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## **Urfer Family Park to open on November 14**

Sarasota County Commissioners and the Friends of Sarasota County Parks will celebrate the grand opening of the county's newest park on Saturday, Nov. 14.

The grand opening ceremony for Urfer Family Park, 4000 Honore Ave., Sarasota from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. will showcase Sarasota County's first foray into all-ages physical fitness with outdoor exercise equipment stationed at various places on a paved one-mile walking path. In addition, the park boasts separate playground structures for toddlers, youngsters and teens.

The park's namesakes, Jack and Thelma Urfer will be on hand during the grand opening celebration, which will feature live entertainment, guided nature walks, food, and activities for the whole family.

Home to cattle, tortoise and scores of native Florida plants, the 55-acre Urfer Family Park will continue to serve as a refuge for flora and fauna while providing recreational amenities for young and old alike. Continued preservation along with an enjoyable experience for families will fulfill the vision of the Urfers, who in 2008 made a \$1 million gift to the county to develop the park.

Urfer Family Park also showcases Sarasota County's commitment to sustainability with recycled materials used in the construction and eco-friendly features like waterless urinals, arsenic-free mulch, and lumber and hundreds of Florida-friendly plants. According to project manager Rob LaDue, the park will be submitted to the U.S. Green Building Council for Silver Certification, the first park in Sarasota County to do so.

For more information contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask about Urfer Family Park or visit [www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net).

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