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News You Can Use

BRAZILIAN PEPPER TRIM

Landscape workers will be trimming Brazilian Pepper trees throughout Palmer Ranch, the week of **August 27th** weather permitting. ***Please use caution when driving in active work zones.***

FDOT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT – US41 FROM MCINTOSH TO BENEVA

Crews are constructing sidewalk and bicycle lanes, improving drainage, reconstructing the US 41 southbound bridge over Catfish Creek south of Central Sarasota Parkway, installing highway lighting, upgrading signals, and installing new signing and pavement markings.

- Northbound nighttime/overnight lane closures will occur between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- Southbound nighttime/overnight lane closures will occur between 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 a.m.
- The speed limit is reduced to 45 mph within the construction zone.
- Traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction with southbound traffic shifting onto the northbound bridge during reconstruction of the US 41 southbound bridge over Catfish Creek.

Motorists should use caution and obey the posted speed limit. Expected completion is fall 2019. The contractor is Morrison-Cobalt JV. For additional information on this project, contact FDOT at (800) 519-2300.

TED X SALON EVENT AT TPC PRESTANCIA – OPEN TO PALMER RANCH – FLYER ATTACHED

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY EVENT AT OSCAR SCHERER STATE PARK

Oscar Scherer State Park, located at 1843 S. Tamiami Trail, Osprey, is having a National Public Lands Day event/service project on **Saturday, September 29th from 9:00am to 2:00pm.** This project is to assist with creating a new trail in the park and cleaning up the old trail. There will be live music and free lunch! For more information please email diana.stinson@dep.state.fl.us.

LEGACY TRAIL UPDATE– SEE ATTACHED

Please find attached our FAQ educational sheet and map about The Legacy Trail Referendum, which will be on the November 6th ballot.

On The Grounds

LOROPETALUM (LOROPETALUM CHINENSE)

Loropetalum chinense, also called Chinese fringe flower, is a finely textured evergreen shrub that spreads as it grows with branches arranged in horizontal layers. When vertical stems are periodically removed loropetalum makes an effective large scale groundcover. The flowers are arranged in small clusters with each having 4 narrow strap-like petals that droop downward. Once becoming established in a well-drained, partially shaded location, this pretty pink plant is very hardy for our area and can be considered drought tolerant

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Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDING SARASOTA COUNTY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT AND ZONING REGULATIONS TO ESTABLISH A UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE

Date: August 30, 2018
Time: 5:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible
Place: Sarasota County Administration Center, County Commission Chamber, 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota

The Sarasota County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed Unified Development Code (UDC) that updates and combines the Land Development Regulations (Ch. 74 of the County Code of Ordinances) and Zoning Regulations (Appendix A of the County Code of Ordinances), which control development in Sarasota County.

Sarasota County is committed to keeping the public involved and up-to-date throughout this process. A UDC Project web page has been established for this purpose at www.scgov.net (Keywords: 'UDC Project'). The proposed UDC is subject to the full public hearing process, and final consideration by the Sarasota County Commission.

Sarasota County staff have been working with the consulting firm of Calvin, Giordano & Associates (CGA) to create the UDC through a 3 phased effort:

Phase I was a discovery process conducted by CGA that involved discussions with various representatives of the community, public review bodies, and county staff. The existing policies and codes that pertain to current Land Development and Zoning Regulations were reviewed by these groups with the goal of bolstering the code's alignment with the Comprehensive Plan, removing inconsistencies, updating administrative processes, and addressing those provisions that may now be obsolete, outdated, or ineffective.

Phase II engaged the community through public workshops to review draft language for the UDC. CGA drafted language for various articles of the proposed UDC that were reviewed at various public workshops held over September, October and November of 2017. Subsequently there were 3 preliminary drafts of the proposed UDC reviewed and commented on during the process of putting forward the Formal Draft of the proposed UDC to be considered through the formal public hearing review process.

Phase III commenced in April of 2018 with the full public hearing and public review process. The full Formal Draft of the proposed UDC has been reviewed by the Planning Commission over 3 public hearing dates in July. This 4th Planning Commission public hearing date scheduled for August 30th is to review CGA's summary of what has been put forth at the public hearing dates in July. This full summary report is available for review on the County's UDC Project web page at www.scgov.net (Keywords: 'UDC Project').

You may provide your comments by submitting them on the UDC Project web page or directly to the Planning and Development Services Department at planner@scgov.net.

Input received will be addressed by the consultant as the UDC Project moves forward.

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TEDx Salon

x = independently organized TED event

Thursday, September 27th
4:00PM – 5:30PM

Guest Speaker and a well curated session of
Ideas Worth Spreading including globally streamed
content followed by lively dialogue
in the Bar and on the Patio.

RSVP to Kelly Cruz at
kcruz@heritagegolfgroup.com
or 941-922-2800 Ext. 3237

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FAQ: THE LEGACY TRAIL EXTENSION - NOVEMBER 6th REFERENDUM

Q: "Isn't The Legacy Trail Extension a 'Done Deal?' When Will We Be Able to Use It?"

No money is available to Extend The Trail. Approval of the referendum will provide funds to make The Trail Extension to downtown Sarasota and connection to North Port a reality.

Q: "Why Extend The Legacy Trail?"

Enhances Quality of Life and Property

- **Promotes healthy lifestyles for all ages** by providing an attractive and safe place to walk, run, skate, cycle, explore local nature, commute to jobs or run errands.
- **Converts an unused, overgrown rail corridor** to a well-used recreational and commuting trail, reducing traffic congestion, improving air quality.
- **Connects existing neighborhood trails** and other on-road bike lanes.
- **Promotes local economic activity** by stimulating tourism, raising area home values, promoting healthy lifestyles for all ages, and reducing employee healthcare costs as reflected in many studies.

Improves Safety for Cyclists, Walkers, Runners and Skaters.

- **Supports the Safe Routes to School National Partnership**, creating safe and convenient ways for children to walk or bicycle to school and promotes daily physical activity. There are 27 schools within one linear mile of the Trail and 45 schools within two linear miles.
- **Provides nearly 30 miles of continuous non-motorized, paved, multi-use trail links** between communities and amenities.

Q: "How Will the Extension Be Paid For if The Referendum Passes?"

- **County will borrow money** in the form of bonds which will be paid back over 20 years.

Cost per household is just $8 / year for each $100,000 assessed home value (not market value) for up to 20 years, assuming County bonds for the max $65M. Availability of non-county funds (e.g. FDOT) would reduce the need for borrowing and lower household cost.

Q. "What Will Happen Once the Referendum Passes?"

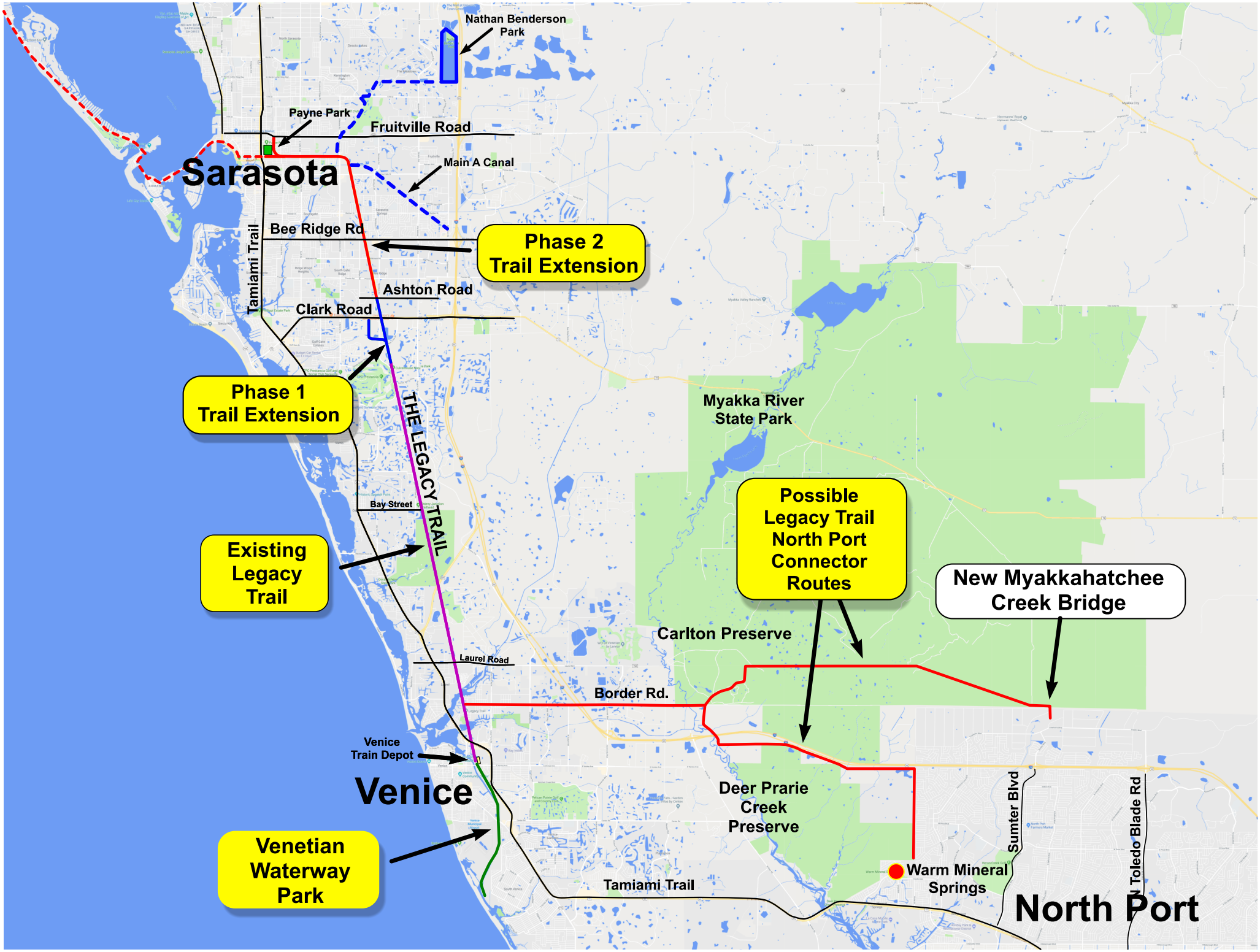
- It gives the county approval to borrow money needed to complete the project.
- It is estimated that it will be just 5 years before the trail extension is completed.
- The County will:
  - ✓ Buy and pave the existing railroad right-of-way to Payne Park / Fruitville Road
  - ✓ Build Bridges over Clark and Bee Ridge Roads
  - ✓ Add Parking Areas / Trailheads, Rest Stops / Rest Rooms
  - ✓ Landscape the Trail (Trees / Flowers)
  - ✓ Add Connector to North Port / Warm Mineral Springs via Deer Prairie Creek Preserve (exact route to be determined – see map)

Funds from Referendum may be used only to extend The Trail & connect to North Port.

Q: "What Is The *Exact* Wording of the Referendum That Will Be on The Ballot November 6?"

SARASOTA COUNTY LEGACY TRAIL EXTENSION WITH ENHANCED SAFETY AND CONNECTIONS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS To acquire and improve The Legacy Trail Extension railroad corridor as a safe trail for walking, running, and cycling with enhanced connectivity from North Port through Venice to downtown Sarasota, with additional improvements including safe crossings, overpasses, amenities, and increased accessibility, shall Sarasota County issue General Obligation bonds, not exceeding the maximum lawful interest rates, maturing within 20 years from each issuance, not exceeding $65 million payable from ad valorem taxes restricted to these purposes?

More info at our website: FriendsofTheLegacyTrail.org


Nathan Benderson Park
Payne Park
Fruitville Road
Sarasota
Main A Canal
Bee Ridge Rd
Tamiami Trail
Phase 2 Trail Extension
Ashton Road
Clark Road
Phase 1 Trail Extension
THE LEGACY TRAIL
Myakka River State Park
Bay Street
Existing Legacy Trail
Possible Legacy Trail North Port Connector Routes
New Myakkahatchee Creek Bridge
Carlton Preserve
Laurel Road
Border Rd.
Venice Train Depot
Venice
Deer Prarie Creek Preserve
Sumter Blvd
N Toledo Blade Rd
Venetian Waterway Park
Warm Mineral Springs
Tamiami Trail
North Port