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Free Saturday seminar offers tips to avoid home foreclosure

Sarasota County homeowners who need help with foreclosures, bankruptcy, credit problems or home ownership opportunities can attend a free “Hope for Homeowners” seminar.

When: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1

Where: Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Ave, Venice

Chief Judge Lee Haworth will lead a discussion of panelists who will talk about what homeowners can do to avoid foreclosure and the legal options and they have. Residents will be able to ask questions and talk with financial and legal experts.

Sarasota County and the Community Alliance of Sarasota County are organizing the seminar.

The panelists include:

- **Judge Lee Haworth**, Chief Judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, which covers Sarasota, Manatee and DeSoto Counties. He was appointed by the Florida Supreme Court to serve on the court’s Foreclosure Task Force.
- **Anne Weintraub**, partner in the Sarasota-based law firm of Syrett, Meshad, Resnick, Lieb, Dumbaugh, Jones, Krotec and Westheimer, P.A. She has worked in partnership with the 12th Circuit Court and Legal Aid of Manasota on the Homestead Conciliatory Program.
- **Sandra Rains**, financial education specialist for Consumer Credit Counseling Service covering Sarasota, Manatee and Charlotte counties.
- **Don Hadsell**, director, Sarasota Office of Housing and Community Development.
- **Nina Perry**, managing attorney of Legal Aid of Manasota, Inc.
- **Dave Swenson**, broker/owner of EXIT Creative Realty.
- **Sherry Ellis, P.A.**, bankruptcy attorney.

For more information on the “Hope for Homeowners” seminar, contact the Sarasota Call Center at 941-861-5000 or visit the Sarasota County Web site at www.scgov.net/HomeHelp.

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