

NOTICE:

Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources will soon be initiating a project to pave the shell road to the south parking area and to the RC Squadron lease site. The **Rothenbach Park Paving Project** is scheduled for the period of time from September 2 through December 29, 2014. This project will enhance public access and will also provide improved drainage to protect the closed landfill and reduce erosion along the newly paved park roads.

Project specifics:

Who: Frederick Derr & Company is the contractor retained by the County for this project.

What: The contractor will be preparing for and paving two (2) shell driveways in the park -- one leading up the hill to the RC Flyers parking lot; the second shell driveway leads to the trailhead parking lot in the southern part of the park. The park's main entrance drive will also be upgraded with new drainage pipes to help alleviate pavement deterioration.

Why: Erosion on the shell drives has forced park staff to close the road to the south parking area, and has at times exposed the landfill liner, making it vulnerable to damage. The landfill is strictly regulated by the Department of Environmental Protection which mandates a certain amount of soil covering the liner. Erosion that exposes the liner could lead to fines from the DEP, and if the exposed liner is damaged, required repairs are costly.

When: From September 2 through December 29, 2014

How this affects park visitors: For safety purposes during construction, the shell driveways will be closed to the public beginning in mid-September. The entire park may be closed periodically, beginning in late October, while construction work is completed on the entrance driveway. Exact closing dates will be posted as construction progresses.