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## **Public invited to ‘virtual’ Town Hall on Sarasota County budget**

Sarasota County is hosting a “Money Matters” Town Hall meeting to give citizens an opportunity to discuss plans and their priorities for next year’s county budget. The Town Hall will be at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 8. in the Sarasota County Access TV television studio.

The “virtual” Town Hall discussion will be broadcast with a studio audience on Comcast 19 and Verizon 32. The session also will be streamed on the county’s Web site, [www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net).

The Town Hall comes as Florida county governments have experienced declines in property and sales taxes. Sarasota County’s property tax base this year has dropped about 12 percent in value, which will generate less money for county programs and services.

Citizens can participate in the Town Hall discussion and ask questions three ways:

**e-mail:** [communityconnections@scgov.net](mailto:communityconnections@scgov.net)

**Phone:** 941-861-2255

**Fax:** 941-861-7354

Ken Jefferson, who has been a veteran newscaster and anchor with ABC 7, will host the Town Hall.

Panelists will include Jon Thaxton, Sarasota Commission chair; Jim Ley, Sarasota County administrator; and Steve Botelho, Sarasota County office of financial planning.

For more information about the “virtual” Town Hall meeting:

- Call the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000.
- Visit the Sarasota County Web site at [www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net).

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