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SANDHILL CRANE COLTS SEASON

Two subspecies of Sandhill Crane occur in Florida. The Florida Sandhill Crane population numbers between four and five thousand, are non-migratory year-round breeding residents, and are state protected. They are joined every winter by 25,000 migratory Greater Sandhill Cranes that nest every spring in the Great Lakes region. The picture to the right is of a family of Sandhill Cranes dining along Potter Park Drive. The babies are called “colts” because of their long spindly legs. These majestic birds make their home in our fresh water preservation areas. Please be mindful of these downy Native Floridians as you travel along the picturesque roads of Palmer Ranch!



INTERSECTION SIGNAL RESURFACING

Work is progressing on the resurfacing of traffic signals and pedestrian arms at the intersections of McIntosh / Sawyer Loop; McIntosh / Palmer Ranch Parkway West; McIntosh / Palmer Ranch Parkway East; Beneva Road / Palmer Ranch Parkway West; and Beneva Road / Sarasota Square Blvd. In addition to the above locations, the pedestrian arms will be resurfaced at the intersection of Honore Avenue / Palmer Ranch Parkway East. ***Please use caution when driving in active work zones.***



STONEYBROOK 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.



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SARASOTA COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT SHARE-SHOP

Sarasota County is hosting their first ever Neighborhood Initiative Grant "Share-shop" on **Tuesday, March 28 from 4:00pm-5:00pm** at the Nokomis Community Park. Residents from the Venice Avenue Condominiums will share their experience of transforming a patchy triangle of grass with financial assistance from the grant program, and will be accompanied with insights by Wilma Holley (Florida-Friendly landscaping professional from UF/IFAS Extension Services) and a member of the Neighborhood Initiative Grant Advisory Committee (which evaluates and scores grant applications). To register for this event, click here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6GQXYTV>

PALMER RANCH CLUB DAY – HOSTED BY THE PALMER RANCH SOCIAL, SPORTING & BUSINESS CLUBS

Get involved in your community by joining a club, or starting a club! Want to play Bingo or Bridge with your neighbors? Maybe you're interested in joining a wine tasting club or book club. Have you always wanted to take up painting, photography or bird watching? Come to Palmer Ranch Club Day and find out what's happening in the Palmer Ranch community! **Thursday, April 13th from 4pm to 5pm**, Orchid Room at TPC Prestancia, 4409 TPC Drive, Sarasota. To RSVP or get more information, call (941) 922-2800 ext. 3237 or email: amarcotte@heritagegolfgroup.com.

Artists of Palmer Ranch – Feature Artist, Anna R. Burke



Anna R. Burke has called Turtle Rock her home since 1997, joining the Artists of Palmer Ranch group soon after. As far back as she can remember, Anna has always enjoyed drawing and painting.

Her interests have evolved to include making wood-assemblages and acrylic jewelry. Her creations are sometimes mounted on canvas, to be hung as a picture, or as free-standing sculptures....from table size to 6 feet-tall.

Inspiration comes from living in different parts of the world, and studying with local artists....Sumie in Japan, porcelain painting in Switzerland and Inca designs in Peru, where she lived her first 20 years.



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Birding on Palmer Ranch

This week's photo is of a Red Bellied Woodpecker seen visiting the grounds of *The Glenridge on Palmer Ranch*



The Red Bellied Woodpecker is primarily a bird of the southeast, where its rolling calls are familiar sounds in swamps and riverside woods. Omnivorous and adaptable, this woodpecker has also adjusted to life in suburbs and city parks, and in recent years it has been expanding its range to the north. Despite the name, the red on the belly is not often visible in the field.

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

Central Sarasota Parkway / Honore Avenue Intersection Update

This week, we received an update from Sarasota County, on the current status of the intersection of Honore Avenue and Central Sarasota Parkway. You'll find the update attached.

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Please accept this as an update to the Honore Ave. / Central Sarasota Pkwy Roundabout project as of 3/20/17:

The County and the Palmer Ranch Holdings, LTD. have cooperatively agreed that construction of a roundabout will increase capacity and promote increased safety for the traveling public. The design and construction of the roundabout at the intersection of Honore Ave. and Central Sarasota Parkway will be managed by Palmer Ranch Holdings, LTD. in coordination with the County. The latest amendment to the agreement with Palmer Ranch Holdings, LTD. reflects this effort. Construction was anticipated to start sometime in 2017 and take about 6 months to complete.

Due to higher than anticipated bid prices, Palmer Ranch Holdings, LTD. met with County staff in February 2017 and requested the County provide up-front funding for this project. Amendment No. 7 to the Road Impact Fee Credit and Property Acquisition Agreement between Sarasota County and Palmer Ranch Holdings, LTD. was executed on March 9, 2016. This agreement provides for Palmer Ranch Holdings, LTD. to complete the design and construction of the Roundabout project with eligible costs to be reimbursed through Road Impact Fee Credits.

After further discussion with the County's legal and financial staff, costs can be fully repaid to the Palmer Ranch Holdings, LTD. through credits/reimbursements in accordance with the current agreement in place. Therefore, advance funding will not be provided.

The recent biennial traffic monitoring report (BTMR) submitted by Palmer Ranch Holdings, LTD. indicates that a traffic signal at the Honore Ave. / Central Sarasota Pkwy Intersection is now warranted. As such a formal notice is being provided to Palmer Ranch Holdings, LTD. Sarasota County Resolution No. 2015-147, which is a supplement to Palmer Ranch's Development of Regional Impact (DRI) Development Order, Section 4.7 states:

4.7 The County shall provide notice that an improvement is needed in the formal review comments for the monitoring report. Upon receipt of the notice that an improvement is needed, the improvement, shall be under binding executed contract for construction within nine months. This deadline may be extended by the Public Works Business Center if this deadline cannot be met due to factors beyond the control of the applicant.

Palmer Ranch Holdings, LTD. has indicated that they will comply with this requirement and still intend to build a roundabout due to the enhanced safety provided versus a traffic signal. However, they do not intend to begin sooner than required. Also, Palmer Ranch Holdings, LTD.'s representative has further indicated their intent is to not start construction of the roundabout until after the end of the tourist season next year (after Easter 2018).

County staff will continue to monitor the intersection and may make other interim modifications to increase intersection safety until such time as the construction of the roundabout begins. Movement restrictions may be considered should conditions warrant.

If you have any additional questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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