



## ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 27, 2017

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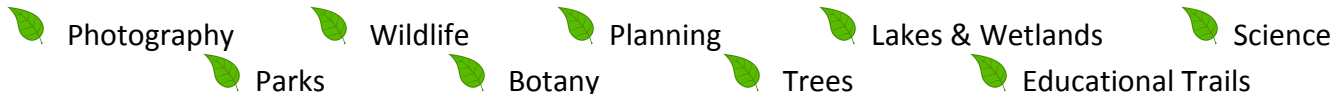
### ***News You Can Use***

#### **PALMER RANCH COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE**

Sarasota County Commissioner approved our community center project at their January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. This is a milestone to be celebrated, in that we are now moving forward with site and development permitting to construct our 6,500 square foot community center at the southeast corner of Palmer Ranch Parkway and Beneva Road. Look for regular updates as the project moves forward, including time-lapse video of our project from start to finish!

#### **PALMER RANCH NATURAL ASSETS COMMITTEE – MEMBER VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!**

There's still time, if someone wants to make a difference in our environmental future by joining the Master Association's Natural Assets Committee. This committee will meet monthly, with meetings lasting one hour. We have a strong team of environmental consultants to advise the committee.....Needed, are leaders with sincere interest in a variety of topics, including:



If anyone is interested in joining the committee, please email a brief outline of your interests with your willingness to serve to Tracy Smith at [tracy@palmerranch.net](mailto:tracy@palmerranch.net).

#### **MID-COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE ON PALMER RANCH - GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY JAN 26<sup>TH</sup>**

Yesterday was the ground breaking for the new Mid-County Tax Collector Office on Palmer Ranch. Project site is located at 6100 Sawyer Loop Road, just south of Clark Road. The 10,550+ square foot building will provide the full range of Tax Collector services including the issuance of new driver's licenses, testing and vehicle inspection services. The site is anticipated to feature 85 parking spaces, a driving test course, and necessary site improvements including utilities, traffic control and stormwater drainage. The existing offices are small and outdated and this new facility will provide enhanced and more efficient services for the citizens of Sarasota County.



#### **CRAPE MYRTLE TRIM SCHEDULED**

The Master Association contractor will be conducting the annual trim and shaping of the Crape Myrtle Trees in the medians on Palmer Ranch starting the week of **February 13<sup>th</sup>**. **The project will take approximately two weeks to complete, weather permitting.** Workers will be trimming in the areas of: Northridge Road, Palmer Ranch Parkway East, Sarasota Square Boulevard, McIntosh Road and Central Sarasota Parkway. *Please use caution when driving in active work zones.*



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### **FPL HARDENING PROJECT**

You may have seen crews working on power poles along certain areas of Palmer Ranch. This work is part of FPL's hardening project, which is said strengthen the main power line serving our area. Poles are being replaced with stronger material and in some areas, poles are being added. Work has already begun and is expected to be completed by October, 2017. Crews will be working along Honore Avenue from Aviano Lane, north to Palmer Ranch Parkway; east on Palmer Ranch Parkway to McIntosh Road; McIntosh Road from Sarasota Square Boulevard, north to Palmer Ranch Parkway to Mira Lago Drive and Kingston Boulevard west to Beneva Road. FPL will do everything possible to keep any power interruptions to a minimum while this work is in progress. Should a longer outage become necessary to complete the work, they will notify you in advance.

If you have any questions concerning this project, please call **1-800-693-3267**, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and refer to Interstate Storm Secure, WR 5553746. To see these and other projects in your area, visit [FPL.com/maps](http://FPL.com/maps) to view their System Improvements map.

### ***Birding on Palmer Ranch***

This week's photo is of a Common Moorhen seen visiting the grounds of *The Glenridge on Palmer Ranch*.

Adaptable and successful, this bird is common in the marshes of North and South America. Swims buoyantly, bobbing its head; it also walks and runs on open ground near water, and clambers about through reeds and cattails above the water.

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](mailto:carrie@palmerranch.net). Please include your name, species and location of where the photo was taken.



*Photo credit: Fred Brisky*