



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Greetings!

Welcome to the Sarasota County Community Connections e-newsletter. Please share this e-newsletter with family, friends and neighbors. Contact us if you have questions, ideas for articles, or feedback on the system, at communityconnections@scgov.net



Presidents Day closings

Most Sarasota County government offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 20, to observe Presidents Day. [Here is a complete list of closings](#), along with two centers that will remain open.



Test our new website!

We're updating our website, scgov.net. [Take a look around](#), then [take our survey](#) and tell us what you think.



Energy rebate program ends

Barely six months after Sarasota County began helping local homeowners install energy efficient upgrades, the "[Get Energy Smart](#)" [retrofit program](#) is ending with \$1 million awarded.



One man's trash

Feel like freeing up some space while you make a little cash? Bring it to Sarasota County's [community garage sale](#), 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Englewood Sports Complex.



Want your very own piece of paradise?

Download color and black and white versions of [Siesta Key Beach's new No. 1 sign](#).



Friday, Feb. 17

Sixteen new firefighters will be sworn in to the Sarasota County Fire Department. The ceremony takes place at 3 p.m. in the Sarasota County Board Chamber, 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota.



What's your vision for Gulf Gate Library?

Tell us during [a community open house](#) Thursday, Feb. 23, at St. Andrew United



Wheels keep on turning

The Legacy Trail celebrates its fourth anniversary with a "[Tour de Parks](#)" ride Sunday, March 25. Bike 20 miles on fully paved trails, or try the 35 or 65-mile rides on trails and public roads. Breakfast is sponsored and served by First Watch. Register by March 11.



Closing the book on 2012's 'One Book, One Community'

The Library System turns the page on another successful campaign with events throughout February. Author appearances, book discussions, lectures and presentations ... [read all about it here](#).



New online vendor registration

Vendors who want to do business with Sarasota County will be able to use a new, free online procurement system beginning in March. Read [how eProcure will simplify the vendor process in Sarasota County](#).



Comp plan amendment

Sarasota County is seeking public input for a possible [Comprehensive Plan amendment guiding free-standing commercial uses](#) in major employment centers containing industrial light manufacturing and warehouses.



Warm Mineral Springs' future

How do you see the future of Warm Mineral Springs? North Port has started [an internet survey](#), and Sarasota County has launched [an online wiki](#). Give us your feedback on this valuable natural asset.



Beat the high price of gas

If you commute from North Port, SCAT offers [express service for just \\$2.50 one-way](#) (or \$5 round-trip) with limited stops. [Find complete routes and pick-up times here](#).

Church of Christ in Sarasota.

2012 Legislative Session, Week 5

Your up-to-the-minute report on [legislative actions affecting Sarasota County](#).

How are we doing?

Sarasota County libraries want to know. Get a survey online at [www.sclibs.net](#), or complete a "Voice of the Customer" survey at any Sarasota County library between Feb. 13-18.

January 2012 Economic Report

Sarasota County's [economic report for January 2012](#) has been released.

Commission Reports

[Actions taken by the Sarasota County Commission](#) during its regular meetings.

More headlines

[New public access email site](#)

[Win free tix to an Orioles game](#)

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[23rd Annual Senior Games](#)

[Mobile healthcare in February](#)

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New videos

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:

Watch [what more than 300 women can build](#) for a disabled couple on southern Sarasota County..

PLUS: Sarasota County and Stephen King help [the electric car](#) avenge itself.

AND: A seldom-seen video from 1992 [explores the depths of Warm Mineral Springs](#).

Speakers Bureau

Request a member of our [Speakers Bureau](#) to share their expertise with your community, homeowners association or other civic group.

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