

ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – MARCH 18, 2016

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SANDHILL CRANE COLTS SEASON

We hope you enjoy this picture taken on Palmer Ranch by our Sarasota neighbor, Scott Ritter. Scott is an avid bicycler and photographer. He first saw the nesting Sandhill Crane while bicycling Honore Avenue Phase 5, returning daily to wait for this singularly unique photo. Shown here is the first of 2 Sandhill Crane hatchlings from a nest on the west side of the 2 lane extension of Honore Avenue, approximately 1.3 miles south of the entrance to Isles of Sarasota and 20 feet from the fence. Sandhill Crane chicks can leave the nest within 8 hours of hatching, and are even capable of swimming. They fledge off the nest within a day, making this photo even more extraordinary. We're sincerely grateful to Scott for allowing Palmer Ranch use of this photo.



BRAZILIAN PEPPER TRIM

Landscape workers will be trimming Brazilian Pepper trees throughout Palmer Ranch the week of **March 21st**, weather permitting. *Please use caution when driving in active work zones.*

TURTLE ROCK RESIDENTS CURATING HOUSE CONCERT SERIES

Imagine if you could listen to a new emerging artist or singer songwriter in the comfort of your living room. Turtle Rock residents Paul & Francine Schatz have created this atmosphere with a series of not-for-profit House Concerts at the Turtle Rock Community Center, located at 8500 Turtle Rock Boulevard. Seating is limited and RSVP is required. To RSVP, email Paul Schatz at Pschatzy@gmail.com.

Singer songwriter *Jason Wilber* appears on **Sunday, March 20th**. Doors open at 6:30pm for the 7:00pm concert. Suggested donation is \$20 per adult. For information about *Jason Wilber*, visit: www.JasonWilber.com.

Versatile Arizona-based duo *Ryanhood* will appear on **Wednesday, March 30th**. Doors open at 6:45pm and the music will begin at 7:15pm. Suggested donation is \$15 per adult. For information about *Ryanhood*, visit: www.Ryanhood.com.



YOU ARE INVITED TO AN EASTER EGG HUNT

Covenant Life Church, located at 8490 McIntosh Road, is hosting their Annual Easter Egg Hunt for children on **Saturday, March 26 at 10:00 am**. Children though the 5th grade are invited to participate, but everyone is welcome to attend!



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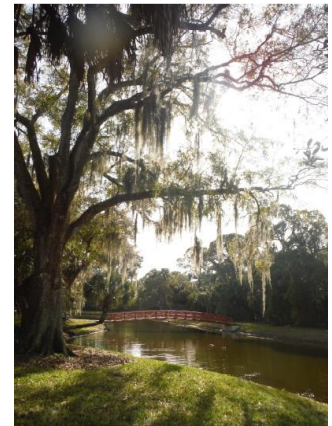
Community Spotlight

TURTLE ROCK



Turtle Rock is a very unique community with Palmer Ranch. Visitors are greeted at one of two attended, gated entrances located at Palmer Ranch Parkway on the north and Central Sarasota Parkway on the south. Of the total 758 single-family residences, 266 enjoy superb lake-front views on one of the 17 serene lakes, another 293 border one of the over 20 natural preserves. The interconnected lakes and ponds can be accessed by residents for canoeing or fishing, and a maintained 1.4 mile hiking Nature Trail winds through a preserve that includes centuries-old mesic hammocks along the western border of the property. The community recreation area is located just inside the south entrance and includes a swimming pool, two hard surface tennis courts, a basketball court, a fenced-in playground, and an outdoor fitness area. The Community Center with large lakefront covered patio is used by the various social clubs, may be reserved by residents for private get-togethers, and houses the office of an on-site Property Manager and Administrative Assistant.

Turtle Rock has a legacy of being “green.” Developed in 1993 with preservation of ecologically sensitive wetlands and waterways in mind, the association places ongoing focus on environmental efforts. Wetlands and preserve areas conscientiously maintained using certified vendors, and common area landscaping has recently been updated using native, colorful vegetation. Over seven years ago, Turtle Rock led the way to providing clean energy by switching its 200+ streetlights to solar power. Neighborhood volunteers applied for and received a grant from the county to install a butterfly garden and aquatic plants along the edge of a pond which help filter out contaminants. A geothermal pool heater was installed some years ago, and the recently remodeled community center has low-emission thermopane impact windows which reduce electricity consumption and can withstand a Cat5 hurricane. The association’s diligent financial management has led to well-funded reserves and an operating budget supported by a modest quarterly fee which has remained steady (and even gone down) over many years.



While Turtle Rock’s physical aspects--spread over 576 acres--are truly spectacular, it is the tremendous sense of community pride which really sets Turtle Rock apart from other communities. With a great mix of young families, professionals, and retirees, there are plenty of activities one can choose to become involved in, and residents feel a sense of belonging. There are several benches for walkers to stop and enjoy the

tranquil landscape, with nearby bulletin boards to keep neighbors informed of happenings. When residents are not socializing, they can increase their knowledge by attending one of the monthly presentations organized by the Turtle Rock Academy, celebrating its 5th anniversary this month. One needs only to spend a short amount of time within the gates of this neighborhood to feel the harmony and understand why Turtle Rock is considered one of the premier communities in Sarasota.





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Sarasota County – Notice of Public Hearing

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Sarasota County Planning and Development Services wants you to know that the property owner near you has applied for: **1) Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) No. 2015-C; 2) Notification of Proposed Change (NOPC) No. 4 to Palmer Ranch Increment IV; and 3) Rezone Petition No. 15-23** to rezone approximately 21 acres from PCD (Planned Commerce Development) to RMF-2/PUD (Residential, Multi-Family/Planned Unit Development, 9 units/acre) zone district, for the development of 140 multi-family homes.

The **Sarasota County Commission** will hold a public hearing beginning at **1:30 p.m.**, or soon thereafter as possible on, **March 22, 2016**, at the **Sarasota County Administration Center, County Commission Chamber, 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota, Florida.**

You are invited to appear, be heard, and submit relevant evidence. A complete draft of the proposed ordinances are available during normal business hours in the Planning and Development Services Department at 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota, Florida. Supporting documents will be available the Thursday prior to the public hearing at www.scgov.net, Meetings and Agendas (Meetings on Demand) to view or download.

You are invited to comment on the request by attending the public hearings or submitting your written comments to:

Planning and Development Services Department
1660 Ringling Blvd.
Sarasota, FL 34236
planner@scgov.net
941-861-5000, TTY 7-1-1 or 1-800-955-8771

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