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News You Can Use

FRIENDS OF POTTER PARK WORK SESSION – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

The date of the next Potter Park work session will be **Wednesday, February 8th 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.

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 13th**. **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.*

Birding on Palmer Ranch

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

Reddish Egrets are conspicuously long-legged, long-necked wader of coastal regions, more tied to salt water than any of our other herons or egrets. Often draws attention by its feeding behavior: running through shallows with long strides, staggering sideways, leaping in air, raising one or both wings, and abruptly stabbing at fish. Also notable for its two color morphs. Reddish Egrets are either dark or white for life, beginning with the downy stage in the nest. Mated pairs may be of the same or different color morphs, and broods of young may include either or both morphs. Over most of range, dark birds are far more numerous.

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.



Photo credit: Fred Brisky



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SARASOTA COUNTY WANTS YOUR INPUT!

Sarasota County is creating a Unified Development Code (UDC) that updates and brings together land development and zoning regulations. The new code will be more user-friendly and allow readers to more easily find significant regulatory information that applies to a property. This effort may also include:

- Incorporation of existing standalone ordinances that regulate development.
- Removal of regulatory provisions that may be more appropriately maintained as administrative technical documents.
- Development of implementing regulations for regulatory components of the Comprehensive Plan.

Sarasota County will be working with a consultant to create the UDC. The project is expected to start in March of this year, and last approximately 18 months. Between now and March, county staff will be reviewing existing documents that pertain to current land development and zoning regulations, with the goal of consolidating language and identifying inconsistencies or potentially obsolete provisions.

Sarasota County is committed to keeping the public involved and up-to-date throughout the process. The proposed UDC will be presented to various groups, advisory committees and the Sarasota County Commission for consideration.

During the process, the county would like to know what items or issues you feel should be addressed.

Please visit the [UDC Project web page](#) to provide your comments on what items you feel should be addressed and to learn more about this effort and to follow its progress.

You may provide your comments by emailing them directly to the Planning and Development Services Department at planner@scgov.net.

SARASOTA COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of Public Hearings

Sarasota County Planning and Development Services wants you to know that the property owner of the Palmer Ranch Development of Regional Impact (DRI) has applied for: 1) Application for Incremental Development Approval for Increment XXV of the Palmer Ranch DRI; and 2) Rezone Petition No. 16-32 to rezone approximately 21 acres from OUE (Open Use, Estate, 1 unit/5 acres) to RMF-3/PUD (Residential, Multi-Family/Planned Unit Development, 13 units/acre) zone district.

The Planning Commission will hold Public Hearings beginning at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, on February 16, 2017, at the Robert L. Anderson Administration Center, County Commission Chamber, 4000 South Tamiami Trail, Venice, Florida.

All interested parties are invited to appear, be heard, and submit relevant evidence. Copies of the petitions and supporting documents are available during normal business hours in the Planning and Development Services Department at 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota, Florida. Copies of the petitions and supporting documents will be available to view or download at www.scgov.net. Keyword: Planning Commission the Friday prior to the public hearings. Written comments will be considered and may be sent to the Planning and Development Services Department prior to the public hearings at the above address or by e-mail to planner@scgov.net. The public hearings may be continued from time to time as announced by the Board. For more information, telephone 941-861-5000.

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