#) plans to close westbound lanes of Venice Ave. to vehicular traffic from 10 am - 1 pm, allowing pedestrians, cyclists, rollerbladers, strollers, etc to take over the Avenue. Many more activities planned. (Volunteers).

Saturday Nov. 26 - Florida Legacy Trail Holiday Parade (actively seeking **volunteers** - more below).

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

Nov. 30 - At the Historic Crosley Estate near downtown Sarasota: The Annual **Festival of Trees**. Daily from 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. : 8374 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota.

- Beyond November -

Dec. 3-4 - **Siesta Beach Holiday Arts & Crafts Show** starts 10 a.m. both days.



Legacy Invite

Got News?

The **deadline** to share your events and updates in our next newsletter is **Nov. 25th**.

FOSCPnews@gmail.com.

FOSCP Board Meetings



2011-12

All at 4:30 at Twin Lakes Conference Room unless noted:

2011

November 17
December 22

2012

January 26
February 23
March 22 (in North Port)
April 26
May 24
June 28
July 26
August 23
September 27
October 25
November 15
December 20

Dec. 10 - At Siesta Beach they'll be celebrating the 35th Anniversary of the **Sandy Paws Beach Run**. (Details as they become available.)

Feb. 25-26 — **Sarasota Invitational** - First Regatta of the Season at Benderson - (more below).

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. Depart 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.

June 18-20 - [National Conference on Volunteering and Service](#) in Chicago.

Much more on the [Parks & Rec Calendar](#).

Send your events to FOSCPnews@gmail.com, and share them on [Facebook](#).




FLT HOLIDAY PARADE Needs Volunteers

To All Legacy Trail Friends - Old and New !

LOOKING FOR APPROX. 20 VOLUNTEERS SAT.
NOV. 26th – ELVES, REINDEER, SURREY
PEDDLERS, BIKERS, DECORATORS

The Holiday Parade will be here before you know it...
and once again our Legacy Trail Surrey will be

Join Our Mailing List!

 Forward to a Friend

Did you know that FOSCP volunteers give over 24,000 hours of their time to Sarasota parks each year? Given that it's the season, when you see a FOSCP volunteer, tell them "thanks."

Thanksgiving Table



included in this Parade...

We will decorate the Surrey and fill it up with Santa's Elves, lots of presents and lots of lights and decorations to make it look like Santa's Sleigh.... and we need Reindeer to walk in front of the Sleigh. (Santa will not be riding in our Surrey/Sleigh this year as he will be at the end of the Parade).

We need approx. 20 volunteers for the following spots:
(Please RSVP - ASAP)

- 2 Elves to Peddle the Surrey
- 4 - 8 Elves to walk alongside the Surrey
- Children to dress as elves - 2 perhaps inside the Surrey and others walking... preferably between the ages of 5 and 10.
- 8 Reindeer
- 1 Reindeer to be "Rudolph"
- 2 Volunteers to help decorate the Surrey.

The Last FLT Meeting at Oscar Scherer will be Nov. 1st. I also need help to collect some items for the decorations and if you have them... please bring them to me at this meeting. Thank you very much.

- Large Boxes (at least 2'x2') - but a variety of shapes-to decorate as presents.
- A Christmas Tree that will ride inside the Surrey - between 4'-5' high.
- A Christmas Wreath
- Large Dolls or Teddy Bears or other stuffed animal (preferably at least 18" tall)

Feel free to call me first if you are not sure if your items will work... but we are looking to fill the Surrey/Sleigh with wrapped presents and toys and a tree, etc.

We also need to borrow a CD player to play Christmas Music.

Toula Xistris
FLT - Holiday Parade
468-0258

Dragon Boats and Upcoming Regattas

If you didn't make it out to Paddle Palooza in North Port, you'll [find some photos here](#) - there's also a link on the FOSCP [Home Page](#).

And at Benderson Park, 260 competitors turned out for the Creaky Bones Dragon Boat Races on Oct. 22. [The story and photos on Patch.](#)

The **2012 rowing races** at Benderson begin in February, and volunteers will be needed. If you have some time, can you let Terry know? Here are the core regattas:

Feb. 25-26 — Sarasota Invitational

April 13-14 – FIRA (Florida Intercollegiate Rowing Association)

April 15 – FSRA Sculling Championships (Florida Scholastic Rowing Association)

April 28-29 – FSRA Sweep Championships

May 12-13 – Southeast Youth Championships



Data and Media

A couple of weeks ago, the Gulf Coast Community Foundation offered a Social Media workshop that was massively well attended. The 501(c)3s are learning to blog, tweet, network on Facebook, Youtube, Foursquare and more. Still not sure of the difference between blog, a Vlog and a clog? You'll find a [brief starter glossary here](#).

And, FOSCP has joined a giant database

that targets large prospective donors, and lists the needs and goals of national charities. We'll be hearing more about this.

Finally, should FOSCP do a Spring Fundraiser? We did one last year at Snook Haven - what do you think?

Thanksgiving Table

For Birders: In honor of all the enthusiasm and hard work on the 2011 Jay Watch monitoring season, we are holding a **Jay Watch Results and Recognition Celebration** on Saturday, Nov. 12th, 10 am - 2pm, in the newly constructed [Frances Archbold Hufty Learning Center](#), in Highlands County. Contact [Claire Sunquist](#) (352) 732-1225.

Surrey, Anyone?

A FOSCPNews reader wrote to express a wish that is probably not unique to her.

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She said:

"After non-stop working since high school, I'm now retired, age 70, and

have the time but not the knees/lungs to enjoy the parks and more. I plea for the occasional tram or golf cart "tours" for folks

like us. Thank you for considering this."

I asked Mike from Friends of Legacy Trail about the Surrey. He said the peddle Surreys are great for asphalt trails, and that tours and natural environment programs are being considered for Shamrock and Rothenbach parks. Surreys cost between six and seven thousand dollars -- if there's enough interest, perhaps the Surrey could become a popular element of the parks.

A few more things. . .

The County has a superb Flickr site. If you're looking for photos from county parks events, you should [start here](#). You can easily find events from the [Sets page](#), and photos tagged to themes or specifics in the [word cloud](#).

We welcome photos from your events. Links to recent FOSCP and Parks events are on the [FOSCP home page](#) this month.

What's going on at your Chapter? Drop us a note -- deadline for next FOSCPNews: Nov. 25th.

Before you know it, Thanksgiving will be here. Don't forget to get out to your favorite park -- which is yours?

Celery Fields Sunset



Sunset at the Celery Fields

If you like this edition of [FOSCPNews](#),
please forward it to friends.



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