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Web-site Inservice Participants

[Dedicated Volunteers and Staff learn the new Web-site.](#)

Gabriel Marguglio (far right) from Destiny-Tech is the creator of the new FOSCP Web-site. You can click on any of the categories above (Home through Contact Us) and go directly to that page on the new Web-site. During the past 30 days we have had close to 600 "hits" including hits from 5 different Countries. Other interesting numbers include 154 have signed up for this e-newsletter and 127 are now FANS on the new FOSCP Facebook page. You can become a FAN by going to:

<http://facebook.com/FOSCP.org>.

[Retiring County Park's Staff will be missed.](#)

Richard Storsberg is joining the friendly Florida retirees. Ranger Rick to his friends, has been at the T. Mabry Carlton Memorial Reserve for the past 10 years and has worked with the Friends of the Carlton Reserve since 2004. With Rick's help, the Friends and other volunteers have logged in 2,671 volunteer hours to date in 2010. The Carlton Reserve, a 24,565 acre environmental park was open to the public in the late 1990's. Since then they have created a log cabin visitor center, created recreational facilities (kayak/canoe launch, horse trailer parking, Wilderness Bike Trail, numbered trail markers and more) plus are now restoring the Windy Sawgrass Cowboy Camp. Rick and the Friends have been very involved in Public Education, maintenance, open houses, geo-caching, birding, tours and community outreach programs. Rick will be missed but he promised to stay involved with the Friends of Carlton Reserve. More information can be found on the Friends of the Carlton web-site under "Rick Storsberg Decade".

[BIRD WALKS AT SHAMROCK PARK](#)

Wednesday October 13, 7:30 AM

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Featured Article

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

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

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 an 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>.

World Class Rowing in Sarasota County

In the 1960s, workers began mining a borrow pit in Sarasota County, using the rock and shell to create foundations for buildings, overpasses and miles of roads, including Interstate 75 through Sarasota and Manatee counties. By the early 1990s, mining was complete, and the pumps that kept the hole from filling with water shut down, leaving a rectangular 500-acre lake of flat, still water. Rowers took notice, and the lake, incorporated into Sarasota County's Nathan Benderson Park, has become one of Florida's top spots for rowing.

Now, the county is poised to invest millions to improve the park so it can host national and international rowing regattas. "If we build infrastructure around it and master-plan it, we can easily have one of the top rowing venues in North America," says Paul Blackketter, a project supervisor for Benderson Development, a Manatee County-based development company that has pledged \$1 million to the effort.

Sarasota County has targeted \$5 million in tourism tax money for the proposed work, which would include building boathouses and grandstands. The lake would be extended from around 1,800 meters long to more than 2,000, allowing it to host Olympic-caliber events. Blackketter says the changes will coincide with a \$20-million extension of Cattlemen Road through the park. Both projects should be completed in time to host the 2012 NCAA rowing championships.

Jason Puckett, sports manager for the Sarasota Convention & Visitors Bureau, says the changes should help attract other major events. Based on the bureau's projections of 100,000 people a year visiting the park to attend regattas, Puckett estimates an annual economic impact of at least \$43 million.

"Most of our lakes and rivers in Florida have current and a lot of boat traffic," Blackketter says. "They don't have straight shorelines. They undulate. They're the wrong shape. But this lake has everything you need to be world-class." Go here for more information, future plans and pictures:

<http://www.sarasotafl.org/sports/rowing/>

Active Living For Life,

A Center for Disease Control's Healthy

Communities initiative,

has just launched a new website

www.activelivingforlife.org. On the website can be found information, tools and local resources in support of healthy living. Viewers are encouraged to submit photos, success stories and comments via an online forum that will help create a community of support and inspire fellow community residents to be more physically active and eat nutritious foods. One of the main goals of the new website is to connect people, share stories, give and receive advice and spread the word about, for example, favorite exercise tips, local parks, recipes or anything else that leads to healthy lifestyles. Check it out and add your stories!

Information on Rain Barrel Workshops

October 16 and November 20, starting at 10:00AM 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, big 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 amply 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.

The Venice Community Center

is now seeking members for the newly organized support group for the VCC. "The VCC Partners" membership is free, lots of personal satisfaction and is priceless. Meet new people and help out your community. Contact

DMattox@scgov.net for more

information. Tell your friends!

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