



ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 17, 2017

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. As President of the United States, George Washington proclaimed the first nation-wide thanksgiving celebration in America marking November 26, 1789, "as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer ...". In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.

We wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving! The Palmer Ranch Master Association office will be closed on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day and Friday, to reopen on **Monday, November 27th at 8am.**

News You Can Use

STONEBROOK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB - WINTER SCHEDULE - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! – [FLYER ATTACHED](#)

TPC IS HOSTING THE SARASOTA AUDUBON SOCIETY - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! – [FLYER ATTACHED](#)



NATURAL ASSETS SEMINAR - FEATURING ABBEY TYRNA, PHD

Palmer Ranch Master Association is hosting a Natural Assets seminar on **Tuesday, December 5th** from 4pm to 5pm, at Covenant Life Church located at 8490 McIntosh Road. Our guest speaker will be Abbey Tyrna, PhD, UF/IFAS Water Resources Extension Agent. Abbey will be speaking on:

- The treasures in your backyard: functions of neighborhood lakes, ponds, and wetlands
- The many benefits of maintaining a balanced lake system
- Ideas for lake and pond enhancement

The seminar will be open to all Palmer Ranch residents. To RSVP, please email Carrie Agosto at carrie@palmerranch.net with your name, email address and the community that you live in.

FRIENDS OF SARASOTA COUNTY HISTORY CENTER – JACK WEST EXHIBIT – [FLYER ATTACHED](#)

FRIENDS OF SARASOTA COUNTY HISTORY CENTER - HOLIDAY FAIR – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Friends of Sarasota County History center is having a Holiday Fair on **Saturday, December 9th from 12pm to 5pm.** There will be crafts, entertainment, food, raffles and much more! This event will be held at the Historical Exhibits and Education Center, 701 North Tamiami Trail. Sarasota, FL 34237.



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News from the Friends of the Legacy Trail

LEGACY TRAIL EXTENSION UPDATE - By: Roger Normand

Legacy Trail Extension is on Track for December Acquisition to Ashton Road. If all goes according to plan, by late December 2017 Legacy Trail users gazing northward from the northern end of the trail by Culverhouse Nature Park will be seeing County property signs atop the overgrown, unused rail corridor now owned by CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSX) and its lessee Seminole Gulf Railway L.P. (SGR). Field work has been completed by the County and its partner Trust for Public Land on an environmental assessment, title review, and boundary survey of the Phase 1 portion of the corridor to Ashton Road. CSX and SGR are participating in the review. Efforts are now focused on analyzing the results, as well as completing the review of over 30 existing individual licenses, leases and agreements and deciding whether to continue, modify, or terminate each one. Despite beginning with a shortened timeline, and the aftermath of Hurricane Irma, the parties expect to complete the inspection review by November 30, 2017. Barring any unexpected findings, they will close on the property by December 20th, 2017, as provided in the sale contract.

Like the existing Legacy Trail, the Phase 1 corridor will be “railbanked” under the provisions of the National Trails System Act. According to the Rails to Trails Conservancy, “Railbanking is a method by which corridors that would otherwise be abandoned can be preserved for future rail use through interim conversion to a trail.” CSX and SGR recently filed to formally abandon this section of rail corridor with the Surface Transportation Board, which has national regulatory oversight on railroads. The Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners approved on October 31st sending a “letter to the Surface Transportation Board requesting issuance of a Public Use Condition, designation of Interim Trail Use, including a Statement of Willingness to Assume Financial Responsibility in response to the CSX Transportation/Seminole Gulf Railway application for abandonment.”

Efforts are also proceeding to draft language for a planned November 2018 County-wide referendum that, combined with a broad public fund raising effort and continued pursuit of grants, will finance both the Phase 2 acquisition of the corridor from CSX/SGR AND construction of both phases to extend the Legacy Trail to Payne Park in the city of Sarasota.

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Stoneybrook Golf Restaurant & Country Club of Sarasota on Palmer Ranch Open to the Public!

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!!

- Restaurant and Bar
- Sunday Breakfast Buffet 9:30am-1:30pm
- Lunch Service: Open Daily 11:00am
- Dinner Service: 5:00-8:00pm

Tuesday: Bingo and Buffet

Wednesday: Pub Night
(Pub Special Menu)

Thursday: Rib Night
(Prime Rib, BBQ Ribs and Full Menu)

Friday & Saturday
(Dinner Specials and Full Menu)

Friday

TRIVIA NIGHT

5:30 Buffet

Games Follow Buffet

December 15th

January 5th

18.95++

BINGO

Buffet

Every Tuesday Evening

5:30 Buffet

Games Follow Dinner

18.95++

Crusin' thru the 50's

Dinner Show with Jimmy Maaz



Friday, January 19th
Cocktails 6:00-6:30pm
Dinner 6:30pm-7:45pm
Dinner Show 7:45pm

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Birds of TPC Audubon Speaker

What birds do we have in Prestancia?



Join us for a presentation, led by **Barry Gerber**, on the **Birds of Sarasota and TPC Prestancia**. Barry promotes awareness and understanding of Florida's natural world as a **Sarasota Audubon Society Representative, Celery Field Bird Naturalist and Florida Master Naturalist**.

DATE: Wednesday, November 29th

WHEN: 4:00PM – 5:30PM

COST: Complimentary

WHERE: TPC Prestancia, Orchid Room

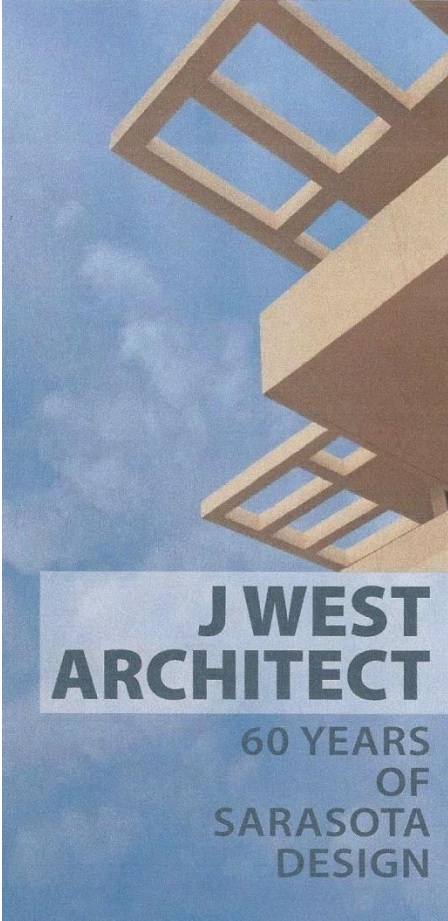
TPC Prestancia is an **Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf** which is an award winning education and certification program that helps golf courses protect our environment and preserve the natural heritage of the game of golf.



RSVP to Alexa Marcotte, Member Services Associate
amarcotte@heritagegolfgroup.com

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Jack West Exhibit September 2017 – February 2018

Open to the Public
Thursday – Saturday 11:30 – 4:00
(And by special appointment)

Historical Exhibits and Education Center
Historic Chidsey Library Building
701 N. Tamami Trail Sarasota, FL 34230

Sponsors:



J WEST ARCHITECT 60 YEARS OF SARASOTA DESIGN

The exhibit examines more than 70 architectural and urban planning projects conceived by West and various partners from 1949 to 2009 while practicing in Sarasota. Curated by architect and author Joe King, AIA, the exhibit includes designs for educational facilities, custom residences, civic and cultural buildings, recreational facilities, hotels, condominiums and more. Although focused in the Sarasota region, the exhibit also showcases projects and competitions as far reaching as Paris and Egypt.



The mission of the Friends, a 501(C) 3 organization, is to assist the Sarasota County Historical Resources through the support of programs, services, and activities that promote and enhance the use and enjoyment of Sarasota County's cultural and historical heritage.