



ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 28, 2016

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Special Notice

DEADLINE EXTENDED....

There's still time, if you want to make a difference in your environmental future by joining the Master Association's Natural Assets Committee. This committee will meet monthly, with meetings lasting one hour.

Experience is not necessary.... We have a strong team of environmental consultants to advise the committee.....Needed, are leaders with sincere interest in a variety of topics, including:



To be considered, please email a brief outline of your interests with your willingness to serve by **November 15th** to Carrie Agosto at the Master Association office: carrie@palmerranch.net.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

We hope your Halloween is a spirited one! Please drive with care in neighborhoods with ghosts and goblins trick or treating.

News You Can Use

ISLES OF SARASOTA FALL FESTIVAL FINE ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

Mark your Calendar! Isles of Sarasota is holding an annual fine arts & crafts fair **Saturday, November 5th from 9am – 1pm**. This event is open to the public and will be held at the Isles Town Center, 5901 Benevento Drive. Everyone is invited to come and shop!



MULTI-COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE ON PALMER RANCH – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

Stonebridge, Hamptons and Wellington Chase communities will have their garage sale on **Saturday, November 12th**! Don't miss out on some great bargains!

STONEBROOK GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB - BINGO & BUFFET NIGHT HAS MOVED TO TUESDAY NIGHTS!

Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club, 8801 Stoneybrook Blvd., is hosting Bingo night every Tuesday night through the season! Call (941) 918-9595 for more information or to RSVP.

HERON CLUB AT PRESTANCIA HOSTING MONTHLY ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Heron Club, 3749 Sarasota Square Blvd., is hosting their monthly Alzheimer's Support Group on **Tuesday, November 15th at 10:30am**. For more information Contact Laurie Blackwell at (941)922-1669.



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PALMER RANCH PAW PARK – STATUS UPDATE

Several Palmer Ranch residents as well as representatives of the Palmer Ranch Master Association have pursued the goal of establishing a paw park on or in the vicinity of Palmer Ranch since 2014. Unfortunately, this goal has not yet been achieved in spite of those efforts. At this time there is no clear indication of when a paw park will be established. The following is a summary of efforts to date and report on the current status.

The following sites for a paw park on Palmer Ranch have been explored and have been found to be unsuitable because of the details listed below.

1. Potter Park. This location was the first site considered when the initiative was started in April of 2014. The only feasible area for a dog park is in the southeast section of the park. This area is preservation area, and no development of any kind is permitted.
2. Culverhouse Nature Park. There is ample room in this 82-acre tract with access and parking currently available. However, Sarasota County is very reluctant to develop a paw park here because of reservations involving deed restrictions and the existence of a wildlife corridor.
3. Tract 604. This 6.3-acre tract on the northwest corner of Palmer Ranch Parkway West and McIntosh is zoned for a park. However, the land is owned by Palmer Ranch Holdings, not Sarasota County. Sarasota County Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Department has determined that development of this land for a paw park would be very difficult and expensive. Major problems foreseen are vehicular access, land preparation, environmental study, and clearing.

Recently, two linear tracts of land owned by Sarasota County on Honore near the Scherer-Thaxton Preserve were being considered as a possible site. The land is between Honore and I-75 and not near any community. One tract of land was 6.9 acres which is sufficient for a paw park with adequate land for parking. However, there are no shade trees, and the land is low and susceptible to flooding. Pursuit of this land for a paw park is unlikely.

One can see that citizen input to the selection of a site for a paw park in or near Palmer Ranch has been fraught with disappointment. Our extensive interaction with Sarasota County has made them keenly aware that there is definitely a pressing desire and need for a paw park on or near Palmer Ranch. It is also evident that the actual selection of the site is something that can be done only by Sarasota County Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Department personnel who are committed to finding a suitable site. Palmer Ranch Master Association will remain in contact with the county to monitor progress. After a feasible site has been found, a committee of Palmer Ranch members will be assembled to work with the county in developing the final plan for implementation.



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Did you know!?

Did you know that you can visit the Palmer Ranch Master Association website to view the documents of Palmer Ranch!? Just visit www.PalmerRanch.net, click the Resources tab on the top of the home page, click Documents to view the documents of Palmer Ranch.

