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The holidays of December bring a look back, and plans for the year to come.



*December 2015*

## An incredible year . . .



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Friends of Sarasota County Parks has had a good year - our volunteers have been actively protecting and preserving our parks, even as we've engaged in [new fundraising initiatives](#) with the help and guidance of The Patterson Foundation.

The [Legacy Trail Extension](#) effort is progressing, the [Farmers Markets are booming](#), and we're invited to share our thoughts on the Future of Sarasota's parks in [two December Workshops](#).

In January our fabulous Siesta Beach Pavers will be back - watch for that! And in February, [Shade is Good](#) -- aiming to fund protective shade structures for all our athletic fields - will kick off - your help will be doubled if you can help before year's end.



If you can, please help us say good-bye to the old year  
and welcome 2016 with a  
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## December Fun with Nature

Friday fitness walks, fire talks, birding, bicycling, and birking (birding on bikes, not to be confused with twerking)!

The Sandy Claws Beach on [Siesta Beach](#) run is Dec. 12, the Geminid Meteor Shower can be viewed at Red Bug on Dec. 13th. Walk the Manasota Scrub Preserve, and many other opportunities to get to know the ecology and environment with experts.

[More about December here.](#)

## Getting there

Whether planning for parks, music, or life, this from Pablo Casals is worth remembering:

The legendary cellist Pablo Casals was asked why he continued to practice at age 90.  
"Because I think I'm making progress," he replied.

Much Happiness in the Holidays and for the New Year from the Friends!



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