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PALMER RANCH MASTER PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. COMMUNITY CENTER

We are pleased to announce that plans are underway for the Master Association to build a much needed Community Center on Palmer Ranch.

Palmer Ranch is growing fast and we are building a home to call our own. There are currently 31 communities on the Ranch with over 10,000 residences and 20,000 people. Several thousand additional units are in various stages of building and development.

The Community Center will be used by the Master Association and our member communities for board and other meetings and a variety of events and activities. It will also be used as an office for our management team and staff who are now located in a rental unit not on Palmer Ranch.

It is the goal of the Master Association to encourage residents to develop inter-community clubs and organizations that will take advantage of this facility. Examples include: book clubs, card groups, arts & crafts clubs, women's clubs, men's clubs, bingo, trivia, mah jong, senior groups, yoga, line dancing, youth & teen organizations, educational and religious groups, gardening clubs, quilting, service organizations, etc. Also, the facility will be used for special gatherings, holiday activities and social events.

The Community Center will be an 8,000 square foot single-story Mediterranean style building. The Community Center will be located at the southeast corner of Palmer Ranch Parkway and Beneva Road. This 14.3 acre parcel is already owned by the Master Association.

The Community Center will be a beautiful, well landscaped facility and will provide a 'focal point' for Palmer Ranch. There will be a covered lanai, wooded preservation area, ponds and a lawn area for activities.

The Community Center will provide multiple meeting rooms which can be opened up for one large room which can seat up to 200 people. It will have a catering style kitchen for events. There will be parking available for over 100 vehicles. The facility will not be available for rent.

The Community Center will not include a swimming pool, fitness center, ball fields or playing courts.

Last fall, all of our community leaders were invited to see the concept plan of the project and to share their thoughts with our planners. Of the 24 communities that responded, 23 were in favor of the Community Center. Several offered many great ideas which have been incorporated into the plan. Based on this overwhelming positive response, the Master Association Board of Trustees voted to move forward on the Community Center.

The good news for Palmer Ranch residents is that the project will be paid for by using a small amount of everyone's Master Association annual dues over a period of years. There are no plans to raise these dues or to have a special assessment for the project.

We have hired Stantec Engineering and the architectural firm of Fawley/Bryant to work on the project. In January of this year, Stantec was asked to provide an ecological survey of the property. Included in the survey was a site visit in order to inspect the area for the potential of regulated habitats or utilization by protected species. Every step will be taken to protect both regulated habitats and wildlife.

We estimate that the project will be completed by the winter of 2017.

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