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North Port CHAT meeting update

The monthly North Port Community Health Action Team (CHAT) meeting has been changed to November 10. The group will still meet at the North Port Police Department at 4:30 pm. The meeting will include routine agenda items along with a special discussion with Shannon Staub, chair of the Sarasota County Commission who also serves as chair of Community Health Improvement Partnership (CHIP) Leadership Council.

Prior to the CHAT meeting, the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention (NP-ASAP) will gather at the same location at 3:30 p.m.

The Community Health Improvement Partnership is a private-public collaborative effort working to improve the health of Sarasota, Charlotte, and DeSoto county residents. CHIP, which is comprised of local health departments, hospitals, non-profit organizations and funding organizations, is the coordinating entity. Four community groups, called Community Health Action Teams (CHATs) in Newtown (north Sarasota) Englewood, North Port and the Laurel/Osprey/Venice/Nokomis (LOVN) meet monthly to implement action plans to promote health and wellbeing among residents in those communities.

The Sarasota County Health Department provides staffing for the program with funding from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice, the Community Foundation of Sarasota, the Sarasota County Health Department, Sarasota County Government, local hospitals in Sarasota, Charlotte and DeSoto counties and the Charlotte and DeSoto county health departments.

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