

Decorate your home and save money with Sarasota County's LED light exchange

The holidays are right around the corner and Sarasota County wants to help residents enjoy a safer and more energy-efficient holiday season by introducing them to the energy-saving benefits of light emitting diode (LED) holiday lights. For a limited time, residents can exchange their old incandescent holiday lights for new ENERGY STAR LED lights at no cost.

County residents can bring in up to two strands of their old incandescent holiday lights to exchange for an equivalent number of energy-efficient LED lights at any one of four locations on specific dates. There is a limit of two LED light strands per household. White and multicolored light strings with 70 bulbs each will be available, while supplies last.

"We are excited to help residents save money while celebrating the holidays this year," said Lee Hayes Byron, Sarasota County's Sustainability Manager. "By taking advantage of the latest technologies, residents can decorate their homes with LED lights that save up to 90% on holiday lighting costs, are cool to the touch, shine brighter, last up to 10 times longer and reduce the risk of fire."

Sarasota County's ENERGY STAR LED holiday light exchanges will take place Nov. 18 through Dec. 2 at select county fire stations. Information on fire prevention and home energy efficiency improvements also will be available at the events. The exchange can be made at the following Sarasota County fire stations:

Sunday, Nov. 18: 3--5 p.m.
Fire Station # 23 - 1930 N. Tamiami Trail, Nokomis

Saturday Dec. 1: 3-5 p.m.
Fire Station # 21 - 721 Center Road, Venice

Saturday, Dec. 1: 10 a.m.-noon
Fire Station # 4 - 3530 Old Bradenton Road, Sarasota

Sunday, Dec. 2 - 3 to 5 p.m.
Fire Station # 8 - 6750 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota

Sarasota County is providing this service to residents, thanks to energy education funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program, U.S. Department of Energy. To learn more about the ENERGY STAR LED holiday light exchanges in Sarasota County, visit www.EnergyUpgradeToday.com or contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 9041-861-5000

**Colonial Gables
Homeowners Association
Founded 1980**

GENERAL MEETINGS

December 4, 2012

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Colonial Oaks Park
5300 Colonial Oaks Blvd.

Room A

Sarasota, FL 34232

BOARD MEETING

November 6, 2012 - 6:00 PM

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Sarasota County government offices will close for Veterans Day

All Sarasota County government offices, including libraries, recreation centers and the Sarasota County History Center will be closed Monday, Nov. 12, in observance of Veterans Day.

The following Sarasota County Parks and Recreation facilities will be open:

- Arlington Park, noon-5 p.m.
- Payne Park, 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

The Knight Trail Park Pistol and Rifle Range and the Englewood Sports Complex will be closed.

Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) bus service, including paratransit service, will operate on its regular schedule on Veterans Day. However, the Veterans Bus will not operate on Nov. 12. Garbage collection will not be affected for residential customers of Waste Management.

Both the landfill at 4000 Knights Trail Road and the Citizens' Convenience Center at 4010 Knights Trail Road in Nokomis will be open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 12. The landfill administration office will be closed.

The Chemical Collection Center at 8750 Bee Ridge Road, the ReUzit Shop and the Jackson Road Chemical Collection Center will be closed.

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000.

County government offices close for Thanksgiving holiday

Sarasota County government offices, including libraries, the History Center and recreation centers, will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24, and Friday, Nov. 25, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Some county services will be available on Friday, Nov. 25.

Libraries will be open Saturday, Nov. 26, and other county offices will reopen Monday, Nov. 28. Payne Park Tennis Center will be open Friday, Nov. 25, 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

There will be no Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) bus service on Nov. 24, Thanksgiving Day; however, full service will resume on Friday, Nov. 25.

Residents who live in unincorporated areas of the county will not have yard waste, recyclables or garbage collection on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 24. For residents whose regular collection day is Thursday, yard waste, recyclables and garbage will be collected Friday, Nov. 25. For residents whose regular collection day is Friday, yard waste, recyclables and garbage will be collected Saturday, Nov. 26. Because collection times vary, residents should place refuse materials at the curb by 6 a.m. the day of pickup.

Sarasota County's chemical collection centers at 8750 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, and 250 S. Jackson Road, Venice, will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24-25. The Citizen's Convenience Center at 4010 Knights Trail Road, Nokomis, will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24, but will be open Friday, Nov. 25, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. All three centers will be open Saturday, Nov. 26. The landfill at 4000 Knights Trail Road, Sarasota, will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24, but open Friday, Nov. 25. The landfill administration offices will be closed Nov. 24 and 25. For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000.

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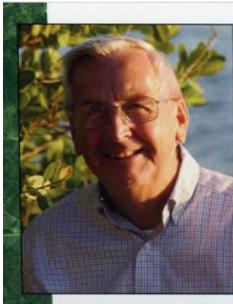
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VETERANS' DAY

Veterans Day ceremonies will be held in **Sarasota and Venice on Sunday, Nov. 11**. A parade will be featured in Sarasota before the ceremony at Chaplain J.D. Hamel Park. The events are being coordinated by the Sarasota Patriotic Observance Committee and the Venice Area Veterans Council, in coordination with Sarasota County's Veterans Benefits Unit.

The **Sarasota parade will begin at 10 a.m. at Main Street and Osprey Avenue**. The route of the march will be west along Main Street to Hamel Park on Gulfstream Avenue, where the ceremony will take place. The guest speaker is retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. George Hardy. Hardy is a highly decorated veteran and most notably was the youngest Tuskegee Airman.

Hosted by the VFW Post 8118I, the **Venice ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. at the Patriots Park** and the northern junction of Business 41 and the U.S. 41 Bypass. The guest speaker is retired U.S. Army Col. Norman MacLellan. Attendees are invited to bring chairs; water will be provided.



Holiday Party

Our annual Neighborhood Winter Holiday Party will be on December 4th, 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 dish (casseroles, meatballs, chicken, chili, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, salad, etc.) or a dessert (cake, pie, brownies, cookies, etc.) to share at the "Pot Luck Dinner".

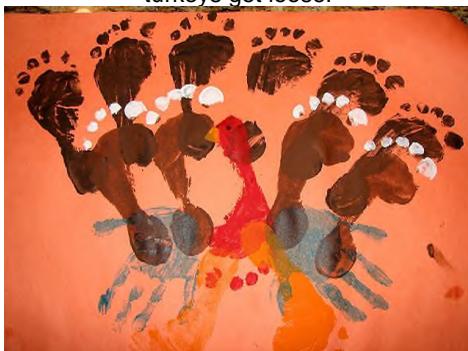
The Association will provide some food, drinks, plates, eating utensils, cups and napkins. If you have any questions, call Carol Daniels at 371-3275.

Kids Corner

Little Hands and Feet Turkey

What You'll Need: trashbags or newspaper, paint and construction paper

How to Do It: Put down trash bags or newspaper to protect your floors. Pour paint into a dish and take turns lightly stepping in the paint. Painted footprints will make the turkey's body, legs and wings. Try using different colors! Lightly press hands into the paint to make the turkey's feathers. And then quick, wipe down with an old washcloth before your little turkeys get loose!



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