The Twin Lakes Park Gardens in Sarasota are a collection of Florida-friendly demonstration gardens maintained by the University of Florida IFAS Extension and Sarasota County. Located within Twin Lakes Park, the gardens showcase sustainable landscaping practices, native and Florida-adapted plants, pollinator habitats, and water-wise gardening techniques. Visitors can enjoy walking through the beautifully designed garden areas while learning practical ideas for home landscapes that support wildlife, conserve resources, and thrive in Florida's climate.

The Sarasota Lawn Bowling Club is a welcoming community organization that promotes the sport of lawn bowling in a friendly and social environment. Located in Sarasota, the club offers lessons for beginners, regular play for experienced bowlers, croquet activities, tournaments, and community events. Open to people of all ages and skill levels, the club provides opportunities for recreation, exercise, and fellowship while introducing residents and visitors to one of the world's oldest lawn sports.

The Sarasota County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) serves as the county's central command center for coordinating emergency preparedness, response, and recovery efforts during hurricanes, severe weather events, and other disasters. Working closely with public safety agencies, first responders, local governments, healthcare providers, and community organizations, the EOC helps protect residents and visitors through disaster planning, resource coordination, emergency communications, and public information. Its mission is to ensure a rapid, organized, and effective response to emergencies while supporting the community's recovery and resilience.

The Family Heritage House Museum in Bradenton is an African American history and cultural museum that preserves and shares the stories, achievements, and contributions of African Americans in Manatee and Sarasota counties. Located on the State College of Florida campus, the museum features exhibits, artifacts, photographs, and educational resources that promote cultural understanding, local history, and community pride.

The Sarasota Fire Safety House is an educational resource used by the Sarasota County Fire Department to teach children, families, and community members essential fire prevention and life-safety skills. Through interactive demonstrations and hands-on experiences, visitors learn how to prevent fires, recognize hazards, create home escape plans, and respond safely in emergency situations. The program supports the fire department's mission of promoting public safety through education, helping residents develop the knowledge and confidence needed to protect themselves and their families.

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Senior Friendship Centers of Sarasota is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping older adults remain active, healthy, and engaged in their communities. Through fitness classes, educational programs, social activities, healthy meals, caregiving support, and resources for aging, the organization promotes lifelong wellness and independence. Its programs provide opportunities for seniors to build friendships, stay connected, and access services that enhance their quality of life.

The Anna Maria Island Historical Society is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and sharing the unique history of Anna Maria Island and its communities. Through its free museum and historical park, visitors can explore exhibits featuring historic photographs, artifacts, and local stories, as well as tour landmarks such as the restored Belle Haven Cottage and the iconic Old City Jail. The society helps residents and visitors connect with the island's rich heritage and cultural tradition.

The Herrig Center for the Arts is a nonprofit arts organization in downtown Bradenton dedicated to enriching the community through visual arts, education, and creative expression. Offering a wide variety of classes, workshops, and exhibitions for artists of all ages and skill levels, the center provides opportunities to learn, create, and showcase artwork. With its galleries, classrooms, art resources, and gift shop featuring local artists, the Herrig Center fosters creativity, lifelong learning, and community engagement while serving as an important cultural destination in Manatee County.

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