



ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 6, 2017

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News You Can Use



SARASOTA COUNTY ADDED SIGNAGE TO STOP SIGNS ON CENTRAL SARASOTA PARKWAY AT HONORE AVENUE INTERSECTION

Cross Traffic Does Not Stop signage has been added to the new lighted stop signs on Central Sarasota Parkway, at the intersection / Honore Avenue.

STONEBROOK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB - WINTER SCHEDULE - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! – FLYER ATTACHED

MOVIE DAY AT THE GLENRIDGE – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Green Team at *The Glenridge on Palmer Ranch* invite you to see the movie *Jumbo Wild* on **Monday, January 9th at 2:30pm** in the theatre at The Glenridge, 7333 Scotland Way. This thoughtful and provocative documentary was filmed in the majestic Canadian Rockies. "Strongly held and divergent viewpoints will grip your intellect and emotions - a pinnacle of environmental reporting." Free admission.

SARASOTA COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD 2017 GRANT WORKSHOPS

Sarasota County's Neighborhood Initiative Grant Program is accepting applications to fund changes that neighborhood groups wish to see in their communities. The program, which was enacted in 2002, provides up to \$10,000 per neighborhood in matching grants. Dates for the next round of Neighborhood Initiative Grant workshops are available at www.scgov.net (keywords: neighborhood grants). Although workshop attendance is mandatory for grant applicants, there is no cost to register, and materials are provided. Deadline for the next round of grant applications is **Tuesday, January 10, 2017**. To learn more about the program or register for a workshop, call the Sarasota County Contact Center at (941) 861-5000 or email neighbor@scgov.net.

FRIENDS OF POTTER PARK WORK SESSION – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11TH

The date of the next Potter Park work session will be **Wednesday, January 11th at 8:30am**. If you would like to get in on the action and help continue to make Potter Park beautiful, please contact Carol at floridacarol6@comcast.net.

SURREY RIDES ON THE LEGACY TRAIL RETURNING



Ready to travel the Legacy Trail? The Surrey Ride Program offers a way for residents and visitors the chance to enjoy Sarasota County's award winning and highly popular Legacy Trail. The program, which is a partnership between Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources and the Friends of the Legacy Trail (FLT), takes place 9 a.m. to noon, each Wednesday and Thursday, from **January 11th through April 20th**. Riders can sit back and enjoy the ride on a four-passenger, four-wheeled canopy covered surrey type bicycle while FLT volunteers provide the 45 minute pedal-powered trips. The ride includes information and history of the Legacy Trail and its surroundings. To pre-register for your free surrey ride, call (941) 486-2757.



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HOMEOWNER EDUCATION FORUM AND MINI TRADE SHOW

CAI West Florida Chapter will be hosting a Homeowner Education Forum and Mini Trade Show on **Thursday, January 12th** at Realtor Association of Sarasota & Manatee North, 10910 Technology Terrace, in Lakewood Ranch.

Now is a great time to obtain the necessary Condo, Co-Op &

HOA Board of Director Certification. Topics will include: *Elections: Requirements & Best Practices; Budgets & Reserves; Records Maintenance, Including Unit Owner Access to Records; and Dispute Resolution.* Cost is free to CAI members and non-members. For more information or to register, visit www.caiwestflorida.org or call (941) 927-1910. Space is limited.

Save the Date

TURTLE ROCK COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Turtle Rock will be having its annual “Trash to Treasure” sale on **Saturday, February 25, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** Gates at both the North (Palmer Ranch Pkwy.) entrance and South (Central Sarasota Pkwy.) entrance will be opened at 8 a.m.



2017 TOUR DE PARKS – SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017

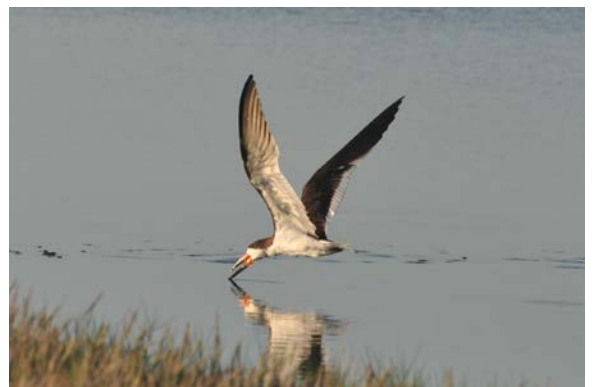
Friends of The Legacy Trail and the Sarasota Manatee Bicycle Club will once again be teaming up to organize this great bike ride next year. The date for the 2017 Tour de Parks ride has been set for **Sunday, March 26, 2017**. More information to follow.

Birding on Palmer Ranch

This week we are kicking off a new photo feature, *Birding on Palmer Ranch*. The week’s photo is of a Black Skimmer seen visiting the grounds of *The Glenridge on Palmer Ranch*. (Photo credit: Fred Brisky)

The strange, uneven bill of the skimmer has a purpose: the bird flies low, with the long lower mandible plowing the water, snapping the bill shut when it contacts a fish. Strictly coastal in most areas of North America, Black Skimmers are often seen resting on sandbars and beaches. Unlike most birds, their eyes have vertical pupils, narrowed to slits to cut the glare of water and white sand. Flocks in flight may turn in unison, with synchronized beats of their long wings. (Courtesy of Audubon Society)

We would like to encourage you to send in your photos of birds seen on Palmer Ranch to feature in future newsletters. 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.





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SARASOTA COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE - PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE SARASOTA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Sarasota County Planning and Development Services Department will hold two public meetings on proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 2015-G. Both meetings will present the same information. **These are not public hearings.** The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public about the content of the proposed amendment and to seek comments and suggestions regarding the amendment.

The public meetings will be held on:

Date: **January 18, 2017**

Time: **6:00 p.m.**

Location: **Gulf Gate Library, 7112 Curtiss Ave., Meeting Room B, Sarasota**

Date: **January 25, 2017**

Time: **6:00 p.m.**

Location: **Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 S. River Rd, Englewood**

The publicly-initiated amendment is related to the required Open Space and Greenbelts for 2050 Village developments, and proposes to revise Policies VOS5.1, VOS1.2.a, and VOS2.1 of the Sarasota County Comprehensive Plan, Future Land Use Chapter, Sarasota 2050 RMA System section, and other policies as necessary.

The amendments could allow the County Commission to:

1. Grant requests for exceptions and/or reduction of the required 500-foot Greenbelt widths of a 2050 Village, with established criteria; and
2. Grant requests to reduce the Open Space of a 2050 Village to less than the required 50%, but to no less than a minimum of 33%, with established criteria.

For more information or to send written comments on the proposed amendment, contact:

Planning and Development Services Department
1660 Ringling Blvd, 1st Floor
Sarasota FL 34236
planner@scgov.net

Please call 941-861-5000 or email planner@scgov.net with your questions.

Stoneybrook Golf and Country Club

of Sarasota on Palmer Ranch

Open to the Public!

America Through Song

Friday, January 20th

Comedy and Musical

Dinner Show with

Jimmy Maaz

Cocktails 6pm-Plated Dinner 7pm

Show 8:30-10:00pm



Join us for Bingo

& Buffet

Every Tuesday Evening

18.95++ Buffet

5.00 for Bingo Pack

For Reservations

941-918-9595

Winter Schedule

- **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!!**
- **Sunday Breakfast Buffet** 9:30am-1:30pm
- **Lunch Service:** Daily 11:00am
- **Dinner Service:** Tuesday-Saturday
5:00pm-8:00pm
- **Bingo & Buffet:** Every Tuesday Night
- **Rib Night:** Every Thursday Evening
Featuring Prime Rib and Baby Back Ribs
 - Luncheons, Dinner Parties, Special Events and Weddings
 - Club Events and Entertainment: Check Calendar

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