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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. As President of the United States, George Washington proclaimed the first nation-wide thanksgiving celebration in America marking November 26, 1789, "as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer ...". In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.

We wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving! The Palmer Ranch Master Association office will be closed on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day and the following Friday, to reopen on Monday, November 30th at 8am.

News You Can Use

TWO PUBLIC MEETINGS PLANNED FOR SARASOTA COUNTY PARKS MASTER PLAN DISCUSSION

Community members are invited to share their thoughts on the future of Sarasota County's parks, preserves and reserves at two upcoming public workshops. The workshops will feature previews of the forthcoming parks long range plan, which is aimed at preserving, protecting and enhancing some of our community's most valuable resources. The process started in 2015 and is expected to be completed next year. The county has heard from you, your friends, neighbors and colleagues regarding needs; now please help them develop the direction of the final plan. The workshops will be held at the following locations:

- **5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 8,** at Gulf Gate Public Library, 7112 Curtiss Ave., Sarasota.
- **5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 9,** at Woodmere Park, 3951 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice.

For more information, call the Sarasota County Contact Center at (941) 861-5000.

Plant of the Month

DWARF VARIEGATED ARBORICOLA (SCHEFFLERA ARBORICOLA "TRINETTE")

Arboricola is a sturdy, long-lived plant that requires only minimal maintenance, is a dwarf version of the umbrella tree plant. These hardy plants rarely flower as foliage plants, but may produce clusters of round orange-red berries if left unpruned in the landscape. Tropical evergreen plants from Taiwan, the arboricola grow complete with branch roots that give them a small Banyan tree look. Outdoors, pest problems are rare for these drought and heat tolerant plants, and while a frost may cause leaf drop, they will come back when the temperature is once again warm.





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Grounds Corner

SARASOTA COUNTY TREE TRIMMING

County crews continue trimming street trees along the county-owned roadways of Palmer Ranch. Crews will be starting work along McIntosh Road, and will be working in this area for the coming weeks. Please use caution in work areas.

Community Spotlight

THE HAMPTONS ON PALMER RANCH

The Hamptons on Palmer Ranch is a community surrounded by the scenic beauty of pristine nature preserves. The main entrance is on Honore Avenue, south of Clark Road. Developed and built between 1998 and 2002 by Lennar Homes, The Hamptons is unique in that it is comprised of three subdivisions; South Hamptons, North Hamptons and West Hamptons totaling 254 homes. West Hamptons is the only gated community consisting of 57 larger homes. There are lakes, wetlands and nature preserves throughout the community, which are home to birds and other wildlife. The Hamptons has an active social calendar. The large, heated community pool with two covered patio areas, chaise lounges and tables is something of a community magnet.

