



ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 18, 2017

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News You Can Use



OSCAR SCHERER STATE PARK HOSTS TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE PARK

Monday, August 21 from 1:15pm – 4:15pm at the Legacy Trail Pavilion, join the leaders of Oscar Scherer Park to learn about the solar eclipse. Oscar Scherer State Park is located at 1843 S. Tamiami Trail, Osprey. For more information please call (941) 483-5956.

FLORIDA SCRUB JAY TALK - UF/IFAS EXTENSION SARASOTA COUNTY EVENT

On **Tuesday, August 22nd from 10:00am – 11:00am** Tony Clements, park manager at Oscar Scherer State Park, will be discussing our endemic Florida scrub jay, its unique habitat needs, conservation status and the attempts to save the scrub jay from extinction. Also learn about upcoming scrub jay events and where to see scrub jays in Sarasota County.



This event will take place at Sarasota County UF/IFAS Extension & Sustainability Office at Twin Lakes Park, 6700 Clark Road. Register early through Eventbrite.com to reserve your spot and receive notice of any changes. For more information, call (941) 861-5000 or email sarasota@ifas.ufl.edu

TPC PRESTANCIA IS HOSTING TED TALKS - AUGUST 23RD - **FLYER ATTACHED**



Join in on the conversation with Mark Huey, President and CEO of Economic Development Corporation of Sarasota. The event will take place on **Wednesday, August 23rd from 4:30pm – 5:30pm** at TPC Prestancia, 4409 Tournament Players Club Drive. RSVP to Alexa Marcotte at amarcotte@heritagegolfgroup.com or call (941) 922-2800.

STONEBROOK GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB HOSTING PALMER RANCH APPRECIATION DAY

Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club, located at 8801 Stoneybrook Blvd., is hosting a Palmer Ranch Appreciation Day **Friday, August 25th from 3pm to 5pm**. Complimentary appetizers, drink specials and door prizes will be offered. Reservations are required. Call (941) 918-9595 for more information or to RSVP.

STONEBROOK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB IS HOSTING A DISASTER PREPAREDNESS EVENT-**FLYER ATTACHED**

On **Wednesday, August 30th at 3:00pm**, Scott Montgomery from the Sarasota County Office of Emergency Management will be at Stoneybrook to speak on Disaster Preparedness. This event is open to Palmer Ranch residents will be held at Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club located at 8801 Stoneybrook Blvd., in the Palmer room.



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SARASOTA COUNTY HISTORY CENTER EDUCATION EVENT



Join in on the following dates to listen to presentations and discussion led by a local historian with loads of pictures, historical facts, stories and personalities. Bring a friend, learn and enjoy, make new friends and it is free!



Sarasota County History Center is located at 701 N. Tamiami Trail in the historical exhibits & education center.

September 16th – 1pm to 3pm - history from Sarasota 1840-1884
September 23rd – 1pm to 3pm - history from Sarasota 1885-1903
September 30th – 1pm to 3pm - history from Sarasota 1903-1913
October 7th – 1pm to 3pm - history from Sarasota 1913-1921
October 14th – 1pm to 3pm - history from Sarasota 1921-1927
October 21 – 1pm to 3pm - history from Sarasota 1927-1941
October 28th – 1pm to 3pm - history from Sarasota 1941-1960



HONORING OUR VETERANS

Veterans Day is a time to thank those who are serving or have served and are still with us. Memorial Day is to reflect and remember those who lost their lives in service to their country. Confusing the two or combining the two diminishes the importance of both. As we approach the official Veterans Day, November 11th, we would like to honor our Palmer Ranch neighbors who are serving or have served in the armed forces. For this acknowledgement, we need your help. Please email Carrie (carrie@palmerranch.net) with the name, rank and branch of service of our Palmer Ranch veterans. We will feature their names in a special Veterans Day edition. Thank you.

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. 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!



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***BeeMats* – by Garry Wharton, Vice President PRMA Board of Trustees**

What is a **BeeMat**? Before you leap to the conclusion that it is a mat which bees wipe their feet on before they enter the hive, let me tell you what it is. A BeeMat is a device used to turn unhealthy lakes into healthy lakes. How does it do that? Well, I will tell you.

In my community, we have several lakes. There is one lake which I used to check out over the years. This lake was a happy lake. It had healthy water. It had fish. It had ducks and turtles. It had snakes (I wasn't too crazy about the snakes) and it had alligators. It also had birds. Lots and lots of birds were flying in and out of the lake area. It was fun to watch. And then, one day, I started to notice that things appeared to be changing. It was a gradual change, but each time I checked out my lake, the changes became more noticeable.

After several years, I realized that the fish, ducks, turtles, alligators, snakes and birds were slowly disappearing. The disappearing snakes didn't bother me, but I knew that something was wrong and I didn't know what it was. The water looked good. It was very clear; however, there didn't seem to be any signs of life in it.

Since I liked my little lake and I was concerned about its welfare, I started to make inquiries regarding its disturbing condition. I learned that my lake had died. It was a dead lake. What had killed it?

Every time your yard guy fertilizes your yard, he loads it up with nutrients. These are chemicals which make your grass grow, which is a good thing, but, every time it rains or your irrigation system runs, some of these nutrients run into the lake and that is a bad thing. Why? Well, I will tell you.

Unless you have plants in the lake, around the bank of the lake or at the edge of the bank of the lake, the roots of which gobble up these nutrients, you have a big problem. In your yard, the nutrients are good guys. In the lake, they are bad guys. Why are they bad guys? Well, I am not going to tell you because it would take too long. You will just have to take my word for it. I am a lawyer and lawyers never lie, except when their lips move.

So, my little lake needed plants. I am happy to report that my homeowner association recognized the problem and took steps to correct the situation. There are now plants around the edge of the lake, in the water along the banks of the lake and, it has a **BeeMat**.

A BeeMat is a foam mat with holes in it. It floats on water. They stick plants in these holes which grow in water. They are called, "aquatic plants". (Am I impressing you?). The roots of these plants grow down into the water and gobble up nutrients. With these plants and the other plants chowing down on the evil nutrients, we will soon have a healthy lake. The fish, ducks, turtles, alligators, birds and, unfortunately snakes, will soon return. My little lake will be happy and so will I.

Like Garry, if you'd like to learn more about lakes and ponds in your community, please send a request to be added to our distribution list for news and events hosted by the Palmer Ranch Natural Assets Committee. You can email your request to Carrie at carrie@palmerranch.net.



Mark Huey

*President & CEO
Economic Development
Corporation of Sarasota*



Join us for an exciting evening of “ideas worth spreading.” Mark Huey will be discussing innovative and exciting health-related projects that are happening in the Sarasota area. His latest project is the Health Economy Network, which is a coalition of companies and organizations aimed at growing the health economy in Sarasota and making it a destination for innovation.

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Wednesday, August 23 | 4:30 - 5:30 PM
Orchid Room | TPC Prestancia

RSVP to amarcotte@heritagegolfgroup.com
or **941.922.2800 x 3237**



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Stoneybrook Golf and Country Club Presents:

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

**On Wednesday, August 30, 2017,
at 3:00pm,** Scott Montgomery
from the Sarasota County Office of
Emergency Management will be at
Stoneybrook to speak on
Disaster Preparedness.

This is an amazing opportunity for all of us
to learn more about how Sarasota County is
prepared for Disaster situations and how
we as individuals can also be ready.

Grab a friend or neighbor and come on
over. Everyone attending the meeting will
have a chance to win a useful and fun gift
basket including brunch for two.

Don't forget, that's **Wednesday,
August 30, 2017, at 3:00pm, in the
Palmer Room.**

