

Florida House will move starting Monday, Sept. 10

After 13 years at its current location, the Florida House Learning Center, a demonstration home and garden for Florida-friendly, “green” residential building and landscaping, will be moved to a new site starting at 1:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 10. Florida House, currently located at 4600 Beneva Road, is on the northwest corner of the Sarasota County Technical Institute (SCTI) campus at the intersection of Beneva and Proctor roads.

Florida House opened in 1994 on the SCTI campus and was the result of a partnership of non-profit organizations, businesses, government agencies and individuals. It has seen more than 140,000 visitors in its 13-year history, including county residents and visitors, students of sustainability from governments and universities nationwide, and delegations from China, Egypt, Jordan, Mexico and Russia.

The relocation of the Florida House is necessary because the Sarasota County School Board is building a new technical high school on the campus. Plans call for the new high school to share the campus with the existing adult technical school.

The Florida House will be moved by R.E. Johnson and Son, Inc. and is expected to arrive at its new location by Thursday. The new home of the Florida House is located just north of the building’s existing location on the SCTI campus. The model Florida home and yard is a showcase for sustainability, teaching people about environmentally friendly lifestyles, landscape elements and building materials.

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask about the Florida House.