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County recognizes National Flood Safety Awareness Week

The recent heavy rains that caused localized street flooding served as a reminder of the security a flood insurance policy provides as county staff involved with floodplain issues celebrated National Flood Safety Awareness Week from March 15-19.

Flooding is one of the most common weather hazards in Florida and can cause extensive property damage. Because of Sarasota County's proactive approach to mitigate risks from flooding, residents enjoy a Class 5 rating in the community rating system of the National Flood Insurance Program, which means county residents receive up to \$6.3 million annually in national flood insurance discounts.

For more information, visit the county's Web site at www.scgov.net and search for flood protection or flood maps updates using the County A-Z tab or call the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000.

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