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HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM PALMER RANCH

We wish you and your family all the best during this Holiday Season! The Master Association office will be closed Thursday, December 24 thru Friday, December 25, reopening at 8am on Monday, December 28.

Community Spotlight

MIRA LAGO



Mira Lago is a maintenance-free, gated community in the northwest corner of Palmer Ranch, close to the entrance off Beneva Road. It is comprised of 18 townhomes and 165 free standing villa homes, ranging in size from approximately 1500 to 2400 square feet. There are four lakes and many residences have lake or preserve views. This community also offers a community pool, spa, and rest rooms, all of which were remodeled last year. There is one HOA for the entire neighborhood.

Mira Lago residents are a diverse group; some are seasonal residents but the majority live there year-round. Members come from many different states and countries, including Canada, England, Germany, France, and Switzerland - to name a few. Some residents are fully retired, others work part time, and some are still involved in full-time careers. The holidays and spring break are always busy since many families have children and grandchildren that come to visit.

Residents at Mira Lago enjoy varied social activities and interests including a Sunday Social once a month at someone's home where everyone brings an appetizer and they have a lot of fun. There is also a Brunch, often held at Stoneybrook Golf and Country Club, as well as a Holiday Dinner Party at TPC Prestancia. Many residents play cards or mahjong and there are various groups. We also have golfers, bikers, and tennis players. Many go to the "Y" or You Fit, a few go to Tai Chi. Many residents volunteer across a wide spectrum of settings.

Mira Lago is a pet friendly neighborhood and dog walking time is a daily social event. There are even two dogs that have retired from Southeastern Guide Dog as breeding dogs. There is quite an assortment of small to large dogs who love to meet each other when going for walks. Neighbors include a family of otters that frolic in their lakes as well as many wading birds, including Wood Storks and Roseate Spoonbills. Mira Lago is lovely place to live with a strong identity and a sense of community. The environment is beautiful and the people are indeed special!



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Grounds Corner

TURF

Unseasonably warm temperatures have promoted turf weeds in median areas throughout the property. Next week, weather permitting, you'll note limited areas where turf is being replaced and/or other areas browned out in preparation for replacement.

Palm of the month

SYLVESTRIE PALM (PHOENIX SYLVESTRIS)

This native of India is very cold hardy and is chosen for its drought tolerance and fairly slow growth. The Sylvestrie Palm has a solitary robust trunk with the typical diamond-shaped pattern created by leaf scars and is swollen at the base. Sometimes called the Indian Date Palm, it requires some trimming of old dead leaves which otherwise tend to make a “skirt”. Without a crownshaft, silvery blue-green fronds emerge from the patterned trunk having sharp spines at the base of large pinnate, feather-shaped, leaves. Location: *McIntosh, Honore*



For Your Calendar

- FLORIDA SCRUB JAY FESTIVAL – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2016
- LEGACY TRAIL RUN – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2016

*Do you have Community Events, free and open to anyone on Palmer Ranch?
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