



ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2, 2017

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News You Can Use

BRAZILIAN PEPPER TRIM

Landscape workers will be trimming Brazilian Pepper trees throughout Palmer Ranch, the week of **June 5th** weather permitting. *Please use caution when driving in active work zones.*

COVENANT LIFE CHURCH - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Covenant Life Church, located at 8490 McIntosh Road, is presenting VBS the week of **June 19th - 23rd**. VBS is open to children ages 3 years through rising 5th graders. Nursery is available for children of volunteers only. Following the closing ceremony on Friday, there will be a family picnic on the church grounds. For more information and to register, visit: www.covenantlifepca.com.

Special Feature - Parks and Trails on Palmer Ranch

CULVERHOUSE NATURE PARK – 7301 MCINTOSH ROAD

This peaceful 82-acre nature park provides several recreational opportunities such as, access to the Legacy Trail, a community garden (pictured here), picnic areas and open space to enjoy nature. Located adjacent to the northern extent of the Legacy Trail, Culverhouse Nature Park is a wonderful location in which to experience the beauty of the great outdoors. Park hours: April - October 6am to 8pm; November – March 6am to 6pm.



Did You Know?

At Palmer Ranch, we're asked many questions about the property. For the coming weeks, we'll be featuring a few of our most frequently asked questions.

What exactly is Palmer Ranch?

Palmer Ranch is a master planned development in Sarasota County, Florida. The development community consists of residential, recreational, commercial, industrial and mixed use properties.

Birding on Palmer Ranch



This week's photos are of Black Bellied Whistling Duck seen visiting the grounds of *Palmer Ranch*.

A spectacularly marked, sociable, noisy waterfowl. Often rests on low snags above water, and may perch high in dead trees. In North America found mostly near Mexican border, but has increased in numbers recently, partly because it will use nest boxes put out for it. In some areas (such as coastal Texas), feeding of this species has become popular, with landowners tossing out corn near ponds to attract hundreds of whistling-ducks.



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: Melanie Moore & Fred Brisky



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Artists of Palmer Ranch, Featured Artist – Michelle Weltscheff Sheppard



Michelle is a Sarasota-based artist and a new member of the Artists of Palmer Ranch group. She is a graduate of the Ecole de Beaux-Arts in Aix-en-Provence and the Lubin School of Business, New York University. After a career in finance in Paris and New York City, she focused on raising her two daughters in Southern California and in New Canaan, Connecticut. She is now pursuing her passion for painting full-time.

Michelle brings an international perspective to her paintings, She has lived in Columbia, Jamaica, Spain, France and is fluent in French and Spanish. Having lived in many countries and traveled extensively, she is always searching for places and objects that inspire her, particularly unusual and rich landscapes as well as birds and flowers in the myriad shapes and colors. This is illustrated in several of her orchid paintings, with their intricate and exotic details.

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