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JULY 4TH - MASTER ASSOCIATION OFFICE CLOSED

The Master Association office will be closed **Monday, July 4th**, in honor of Independence Day and will reopen on Tuesday, July 5th at 8:00 am. On Palmer Ranch, smaller US flags have been set out to celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence on the Fourth of July in 1776. Have a safe and sunny Fourth of July!

Nature & Wildlife on Palmer Ranch

This week we are featuring a photo of a Sandhill Crane with a chick, seen visiting the ranch.

If you've pictures you'd like to share, please email your photos to Carrie at carrie@palmerranch.net. Please include your name, species and location of where the photo was taken.



Photo credit: Jim Sherry

Community Spotlight

RECREATIONAL MEMBERS ON PALMER RANCH

YMCA – EVALYN SADLIER JONES BRANCH
8301 Potter Park Drive



TPC AT PRESTANCIA
4409 Tournament Players Club Drive



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News You Can Use

TRMMING WORK IN THE AREA OF MCINTOSH AT DEER CREEK

Next week, weather permitting, workers will be trimming the hedges in areas of the sidewalk on the east side of McIntosh Road, north and south of the intersection with Sarasota Square Boulevard. Please use caution in active work zones.

TURF REFURBISHMENT STARTING THE WEEK OF JULY 5TH

Next week, work will begin on turf refurbishment projects in the medians on Honore Avenue, near the Fire Station as well as the second median west of McIntosh Road on Sarasota Square Boulevard.

Natural Assets – Beemats

WHAT ARE BEEMATS?

Beemats are a floating wetland designed to remove excess nutrients from water, using plants. As plants grow, excess nutrients in the water are taken up and stored in their tissues. Periodic harvesting of the mature plants prevents the stored nutrients from re-entering the water body when the plants die and decompose.

Steve Beeman, M.S., President of Beemats, has worked with native Florida plant communities for 39 years. He was a founding member of the Florida Association of Environmental Professionals and the Association of Florida Native Nurseries. He is a member of the Florida Nurserymen, Growers and Landscape Association (FNGLA) and has authored and co-authored several papers and publications related to coastal ecosystems, native Florida plants, creating wetlands and vegetating shorelines.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR to see Mr. Beeman's presentation on Beemats, 3 PM Tuesday, July 19th at Covenant Life Church, 8490 McIntosh Road on Palmer Ranch. Presented by the Palmer Ranch Master Property Owners Association.





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CELEBRATE PARKS & RECREATION MONTH IN JULY

Get ready to discover your super powers this July with Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). NRPA and Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources are encouraging everyone to get out there to experience the power of parks and recreation for themselves. Parks on Palmer Ranch include:

LEGACY TRAIL



The Legacy Trail is the largest public recreation project ever constructed in the area. Totalling more than 10 miles in length the trail runs from just south of the city of Sarasota to Venice following the former CSX railroad corridor. The Legacy Trail is the backbone of network of trails planned in Sarasota County. The trail head, of this linear park which bisects Palmer Ranch, is located off McIntosh Road. Legacy Trail is open from dawn to dusk with the rules for using the trail posted at various locations.

POTTER PARK

Potter Park is a beautiful 37-acre neighborhood park conveniently located on Palmer Ranch. Potter Park is a neighbor to the Evalyn Sadlier Jones YMCA and shares a unique partnership in that a variety of recreational opportunities are available in one location. Picnic pavilion with grill, large gazebo with grill, open-area picnic tables, shaded playground, outdoor basketball courts, 4 lighted tennis courts, open play field, restrooms as well as nature & recreation trails.



CULVERHOUSE NATURE PARK & COMMUNITY GARDEN



This 82-acre park, located on McIntosh Road, provides recreational opportunities such as access to the Legacy Trail, a community garden, picnic areas and open space to enjoy nature.

STONEBROOK NATURE TRAIL

A one mile, eight foot wide, concrete trail that meanders through a natural Florida setting running parallel to Central Sarasota Parkway. The park is suitable for walking, running, bicycling, birding and other nature-based studies. The 5-acre park consists of a paved trail, boardwalk and observation deck.

