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News You Can Use

CENTRAL SARASOTA PARKWAY / HONORE AVENUE ROUNDABOUT - UPDATE

We have been advised that construction on the Central Sarasota Parkway / Honore Avenue roundabout will begin in January of 2018. Stay tuned for additional updates, as they become available.

TPC PRESTANCIA HOSTS LUNCHEON APRIL 25TH

Tuesday, April 25th 11:30am – 1:00pm, TPC Prestancia will be hosting a Palmer Ranch Luncheon, featuring special guest speaker Christine Johnson. Christine will share about protecting the bays, beaches and barriers of the beautiful Florida Gulf Coast. Cost: \$20.00 (includes tax and gratuity) cash or member charge accepted. RSVP by April 23rd, call (941) 922-2800 x1 or email dsmith@heritagegolfgroup.com.

BIRD WALK AT OSCAR SCHERER STATE PARK WITH SARASOTA AUDUBON SOCIETY

Every Thursday from 8:30am to 11:00am through the month of April, join the Sarasota Audubon Society for a Bird Walk through Oscar Scherer State Park, located at 1843 South Tamiami Trail, in Osprey. Search for Florida Scrub Jays and many more. Meet inside the park at the Nature Center. Park fee applies. Alternating leaders are Joyce Leary (508) 737-8954 or Peter Brown (508) 241-5541.

28TH ANNUAL EARTH DAY CELEBRATION!

Friends of Oscar Scherer State Park are throwing a party in honor of Earth Day **Saturday, April 22nd from 10:00am to 4:00pm**. Did you know that the first Earth Day occurred in 1970 and was started by the ecology movement in the U.S.? Come celebrate Earth Day at Oscar Scherer State Park with live music, full-filled activities for kids, various environmental and informational booths and more! Oscar Scherer is located at 1843 S Tamiami Trail, in Osprey.



HEALTHY KIDS DAY AT THE YMCA

Evalyn Sadlier Jones Branch YMCA will be hosting Healthy Kids Day on **Friday, April 28th from 5:00pm to 8:00pm**. The YMCA is located at 8301 Potter Park Drive. Event is free and open to the public. For more information visit <https://www.sarasotaymca.org/healthykidsday> or call (941) 922-9622.

Save the Date

STONEYBROOK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB IS HOSTING MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club is hosting Mother's Day Brunch on **Sunday, May 14th from 10:00am to 3:00pm**. Cost is \$32.95++. Stoneybrook Golf and Country Club is located at 8801 Stoneybrook Blvd. For more information please call (941) 918-9595 or email: kathleen@stoneybrookgcc.com.



Artists of Palmer Ranch, Featured Artist – Doris Mazanec



A native of Chicago, Illinois, Doris married a doctor, raised a family and managed their clinic in Berwyn, IL for 35 years. Upon retiring to their condo on Golden Gate Point in 2001, then moving to Deer Creek in 2003, she has pursued her love for watercolor painting through the Adult & Community Enrichment Classes with teachers Elaine Charney, Lois Carson, Helen Burkett and Mary Lou Ringers. Doris has participated with other artists in exhibitions and has sold some of her paintings.

Doris joined the Artists of Palmer Ranch in 2012 and would encourage any Palmer Ranch resident to attend, bringing along whatever art project you are working on. The group meets at 1:30 on the first Monday of each month at

the Gulf Gate Library to share our current projects and to discuss topics relating to paintings, exhibitions and related interests.

Birding on Palmer Ranch

This week's photo is of a Wood Stork seen visiting the grounds of *Turtle Rock on Palmer Ranch*.

Our only native stork in North America, a very large, heavy-billed bird that wades in the shallows of southern swamps. Flies with slow wingbeats, and flocks often soar very high on warm days. Young Wood Storks have noisy begging calls, but adults are almost silent except for hissing and bill clapping. Florida populations have declined as water management there has become a more difficult problem.

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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