

PALMER RANCH

PALMER RANCH MASTER PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

YEAR IN REVIEW 2015

**2015 PALMER RANCH MASTER
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
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Residential Trustee:
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Residential Trustee:
Position currently vacant



**PALMER RANCH MASTER
ASSOCIATION LAUNCHED NEW
WEBSITE!**

Palmer Ranch Master Association proudly announced the launch of its new and improved website: www.PalmerRanch.net. Not only is the new website colorful, it's also full of great information. Want to know what types of flora and fauna can be found in the common areas of Palmer Ranch? You can easily scroll through pictures and descriptions of the palms, trees and plants. Did you miss the last issue of the *On the Ranch Newsletter*? You can easily find previous issues in the 'On the Ranch' section found on the home page.

**PALMER RANCH MASTER
ASSOCIATION IS ON FACEBOOK!**

See notifications, photos, the On the Ranch Newsletter, and more ...

NEW COMMUNITIES

It's been yet another busy year for new developments on Palmer Ranch. *Cobblestone*, by Taylor Morrison, located on McIntosh Road at the intersection of Sawyer Loop Road opened this year. Additionally, on the south end of Honore Avenue, you'll soon be seeing Taylor Morrison's *Legacy Estates* and DiVosta's *Hammock Preserve* coming soon!

**PALMER RANCH HONORED BY
SARASOTA GARDEN CLUB WITH CIVIC
BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS**

The Sarasota Garden Club, for over fifty years, has encouraged the beautification of the Sarasota community by recognizing outstanding landscaping. Each year, awards are presented for the landscaping of public areas and buildings. Members of the Civic Beautification Committee canvas Sarasota County looking for outstanding landscaping. This year, four awards were presented to Palmer Ranch: Palmer Ranch Master Property Owners Association, Turtle Rock, VillageWalk and Mercedes Benz of Sarasota. (Pictured below are representatives from Palmer Ranch Master Association Board and Management Office, as well as Blooming Landscape.)



GROUNDS

PALMER RANCH ANNUAL COLOR

Winter Geraniums
Summer Pentas
Fall Coleus



FALL MAINTENANCE

The Palmer Ranch fall landscape maintenance in the county rights of way included:

- Palm pruning
- Mulch preparation
- Mulch installation
- Spreading rye seed

ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

BOUGAINVILLEA AND COLORED TREES



It is part of what makes Palmer Ranch such an extraordinary community, renowned for its quintessential beauty! At their meeting in May, the Board of

Trustees voted unanimously to pump up the color along the major roadways in Palmer Ranch. The project was completed in stages, with work continuing throughout the summer. In addition to other areas on Palmer Ranch, the enhancement project will include all Cabbage Palm beds in the medians of Honore Avenue, McIntosh Road, Central Sarasota Pkwy, and west side of McIntosh Road from Palmer Ranch Parkway West to Sarasota Square Boulevard.



IN JULY, PALMER RANCH HAD 13.47 INCHES OF RAIN!!

Rainfall is monitored regularly in three areas on the Palmer Ranch property: on Sawyer Loop Road behind Mercedes Benz, along Honore Avenue at VillageWalk, and where McIntosh Road meets US 41. It is not your imagination! This was the rainiest July in the past ten years!



CENTRAL SARASOTA PARKWAY FLASHING LIGHTS AT THE LEGACY TRAIL

Many pedestrians and cyclists are **pushing the button** to activate the flashing lights at the Legacy Trail crossing at Central Sarasota Parkway.



From the Friends of the Legacy Trail: Trail users must first heed the stop sign on The Legacy Trail. After stopping, press the button on the side of the trail to activate the crossing lights, alerting drivers that you intend to cross. Make eye contact with drivers to confirm vehicles are slowing or stopping before entering the intersection. Florida law grants cyclists on a crosswalk the same rights and responsibilities as pedestrians. Drivers are required to yield to pedestrians in the cross walk. The purpose of the flashing white lights is to alert motorists that there is someone entering the crosswalk and they must yield.

COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION DAY 2015

Several Community Associations had representatives attending the 2015 Community Associations Day, sponsored by the West Florida Chapter of the Community Association Institute (CAI). The annual educational expo and tradeshow was held on Wednesday, March 11th at the Bradenton Area Convention Center.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUPS ON PALMER RANCH

Brookdale Deer Creek FKA: Clare Bridge of Sarasota, 8450 McIntosh Road, hosted an Alzheimer's Support Group meeting monthly on Tuesdays.

Brookdale Palmer Ranch FKA: Palmer Ranch Healthcare, Assisted Living and Memory Care, 5111 Palmer Ranch Parkway hosted monthly meetings of their Wednesday Alzheimer Support Group.

The Heron Club at Prestancia, the assisted living facility located across from Westfield Sarasota Square at 3749 Sarasota Square Boulevard, hosted Alzheimer's Support Group monthly.



SAR-

ASOTA SPRINGFEST

775 runners took off at 7:30 am March 7 for the ninth and final Sarasota SPRINGFEST 5K & 12K. Over 100 groups and organizations were on site with health care, horticulture, home interests, county services, summer camp programs, businesses and not for profits – it was a little bit of everything.

SPRINGFEST 2015 presented a donation of \$25,000 to SAL, the youth programs of the Sheriff's Activities League resulting from the generous support of the Palmer Ranch community, sponsors, vendors, and runners from this year's event.

COVENANT LIFE CHURCH

Covenant Life Church, 8490 McIntosh Road, extended an invitation to everyone to join them for Easter Services in March, as well as their annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Services on December 24.

TPC PRESTANCIA HOSTED CHARITY GOLF EVENT

TPC Prestancia hosted the nonprofit PGA charity 'Birdies for the Brave' golf tournament. 'Birdies for the Brave' is a military outreach initiative dedicated to supporting the brave men and women of the US Armed Forces and their families.

CIVICS 101

This year, several Palmer Ranch residents attended Sarasota County government's popular Civics 101 program, an 11-week program that introduces people to the operations and services of the Sarasota County government.

NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT WORKSHOPS

Palmer Ranch residents attended grant orientation workshops for the Sarasota County Neighborhood Grant Program. The program supports the county's initiative to preserve and enhance the quality of life in county neighborhoods by providing matching grants to neighborhoods to help fund improvement projects.



COMMUNITY GARAGE SALES

It was a triple hit for Community Garage Sales, November 7th! Residents in the communities of Stonebridge, The Hamp- tons and Wellington Chase hosted their annual joint community garage sales.



SPLASH BASH EVENT AT YMCA ON PALMER RANCH

The Evalyn Sadlier Jones YMCA at 8301 Potter Park Drive is hosted a Splash Bash - what a great time!!

VETERANS DAY BAZAAR

21 artisans from Stoneybrook, locals and the Ringling School of Art were seen at the Veterans Day Bazaar held **Monday, November 9th** at Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club. There were homemade items galore with cards, golf cart covers, jewelry of all kinds, shirts, scarves, etc., etc. The Charity Flea Market was a great hit with new or gently used items with all proceeds going to the All Faiths Food Bank!

STONEYBROOK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club invited Palmer Ranch residents to enjoy golf and dining.



Potter Park Volunteers

POTTER PARK WORK SESSIONS

Throughout the year, volunteers were sought to help with maintenance of Potter Park, located on the east side of Potter Park Drive.

SPECIAL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Friends of Potter Park group was selected as an award winner for the 27th Annual Keep Sarasota County Beautiful Volunteer Awards Recognition Dinner. This event provides an opportunity to recognize notable efforts throughout the county that promote environmental stewardship and innovation through education and action, and to say thank you to the Sarasota County volunteers. **Con- gratulations!!**

BINGO AT STONEYBROOK – EVERY TUESDAY!

Every Tuesday from 5:30pm to 9pm, Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club featured BINGO!!

FIRE RESCUE STATION #15 ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

In January, one was able to see what our local Firefighters and Paramedics do for our Community!

PORTRAIT OF A BRIDE

P.E.O (Philanthropic Education Organi- zation) International’s Chapter IZ, a nonprofit organization hosted a “Portrait of a Bride”, a social history of American Woman as told through their Wedding Finery. Held at Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club, attendees were able to view an exquisite display of 40 wedding gowns from 1886 to present.

TWO PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD FOR SARASOTA COUNTY PARKS MASTER PLAN DISCUSSION

Community members were invited to share their thoughts on the future of Sar- asota County's parks, preserves and re- serves at two public workshops. The workshops featured 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.



Friends of Potter Park LAND PRESERVATION

