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Navarre Park Improvement Meetings

Residents are asked to provide input on proposed improvements to Navarre Park, located at 8513 Navarre Pkwy. at the foot of the Navarre Beach Bridge. Santa Rosa County will apply for a Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program grant to make the improvements and will collect comments from citizens at two public meetings, via email or phone. FRDAP is a state competitive grant program which will match county funds for acquisition or development of land for public outdoor recreation.

Two public meetings are scheduled to gather citizen input:

- 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10 at the Navarre Visitors Center, 8543 Navarre Pkwy. in Navarre
- 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 12 in the Santa Rosa County Board Meeting Room, 6495 Caroline St. in Milton

The popular community park currently offers pavilions, gazebos, playground area, splash pad, basketball court, nature walk, boardwalk, pond and fishing pier and is also home to the Visitor Information Center and Panhandle Butterfly House. Proposed improvements include construction of a standalone bathroom, additional seating, picnic areas and shaded areas, a kayak launch and exercise equipment. Improvements to the splash pad, basketball court, and playground equipment are also being considered.

The grant application is due by the end of September and public input will be accepted until Sept. 17. If awarded, the project would begin in mid to late 2014. Matching funds from District 4 recreation funds are committed for the project. For information or to provide additional public input, please contact Sheila Harris, Grants and Special Projects Director at (850) 983-1848 or sheilah@santarosa.fl.gov.

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