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Friends of Sarasota County Parks has inducted the 2010-2011 officers. Front row: KC Quaretti-Lee (Vice-President) and Kirsten Sheets (President). Back row from left to right: Marshall Pridmore (Immediate Past-President), James Kivney (Treasurer) and Terry Redman (Secretary). Other Board members include:

Cynthia Christy, Lisa Singeisen, Susan Noah, Betty Johnson, Sheila Ellentuck, Ramsey Frangie, Andy Gerberich, Bruce Dillon and Charles Sample. Marianne Lorentzen is the Director Of Communications.

For more information on the Board of Directors, click on 'Who We Are' above for the FOSCP web-site.

It's time to make a difference. October 23 is the 20th National Anniversary of this special day. The Senior Friendship Center of Sarasota County has opportunities for volunteers and for projects. Their goal this year is 75 projects of service county wide involving more than 1,000 volunteers. Please join in! To register a team or project, visit their website at: www.FriendshipVolunteer.com or call the Center at 953-5965 for more information.

[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:

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Featured Article

October Nature Events in Sarasota Sponsored by Natural Resources

Strenuous Bike Hikes at the T.Mabry Carlton, Oct. 3 at 8AM, RSVP by calling Larry Robbins at 544-0555

[Fall Wildflowers at the South Venice Lemon Bay Preserve on Oct. 6 at 9AM](#)
*see below

[Nature in the Watershed hike at Myakka Islands Point in Port Charlotte on Oct. 8 at 9AM.](#)
This 2+ mile hike will take visitors through pine flatwoods and along the beautiful Myakka River. This 100+acre preserve was purchased by Sarasota County in 2006 with the assistance of the

BIRD WALKS AT SHAMROCK PARK

Wednesday October 13, 7:30 AM
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.

Sarasota County's Sustainable Communities

Workshop will be held Oct. 7 from 8AM to 4:30 PM

This is a unique opportunity to showcase your business or non-profit organization to an audience of typically 120+ that includes the region's homeowners, developers, builders, engineers and land planners, architects, purchasing agents, state and local government agencies. This program offers area businesses and organizations an opportunity to highlight your products, services, and programs that promote water and energy conservation, renewable and alternative energy, sustainable transportation, building, and land use choices to workshop attendees. For information go to:

<http://www.scgov.net/SustainableCommunities>.

Kiwanis Playground



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Reilly Tardiff (age 4) and Jonah Tardiff (age 3) are checking out the new playground at Kiwanis Park at 766 and Ole Englewood Road. **GRAND OPENING --**

Come join us on October 9 for free hamburgers/hot dogs, bike helmets and more. The Englewood Center for Sustainability will have display tables and the morning air will be filled with planes and the smell of breakfast omlets for purchase. Click on "Events" above and view the calendar for the time.

Florida Communities Trust. Guided hikes are organized and conducted by the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center (CHEC). Funding for this hike is provided by the Manasota and Peace River Boards of the Southwest Florida Water Management District. Further information, directions and registration can be obtained by calling 941-475-0769.

Guided insect walk at Sleeping Turtles Preserve North on Oct. 22 at 9AM *

Guided hike at Deer Prairie Creek Preserve on Oct. 22 at 9AM. Call 475-0769 for more information

Birding at the T. Mabry Carlton Reserve on Oct. 23 at 7:30AM *

Feeling Buggy? Check out the bugs at Red Bug Slough Preserve on Oct. 29 at 9AM *

* Many of the offerings have limits on the number of participants. To register go to www.scgov.net and click on the calendar of events on the left. Click the 'All Events' drop down list and choose Nature Walks then click go. On the bottom of each nature walk is an area that states 'Click here for registration'. Enjoy

Bubbles Clean n Green Mobile Dog Wash

Will be proudly sponsoring a program with FOSCP at the 17 Street Paw Park, Arlington Park and Brohard Park (Venice Dog Beach). Bubbles is a unique low cost/high quality, solar assisted, all organic full service dog bathing, nail maintenance and de-shed system providing a wonderful service to the community of dog owners in Sarasota County. Service days and times can be seen at:

www.Bubblesmobiledogwash.com.

Working service dogs are provided a free service by the highly qualified Bubbles Mobile Dog Wash team.

Osprey Junction Trailhead

The Board of County Commissioners approved the trailhead and park plan presented by Parks and Recreation for the former Marlin Property at the east end of East Bay Street. For more information go to:

<http://www.scgov.net/ParksandRecreation/Parks/OspreyJunction.asp>

SARASOTA "CLIMATE WORK PARTY"

World's Largest Day of Practical Action to Fight Climate Change will be held on 10/10/10. On this day, people across the planet will pick up hammers, shovels, and caulking-guns and join the 10/10/10 Global Work Party, the World's largest day of practical action to fight the climate crisis. Join in at the Orange Blossom Community Garden for a day of construction and planting starting at 8AM to noon. A pot luck will follow so reservations are required. Please RSVP at:

<http://www.350.org/sarasota-101010-work-party>

WOW Water Opportunities week

On Saturday, October 23 from 10AM to 2PM at the Florida House on Beneva. Have questions regarding irrigation, stormwater, cisterns, etc.? This is the place to be!

Information on Rain Barrel Workshops

October 16 and 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, bag pipers 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.

Caspersen Beach Cleanup



International Coastal Cleanup

Sarasota County Staff, Members of the Newcomers of Venice Alumni and Friends of Sarasota County Parks participated in the 2010 International Coastal Cleanup at Caspersen Beach Park on Harbor Drive.

Greenways and Trail Month in October

Friends of the Legacy Trail

Greenways, Blueways and Trails Month.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES:

Starting time – 9AM

October 2 - assorted level bike rides - meet at Patriot's Park. Oct. 9 - Parents with young ones in strollers. Meet at Laurel Community Center. Oct. 16 - Rollerbladers, start where you like. Meet for a picture at 9:30 at Dona Bay Trestle (near Laurel). Oct. 16 - Kayakers meet for a paddle under the trestles. Put in at Curry Creek Preserve Kayak Launch. Oct. 23 - Dogs and their owners. Meet for a walk at Nokomis Park. Also, on Saturday Oct. 30 at 10AM join us at the Phillippi Estate Park for the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Appreciation Day.

For more details see www.legacytrailfriends.org, or call 941-861-7245, or email legacytrailfriends@gmail.com

For information about existing and future Sarasota County Trails see, <http://www.scgov.net/LegacyTrail/TrailMaps.asp>.

Special thanks to Sarah Calabrese and the Gippert's for putting this together for our community and families.

Activities at the Carlton Reserve

The Friends of the Carlton Reserve (FOCR) will hold several activities during the Greenway and Trails Month. On Sunday

Oct. 3 at 7:30AM, the FOCR will hold a Strenuous Bike Adventure. On Saturday Oct. 16 at 8AM there will be a Kayak the Myakka Adventure. On Sunday Oct. 17 at 10AM there will be a Family Bike Ride. For more information see www.FOCR@me.com.

Roxanne Williamson to retire

After 26.5 years with Sarasota County, Roxanne has decided to retire from active service but continue being active with our park system. Roxanne started as a horticulturists planting native plants along the dunes. She worked at Twin Lakes Park as an environmental specialist with the park planners. She helped open the Lemon Bay Park, the Shamrock Park and Nature Center and the Myakkahatchee Creek Environmental Park. Roxanne is presently the Park Naturalist at Phillippi Estate Park. Although we are going to miss her we know she will be continuing as one of the County's great volunteers.

SPONSOR OF THE MONTH

The first FOSCP Sponsor of the Month goes to Turtle Beach Campground for their sponsorship and the printing of 5,000 "Forever Green" sponsorship/naming catalogues. FOSCP thanks them for their support and commitment to Sarasota County Parks. Please support FOSCP sponsors and book a stay at Turtle Beach - RV's and tents are welcomed. Please call 941-349-3839 or go to: www.scgov.net/turtlebeachcampground for more information or to make reservations.

Stone Crab Webinar

A free webinar is being offered on Wednesday, October 13 at 12:15-12:45PM. This is an overview of one of Florida's most valuable commercial fisheries and favorite seafood commodities. You must register by October 12. Contact Bryan Fluech at 239-417-6310 - Ext. 204 or fluech@ufl.edu. A webinar is a free presentation that is transmitted over the Internet. This new media platform allows you to interact with the presenter and the content. To join the webinar, you will need a computer with internal or external speakers and Internet access.

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

Master Gardener Plant Sale

You will not want to miss the annual Master Gardener Plant sale to be held at Bee Ridge Park on Oct. 9th starting at 8AM. 4-H will be on site selling homemade sweets and hotdogs. Herbs, vegetables, hearty houseplants plus other plants will be for sale.

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.

Contact Friends of Sarasota County Parks

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