



## ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 17, 2017

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### PRESIDENTS' DAY IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20<sup>th</sup>

The Master Association Office will be closed on **Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Presidents' Day, reopening at 8am on **Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**.



**Washington's Birthday** officially honors the life and work of George Washington, the first president of the United States and is sometimes known as Presidents' Day. The day commemorates past presidents of the USA. Washington's Birthday was first celebrated as a holiday in the District of Columbia in 1880. It was made a federal holiday in 1885. Originally held on the anniversary of George Washington's birth, on February 22, in 1971 this holiday was moved to the third Monday in February.

### *News You Can Use*

#### STONEBROOK GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB - BINGO & BUFFET - TUESDAY NIGHTS!

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



#### HERON CLUB AT PRESTANCIA IS HOSTING AN ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Heron Club, located at 3749 Sarasota Square Blvd., is hosting an Alzheimer's Support Group. Their next meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30am**. For more information or to RSVP, contact Laurie Blackwell at Heron Club (941) 922-1669.

#### TURTLE ROCK COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Turtle Rock will be having its annual "Trash to Treasure" sale on **Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

### *Save the Date*

#### CA DAY 2017 – COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS DAY

**FREE Educational Expo & Trade Show** If you are a home or condo owner, board member or manager, don't miss this free event! It is being held **Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 4pm** at the Bradenton Area Convention Center located on Route 41 at One Haben Blvd, Palmetto. CAI will hold a Legal Q & A panel in the morning and their Board Certification classes in the afternoon for Board members. They will have a separate class for Condo/Co-Op Board Certification and HOA Board Certification. Plus, the tradeshow will feature over 160 vendors with a multitude of services, giveaways and prizes! Register at [www.caiwestflorida.org](http://www.caiwestflorida.org) or call (941) 927-1910.

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### **2017 TOUR DE PARKS – SUNDAY, MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup> - SEE ATTACHED**

Friends of The Legacy Trail and the Sarasota Manatee Bicycle Club are teaming up once again for this great event! The date for the 2017 Tour de Parks ride is set for **Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**. This event will feature 20, 35 & 62 mile scenic, fun rides throughout 12 beautiful parks! See attached flier and registration form for details.

### ***Community Award Given***

#### **PRESTANCIA HONORED BY SARASOTA GARDEN CLUB WITH CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION AWARD**



Sarasota Garden Club, for over fifty years, has encouraged the beautification of the Sarasota community by recognizing outstanding landscaping. Each year, awards are presented for the landscaping of public areas and buildings. Members of the Civic Beautification Committee canvas Sarasota County looking for outstanding landscaping. This year, an award was given to Prestancia Community Association.

Pictured here is Bob Swan (President of Prestancia Board of Governors) and Clive Burnett (President of Barlow Group)

Congratulations, Prestancia!!

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

This week's photo is of a Brown Thrasher seen visiting the grounds of *The Isles of Sarasota*.

The big, foxy-red Brown Thrasher is a familiar bird over much of the east. Sometimes it forages boldly on open lawns; more often it scoots into dense cover at any disturbance, hiding among the briar tangles and making loud crackling call notes. Although the species spends most of its time close to the ground, the male Brown Thrasher sometimes will deliver its rich, melodious song of doubled phrases from the top of a tall tree.



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: Guy Spencer*



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### ***Happenings at Oscar Scherer State Park***

Oscar Scherer State Park is located at 1843 South Tamiami Trail, in Osprey. For more information regarding the events listed below, contact the Ranger Station at (941) 483-5956 or visit [www.floridastateparks.org/park-events/Oscar-Scherer](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park-events/Oscar-Scherer).

#### **WATER COLOR PAINTING – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> - 9:00AM – 10:00AM**

This weekly program offers an opportunity for artists of all ages and skill levels to gather and paint with watercolors. Learn tips and tricks to creating watercolor masterpieces, or simply capture a beautiful winter morning in paint! Materials will be provided, though you are welcome to bring your own if you prefer. Children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Program takes place in the Nature Center. Space is limited to 10 people. Free plus camping or standard day park entrance fee. Donations for supplies greatly appreciated!

#### **TRAM TOUR – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> - 1:30PM**

Join knowledgeable and enthusiastic Park Rangers on a tram tour through the park trails to discover the secrets of Oscar Scherer State Park! Parking is available at the Nature Center and participants are asked to meet at the Nature Center promptly at 1:30 p.m. Seating on the tram is on a first-come, first-served basis, limited to 25 people. Make sure to arrive early to reserve the best seats - accommodations for two wheelchairs are also available. The cost to ride the tram is \$5.00/person, plus normal entrance fees. Children under 5 ride free with a paid adult.

#### **GUIDED SCRUB WALK – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> - 8:30AM**

This weekly walk begins at the Nature Center and includes an informative walk through an ancient dune system. This unique habitat is home to the threatened Florida scrub-jay and a variety of plants and other animals. Space is limited to 15 people. There is no cost to participate other than normal park entrance fees for day-use visitors.

#### **EAGLE VIEWING – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> - 9AM TO 11AM**

This weekly program is offered during bald eagle nesting season. Two nests are located in the park, the easiest to access is on the Green Trail. Once nest construction has begun, part of the trails are roped off per federal law. To view the eagles from a safe distance, a volunteer will be manning a viewing station. A high-powered spotting scope to view the nest will be provided. The 20-minute walk to the eagle viewing station on the Green Trail from the Nature Center or campground is self-guided and trail maps can be obtained at the Ranger Station and Nature Center. There is no cost to participate other than normal park entrance fees for day-use visitors.

Sign Up For Our Newsletter

Do you want to hear about the news on Palmer Ranch first hand? If so, simply visit our website: [www.PalmerRanch.net](http://www.PalmerRanch.net). At the bottom of the home page, simply click on 'Sign Up For Our Newsletter.' You'll then be asked to provide your email address and first name. It's that easy!



IT STARTS IN  
**PARKS**  
Coaching. Connecting. Community.

**Sunday March 26, 2017**

**Entry Fees**

**\$35** Thru February 26, 2017

**\$40** February 27 thru March 23, 2017

**\$45** After March 23, 2017

**Includes: Breakfast, Lunch,  
Rest-Stop Snacks, & SAG Support  
Technical T-Shirts for  
1<sup>st</sup> 650 Rider Registrants**

More info at our websites:

FLT: [www.friendsofthelegacytrail.org](http://www.friendsofthelegacytrail.org)

SMBC: [www.smbc.us](http://www.smbc.us)



## BICYCLE SAFETY & COURTESY

### On The Legacy Trail

- Pass in Single File
- Keep Right
- Don't Block the Trail
- Warn Before Passing
- Speed Limit 15 MPH
- Cyclists Yield to All Others.
- No Pacing

On Roadways: Did you know that a bicycle is legally defined as a vehicle in Florida?

### A cyclist:

- Must obey all traffic laws, signs, and signals.
- May not wear a headset, a headphone, or other listening device.
- Shall not ride more than two abreast except In bike lanes.
- Must indicate intention to turn with a hand signal.
- Shall not impede traffic when traveling at less than the normal speed of traffic when riding two abreast.

### Courteous Group Cycling includes:

- Calling out and pointing out road hazards; holes, sticks, glass, etc.
- Indicating a change in position in the group.

**Group cyclists are usually the most visible members of the cycling community.**

**The impressions that our actions leave on motorists we encounter have a tremendous effect on cycling advocacy.**

**Be A Good Role Model for Other Cyclists.**

**You Are Responsible For  
Your Own Safety.**

# Tour de Parks

A Bicycle Ride to Support  
**THE LEGACY TRAIL**



**SUNDAY, MARCH 26<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**20, 35, & 62 Mile Scenic, Fun Rides-  
12 Beautiful Parks!**

Start and Finish at

**Historic Venice Train Depot,  
303 E. Venice Avenue, Venice FL**

FLT: [www.friendsofthelegacytrail.org](http://www.friendsofthelegacytrail.org)

SMBC: [www.smbc.us](http://www.smbc.us)





## Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 2017

6:30 AM Registration Opens  
 6:30-8:30AM Breakfast by First Watch  
 11:00AM-2:00PM Lunch by Mattison's

Ride starts: 7:30 AM—62 miles  
 8:30 AM—35 miles  
 9:30 AM—20 miles

Rides end: 2:00 PM

You can preview all bike routes on the FLT  
 or SMBC websites.

**No Rain Date. No Refunds.**

### Online Registration:

[www.active.com](http://www.active.com) or  
[www.friendsofthelegacytrail.org](http://www.friendsofthelegacytrail.org)

### For Ride Info:

[friends@friendsofthelegacytrail.org](mailto:friends@friendsofthelegacytrail.org)

### Packet Pick-Up & Late Registrations:

Friday, March 24 4 PM-- 6 PM  
 Real Bikes  
 581 US 41 Bypass, Venice  
 Saturday, March 25 1 PM-- 4 PM  
 Sarasota Cycle  
 3800 S. Osprey Avenue, Sarasota

## COMPLETE ONE REGISTRATION PER RIDER

You may duplicate this form – please print clearly.

Make check payable to: FLT Mail to: TdP, 2216 Myrtle Vista Court, Sun City Center, FL. 33573

FULL NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: M / F

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_ Is contact riding? Yes / No

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE (cell preferred) \_\_\_\_\_

Shirts for First 650 Rider Registrants      Requested Size Guaranteed if Registered by February 26

CIRCLE SHIRT SIZE: Men's Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large  
Women's X-Small Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large

CIRCLE RIDE DISTANCE: 20 miles 35 miles 62 miles

ENTRY FEE: (\$35 thru 2/26/17, \$40 2/27 thru 3/23/17, \$45 after 3/23/17 & walk ins) Check \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 No Rain Date. No Refunds.

**Waiver, Release, & Acknowledgment:** In consideration of being allowed to participate, I the undersigned, intending to legally bind myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, hereby waive, release and hold harmless the Friends of The Legacy Trail, Sarasota Manatee Bicycle Club, Sarasota County, the cities within Sarasota County, and any person or entity associated with the sponsored activities from any claims, for damages of any nature, both known and unknown arising out of my participation in this event. I release the organizations from negligence to the fullest extent permitted by law. By signing this waiver, I assume the risk involved in the activity of bicycling and recognize that bicycling is inherently a hazardous activity and may involve, among other hazards, strenuous physical activity and interaction with motor vehicles on the roadway. I recognize that I must be in good health and of sufficient training and experience in order to participate. I also give my permission for the use, without fee, of my name and picture in any broadcast, telecast or print media account of this event for promotional and publicity purposes. I hereby acknowledge that I have sole responsibility for my personal possessions and athletic equipment during this ride. I understand that this is a ride, not a race. Participants will be riding in normal traffic and are required to follow all traffic laws, signs, and signals. Helmets are required and headphones are not allowed. I further acknowledge that I have read and accept these conditions under which my participation is permitted.

SIGNATURE (Under 18: parent or guardian signature)  
 X \_\_\_\_\_

**Helmets required. Riders under 14 years old must be accompanied by an adult.**

Registrations accepted by: International Bikes (Venice), Real Bikes (Venice), Sarasota Cycle (Sarasota)