

SCAT new route and schedule changes to take effect Oct. 31

Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) will implement changes in bus routes and schedules on Saturday, Oct. 31.

Changes include schedule revisions, frequency improvements and major route changes that will significantly improve frequency and connection options for many SCAT riders, particularly in the Venice area and in Englewood. SCAT will discontinue several routes and sections of routes, but will replace most of the discontinued service on current routes with planned improvements or changes on other routes. In addition to restructuring south county bus routes, many schedule adjustments are being planned to SCAT's north county routes, including some added trips.

Eligible riders in neighborhoods that are not directly covered by other routes are encouraged to use the new SCAT Senior to Shopping Services offered by THE RIDE with weekly scheduled trips to and from shopping. All passengers who require bus service to medical appointments or information about THE RIDE or SCAT door-to-door service should contact SCAT at 941-861-5000 for determination of eligibility.

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.

Note from the Secretary

Hello residents of Colonial Gables. My name is Lori Rinker and I am serving in my 3rd year on the CGHA board as Secretary. I hope this newsletter finds you and yours doing well. I just wanted to take a minute of your time to mention a couple of things that are of great interest to me.

First, I would like to extend an extra big THANK YOU to all of our 19 newsletter delivery volunteers. Your hard work and continued devotion is so much appreciated by me and the CGHA board. Keep up the great work!

Second, I wanted to mention a future change on the CGHA board. Our current Treasurer, Dan Patterson, has decided to step down from the board at the next general election in May of 2010. I plan to step up and be nominated as his replacement. I feel that with my accounting background I'm more suitable for the responsibilities of Treasurer. If all goes as planned, I am leaving the Secretary position open for nomination and hoping it brings in new blood to the board. I am asking those members who wish to see changes and/or improvements in our community, to step forward and show your interest. We need someone who is able to make the monthly meetings (first Tuesday of each month) with the ability of taking detailed notes for disbursement. The time required for this voluntary position can vary from month to month, but roughly only 3 to 6 hours are needed each month.

There are also special projects which might require a little extra time. If anyone is interested in learning the details of this position, please call

me at 341-0124 or email to rinkld@aol.com.

And finally, this is our community folks. WE make it or WE break it! Please do your share to keep it clean and cared for. If we all did something, big or small, it would help. Maybe it's just keeping your lawn mowed, picking up trash thrown in the medium or cleaning up while walking your pets. Whatever it is, help encourage your neighbors and others to do the same. It all matters...this is our community...so do something about it.

I wish you a happy and safe holiday. Give thanks for what we do have...the love of our family and friends. Thank you for taking the time to read my note.

Lori Rinker

County Road Construction Honore Avenue (UPDATE)

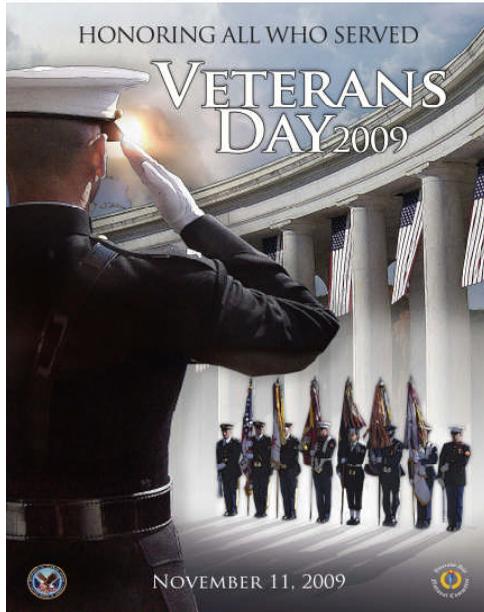
On Oct 14, 2009, Sarasota County Commissioners approved funding for Wrought Iron Fence with Medium Vegetation along the new Honore Ave, from Bee Ridge to Colonial Oak Blvd.

Please visit the Colonial Gables website www.colonialgablesnews.net for the link the county meeting video, or visit the Sarasota County web site, www.scgov.net and follow the link to Meeting and Agendas.

Colonial Gables Newsletter request

Need a new volunteer for our newsletter delivery on Colewood Place
Tom Geenan needs to discontinue this street. Thank you Tom for your time and effort to volunteer.

NOVEMBER EVENTS



- Veterans Day, Nov 11th
- Great American Smokeout, Nov 19th
- Thanksgiving Holiday-
No School for Students , Nov 25-27th
- Thanksgiving, Nov 26th

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941-861-5000 or

visit www.scgov.net and follow the link for an online service request.

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www.colonialgablesnews.net

Have you visited the new Colonial Gables website. Please let someone know your ideas of the website. If you have input for the website, please email them to colonialgables@yahoo.com

Newsletter Submissions

All articles, ads, and payments must be submitted by the 15th of each month. You can submit articles through the website or email djpat77@verizon.net.



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FREE ESTIMATES

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Winter Holiday Party

Our annual Neighborhood Winter Holiday Party will be on December 1st, from 6:30 to 8:30 at Colonial Oaks Park, Room A.

The party is open to all residents of the Colonial Gables. You do not have to be a member of the association to attend the party.

Join us for fun and food. Start the holiday season off with peace and good will by coming and sharing the evening with friends and neighbors. We ask that each family attending to bring a covered disk (casseroles, meatballs, chicken, chili, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, salad, etc.) or a dessert (cake, pie, brownies, cookies, etc.) to share at the "Pot Luck Dinner".

The Association will provide some food, drinks, plates, eating utensils, cups and napkins. If you have any questions, call Carol Daniels at 371-3275.

Sarasota County seeks resident input on yard waste collections

Sarasota County is asking residents for their opinions on yard waste collection, backyard composting and possible changes to curbside pick-up procedures.

The Solid Waste Department is holding three community focus group discussions in early November with residents in the northern, central and southern portions of the county. Meetings will last about two hours and participants must live in the unincorporated area of Sarasota County and use Sarasota County curbside yard waste pick-up services. Participants will be selected from those who meet the qualifications.

Residents can register for focus groups by contacting Jill Cappadoro at Jill@QCAusa.com or by calling 866-662-6273.

Sarasota County is a leader in successful implementation of comprehensive recycling and environmental programs, and public input is welcomed and necessary for continued success.

Colonial Gables Homeowners Association
Founded 1980

GENERAL MEETINGS

Colonial Oaks Park –
5300 Colonial Oaks Blvd
Sarasota 34232

Room A

Holiday Party

December 1, 2009

6:30 - 8:30p.m.

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