

Sarasota County Parks and Recreation

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS GUIDE

Fall 2009 – Winter 2010



33rd annual
Sandy Claws Beach Run
Dec. 12, 2009
at Siesta Beach

**It Starts
in Parks** SM

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Facilities

Arlington Park and Aquatic Center
2650 Waldemere St., Sarasota

Bayfront (John Chidsay) Community Center
803 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota

Bee Ridge Park
4430 S. Lockwood Ridge Road, Sarasota

Colonial Oaks Park
5300 Colonial Oaks Blvd., Sarasota

Englewood Sports Complex
1300 S. River Road, Englewood

Knight Trail Park
3445 Rustic Road, Nokomis

Laurel Park and Sandra Sims Terry Community Center
509 Collins Road, Laurel

Lemon Bay Park and Environmental Center
570 Bay Park Blvd., Englewood

Longwood Park
6050 Longwood Run Blvd., Sarasota

Newtown Estates Park
2800 Newtown Blvd., Sarasota

Nokomis Community Park
234 Nippino Trail East, Nokomis

Payne Park Tennis Center
2050 Adams Lane, Sarasota

Phillippi Estate Park
550 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota

Robert L. Taylor Community Complex
1845 34th St., Sarasota

Shamrock Park and Nature Center
3900 Shamrock Drive, Venice

Turtle Beach Park and Campground
8918 Midnight Pass Road, Siesta Key

Venice Community Center
326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice

Venice Train Depot and Rollins W. Coakley Railroad Park
303 E. Venice Ave., Venice

Woodmere Park
3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice

For information on activities, events or facility reservations, visit parksonline.scgov.net or contact the County Call Center at 941-861-5000

Vision: To provide parks, beaches, recreation facilities and programs that encourage quality leisure for life.

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Twin Lakes Park
6700 Clark Road, Sarasota

Activities

Historic Mansion Tours

Oct. 6 - April 6

Ages: 12 and up

Take a trip through Sarasota's past with a tour of this Italian Renaissance mansion, listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Edson Keith Mansion was built in 1916 as a private home and now is open to the public for reservations through Sarasota County Parks and Recreation. Tours are given the first Tuesday of the month from October through April. For information, call 941-316-1309 or 941-861-5000.

Phillippi Estate Park 10-10:45 a.m. 1st Tu

Start Your Heart

Ongoing activity

Ages: 6 and up

This is a unique walking or jogging program for adults and children of all ages and fitness abilities. Start anytime and walk anywhere. Earn incentives for miles completed. Register at the park office and receive a free pedometer.

Arlington Park
Colonial Oaks Park
Laurel Park
Lemon Bay Park
Newtown Estates Park
Nokomis Community Park
Robert L. Taylor Community Complex
Woodmere Park

Table Tennis

Ongoing activity

All ages

It's not ping pong anymore! Increase your agility and coordination while enjoying an excellent cardiovascular workout. Great fun for all ages and the whole family. All skill levels are welcome. For details and pricing contact the County Call Center at 941-861-5000.

Colonial Oaks Park	7-10 p.m.	M W
Colonial Oaks Park	2-6 p.m.	Sa
Woodmere Park	1-3 p.m.	M Th

Turtle Beach Campground

Turtle Beach Campground offers an opportunity to park an RV or pitch a tent near the Gulf of Mexico offering 40 camp sites with electricity and cable TV hook-ups available. For information, contact the County Call Center at 941-861-5000 or to make a reservation call the campground office at 941-349-3839 or email turtlebeachcampground@scgov.net.

Venice Train Depot Tours

Oct. 2 - April 30

All ages

The Venice Area Historical Society conducts tours of the Historic Venice Train Depot and Rollins W. Coakley Railroad Park. Tours are free, but donations are welcome. For information or to book a group of 10 or more call 941-412-0151.

Venice Train Depot 10 a.m.-3 p.m. M W F

Adult Activities

AARP Tax Preparation

Feb. 2 - April 15

Ages: 15 and up

Free tax preparation.

Venice Community Center	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Tu W
Venice Community Center	11 a.m.-7 p.m.	Th

Bayfront Tuesday Dance

Fee: \$4

Ongoing activity

Ages: 18 and up

Enjoy ballroom dancing to live music. Singles and couples are welcomed. Coffee and snacks are served.

Bayfront Community Center 1-3 p.m. Tu

Bayfront Thursday Morning Dance

Ernest Litz

Fee: \$4

Ongoing activity

Ages: 18 and up

Join us for spirited live music and ballroom dancing. Singles and couples are welcome.

Bayfront Community Center 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Th

Great Literature Discussion

Fee: \$5

Ongoing activity

Ages: 18 and up

Enjoy reading good books with fellow literature enthusiasts on Tuesday mornings. Ron Wulkan leads discussions on various topics and themes. Refreshments provided. Call 941-355-0131 to register.

Bayfront Community Center 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Tu

Jazz at Two

Fee: \$8

Sep. 18 - May 28

Ages: 10 and up

Presented by The Jazz Club of Sarasota for all jazz lovers. Enjoy a different band every week at these jazz concerts. \$4 for members, \$8 for guests.

Bayfront Community Center 2-4 p.m. F

Knight Trail Park Gun Range

Open to the public. For gun range information call 941-486-2351, For trap and skeet information call 941-488-3223.

Pistol and Rifle Range	9 a.m.-4 p.m.	W-Su
Trap and Skeet	varies	W-Su

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Seniors in Action

Ongoing activity

All ages

Come out, socialize, crochet and create crafts; it's relaxing, therapeutic and enjoyable!

Newtown Estates Park 10 a.m.-2 p.m. W F

SILL Lecture Series

Jan. 5 - Mar. 26

\$7 Single Day, \$60 Series

Global Issues lecture series. For lecture topics and information contact Peter Huber at 941-493-8572.

Venice Community Center 2:30-4 p.m. Tu

Venice Community Center 10 a.m.-12 noon F

Adult Athletics

60+ Men's Softball League

Jan. 6 - Mar. 31

Ages: 60 to 70 years

For information call Lissa Courts at 941-861-1985 or 941-861-5000 or email lcourts@scgov.net.

Englewood Sports Complex 9-11 a.m. W F

70+ Men's Softball League

Jan. 5 - March 25

Ages: 70 and up

For information, call Lissa Courts at 941-861-1985 or 941-861-5000 or email lcourts@scgov.net.

Englewood Sports Complex 9-11 a.m. Tu Th

Adult Dodgeball League

Fee: \$150 per team

Sep. 16 - Dec. 16 and Feb. 10 - April 14

Ages: 18 and up

Dodge, dip, duck and dive your way to victory by joining this fun coed league! Teams play the best 4 out of 7 games each week. Teams consist of at least six players with at least two women as starting players. Single players and incomplete teams may register for player matching services. Pre-registration required. Register by calling Carissa Potts at 941-358-2855 or 941-861-5000.

Longwood Park 6:30-8:30 p.m. W

Badminton

Ongoing activity

Open to all skill levels ages 18 and up.

Call Roger Long at 941-966-0482:

Arlington Park 6-9 p.m. W

Open to all skill levels ages 16 and up.

Call 941-861-1890 or 941-861-5000:

Englewood Sports Complex 9-11:30 a.m. Tu Th

Basketball League - Men's

Fee: \$40 per player

Sept. 15 - Dec. 14 and Feb. 9 - April. 13

Ages: 25 and up

Improve your skills while you compete against other 4-person teams in this recreational league. All games are played inside the half court gym. Games are referred and team t-shirts are included. Player matching services available. Register by calling 941-358-2855.

Longwood Park Tu

Basketball

Fee: \$2

Ongoing activity

Ages: 16 and up

Pickup basketball games. Drop by and play.

Englewood Sports Complex 9-11 a.m. Sa

Horseshoe Pitching

Ongoing activity

Ages: 18 and up

Year-round play is available on Bee Ridge Park's 12 lighted courts. Come anytime for day play but call to reserve the courts for night play. A Horseshoe Club is also available to join and hosts several tournaments during the months of Dec.-March. Contact 941-316-1328 or 941-861-5000 for information regarding club activities.

Bee Ridge Park

Kickball League - Coed

Sep. - Nov. and Feb. - May

Ages: 18 and up

This adult coed league is looking for players interested in having a night of fun and friendly sport. Sign up for a spot on an existing team or start one of your own. Contact Jenna or Pam at 941-924-3022 for fee and information. Visit the website; www.ahs-physicaltherapy.com and click on kickball.

Bee Ridge Park 6:30-10 p.m. Th F

Kickball League

Oct. 5 - Dec. 21

Ages: 18 and up

Join this adult kickball league for fun and fitness. For information or to register, call Lissa at 941-861-1985 or 941-861-5000 or email lcourts@scgov.net.

Venice By-Pass Park 7-9 p.m. M

Masters/Fitness Swim

Fee: \$50

Ongoing activity

Peter Hegwein coordinates this program.

Arlington Park Pool 7-8:30 a.m. M W F

Shape Up Sarasota! Boot Camp

Oct. 1 - Feb. 25

Ages: 18 and up

Working out and not getting the results you want? This class is for you. Do full body strength training, cardio intervals and abs/core work. Each session is a completely different workout. Part of the class may be indoors but most of the workout is outside. For more information and to register, see www.SarasotaBootCamp.com or call 941-726-4580.

Colonial Oaks Park 6-7 p.m. Tu Th

Softball League - Coed

July - Nov. and Feb. - May

Ages: 18 and up

Contact league representatives at www.coedball.com, for play opportunities, cost and schedule or stop at Bee Ridge Park to see the teams in action. 30 teams participate in these Sunday to Wednesday night leagues.

Bee Ridge Park 6:30-10 p.m. Su M Tu W

Oct. 2 - March 31

Ages: 18 and up

For information, call Lissa Courts at 941-861-1985 or 941-861-5000 or email lcourts@scgov.net.

By-Pass Park 7-9:30 p.m. F

Softball League - Men's

Oct. 13 - March 25

Ages: 18 and up

For information, call Lissa Courts at 941-861-1985 or 941-861-5000 or email lcourts@scgov.net.

By-Pass Park 7-9:30 p.m. Tu Th

Softball League - Women's

Oct. 3 - March 27

Ages: 18 and up

For additional information, call Lissa Courts at 941-861-1985 or 941-861-5000 or email lcourts@scgov.net

By-Pass Park 7-9:30 p.m. Sa

Volleyball

Fee: \$2

Ongoing activity

Ages: 18 and up

Open to all skill levels.

Englewood Sports Complex 5-7:30 p.m. Th

Volleyball League - Coed

Fee: \$120 per team

Sep. - Oct. and April - June

Ages: 16 to 55 years

This sand volleyball league under the lights is a great physical activity with an emphasis on fun. We start with coed 4's (8 on a roster of players). 2's and women's and men's league play will be added. Call Dennis Bunting at 941-316-1328 or 941-861-5000 for team opportunities or to be worked onto a team.

Bee Ridge Park 6:30-10 p.m. Th

Club Meetings

Appalachian Trail Club

Sep. 16 - May 19

Ages: 18 and up

This non-profit organization is dedicated to actively appreciate, protect and conserve the natural environment of the Appalachian Trail system. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month, September through May. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call 941-316-1309 or 941-861-5000.

Phillippi Estate Park 6:30-9 p.m. 3rd W

Sarasota Fruit and Nut Society

Sep. 9 - Apr. 14

Ages: 18 and up

The Sarasota Fruit and Nut Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to introducing, propagating and distributing the many rare tropical and subtropical fruits grown through the world, as well as offering education in these areas and encouragement to extend their cultivation. Public is invited to attend. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month. For more information, call 941-316-1309 or 941-861-5000.

Phillippi Estate Park 6:30-9 p.m. 2nd W

Sierra Club

Sep. 10 - Apr. 8

Ages: 18 and up

The club discusses a variety of topics to educate the community on environmental issues. Meetings are held the second Thursday of every month. The public is invited to attend. For more information call 941-316-1309.

Phillippi Estate Park 7-9:30 p.m. 2nd Th

Venice Area Quilt Guild

Ages: 18 and up

Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month. For information, call Dawn Moore at 941-408-9527.

Venice Community Center 6-9:30 p.m. 4th W

Venice Florida Corvettes Meeting

Ages: 18 and up

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month. For more information call John Vidas at 941-468-0237

Venice Community Center 7-9 p.m. 1st Tu

Venice Sailing Squadron Monthly Meetings

Ages: 18 and up

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month for business meetings/social group. For information call Polly Gates at 303-840-2029.

Venice Community Center 6:30-9 p.m. 2nd W

Garage Sales

Garage Sale at Train Depot

Oct. 24

The Venice Area Historical Society hosts this garage sale to raise funds for the restoration of the Lord-Higel House, built in 1896 and the oldest house in south Sarasota County. For additional information, call Betty Intagliata at 941-484-0769 or email bettyintag@aol.com.

Venice Train Depot 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sa

Community Garage Sale - Woodmere Park

Fee: \$20 indoor table, \$15 outdoor space

Nov. 7, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, March 27

Community-wide garage sale free to shoppers. Booth space is limited and table and booth reservations must be made in advance. Setup is Friday night from 6-8 p.m. For information and to register call 941-486-2780.

Woodmere Park 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Sa

Garage Sale - Nokomis Community Park

Fee: \$15 indoor table, \$10 outdoor space

Jan. 16, Feb. 27

Community-wide garage sale with free admission to shoppers. Concessions available. Indoor and outdoor booth space is limited and must be reserved in advance. Special parking designated for vendors.

Nokomis Community Park 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sa

Friends of The Legacy Trail Garage/Tag Sale

Fee: \$25 outdoor space

Feb. 6

Join the Friends of The Legacy Trail for this community garage/tag sale fundraiser. Booths are available to the public for new and used items. Call Margaret at 941-923-0934 or email marbra16@hotmail.com. Sale takes place at Central Sarasota Parkway and Potter Park Drive. Rain date is Feb. 7.

The Legacy Trail 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sa

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Instructional Classes/Art

Acrylics / Watercolor Class

Fee: \$20

Nov. - April

Ages: 18 and up

Join this new watercolor and acrylics art class catering to the beginning artist as well as the more experienced painter. Learn new techniques and acquire the skills to be more creative. For information, call Walter Burden at 941-484-7785.

Nokomis Community Park	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	F
Woodmere Park	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	W

Art Instruction Workshop

Fee: \$6

Ongoing activity

Ages: 15 and over

Don't like to paint alone? Could you use a little instruction with your watercolors, oil or acrylic artwork? Join us every Thursday and get expert help from our instructor, Kathi Taylor.

Bayfront Community Center 12:30-3:30 p.m. Th

Venice Area Quilt Guild Informal Workshops

Ongoing activity

Ages: All ages

Informal Workshops are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. For more information call Dawn Moore at 941-408-9572.

Venice Community Center 9 a.m.-2 p.m. W

Instructional Classes/Dance

Ballroom Dance

Do you enjoy "Dancing with the Stars"? Learn the waltz, fox trot, swing, cha-cha and rhumba. From beginner to advanced, you'll be dancing in no time.

Ages 15 and up. To register call Lou or Lisa at 941-371-7401:

Colonial Oaks Park	6-8 p.m.	W Th
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Ages 18 and up. To register call John Gordon at 941-698-2427:

Englewood Sports Complex	6-7 p.m.	Tu
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All ages. To register call Vito or Marilyn at 941-412-1796:

Venice Community Center	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Tu W
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Country Dancing at the Train Depot

Fee: \$5

Through Jan. 25

Ages: 18 and up

Come and enjoy a fun evening of dancing to your favorite country and western tunes. Couples and singles dances will be taught by instructor, Frank Logan. Food and beverages allowed. For information, call Frank at 941-223-0489 or Terry at 941-925-2242.

Venice Train Depot 7-9 p.m. M

Dr. Laurie's Line Dancing Woodmere

Fee: \$6

Sep. - April

Ages: 12 and up

You'll love Saturday Night Line Dance with Dr. Laurie on the second Saturday of the month, September - April. Beginners to professionals will learn something new every time at this fun activity. Make friends, get fit. No partner needed. Please register by calling Dr. Laurie at 416-4655

Woodmere Park 7-9 p.m. 2nd Sa

International Folk Dancing

Fee: \$4

Ongoing activity

Ages: 18 and up

Come join singles and partners dancing to Greek, Balkan, Israeli and Turkish dances. Call Marie Millette at 941-351-6281 for details.

Bayfront Community Center 7-9:30 p.m. W

Line Dancing

Fee: varies

Ongoing activity

All ages

Learn the steps and moves to today's popular line dances. All levels welcome.

Dances are taught by Debra Hornyak to a variety of music, not just country!

Nokomis Community Park 11 a.m.-12 noon Th

Carol Jorgensen teaches solo waltz, fox trot, rhumba and more. Call 941-445-4724.

Venice Community Center 10:30-11:30 a.m. Th

Scottish Country Dance

Fee: \$4

Ongoing activity

Ages: 18 and up

Instruction in the great art of Scottish Dance is provided, as well as opportunities to perform with the group. Call Marion Hoersh at 941-921-3284 for more information.

Bayfront Community Center 7-10 p.m. Th

Tap Dance

Ongoing activity

Ages: 18 and up

Sue Mallick teaches beginner and advanced tap lessons. Call Sue for pricing information at 941-497-3363.

Englewood Sports Complex 11 a.m.-12 noon M

Instructional Classes/ Fitness

Cardio Strength

Fee: \$6 per class or \$30 per 6-week session

Ongoing activity

All ages

Cardio strength is a low impact cardio class followed by a full body strengthening session. Engage in exercises that challenge both cardiovascular system and the larger muscles of the body with efficient compound movements. You'll improve muscular strength utilizing both free weights and tubing. Bring water and a towel.

Woodmere Park 5:30-6:30 p.m. M

Feldenkrais Method

Fee: \$15

Ongoing activity

Ages: 18 and up

These innovative movement lessons allow you to observe how you move, notice unnecessary tension and improve overall coordination. Benefits include pain relief, injury prevention and improved posture, flexibility and balance. Call Barbara Leverone at 941-362-0944 to register.

Bayfront Community Center 10-11 a.m. M W

Fitness Plus

Fee: \$12 per four sessions

Through Mar. 26

Ages: 20 and up

Robert Jacobsen teaches stretching techniques to increase flexibility, range of motion, coordination and much more. Increase hip flexion, knee extension, range of motion in your shoulders, back, neck, and ankles. Improve or maintain ambulation, stability, strength, and bone density. Call 941-861-1383 for more information.

Venice Community Center 10-11:15 a.m. Tu F

Jazzercise

Ongoing activity

Ages: 18 and up

Join the fun and charisma of exercise and new friends with this high-intensity dance aerobic workout that incorporates jazz dance moves, aerobics, yoga, pilates and strength training all in one. For more information,

Call Julie Rush at 941-918-1234:

Arlington Park 6-7 p.m. Tu Th

Arlington Park 9-10 a.m. Sa

Call Patti Horvath at 377-2504 or Donna Thompson at 941-925-9039:

Colonial Oaks Park 5:30-6:45 p.m. M Tu W Th

Call Pamela Bonsall at 941-492-2084:

Woodmere Park 5:30-6:45 p.m. Tu Th

Woodmere Park 9-10 a.m. Sa

Jazzercise Lite

Ongoing activity

Ages: 16 and up

Have fun and keep in shape with Joanna Wagle at this low-impact Jazzercise class. Call 941-426-7378 for information and pricing.

Englewood Sports Complex 9-10 a.m. M W F

Latin Cardio Dance

Fee: \$6 per class or \$30 per 6-week session

Through Oct. 28

All ages

If you enjoy dancing, Latin music, and the thought of working out for the fun of it, then this is the class for you. This class will take you to a new level of caloric burning with a blast of fun and new moves to use on the dance floor. Bring water and a towel.

Woodmere Park 5:30-6:30 p.m. W

NIA with Matt

Through April 29

All ages

NIA with Matt McCord is a non-impact aerobic class that combines yoga, tai-chi and dance to heal and energize your body, mind, spirit and emotion. First class is free. For information call 941-488-6065 or flyndivematt@aol.com

Venice Community Center 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tu

Nokomis Community Park 5:30-6:30 p.m. W Th

Sandie's Aerobics

Fee: \$4

Through April 30

Ages: 12 and up

Aerobic exercise for all fitness levels. Work out at your own pace to upbeat motivational music. For information and registration, call Sandie at 941-484-7033.

Shamrock Park 8-9 a.m. M W F

Senior Exercise

Ongoing activity

Ages: 65 and up

New low impact fitness class for Seniors 65+. Call Deb Koy for information at 941-766-0075.

Englewood Sports Complex 1-2 p.m. M F

Seniors On Weights

Ongoing Activity

Are you intimidated by weights and resistance equipment or unsure how to use them properly? Learn to use weight training to gain strength and create that toned look you desire. Fees are as low as \$5 per class. Call Patti 941-993-9007 for information and pricing.

Longwood Park 12:15-1:15 p.m. Tu Th

Step Aerobics

Fee: \$2

Ongoing activity

Ages: 11 and up

Are you energetic and looking to shape up? Join us!

Newtown Estates Park 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tu Th

University Area Core Camp

Ongoing Activity

Core Camp is a progressive pilates and yoga conditioning class improving posture, core strength, flexibility and cardio. Condition your body to burn fat and gain flexibility through yoga postures. Fees are as low as \$5 per class. Call Patti 941-993-9007 for information and pricing.

Longwood Park 9:30-10:30 a.m. M W F

Water Exercise

Ongoing activity

All ages

Join Pauline Everett. Daily fee \$3, 20 visit pass \$25,

Price subject to change.

Arlington Park 7:45-8:45 a.m. M Tu W Th F

Arlington Park 6-7 p.m. M W F

Yoga

Fees vary

Ongoing activity

Ages: 18 and up

Yoga focuses on posture, breathing and alignment. Create physical and mental strength, increase range of motion, flexibility and stamina. Bring a yoga mat and water.

Hatha Yoga class for all levels. Call Pauline Stone for pricing information at 941-475-4566:

Englewood Sports Complex 9-10 a.m. M W

Learn to deal with stress, release tension and relax.

Call Joan Harn at 941-485-8904:

Nokomis Community Park 10-11:30 a.m. Tu F

Vinyasa Yoga focuses on flexibility, balance, endurance and strength. Call 941-316-1328:

Bee Ridge Park 10-11 a.m. Tu Sa

Bee Ridge Park 5-6 p.m. Th

Beach Yoga with Elin is a free, drop-in activity focusing on full range of motion:

Venice Beach Pavilion 7:30 and 8:30 M - Sa

Venice Beach Pavilion sunset M Tu W

Zumba

Fee varies

Ongoing activity

All ages

Zumba is a fusion of Latin and International music - dance themes that create a dynamic, exciting, effective fitness system! The routines feature aerobic/fitness interval training with a combination of fast and slow rhythms that tone and sculpt the body.

Call Christine Pitts at 941-497-2298:

Nokomis Community Park 9-10 a.m. M Th

Call Mary Lynn Szerbin at 941-685-8445:

Venice Community Center 6:15-7:15 p.m. Tu Th

Contact the County Call Center at 941-861-5000:

Woodmere Park 5:30-6:30 p.m. W

Instructional Classes/ Martial Arts

Iaido

Fee: \$50 per month

Ongoing activity

Ages: 18 and up

Japanese swordsmanship for adults with instruction by Joel Fein.

Longwood Park 6-8:30 p.m. W

Karate

Fee: \$20 per month or \$5 per class

Ongoing activity

Ages: 10 and up

Traditional Okinawan Karate instruction.

Call Edward Potter at 941-377-3752 to register.

Bayfront Community Center 6:30-8 p.m. Tu

Shaolin Kung Fu

Ongoing activity

Ages: 5 and up

Instruction in self-discipline, self confidence and self-defense. All age groups and experience levels. Call Master Instructor, Felipe Suarez at 941-923-5624 for cost and information.

Bee Ridge Park 6:30-7:30 p.m. W F

Good HEALTH...

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Tai Chi

Fee: varies

Ongoing activity

Ages: 18 and up

Tai Chi is a slow-movement, internal martial art form that focuses on energy and relaxation. This class incorporates stretching and turning into a sequence of movements that improves the health of the body, mind, and spirit to reduce stress and improve balance

Improve stamina, balance and overall health with Bob Cameron:

Englewood Sports Complex 1-2 p.m. Tu Th

Call certified instructor Jerry at 941-496-4932 for additional information and fees

Nokomis Community Park 6-7:30 p.m. Th

Join instructor Richard Cummings

Longwood Park 6-7 p.m. Tu Th

Instructional Classes/ Youth

Drama Kids

Through May 13

Ages: 5 to 8 years, 9 to 11 years

Be a space alien, clown or princess - all in one hour! Your child can explore the world of creative dramatics featuring different activities. Each class is designed to build verbal communication skills, acting ability and self esteem. A mid-year and end-of-the-year production is included in the curriculum. For class enrollment and pricing call Tamara at 941-922-8121.

Colonial Oaks Park 4-5 p.m. and 5-6 p.m. W

Fitness Boot Camp for Kids

Fee: \$20 per session

Ongoing Activity

Ages: 5 to 18 years

Fitness Boot Camp for Kids is offered by Heather Hackett of I Train Your Kids and includes exercises such as push-ups, sit-ups, light weights, lunges, running, and jumping rope! It also provides a fun environment for kids to get in shape together, improve their social skills and build self-esteem. To register call 941-735-5822 or email Heather@itrainyourkids.com.

Bayfront Community Center 5:30-6:30 p.m. W

Longwood Park 10-11 a.m. Sa

Futsal

Fee: \$2

Oct. 5 - March 22

Ages: 12 to 21 years

Indoor Brazilian soccer. Open to all skill levels.

Englewood Sports Complex 6-7:30 p.m. M

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Gymnastics/Cheer Class

Fee: \$38 per month

Through March 29

Ages: 5 to 12 years and 13 to 18 years

This monthly course offers instruction in gymnastics, tumbling and cheerleading for the beginning gymnast up to more advanced athletes. For information, call Gina Bannan at 941-961-5037.

Nokomis Community Park 6-6:45 p.m. and
6:45-7:30 p.m. M

Karate for Kids

Fee: \$30 per month

Ongoing activity

Ages: 6 to 18 years

This class offers instruction in Shito Ryu karate techniques for beginners to multi-degree levels. Classes are taught by 4th Degree Black Belt, Arnoldo Arrate. Call 941-316-1328 or 941-861-5000 for information.

Bee Ridge Park 6:30-7:30 p.m. M W

Tae Kwon Do

Oct. 2 - March 26

Ages: 7 to 15 years

Capt. Ron Blago teaches this martial arts class for children. Call 941-861-1980 or 941-861-5000 for information.

Englewood Sports Complex 6:30-7:30 p.m. M F

Youth Dance with All American

Sep. - Nov. and Feb. - April

Ages: 5 to 17 years

Learn elements of jazz, ballet, and hip hop to the latest music. These 45-minute classes will improve movement, coordination, rhythm, timing and teamwork. Previous dance experience is not necessary. Three different age groups are offered. For more information, call 813-885-2292 or pick up information at the park.

Bee Ridge Park 6-8:45 p.m. Tu

Nature Activities

Aquarian Quest

Experience hands-on marine ecology education programs for children and adults, groups, families and organizations of all kinds aboard Sarasota County's official education sail fleet available at two locations: Nokomis Beach and Sarasota. Call 941-587-9313 for information and reservations.

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IFAS - Do You Know What Spider That Is?

Sep. 3

Ages: 15 and up

Although many people are afraid of spiders, most spiders play an important role in our yards and gardens. Join Dr. Fred Santana, Entomologist as he discusses spiders commonly seen in Sarasota County. Register by calling 941-861-9900 or online at sarasota.extension.ufl.edu.

Shamrock Park 2-3 p.m. Th

IFAS - Florida Snakes

Sep. 17

Ages: 15 and up

Environmental Horticulture Extension Agent, Annemarie Post will introduce the common native snakes that are found in our area. Identification, harmful/harmless characteristics and how to manage snake encounters will be discussed. Register by calling 941-861-9900 or online at sarasota.extension.ufl.edu.

Shamrock Park 2-3 p.m. Th

Shamrock Guided Bird Walk

Sep. 23, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec., 2,
Jan 13, Feb. 3, March 24, April 14

Ages: 12 and up

Beginner and experienced birders are welcome at these Shamrock Park bird walks as we walk through flatwoods and a sandy trail in the park area and along the Waterway trail. Bring binoculars, a bird field guide, water and sunscreen. For more information, contact volunteer guide, Charlie Sample at 941-497-6463.

Shamrock Park 7:30-10 a.m. W

IFAS - Pests in and Around the Home

Oct. 1

Ages: 15 and up

Entomologist, Dr. Fred Santana takes a look at insects and other pests that Floridians encounter in and around their homes. Learn how to rid your home of these unwelcome houseguests. Register by calling 941-861-9900 or online at sarasota.extension.ufl.edu.

Shamrock Park 2-3 p.m. Th

Gardeners in the Park

Oct. 6 - March 2

Ages: 12 and up

Learn to use Florida friendly plants in your home landscape. Sarasota County master gardeners answer questions on how to make your yard Florida Friendly on the first Tuesday of the month from October through March. For information call Shamrock Park at 941-486-2706 or 941-861-5000.

Shamrock Park 9:30 a.m.-12 noon 1st Tu

What is Wild: Myakka, the Wild and Scenic River

Oct. 12

All Ages

Take a guided nature walk along the Myakka and learn about this “wild and scenic river”. Register online at www.scgov.net, click Calendar of Events, click the ‘All Events’ drop down list and choose ‘Nature Walks’ and click ‘go’. On the bottom of each nature walk is an area that states ‘Click here for registration’. For assistance call 941-861-5000 and ask for Natural Resources.

Sleeping Turtle Preserve 10:30 a.m. M

Walk the Hammock Trail

Oct. 13

All ages

Learn about the native plants and wildlife in the hammock. To register, contact the county call center at 941-861-5000 and ask about “Walk the Hammock Trail at Rothenbach Park”.

Rothenbach Park 9-11 a.m. Tu

Beach Walk-Caspersen Beach

Oct. 13, 20, Nov. 10, 17, Dec. 8, 15,

Jan. 12, 19, Feb. 9, 16, March 9, 16, April 13, 20

Ages: 6 and up

These free guided nature walks led by environmental educator Bud Doyle will introduce participants to the Gulf of Mexico, its tides, currents and storms. Along the way, the group will identify shells, sharks’ teeth, birds, fish, and plant life. The walk will begin from the south parking lot at the Caspersen Beach Nature Walk sign. Bring sunscreen, sunglasses, water and shoes appropriate for walking on the beach. Call 941-488-4158 for more information.

Caspersen Beach 9-11 a.m. Tu

Beach Walk-North Jetty

Oct. 15, Nov. 12, 19, Dec. 10, 17, Jan. 14, 21, Feb. 11, 18, March 11, 18, April 8, 15

Ages: 6 and up

Enjoy a leisurely walk on one of Florida’s great beaches with naturalist Bud Doyle. Learn about the Gulf of Mexico, its tides, currents and storms. Identify shells, sharks teeth, birds, fish and plant life. Bring sunscreen, sunglasses, water and shoes appropriate for walking on the beach. For further information all Bud at 941-488-4158.

North Jetty Beach 9-11 a.m. Th

IFAS - Wildlife Creation in and around Ponds

Oct. 15

Ages: 15 and up

Stormwater ponds are specifically designed to slow down and filter runoff to protect Florida’s natural waters. If you live on a pond, join Environmental Horticulture Extension Agent, Annemarie Post as she discusses incorporating a waterscape into the design of your backyard. To register, please call 941-861-9900 or visit our website: sarasota.extension.ufl.edu

Shamrock Park 2-3 p.m. Th

Hammock Nature Walk

Oct. 15

All ages

Join Audubon and Sarasota County staff for a guided walk through the beautiful hammock. Learn about the birds and animals that use this area and how they connect to the watershed. To register, call 941-861-5000 and ask about the “Hammock Nature Walk at Pinecraft Park”.

Pinecraft Park 9-11 a.m. Th

Living on the Water’s Edge Workshop

Oct. 15

This workshop is a guide to low maintenance landscaping along seawalls, bayfronts and canals. To register, contact the county call center at 941-861-5000 and ask about the “Living on the Water’s Edge Workshop”.

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens 12-1 p.m. Th

Things Under Foot Nature Walk

Oct. 17

This guided nature walk focuses on inverts and fungi. For on-line registration go to www.scgov.net, click Calendar of Events on the left, click the ‘All Events’ drop down list and choose ‘Nature Walks’ and click ‘go’. On the bottom of each nature walk is an area that states ‘Click here for registration’. For assistance, call 941-861-5000 and ask for Natural Resources.

Deer Prairie Creek Preserve 9:30-10:30 a.m. Sa

Blooming Fall Wildflowers Nature Walk

Oct. 17

This guided walk focuses on blooming fall wildflowers. This walk leaves from the Forbes Trail entrance at the Deer Prairie Creek Preserve, 7001 Forbes Trail, Venice. Register online at www.scgov.net, click Calendar of Events. Click the ‘All Events’ drop down list and choose ‘Nature Walks’ and click ‘go’. On the bottom of each nature walk is an area that states ‘Click here for registration.’ For assistance, call 941-861-5000 and ask for Natural Resources.

Deer Prairie Creek Preserve 10:30-11:15 a.m. Sa

Cultural History Nature Walk

Oct. 17

This guided walk focuses on the cultural history of the Forbes Trail and leaves from the Forbes Trail entrance. For online registration go to www.scgov.net, click Calendar of Events, click the ‘All Events’ drop down list and choose ‘Nature Walks’ and click ‘go’. On the bottom of each nature walk is an area that states ‘Click here for registration’. For assistance call 941-861-5000 and ask for Natural Resources.

Deer Prairie Creek Preserve 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Sa

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Kayak on Phillippi Creek

Oct. 17

Ages 12 and up

Learn basic kayaking skills during Watershed Awareness Week. The Parks Naturalist certified instructor will demonstrate techniques so you are ready to go paddling out on the Creek. A limited number of kayaks will be available so registration is required. Call 941-316-1309 for more information. Bring wettable clothing, sunscreen and water.

Phillippi Estate Park 10 a.m. – 12 noon Sa

Sunrise Bird Walk

Nov. 4, Dec. 2, Jan. 6, Feb. 3, March 3, April 4

Ages: 8 and up

Lemon Bay Park volunteers and staff lead these guided walks designed for novice birders. We recommend you bring binoculars, drinking water, a hat, insect repellent and sunscreen. Call 941-316-1309 or 941-861-5000 for information.

Lemon Bay Park 8-10 a.m. W

IFAS - Florida Buggy Critters: The Good, the Bad and the Harmless

Nov. 5

Ages: 15 and up

With more than a million species of insects, it is hard to know which ones are helpful, harmful or harmless. Join Entomologist, Dr. Fred Santana for a closer look at arthropods and the important role they play in the environment. Register by calling 941-861-9900 or online at sarasota.extension.ufl.edu.

Shamrock Park 2-3 p.m. Th

From Gulf to Lagoon Nature Walk

Nov. 7, Jan. 18, Feb. 15

Enjoy a leisurely nature walk from the Gulf shore to a lagoon off Lemon Bay at Blind Pass Beach with naturalist Bruce Dayton, Ph. D. Learn how water, wind, sand, and living things interact to create our beautiful barrier islands. Meet by the Blind Pass bath house. Registration required by calling 941-861-5000.

Blind Pass Beach 9-11 a.m. M Sa

IFAS - Our Native Plants

Nov. 19

Ages: 15 and up

Home landscapes often have unique conditions that make landscaping a challenge. Environmental Horticulture Extension Agent, Annemarie Post, discusses plans that may yield a more successful landscape. Register by calling 941-861-9900 or online at sarasota.extension.ufl.edu.

Shamrock Park 2-3 p.m. Th

IFAS - Termites

Dec. 3

Ages: 15 and up

If you live long enough in Florida, you will probably have termites in your home. Dr. Fred Santana, Entomologist discusses basic termite biology and behavior, their impact on homes, various approaches that are available to control them and steps the homeowner can take to discourage their presence. Register by calling 941-861-9900 or online at sarasota.extension.ufl.edu.

Shamrock Park 2-3 p.m. Th

Nature Walk Adventures

Dec. 10 For Love of Butterflies

Dec. 24 Mangrove Magic

Jan. 14 Natives vs. Exotics

Jan. 28 Bald Eagles

Feb. 11 Lemon Bay Lore

Feb. 25 A Walk Thru the Flatwoods

Mar. 11 Poets in the Park

Mar. 25 Estuary Excursion

Ages: 8 and up

These guided walks focus on a topic of environmental interest. Meet at the amphitheater to begin the walks. We recommend bringing drinking water, insect repellent and sunscreen. Each walk is led on shell trails. Wear appropriate walking shoes.

Lemon Bay Park 9-10:30 a.m. Th

Park Nature Walk

Jan. 15, Feb. 19, Mar. 19

Ages: 18 and up

Park Naturalists lead this casual walk along the grounds of the historic park starting at the Edson Keith Mansion, along the Phillippi Creek shoreline and on the nature trail loop that leads through native coastal hammock habitat and along mangrove swamp habitat. All walks are led on shell trails. For more information, call 941-316-1309.

Phillippi Estate Park 9-10 a.m. F

Mulch and Compost

Free compost and mulch available to the public. Bring a shovel and something to transport the materials in. Product is generally available seven days a week, sunrise to sunset. Call 941-486-2595 to check supply.

Nokomis Community Park 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Su M Tu W Th F Sa

Preschool Activities

Tot/Parent Time - Nokomis

Ongoing activity

Ages: 1 to 5

Play time in the Main Hall for pre-school age children. Toys are provided and you may bring your own. Adults must supervise their children. This is a great opportunity for social interaction for both children and parents.

Nokomis Community Center 10-11:30 a.m. M

Tunnels of Fun

Fee: \$2

Ongoing activity

Ages: 3 months to 5 years

An open unstructured interactive fun time for toddlers while under the supervision of their parents/guardians.

Colonial Oaks Park 9:30-11:30 a.m. W

Boos, Howls, and Treats

Fee: \$2

Oct. 30

Ages: 1 to 6 years

Bring your little ghosts and goblins for a morning of fun in the park. Colonial Oaks Park will have lots of candies and treats hidden in one of the open fields. Light refreshments will follow the hunt which begins promptly at 10 a.m.

Colonial Oaks Park 9:30-11:30 a.m. F

Holiday Toy Hunt

Fee: \$2

Dec. 11

Ages: 1 to 6 years

Bring your little elves for a morning of fun in the park. Colonial Oaks Park will have holiday trinkets hidden in one of the open fields. Light refreshments are provided after the event. Rain date is Dec. 18.

Colonial Oaks Park 9:30-11:30 a.m. F

Seasonal Youth Programs

Laurel Park After-School Program

Ages: 6 to 14 years

After-school homework assistance is provided by qualified, caring adults along with table games, art and music education. Program is offered throughout the school year by the Laurel Civic Association.

Laurel Park 3-6 p.m. M Tu W Th F

Winter Vacation in the Parks School Break Program

Fee: \$8 per session

Dec. 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30, 31

Ages: 6 to 11 (grades 1-5)

7:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-5:30 p.m.

This program offers fun, recreation and instructional activities for children during the school break. Pre-registration is required for daily programs offered in half-day or full-day sessions. A supervised lunch hour is provided for those attending both daily sessions. Register online at parksonline.scgov.net or by mail or phone. Contact our camp office at 941-861-9870 for more information.

Colonial Oaks Park 7:30 a.m.-12 n and 1-5:30 p.m.

Oak Park School 7:30 a.m.-12 n and 1-5:30 p.m.

Winter Vacation in the Parks School Break Open Gym Program

Fee: \$10

Dec. 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30, 31

Ages: 6 to 11 (grades 1-5)

7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

This program offers fun, recreation and instructional activities for children during the school break. Pre-registration is required. Register online at parksonline.scgov.net or by mail or phone. Contact our camp office at 941-861-9870 for more information.

Newtown Estates Park 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Mad Science Camp - Predators and Prey

Dec. 28, 29, 30, 31

Fee: \$115 each or \$205 for both camps

Ages: 6-12

Predator or Prey; which will you be? In our new Nature camp, you will learn how birds and beasts catch their prey without becoming someone else's lunch and will then be challenged to survive in our "Food Chain Survival" game. You will also discover what Mr. Owl had on his dinner plate during the famous owl pellet dissection, build a bird house to take home and make your own seed mixture to attract your favorite birds. In our Shutterbugs session explore the use of light and take a cool kaleidoscope with mirrors. Apply your skills to make a take home camera that will help you understand how cameras work.

Colonial Oaks Park 9 a.m.-12 noon M Tu W Th

Mad Science Camp - Body Works

Dec. 28, 29, 30, 31

Fee: \$115 each or \$205 for both camps

Ages: 6-12

Mad Science invites you to discover the wonder of your body with this exciting summer camp. Learn about cells and build your own take home model cell out of unique materials. Venture inward on a journey down the "Mad Science Organ Trail" as we explore all our organs and body systems. Create an organ apron and a model lung to take home. Finish the week with an introduction to some spectacular chemistry and utilize it to make your own brain goo to keep!

Colonial Oaks Park 1-4 p.m. M Tu W Th

Spring Vacation in the Parks School Break Program

Fee: \$8 per session

March 29 - April 2

Ages: 6 to 11 (grades 1-5)

7:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-5:30 p.m.

This program offers fun, recreation and instructional activities for children during the school break. Pre-registration is required for daily programs offered in half-day or full-day sessions. A supervised lunch hour is provided for those attending both daily sessions. Register online at parksonline.scgov.net or by mail or phone. Contact our camp office at 941-861-9870 for more information.

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Newtown Estates Park 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Special Events

Bluegrass Jam

Ongoing activity

All ages

Enjoy a night of hand clappin' & foot stompin' Bluegrass music performed by local artists. Bring your lawn chair, blanket and instrument, if you'd like. Contact 941-316-1328 for more information.

Bee Ridge Park 7-10 p.m. Th

Nokomis Beach Sunset Sip and Stroll

Sep. - May

Join us for a Sunset Sip and Stroll on the third Saturday of each month. This event is a one of a kind opportunity to take a leisurely stroll down the beach, while sipping on an icy cold beverage or simply enjoy the beautiful sunset while swaying along to beach music. Cash bar offers beer, wine, soda, light snacks.

Nokomis Beach 6-8:30 p.m. 3rd Sa

Nokomis Beach Youth Fishing Fall Tournament

Sep. 12

Ages: 1 to 14 years

Grab your pole and tackle box and join us at Nokomis Beach for a Youth Fishing Tournament. Bait and prizes are provided by Venice Ave. Bait & Tackle and trophies will be awarded. All children must be supervised by a parent / guardian for this event. Catch and release only. Pre-registration for the tournament is preferred by calling 941-486-2595. Day-of-registration begins at 8 a.m. and the tournament begins at 8:30 a.m.

Nokomis Beach 8-11:30 a.m. Sa

Exotic Tree Sale

Sep. 27

Sarasota Fruit and Nut Society presents its annual exotic tree sale in Phillippi Estate Park. Bring your wagon or hand truck and stock up on exotic fruit trees, herbs, and rare tropical plants. For information, visit www.sfns.net.

Phillippi Estate Park 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Su

Legacy Trail Discovery Ride

Oct. 3

All ages

Enjoy a guided social bike ride along Legacy Trail that visits points of interest along the Trail. This ride begins at Laurel Park and heads north.

Laurel Park 9 a.m. Sa

Tails on the Trail

Oct. 10

All ages

Bring your leashed dog for a community dog walk on the Legacy Trail, co-sponsored by Sarasota Humane Society.

Nokomis Community Park 9 a.m. Sa

Walk the Legacy Trail

Oct. 10, 11

All ages

Join other trail walkers for a walk along the Legacy Trail. For location and other information visit www.legacytrailfriends.org.

October Open Air Music Festival

Oct. 17

Bring your lawn chair or blanket and enjoy an evening of listening pleasure.

Newtown Estates Park 5-10 p.m. Sa

Venice Area Chamber of Commerce Expo

Oct. 23, 24

The Venice Area Chamber of Commerce presents the 19th Annual Consumer Expo, the Chamber's premier event. This business-to-consumer expo showcases the many products and services of 100 Chamber members. For information call Donna Pirozzi at 941-488-2236

Venice Community Center 10 a.m.-4 p.m. F Sa

Make a Difference at Woodmere Park

Oct. 24

Woodmere Park is a favorite for people in the neighborhood. From the fun and safe dog park and athletic amenities to our serene picnic pavilions there's something for everyone. Make a Difference Day is your opportunity to help keep our parks clean and safe. Donate a couple of hours to pick up litter or pull weeds. We'll have cool water and a very appreciative group of park fans.

Woodmere Park 8 a.m.-12 noon Sa

Community/City/County Chit-Chat Luncheon

Oct. 30

Ages: 18 and up

Community Luncheon

Robert L. Taylor Complex 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. F

Sarasota Pumpkin Festival

Oct. 30, 31

This family-friendly event includes pumpkin decorating, food vendors, music, hay rides, face-painting, safe trick-or-treating and a grand finale pumpkin lighting. For information, call 941-879-3345.

Phillippi Estate Park 11 a.m.-10 p.m. F Sa

Halloween Haunted House

Fee: \$1

Oct. 30

Ages: 3 to 12 years

This haunted house is home to ghosts, goblins and witches! All visitors are treated to a variety of tricks and treats! For more information, call 941-486-2753 or 941-861-5000.

Laurel Park 5-8 p.m. F

Halloween Hunt

Fee: \$1

Oct. 30

Ages: Up to 6 years

Bring your little ghosts and goblins and enjoy a fun, family egg hunt for treats and prizes. Wear a costume and bring a treat bag. Enjoy games, costume contest, prizes and crafts. Hunt begins promptly at 6 p.m.

Nokomis Community Park 5:30-6:30 p.m. F

Halloween Hunt

Fee: \$3 per child including babies in strollers

Oct. 30

Bring your little goblins to Longwood Park this Halloween for a spooky good time! Don't forget your flashlight and sacks to hunt for toys and treats on the field. Make spooky crafts and play carnival games in the gym. Wear your costume, and you could win a prize! Adults accompanying children are free. Hunt begins promptly at dusk. Call 941-358-2855 or 861-5000 for information.

Longwood Park 7-9 p.m. F

Halloween Howl

Fee: \$2

Oct. 31

Ages: Up to 7 years

Bring your little ghosts and goblins and enjoy a fun hunt for treats and prizes. Wear a costume if you'd like and bring a treat bag. Enjoy the treats, games, costume parade and crafts. Hunt begins promptly at 10 a.m.

Woodmere Park 10 a.m.-12 noon Sa

Halloween Carnival and Fish Fry

Oct. 31

Ages: 4 to 10 years

The Halloween Carnival and Fish Fry provides children with a safe area to celebrate Halloween.

Robert L. Taylor Complex 6:30-10 p.m. Sa

WSRZ Dance Parties

Oct. 31, Dec. 31

Nobody throws a Dance Party like WSRZ. Always fun and exciting, the WSRZ parties have a different theme based on the season or holiday and each event features live music and the WSRZ Morning Crew, David Jones and Christina Crane. Call 941-861-1380 or 861-5000 for dates.

Venice Community Center 7-11 p.m. Sa

Phillippi Farmhouse Market

Nov. 4 - April 28

Support local growers and enjoy the freshest and finest produce, plants, prepared foods, and preserves. For information, call 941-316-1309 or 861-5000.

Phillippi Estate Park 12-6 p.m. W

Bowls of Hope

Fee: \$25

Nov. 8

All Faiths Food Bank hosts this fundraising event featuring hand-thrown pottery bowls filled with soup. The bowl is yours to take home as a remembrance that you are helping to feed the hungry. For information call 941-379-6333.

Phillippi Estate Park 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Su

Venice Concert Band

Fee: \$5

Nov. 9, Dec. 7, Jan. 25, Feb. 22, March 29, April 26

Soloist(s) and 50-80 band members perform throughout the season. Purchase season tickets or day-of-concert tickets from 1-3 p.m. in the lobby. Call Bill Millner at 941-484-1145 for information.

Venice Community Center 7-9 p.m. M

Let's Dance

Nov. 12, Dec. 10, Jan. 28, Feb. 11, March 11 & 25, April 8

All ages

Enjoy live entertainment for your dancing pleasure with assorted bands throughout the season. Ice and napkins provided. Fundraiser dances hosted by the Friends of the Venice Community Center. For groups of 6 or more, call Barbara 941-497-3227.

Venice Community Center 7:30-10 p.m. Th

Holiday Turkey Hoop Shoot

Nov. 19

Ages: 8 to 18 years

The 3rd annual Holiday Turkey Hoop Shoot is a free, basketball shooting competition for boys and girls ages 8-18. There will be three age categories for the boys and girls with trophies awarded to the top finishers. A pizza party follows the contest.

Nokomis Community Park 6-7 p.m. Th

Venice Community Center Season Pass

Fee: \$105

Through Nov. 21

The Season Pass reserves a seat within the first two rows to all of this season's premiere shows including 4:2:Five-Rockapella on Nov. 21, New Dawn Singers Christmas Show Dec. 3, Beatlemania LIVE! Jan. 23, a Tribute to Neil Diamond Feb. 13, and a Tribute to Elvis March 13. Seats are limited. For information call 941-861-1380 or 941-861-5000.

Venice Community Center 7-9 p.m.

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Rose Garden Dedication

Nov. 21

Bradenton-Sarasota Rose Society is partnering with Phillippi Estate Park to renovate and dedicate the Nettie Keener Keith Rose Garden at the Edson Keith Mansion. There will be a rose show in the mansion and a rose garden dedication ceremony at 11 a.m. in the garden. Members of the Rose Society will discuss sustainable watering and fertilizing of antique roses. For information, call 941-373-6454.

Phillippi Estate Park 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sa

4:2:Five - Rockappella

Fee: \$15 and \$10

Nov. 21

All ages

This group of mega talented young men are taking the nation by storm with a show so unique critics have dubbed it the most refreshing approach to music that's graced the stage for quite some time. 4:2:Five have stunned audiences all over the country with a high energy song and dance spectacular anchored by 5 golden voices. Awarded People's Music Award "Best Live Act" 2001. For information and ticket sales call 941-861-1380 or 941-861-5000.

Venice Community Center 7-9 p.m. Sa

Caring for Kids

Dec. 1 - 23

Ages: Up to 16 years

This program provides new and pre-loved Christmas gifts for children in need. Donations may be dropped off at anytime during the year. Parents start selecting gifts Dec. 1. Call 941-861-1980 or 941-861-5000 for additional information.

Englewood Sports Complex 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m.
Tu W Th F Sa

New Dawn Singers Christmas Show

Fee: \$15 and \$10

Dec. 3

The New Dawn Singers unleash a barrage of enthusiasm highlighting the music loved by all. Vaudeville, Fifties, Swing, Irish Dance, famous movies and television themes, novelty medleys, holiday extravaganzas, and a stirring tribute paying homage to the good old Red, White, and Blue! For information and ticket sales call 941-861-1380 or 941-861-5000.

Venice Community Center 7-9 p.m. Th

Holiday Craft Show

Dec. 4, 5

Friends of the Venice Community Center host a Holiday Craft Show. Join the fun and don't forget your wallet! For information call Vera Nash at 941-388-7755.

Venice Community Center 10 a.m.-4 p.m. F Sa

Big Band Bash

Fee: \$10

Dec. 6

All ages

The Jazz Club of Sarasota presents the 2009 Big Band Bash featuring the 18-piece Helios Jazz Orchestra and vocalist, followed by the 13-piece Latin Roots Jazz Ensemble. Food and beverage vendors will be present, no coolers, please. Ample free parking. For information call 941-366-1552 or online at: www.jazzclubsarasota.org.

Phillippi Estate Park 12-4 p.m. Su

33rd Annual Sandy Claws Beach Run

Fee: by Dec. 3: \$18 adult / \$15 ages 13 and under

Race day registration fee: \$25 all ages

Dec. 12

Come celebrate the 33rd anniversary of the famous Sandy Claws Beach Run. Each registered participant will receive a long-sleeved Sandy Claws t-shirt. This event is sanctioned by the Manasota Track Club. Volunteers are needed. Contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask about the Sandy Claws Beach Run. Register by mail or at parksonline.scgov.net

Siesta Beach 7 a.m. Registration
8 a.m. One-Mile Fun Run
8:20 a.m. 5K Run

Breakfast with Santa

Dec. 19

Ages: 1 to 12 years

Children enjoy a holiday breakfast with Santa Claus.

Newtown Estates Park 9 a.m.-12 noon Sa

The Bayfront Christmas Celebration

Fee: \$5

Dec. 20

Celebrate the Christmas season together, dancing to a live band with lots of prizes to be given away. Cost includes finger foods, snacks and refreshments. Semi-formal attire required. Call 941-316-1296 for information.

Bayfront Community Center 2-4:30 p.m. Su

Wellness Festival

Fee: \$5

Jan. 9

The Wellness Festival is a family-friendly event that hosts healthy-living practitioners, exhibitors, live music, healthy-food choices and creative arts therapy. The Wellness Festival is devoted to all aspects of health and wellness. For information e-mail info@celebratingwellnessfest.com.

Phillippi Estate Park 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sa

Antique Show

Fee: \$6

Jan. 16, 17 and Feb. 20, 21

Ages: All ages

Join us for a wonderful antique show. For information call YJT Enterprises at 704-905-4736 and refer to the Venice Community Center.

Venice Community Center 8-11:30 a.m. Sa

MLK Breakfast

Jan. 16

Keep the dream alive. Come out and enjoy food and community commitment. For information call 941-486-2753 or 941-861-5000.

Laurel Park 7-10 a.m. Sa

Jan. 18

Community breakfast celebration honoring the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Newtown Estates Park 8-11 a.m. M

The Fabulous Hubcaps

Fee: \$35, \$25

Jan. 18 and 19

The Fabulous Hubcaps is one of the nations most sought after oldies and classic rock show bands, having been the choice of entertainment for decades. For ticket sales and information call Jim Wilson at 941-266-2760 or 861-1380. Food and beverage available.

Venice Community Center 7:30-10 p.m. M Tu

Beatlemania LIVE!

Fee: \$25 and \$20

Jan. 23

All ages

Beatlemania LIVE! has complete, authentic costume changes to accompany the music from every Beatles era: Ed Sullivan, Shea Stadium, Sgt. Pepper and Abbey Road. Beatlemania LIVE! performs with full orchestration to capture the original sound of many of the Beatles greatest hits. For information and ticket call 941-861-1380.

Venice Community Center 7-9 p.m. Sa

History Day in the Park & Antique Show

Jan. 28, 29, 30

Celebrate the year of Bertha Palmer with an antique show in the Edson Keith Mansion. Saturday will feature History Day in the Park with music, food vendors, arts and crafts, historic demonstrations, antique cars and historic re-enactors in the park. For information, call 941-316-1309 or 941-861-5000.

Phillippi Estate Park 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Th F Sa

Senior Beach Walks

Fee: \$1 one-time registration fee

Feb. 3 - March 31

Ages: 50 and up

Participate in this self-guided beach walk along the beautiful shores of Siesta Beach or Nokomis Beach. Register before your minimum 1-mile walk. Complete four walks and receive a free event t-shirt. For information call 941-861-5000.

Nokomis Beach 8:30-10 a.m. W

Siesta Beach 8-9:30 a.m. W

Brown Bag Concerts

Feb. 4 - March 25

The Brown Bag Concerts take place at noon every Thursday during February and March. Bring your lunch and a lawn chair and enjoy popular musical genres including Dixieland, Big Band, folk and jazz offerings. For information, call 941-316-1309.

Phillippi Estate Park 12-1 p.m. Th

Orchid Society Show and Sale

Feb. 6, 7

Enjoy the beautiful orchids at the Venice Area Orchid Society's Annual Show and Sale. For information call Barbara Wagner at 941-923-7706

Venice Community Center 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sa Su

Winterfest at the Park Arts and Crafts Show

Feb. 6, 7

Winterfest in the Park is a large Arts and Crafts Show, featuring local and national artisans. Admission is free. Ample parking with food and beverage vendors present. For information call 941-379-0951.

Phillippi Estate Park 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sa Su

Valentine's Celebration at Woodmere

Fee: \$8 per person

Feb. 13

Enjoy Valentine's Day with friends and loved ones. This memorable evening starts with a group sharing of love, hope and gratitude presented by Desiree Companion followed by an evening of dancing to Dr. Laurie's Music Sensations. Bring your own refreshments.

Woodmere Park 7-9 p.m. Sa

Neil Diamond Tribute

Fee: \$25 and \$20

Feb. 13

Endorsed by Neil Diamond himself, Jay White recreates the look, sound, and mannerisms of "The World's Classiest Rock Star". For information and ticket sales call 941-861-1380 or 941-861-5000.

Venice Community Center 7-9 p.m. Sa

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Say "I Do" Again

Fee: \$5 per couple

Feb. 14

Pre-registration is required by February 11. Celebrate a renewal of wedding vows along the beautiful Siesta Key Beach sunset. Judge Becky Titus performs the non-denominational service beginning promptly at 6 p.m. Arrive early for best parking. Light refreshments served. Call 941-861-9930 or 941-861-5000 for information and registration.

Siesta Beach 6-7 p.m. Su

Senior Games

Feb. 16-21

These Olympic style sporting competitions are available to participants age 50 and over. Competition is organized in five-year age divisions beginning with age 50-54. Venues for the competitions are held throughout Sarasota and Manatee Counties. Participants receive an event t-shirt. Top three finishers per age category receive an event medal and may move on to the State competition held in December. Pick up a brochure with complete event information at any recreation center or library. Register by mail or at parksonline.scgov.net. Senior Games is a cooperative event presented by both Manatee County and Sarasota County. Call 941-861-5000 for information.

Black History Week

Feb. 17-20

Schedule of activities will be announced. Displays and hand-outs will be available throughout the month. Call 941-486-2753 for more information.

Laurel Park 8 a.m.-6 p.m. W Th F Sa

Community BBQ Cookoff and Movie

Feb. 20

Community BBQ cookoff and movie fun for everyone.

Newtown Estates Park 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Sa

Jazz in the Park

Feb. 28

The Jazz Club of Sarasota kicks off Jazz Week with this annual concert featuring a variety of musical groups. Ample parking and food and beverage vendors, no coolers, please. Purchase tickets at the gate. For more information, please all 941-366-1552 or www.jazzclubsarasota.org.

Phillippi Estate Park 12-5 p.m. Su

Kiwanis Club Expo

March 5, 6

This is the annual expo everyone waits for! Every business and informational booth you might want to see. For information contact Thomas Trammel at 941-485-8220.

Venice Community Center 10 a.m.-4 p.m. F Sa

14th Annual Big Truck Day

March 13

High octane fun for the entire family! Children are invited to climb on the vehicles and pull the levers. Enjoy all the old favorites including a fire truck, dump trucks and more along with alternative fuel vehicles and displays. Food and beverage vendors will be available. For more information call 941-861-5000.

Phillippi Estate Park 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sa

Elvis Tribute to the King

Fee: \$25, \$20

March 13

Dwight Icenhower is considered one of the best tribute artists in the country today. Dwight has mastered the 50's, 60's and 70's eras of Elvis' career and has performed all over the United States winning a myriad of Elvis awards too numerous to mention. For information and ticket sales call 941-861-1380.

Venice Community Center 7-9 p.m. Sa

Venice Area Quilt Guild Show

Fee: \$7

March 20, 21

The Venice Area Quilters Guild presents their biennial show "Quilting by the Gulf XIII" featuring over 200 quilts, a giant boutique with gorgeous and unique handmade items, merchant mall, quilt appraiser, silent auction, antique quilt turning, tea room for snacks and lunch, opportunity quilt and door prizes. For information email Kay Wilfong at wilfong@VAQG.org

Venice Community Center 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sa

Venice Community Center 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Su

Springfest in the Park Arts and Crafts Show

March 20, 21

This large and varied arts and crafts show in the park also features the Klassic Antique & Rods Car Association. Event is free; ample parking and food vendors available. For information, call 941-379-0951.

Phillippi Estate Park 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sa Su

Egg Hunt

March 27

Ages: 2 to 10 years

This free Easter Egg Hunt is hosted by the Nokomis East Homeowner's Association. Egg hunt starts promptly at 10 a.m. with prizes for all participants. Bring a basket and camera for photos with the Easter Bunny.

Nokomis Community Park 10-11:30 a.m. Sa

Holiday Egg Hunt

March 27

Join us for a special kid's event at Bee Ridge Park featuring an egg hunt and games. Watch for the bunny! Bring a basket for the egg hunt, beginning promptly at 10:30 a.m.. Refreshments will be served. This event is co-sponsored by the Church of the Palms. For information call 941-316-1328 or 941-861-5000.

Bee Ridge Park 10 a.m.-12 noon Sa

Sarasota Firefighters Benevolent Ribs Cook-off

March 27

The Sarasota Firefighters Benevolent Fund 7th Annual Ribs Cook-off benefits firefighters' families and members of the community in times of need. Fire station teams compete to offer the best ribs. For information call 941-316-1309 or 941-861-5000.

Phillippi Estate Park 2-5 p.m. Sa

Eggstravaganza

April 1

Ages: 2 to 12 years

Bring your basket for lots of treats and eggs.

Laurel Park 3:30-5 p.m. Th

Chamber of Commerce HOBNOB

April 9

Chamber of Commerce welcomes all businesses to the ultimate business card exchange with grill teams, live band, libations and major networking opportunities. For more information, call 941-955-2508.

Phillippi Estate Park 5-9 p.m. Th

38th annual Siesta Key Sand Sculpture Contest

May 1

All ages

The 38th annual Siesta Key Sand Sculpture Contest offers children and adults a chance to create a unique sand sculpture. Great family fun! Prizes are awarded in various categories. Come out and enjoy these amazing creations. This free event is co-sponsored by Sarasota County and the Pelican Press. Call 941-349-4949 for information.

Siesta Beach 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sa

Nokomis Beach Youth Fishing Spring Tournament

Fee: \$1

May 15

Ages: 1 to 14 years

Grab your pole and tackle box and join us at Nokomis Beach for a Youth Fishing Tournament. Bait and prizes are provided by Venice Ave. Bait & Tackle and trophies will be awarded. All children must be supervised by a parent /guardian for this event. Catch and release only. Pre-register by calling 941-486-2595. Day-of-registration begins at 8 a.m. and tournament begins at 8:30 a.m.

Nokomis Beach 8-11:30 a.m. Sa

Tennis

Adult Tennis - Beginner

Fee: \$50 per 5-week session

Ages: 18 and up

These lessons are designed for beginning adult tennis players who want to learn the basic fundamentals and techniques of tennis. Learn the strokes and skills of the game with certified pro, Ula Zuziak. Bring your own racquet and water. Pre-registration is required. To register call 941-486-2595.

Nokomis Community Park 9-10 a.m. W

Woodmere Park 6-7 p.m. Tu

Woodmere Park 10-11 a.m. W

Adult Tennis - Intermediate

Fee: \$50 per 5-week session

Ages: 18 and up

This unique program is designed specifically for intermediate adult tennis players who want to improve their tennis skills. Take your game to the next level with certified pro, Ula Zuziak. Bring your own racquet and water. Pre-registration is required. To register call 941-486-2595.

Woodmere Park 7-8 p.m. Tu

Tennis - 1/2 hour Private Lesson

Fee: \$25 per lesson

Ages: 8 and up

Certified tennis pro, John Purdon provides individual instruction.

Payne Park 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Su M Tu W Th F Sa

Tennis - 1 hour Private Lesson

Fee: \$40 per lesson

All ages

Enjoy a 1-hour private tennis lesson with certified tennis pro, John Purdon.

Payne Park 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Su M Tu W Th F Sa

Tennis - Private Lesson Series

Fee: \$200 per series of 6

Ages: 16 and up

Enjoy a series of six one-hour private tennis lessons with certified tennis pro, John Purdon.

Payne Park 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Su M Tu W Th F Sa

Tennis - Adult Beginner - Intermediate

Fee: \$50 per 4-week session

Ages: 16 and up

Join tennis pro John Purdon and learn this great sport plus skill building and sportsmanship. Bring your tennis racquet.

Payne Park 6-6:45 p.m. M

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Tennis - Adult Intermediate-Advanced

Fee: \$50 per 4-week session

Ages: 16 and up

This class is designed for the competitive player who is looking for intense practice against other experienced tournament players. Practices will center on a tactics theme. Almost all ball-striking will be in a "live-ball" situation.

A moderate level of consistency is expected to participate.

Payne Park 6:45-7:30 p.m. M

Tennis - Jr. After School (10+)

Fee: \$50 per 4-week session

Ages: 10 to 17 years

Join tennis pro John Purdon and learn this great sport plus skill building and sportsmanship. Bring your tennis racquet.

Payne Park 6-6:45 p.m. Th

Tennis - Jr. After School (under 10)

Fee: \$50 per 4-week session

Ages: 6 to 9 years

Join tennis pro John Purdon and learn this great sport plus skill building and sportsmanship. Bring your tennis racquet.

Payne Park 5:15-6 p.m. M

Tennis - Drill & Play

Fee: \$15

Ages: 16 and up

Join certified tennis pro, John Purdon for this class designed for the competitive player who is looking for intense practice against other experienced players. Practices will center on a tactics theme with a combination of drills and live play. A moderate level of consistency is expected.

Payne Park 6-7 p.m. W

Tennis - Drop-in

Fee: \$15

Ages: 16 and up

Daily fee to participate in an ongoing tennis class with certified tennis pro, John Purdon.

Payne Park varied times M W Th

Therapeutic Recreation

T-REC Coalition of Sarasota County

The T-REC Coalition of Sarasota County is made up of eight local agencies that provide year-round recreational opportunities for teens and adults with disabilities. Monthly activities, including dances, sports events and much more, take place at venues throughout Sarasota County. Become a T-REC member online at scgov.net, click on Therapeutic Recreation and receive notification of upcoming events. Call 941-486-2781 for more information.

Special Olympics County Powerlifting

Sep. 3

Volunteers and spectators are welcome.

Call 941-412-0402 for information.

Gene Whipp Sports Center Th

Special Olympics Softball Tournament

Sep. 19

Softball tournament to benefit Special Olympics.

Volunteers needed. Call 941-412-0402.

Foxworthy Park Sa

Special Olympics Area Powerlifting

Oct. 1

Volunteers and spectators welcome.

Call 941-412-0402 for more information.

Gene Whipp Sports Center Th

T-REC Costume Masquerade Ball

Oct. 23

Ages: 16 and up

Dress up in your favorite costume and come ready to dance!

Prizes will be awarded in various costume categories.

This dance is open to all teens and adults with disabilities.

This is a free event with music by "Wired for Sound".

Light refreshments will be served. RSVP is requested.

Call 941-486-2781 by Oct. 22 or register online at parksonline.scgov.net.

Oak Park School 7-9 p.m. F

T-REC Nature Day

Nov. 4

Ages: 16 and up

Spend a nature-filled day enjoying a variety of activities including a walk on the paved trail, so wear your walking shoes. This free event is open to all teens and adults with disabilities. Bring your lunch. RSVP is requested by calling 941-486-2781 or register online at parksonline.scgov.net.

Rothenbach Park 10 a.m.-1 p.m. W

11th Annual 5-K Classic

Nov. 15

This fundraiser benefits Sarasota County Special Olympic athletes. Call 941-412-0402 for more information.

South Lido Park 7 a.m. registration Su
8 a.m. race begins Su

Special Olympics Coaches & Volunteer Appreciation Party and Athlete Dance

Nov. 20

Call 941-412-0402 for information.

Gene Whipp Sports Center F

Special Olympics Basketball Invitational Tournament

Jan. 16

Free to all special athletes. Volunteers needed. Call 941-412-0402.

3 locations 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Sa

T-REC "Welcome in 2010" Dance

Jan. 30

Ages: 16 and up

The T-REC Coalition of Sarasota County encourages you to dress up as we "Welcome in 2010" with our annual winter dance for all teens and adults with disabilities. This is a free event, in a safe and supervised environment, with music by "Wired for Sound". Light refreshments will be served. RSVP is requested by calling 941-486-2781 by Thursday, Jan. 28 or register at parksonline.scgov.net.

Venice Community Center 7-9 p.m. Sa

Special Olympics Summer Sports Training

Feb.

Training begins the first week in February for track & field, cycling, bocce, tennis and soccer. Free to all Special Olympic athletes. Call 941-412-0402 for information.

8th annual T-REC Sports Day

Feb. 27

Ages: 16 and up

Come enjoy a day of softball, track and field events, soccer, basketball, tai chi and more. Open to all teens and adults with disabilities. Wear appropriate shoes. This is a free event and lunch will be served. Families and caregivers are encouraged to attend. RSVP by Feb. 25 by calling 941-486-2781 or online at parksonline.scgov.net.

Gene Whipp Sports Center 9 a.m.-12 noon Sa

T-REC Step Up Florida Walk

March 9

Ages: 16 and up

Join in on the annual Step Up, Florida! day. We highlight exercise and healthy living including a walk around the lake and group tai chi class. Wear walking shoes and bring your brown bag lunch to enjoy at the park. Water and healthy snacks will be provided. RSVP is requested by calling 941-486-2781 or online at parksonline.scgov.net.

Twin Lakes Park 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tu

Coast Cadillac Laurel Oak Cup Auction - Dinner & Golf Tournament

March 14, 15

This fundraiser benefits our special athletes in Sarasota County. Call 941-412-0402 for information.

19th Annual Venice Sharks Tooth Festival

April 9, 10, 11

Enjoy music, children's game area, arts and crafts booths, educational exhibits and food. This event benefits Sarasota County Special Olympic athletes. Volunteers needed. Call 941-412-0402.

Venice Airport	4-9 p.m.	F
	10 a.m.-9 p.m.	Sa
	10 a.m.-5 p.m.	Su

T-REC Beach Party

April 14

Ages: 16 and up

Come dance to your favorite tunes courtesy of "Wired for Sound" while enjoying the beauty of Siesta Beach. Light, healthy refreshments will be served. Bring a brown bag lunch. This free event is open to all teens and adults with disabilities. RSVP by Monday, April 12 by calling 941-486-2781 or register online at parksonline.scgov.net.

Siesta Beach 10 a.m.-1 p.m. W

A sense of COMMUNITY...

ACHIEVEMENT...

CONSERVATION of our natural treasures...

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT...

Florida's FUTURE...

Good HEALTH...

Respect for NATURE...

Ties to our HERITAGE...

**It Starts
in ParksSM**

Youth Athletics

Junior Table Tennis Club

Ongoing activity

Ages: 7 to 16 years

Come and join our club today. With great fun and great exercise, table tennis is the sport for you. Call 941-726-8543 or 316-1330 for more information.

Colonial Oaks Park 2-6 p.m. Sa

LPL Volleyball Clinics

Ongoing activity

Ages: 9 to 17 years

Volleyball - Learn It. Play It. Love It. Coach Zamora offers year-round instructional and recreational volleyball in a safe, fun, and supervised environment. Her clinic creates an opportunity for every child to learn the skills of the game. For information and price call 941-726-9332 or email lplvolleyball@gmail.com

Colonial Oaks Park 3:30-7:30 p.m. Su

Pee Wee Basketball League

Fee: \$35

Sep. 30 - Nov. 4

Ages: 5 to 7 years

This co-ed recreational league provides instruction to first time players. Practices are held for 15 minutes prior to games which are played on 8' goals with junior size basketballs to help children participate and play. T-shirts and awards are provided to all players. Call 941-486-2753 to register and to ask about future program dates.

Laurel Park 5-7 p.m. W

Wrestling Club

Fee: \$30 per month

Ongoing activity

Ages: 8 to 15 years

This class gives the novice and experienced youth wrestler the opportunity to develop skills in Folkstyle, Freestyle and Greco Roman style wrestling. Wrestlers may further their sport by competing in weekend tournaments if desired. Call Dennis at 316-1328 or email dbunting@scgov.net.

Bee Ridge Park 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tu Th

ACHIEVEMENT...

**It Starts
in Parks**SM

Become a Friend of Sarasota County Parks

Do you appreciate our incredible network of more than 200 parks, beaches and natural areas in Sarasota County? Would you like to help maintain and improve these priceless resources for today's families and future generations? Then Friends of Sarasota County Parks, Inc. (FOSCP) is for you. Annual memberships and donations are tax-deductible.

If you have a favorite park, consider helping form a new chapter of Friends under the umbrella of the FOSCP organization. These chapters are an excellent way to focus the energy of people who already use and love our Sarasota County parks.

There are active Friends chapters at numerous county parks. Contact us at 941-486-2706 or visit us online at foscp.org for more information about joining an existing friends chapter or about forming your own local chapter of Friends of Sarasota County Parks.

Get involved... volunteer!

Donate your talents to help Sarasota County parks by volunteering where you can...

- Contribute to your community
- Make friends and meet new people
- Spend time outdoors
- Share a smile
- Enrich young minds
- Use your hands
- Use your heart
- Become an adult role model
- Acquire valuable job skills

All types of volunteers are needed, from one-time event helpers to long-term committed planning members. You decide how much time you want to volunteer and we'll match your skills and interests to activities you'll enjoy!

Contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask for the Community Involvement Coordinator.

NORTH ATHLETIC LEAGUES

League Name	Seasons	Contact	Phone Contact #
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BASEBALL

Cal Ripken Baseball	Jan-Apr, Sep-Nov	rac25456@aol.com	926-2630
Central Sarasota Little League	Jan-Apr, Sep-Nov	srginc@comcast.net	929-9510
Sarasota Babe Ruth League	Jan-Apr, Sep-Nov	caluer@mote.org	365-7043

FOOTBALL

Sarasota Ringling Redskins	Aug-Nov	crushl@comcast.net	954-1212
Sarasota Gators	Aug-Nov	Eddie Austin	941-565-0300
Sun Devils Football	Aug-Nov	Tony Squitieri@lennar.com	915-1919

LAWN BOWLING

Sarasota Lawn Bowling Club		idjames@verizon.net	941-755-8894
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SOCCER

Sarasota Football Club (Adult)	Aug-Apr	sarasotafootballclub.com	941-378-1400
Sarasota Sports Club (Spartans)	Aug-Apr	suncoastspartansclub.com	none
Sarasota United Soccer League (Youth)	Aug-Mar	Mary Mixon	925-7679

SOFTBALL

Miss Sarasota Softball	Year round	eteamz.com/mss	377-1516
Sarasota Softball Assn.@17th St Park		Jack Button	724-4260
Senior Softball Association	Nov-Mar, May-Sep	bobvee@tampabayrr.com	941-798-9397

SOUTH ATHLETIC LEAGUES

League Name	Seasons	Contact	Phone Contact #
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BASEBALL

Englewood Area Little League	Jan-Jul, Sep-Nov	Bill Stiver Sr.	468-3871
North Port Little League	Jan-Jul, Sep-Nov	npall.com	none
Venice Little League	Jan-Jul, Sep-Nov	league field phone	486-8006
Venice Pythons AAU	Jan-Jul, Sep-Dec	Tom Grubbs	474-1659

CRICKET

Sarasota Community Cricket Club	Oct-May	bazookayog@aol.com	780-1577
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CROQUET

Sarasota County Croquet Club	Year round	crokpeople@aol.com	484-3206
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FOOTBALL

North Port Mustangs Pop Warner Football	Aug-Nov	boyd215@msn.com	423-7695
Venice Vikings Pop Warner Football	Aug-Nov	v.viking555@gmail.com	941-525-7612

SOCCER

Englewood Youth Soccer	Jun-Feb	joanne.soccer@comcast.net	941-662-5506
North Port Youth Soccer League	Jun-Nov	northportyouthsoccer.org	941-276-2784
Venice Area Youth Soccer	Aug-Apr	venicesoccer.org	941-583-1253

SOFTBALL

Miss Englewood Fast Pitch	Year round	megfps@yahoo.com	698-9250
Miss North Port Fast Pitch	Year round	Jim Schick	661-4326
Miss Venice Fast Pitch	Year round	Anthony Rosa	416-8211

2009-10 Venice Community Center Season of Shows

Indulge in excellent entertainment as national touring groups come to Venice. Season passes are available or purchase tickets to individual shows online at parksonline.scgov.net or by calling 941-861-5000 or 941-861-1380. The Venice Community Center is located at 326 S. Nokomis Avenue in Venice.



4:2:FIVE Nov. 21, 2009 at 7p.m. (\$15)
No tracks, no instruments...pure talent! This group of mega talented young men are taking the nation by storm with a show so unique critics have dubbed it the most refreshing approach to music that's graced the stage for quite some time. 4:2:Five have stunned audiences all over the country with a high energy song and dance spectacular anchored by 5 golden voices. Everything you hear comes from the mouths of these babes! Awarded People's Music Award "Best Live Act" 2001.

BEATLEMANIA LIVE! (TRIBUTE)
Jan. 23, 2010 at 7 p.m. (\$25)
Beatlemania LIVE! has complete, authentic costume changes to accompany the music from every Beatles era. Beatlemania LIVE! performs with full orchestration to capture the original sound of many of the Beatles greatest hits. Beatlemania LIVE! uses the original model guitars and drums as used by the Beatles in combination with theatrical make-up, original costumes, and stage choreography to authentically recreate the image of a live Beatles concert!! Beatlemania LIVE! is not sponsored, endorsed by, or affiliated in any way with Apple Corp. Ltd. or The Beatles.



NEW DAWN SINGERS HOLIDAY SHOW
Dec. 3, 2009 at 7 p.m. (\$15)
Enjoy a high energy song and dance tribute unlike any you've seen before. Right before your eyes. The New dawn singers unleash a barrage of enthusiasm highlighting the music loved by all... Vaudeville, Fifties, Swing, Irish Dance, famous movies and television themes, novelty medleys, holiday extravaganzas, and a stirring tribute paying homage to the good old Red, White, and Blue!

NEIL DIAMOND (TRIBUTE)
Feb. 13, 2010 at 7 p.m. (\$25)
Endorsed by Neil Diamond himself, Jay White recreates the look, sound, and mannerisms of "The World's Classiest Rock Star." White has performed in over 8000 shows in five countries including over 100 shows over the past five years at the Riviera Hotel Casino in Las Vegas. "Jay, keep singing so I can stay home and relax," says the real Neil Diamond.



THE FABULOUS HUBCAPS (FUNDRAISER)
Jan. 18 and 19, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. (\$35/\$25)
The Fabulous Hubcaps is one of the nation's most sought after oldies and classic rock show bands. Their career has been as diverse and colorful as the bowling shirts they wear. Inducted into The Southern Legends Entertainment and Performing Arts Hall of Fame,

ELVIS (TRIBUTE)
Mar. 13, 2010 at 7 p.m. (\$25)
Dwight Icenhower is considered to be one of the best tribute artists in the country today. Dwight has mastered the 50's, 60's, and 70's eras of Elvis' career and has performed all over the United States winning a myriad of Elvis awards too numerous to mention. He has shared the stage with some personal friends of Elvis including DJ Fontana, The Jordanaires, The Sweet inspirations, Cynthia Pepper, Julie Parrish, Charlotte Hodge, and Joe Esposito.



The Fabulous Hubcaps have been the choice of entertainment for decades. The Fabulous Hubcaps look forward to having you share a magical evening of entertainment with them as they continue to prove that "Rock and Roll is Alive and Well!"