



ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – JULY 15, 2016

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Nature & Wildlife on Palmer Ranch

This week we are featuring a photo of a Green Heron seen visiting *Oscar Scherer Park*. 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: Scott Ritter



News You Can Use

PALMER RANCH MASTER ASSOCIATION STAFF HAVE NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES!

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

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LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENTS ON NORTHRIDGE AND SAWYER LOOP

Next week, weather permitting, crews will begin work on the most recent Board approved enhancement project. Areas of enhancement will include Northridge Road as well as the intersection of Sawyer Loop and Northridge. Parsoni Juniper will be removed and replaced with alternating beds of Variegated Arboricola and Green Arboricola. Please use caution in active work zones.

STONEBROOK GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB HOSTING PALMER RANCH APPRECIATION DAY – TONIGHT!

Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club, located at 8801 Stoneybrook Blvd., is hosting a Palmer Ranch Appreciation Day **TONIGHT, July 15th 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.

BINGO AND TRIVIA NIGHTS HOSTED BY STONEYBROOK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club, located at 8801 Stoneybrook Blvd., is hosting Bingo Night **Thursday, July 21st** and Friday Night Trivia **Friday, July 22nd**. Call (941) 918-9595 for more information or to RSVP.



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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 19th 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.

Last chance to RSVP!

Please RSVP including your name, community and number of attendees to carrie@palmerranch.net

