



## ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – JULY 8, 2016

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### In The News - Algae

Fortunately, our area has not been, nor is it expected to be, affected by release of algae and nutrients from Lake Okeechobee. For others it is an environmental disaster.

What can we do to be better environmental stewards? . . . For years many assumed nutrient levels in ponds and lakes within communities on Palmer Ranch were self-sustaining. Unfortunately, they are not. Like all water bodies, from the size of a fish tank up, they require an understanding of nutrient accumulation and the need for a management plan to reduce it.

Beemats are a floating wetland designed to remove excess nutrients from water using plants. As plants grow, excess nutrients 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. They also serve as shelter for juvenile fish and a resting place for aquatic birds.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR for 3 PM Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at Covenant Life Church, 8490 McIntosh Road on Palmer Ranch for a presentation on floating aquatic islands called BEEMATS by Mr. Steve Beeman, President of Beemats.** Presented by the Palmer Ranch Master Property Owners Association.

**Seating is Limited. Please RSVP including your name, community and number of attendees by Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> to [carrie@palmerranch.net](mailto:carrie@palmerranch.net)**



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### ***Nature & Wildlife on Palmer Ranch***

This week we are featuring photos of birds seen visiting the community of *Turtle Rock on Palmer Ranch*. If you've pictures you'd like to share, please email your photos to Carrie at [carrie@palmerranch.net](mailto:carrie@palmerranch.net). Please include your name, species and location of where the photo was taken.



*Annual swarm*



*Black Crowned Night Heron*



*Great Blue Heron*



*White Pelicans*





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### News You Can Use

#### PALMER RANCH MASTER ASSOCIATION STAFF HAVE NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES!

Please use these email addresses to get in touch with us.

Tracy Smith – Community Manager: [tracy@palmerranch.net](mailto:tracy@palmerranch.net)

Rick Barth – Grounds Manager: [rick@palmerranch.net](mailto:rick@palmerranch.net)

Carrie Agosto – Administrative Assistant: [carrie@palmerranch.net](mailto:carrie@palmerranch.net)

#### STONEBROOK GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB IS HOSTING A PALMER RANCH APPRECIATION DAY

Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club, located at 8801 Stoneybrook Blvd., is hosting a Palmer Ranch Appreciation Day on **Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 6pm**. Complimentary appetizers, drink specials and door prizes will be offered. Reservations are required. Call (941) 918-9595 for more information or to RSVP.

#### SARASOTA COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

## Notice of Public Hearings

Sarasota County Planning and Development Services wants you to know that the property owner near you has applied for: 1) Notification of Proposed Change (NOPC) No. 20 to Palmer Ranch Development of Regional Impact Master Development Order; 2) NOPC No. 5 to Palmer Ranch Increment IV; and 3) Amendment to Palmer Ranch 2014 Transportation Reanalysis to expand the boundary of Palmer Ranch by adding approximately 935 acres, reallocating between existing approved uses, density, and intensity, to add 2,650 units, and updating the master development plan map, development order conditions, and transportation reanalysis accordingly.

The Sarasota County Commission will hold the public hearings beginning at **9:00 a.m.**, or soon thereafter as possible on, **July 13, 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 and resolution 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](http://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., 1st Floor  
Sarasota, FL 34236  
[planner@scgov.net](mailto:planner@scgov.net)  
941-861-5000, TTY 7-1-1 or 1-800-955-8771

