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## **Rothenbach Park to open with family picnic and events**

The Friends of Sarasota County Parks along with Sarasota County Parks and Recreation staff will host a family style picnic, complete with free hot dogs and hamburgers, to celebrate the grand opening of Rothenbach Park, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday April 25 at 8750 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota.

The site of former county landfill, the 450-acre park now boasts two recreational trails, a playground, picnic pavilion, restrooms, concession area and one of the state's largest solar arrays. After closing in 1998, county officials began talking about their vision of taking the former landfill and turning it into the ultimate statement on recycling and living sustainably.

Rothenbach Park features some of the most advanced recycling and sustainable building techniques and materials available today including soy based spray insulation, high reflective roofing materials, recycled content siding, waterless urinals, highly efficient compact fluorescent lighting, composite wood beams and an on-site storm water retention and treatment system.

"When most people talk about recycling they think of tossing paper or plastic into a blue bin. We're very proud of the fact that we were able to take recycling to a whole new level and the end result is a beautiful new park that can be enjoyed by the entire community. This is really a trash to treasure success story" said McCarthy.

For more information on the Rothenbach Park grand opening contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 or visit [www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net).

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