

Happy Valentine's Day

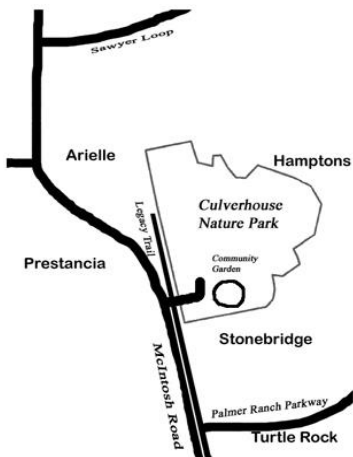
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GET TO KNOW ABOUT THE CULVERHOUSE COMMUNITY GARDEN ON PALMER RANCH!

This 82-acre park located on McIntosh Road provides recreational opportunities, such as access to the Legacy Trail, a community garden, picnic areas and open space to enjoy nature. The Culverhouse Community Garden is an organization of committed local residents who want to work as a gardening community to grow organic vegetables for our own health and the health of our families. To learn more about this beautiful garden and how to participate please visit <http://culverhousegarden.org>.



News You Can Use

CRAPE MYRTLE TRIM STARTING NEXT WEEK

The Master Association contractor will be conducting the annual trim and shaping of the Crape Myrtle Trees in the medians on Palmer Ranch starting next week. **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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TURTLE ROCK COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Turtle Rock will be having its annual “Trash to Treasure” sale on **Saturday, February 25th 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.

GREEN TEAM EVENT AT THE GLENRIDGE ON PALMER RANCH – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Monday, February 13th at 10:30am in the theatre, view a short half hour documentary, 'Facing the Surge' focusing on rising seas and flooding in Norfolk, VA, home of America's largest naval base, telling how citizens are taking action. Plus a brief video featuring Siesta Key's famous beaches and Glenridge member, Sara Sabinson, recalls how a small group made a "big fuss" and stopped a large development in the Berkshires.

Artists of Palmer Ranch

Beginning this week, we'll be featuring an article on a fun, eclectic group known as the *Artists of Palmer Ranch*.

Getting their start all the way back in 1996, in the community of Huntington Pointe, six resident artists met in each other's homes to discuss and critique their art. The original group grew to include artists from other communities on the ranch and became officially established as the *Artists of Palmer Ranch*. Today, they're a group of thirty-six, meeting each month at the Gulf Gate Library, where they bring finished artwork or works in progress to discuss and show to fellow members. The variety of art is exciting to see! They have works in watercolor, oils, acrylic, wood sculpture, portraits, abstract and whimsical cartoon.



As a group, they have shown their works at various venues, such as: Gulf Gate Library, Historic Spanish Pointe, Women's Resource Center, Prestancia Clubhouse and the Towles Court Artist Colony. In the meantime, they're always interested in showing their art to the community.



Even though they have some professional artists in the group, that is not a prerequisite for membership. Advice, encouragement and friendship prevail. The group is open to residents of Palmer Ranch and always welcomes new members. Members who are interested in the group may contact Margaret Bugatto at franmar2@verizon.net for more information.

Stay tuned as we feature different artists in future newsletters.

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Birding on Palmer Ranch

This week's photos are of Great Blue Herons seen visiting the grounds of *Palmer Ranch*.

Widespread and familiar (though often called "crane"), the Great Blue Heron is the largest heron in North America. Often seen standing silently along inland rivers or lakeshores, or flying high overhead, with slow wingbeats, its head hunched back onto its shoulders. Highly adaptable, it thrives around all kinds of waters from subtropical mangrove swamps to desert rivers to the coastline of southern Alaska. With its variable diet it is able to spend the winter farther north than most herons, even in areas where most waters freeze.



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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