

# PALMER RANCH

PALMER RANCH MASTER PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

YEAR IN REVIEW 2017

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**PALMER RANCH MASTER ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT**

*Our mission is to enhance and maintain the aesthetic quality of Palmer Ranch and to preserve the overall unique identity and sense of community.*

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**2018 CALENDAR YEAR BUDGET APPROVED**

In meeting of September 28th the Master Association 2018 calendar year budget was approved by the Board of Trustees. The Master Association 2018 Assessment for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 will remain unchanged at \$167.00 per assessable unit value.

**PALMER RANCH MASTER ASSOCIATION LAUNCHED BIRDING ON PALMER RANCH SEGMENT IN THE PALMER RANCH NEWSLETTER**

We kicked off a new photo feature, *Birding on Palmer Ranch*. Featured each week was a photo and some facts about each bird.

This photo is of a Black Skimmer seen visiting the grounds of *The Glenridge on Palmer Ranch*. (Photo credit: Fred Brisky). The strange, uneven bill of the skimmer has a purpose: the bird flies low, with the long lower mandible plowing the water, snapping the bill shut when it contacts a fish. Strictly coastal in

most areas of North America, Black Skimmers are often seen resting on sandbars and beaches. Unlike most birds, their eyes have vertical pupils, narrowed to slits to cut the glare of water and white sand. Flocks in flight may turn in unison, with synchronized beats of their long wings.



**ARTISTS OF PALMER RANCH**

We featured weekly articles on the *Artists of Palmer Ranch*. Getting their start all the way back in 1996, in the community of Huntington Pointe, six resident artists met in each other's homes to discuss and critique their art. The original group grew to include artists from other communities on the ranch and became officially established as the *Artists of Palmer Ranch*. Today, they're a group of thirty-six, meeting each month at the Gulf Gate Library, where they bring finished artwork or works in progress to discuss and show to fellow members. The variety of art is exciting to see! They have works in watercolor, oils, acrylic, wood sculpture, portraits, abstract and whimsical cartoon.



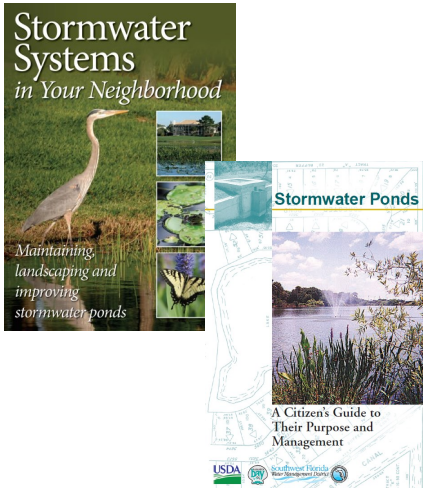
**NATURAL ASSETS**

Palmer Ranch Master Association hosted a Natural Assets seminar on December 5<sup>th</sup> with guest speaker Abbey Tyrna, PhD, UF/IFAS Water Resources Extension Agent. Abbey spoke on the topics of: treasures in your backyard; functions of neighborhood lakes, ponds, and wetlands; the many benefits of maintaining a balanced lake system and ideas for lake and pond enhancement.



**LOOKING FOR RESOURCE MATERIAL FOR YOUR COMMUNITY'S OWN NATURAL ASSETS?**

Visit the natural Assets Section of the Palmer Ranch website.



**GET TO KNOW ABOUT THE CULVERHOUSE COMMUNITY GARDEN ON PALMER RANCH NEWSLETTER FEATURE!**

This year we featured the Culverhouse Community Garden on Palmer Ranch! This 82-acre park, located on McIntosh Road provides recreational opportunities, such as access to the Legacy Trail, a community garden, picnic areas and open space to enjoy nature. The Culverhouse Community Garden is an organization of committed local residents who want to work as a gardening community to grow organic vegetables for our own health and the health of our families. To learn more about this beautiful garden and how to participate please visit <http://culverhousegarden.org>.



**FPL HARDENING PROJECT**

Crews have been working on power poles along certain areas of Palmer Ranch throughout the year. This work is part of FPL's hardening project, which is said strengthen the main power line serving our area. Poles were replaced with stronger material and in some areas, poles are being added. Crews worked along Honore Avenue from Aviano Lane, north to Palmer Ranch Parkway; east on Palmer Ranch

Parkway to McIntosh Road; McIntosh Road from Sarasota Square Boulevard, north to Palmer Ranch Parkway to Mira Lago Drive and Kingston Boulevard west to Beneva Road.

**CROSS TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP**

**SARASOTA COUNTY ADDED SIGNAGE TO STOP SIGNS AT HONORE AND CENTRAL SARASOTA PARKWAY**

Signage was added to the new lighted stop signs on Central Sarasota Parkway, at the intersection / Honore Avenue.

**INTERSECTION SIGNAL RESURFACING**

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, work started 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 were resurfaced at the intersection of Honore Avenue / Palmer Ranch Parkway East.

**CENTRAL SARASOTA PKWY AT HONORE ROUNDABOUT**

We were advised that construction on the Central Sarasota Parkway / Honore Avenue roundabout will begin sometime in January of 2018.

**HONORE AT BRIDGEHAMPTON / HONORE ROUNDABOUT**

We were advised that construction on this roundabout is scheduled for December 2017.



**HURRICANE IRMA**

This hurricane season was one for the record books. The first major hurricane to make landfall in Florida since 2005, Hurricane Irma left behind downed trees & debris throughout Palmer Ranch. The rain gauges on the ranch registered 14 inches of rainfall! Our grounds teams did a wonderful job cleaning up!

**GROUNDS OF PALMER RANCH**

Palmer Ranch Master Association schedules various landscape maintenance projects/programs throughout the year to beautify the grounds of Palmer Ranch. These projects include:

- CAPE MYRTLE TRIM**
- BRAZILLIAN PEPPER TRIM**
- INSTALLATION OF ANNUAL FLOWERS IN THE WINTER, SUMMER & FALL.**
- CABBAGE PALM PRUNING**
- RYEGRASS SEED SPREAD**
- MULCH PREP & INSTALL**

**HAPPENINGS AT OSCAR SCHERER PARK NEWSLETTER FEATURE**

We featured happenings at Oscar Scherer Park throughout the year including crafts fair for kids, scrub jay walks, concerts in the park, music by firelight.

**28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**

**EARTH DAY CELEBRATION**

Friends of Oscar Scherer State Park threw a party and in honor of Earth Day on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Did you know that the first Earth Day occurred in 1970 and was started by the ecology movement in the U.S.? The event included live music, full-filled activities for kids, various environmental and informational booths and more!

**OSCAR SCHERER PARK HOSTED TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE PARK**

August 21st was an exciting day as an eclipse was witnessed across the US. All were welcome to join the leaders of Oscar Scherer Park to learn about the solar eclipse at the Legacy Trail Pavilion.. What a wonderful experience!

**HAUNTED TRAILS AT**

**OSCAR SCHERER STATE PARK**

Oscar Scherer State Park hosted a frightfully fun Halloween family event October 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> There was a Trick or Treat Trail, Haunted Trail and Haunted House. The event also included food, carnival games and more!

**TRAM TOURS AT OSCAR SCHERER PARK SPONSORED BY PALMER RANCH**

Palmer Ranch residents were invited to join the knowledgeable and enthusiastic Park Rangers on a tram tour through the park trails to discover the secrets of Oscar Scherer State Park! We had great feedback from our participants!



## COMMUNITY

### CA DAY 2017

#### COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS DAY

CA Day was held on March 9th. The event included the highly recommended Board of Directors Certification Class.

### RIDE THE TOUR DE PARKS 2017

Friends of The Legacy Trail proudly announced the annual Tour de Parks bicycle ride.

### TURTLE ROCK COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Turtle Rock had their annual "Trash to Treasure" sale on February 25th. What a great turn out!

### HEALTHY KIDS DAY AT THE YMCA

Evalyn Sadlier Jones Branch YMCA hosted Healthy Kids Day on April 28<sup>th</sup>

### MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club and TPC Prestancia hosted Mother's Day Brunch this year!

### NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT WORKSHOPS

Palmer Ranch residents attended grant orientation workshops for the Sarasota County Neighborhood Grant Program. The program supports the county's initiative to preserve and enhance the quality of life in county neighborhoods by providing matching grants to neighborhoods to help fund improvement projects.

### CIVICS 101

This year, several Palmer Ranch residents attended Sarasota County government's popular Civics 101 program, an 11-week program that introduces people to the operations and services of the Sarasota County government.

### HERON CLUB ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Heron Club at Prestancia hosted their monthly Alzheimer's support groups throughout the year.

### BROOKDALE DEER CREEK BAKE SALE

Brookdale Deer Creek hosted a bake sale on May 11th. The proceeds from the bake sale benefited the Alzheimer's Association.

### STONEBROOK GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB HOSTED PALMER RANCH APPRECIATION DAY

Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club hosted a Palmer Ranch Appreciation Day on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Complimentary appetizers, drink specials and door prizes were offered.

### SPLASH BASH EVENT AT YMCA ON PALMER RANCH

The Evalyn Sadlier Jones YMCA at 8301 Potter Park Drive hosted their annual Splash Bash - what a great time!!

### SURREY RIDES ON THE LEGACY TRAIL

Friends of Legacy Trail (FLT) volunteers pedaled the surrey and passengers on 30-minute surrey trips. Leaving from Laurel Park at the Sandra Sims Terry Community Center, riders could sit back and enjoy the ride on a four-passenger, four-wheeled canopy covered surrey while FLT volunteers provided the pedal power.

### BINGO NIGHTS & TRIVIA NIGHTS AT STONEYBROOK

Bingo nights and Trivia Nights took place at Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club this year! These events were open to Palmer Ranch residents and enjoyed by many!

### CHARITY GOLF EVENT

TPC Prestancia hosted the nonprofit PGA charity 'Birdies for the Brave' golf tournament. 'Birdies for the Brave' is a military outreach initiative dedicated to supporting the brave men and women of the US Armed Forces and their families.

### YMCA ANNUAL FALL FEST

Evalyn Sadlier Jones YMCA, hosted their annual Fall Fest on October 27th. What a fun event!

### COMMUNITY GARAGE SALES

It was a great turn out for Community Garage Sales, November 4th! Residents in the communities of Stonebridge, The Hamptons and Wellington Chase hosted their annual joint community garage sales.

### ISLES OF SARASOTA FALL FESTIVAL FINE ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

Isles of Sarasota held their annual fine arts & crafts show on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Everyone was invited to come and shop!

## SPECIAL NEWSLETTER FEATURE HONORING OUR PALMER RANCH VETERANS

This year we featured a special column honoring our Palmer Ranch Veterans, included were their names, rank and branch of service. It was a very moving tribute.

### EVENTS AT TPC PRESTANCIA

We listed events held at Prestancia throughout the year. Some of the events included: Coffee and Market Talk, history of Sarasota Wildlife, Ted Talks, Newcomer Luncheon

### FRIENDS OF POTTER PARK WORK SESSIONS

Friends of Potter Park work sessions took place throughout the year beautifying the park.

### COVENANT LIFE CHURCH CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Covenant Life Church hosted two candlelight Christmas Eve services on Sunday, December 24th.



### HOLIDAY DECORATIONS AROUND PALMER RANCH

What a beautiful drive around Palmer Ranch this holiday season viewing the festive holiday decorations on community entrances!

### PALMER RANCH COMMUNITY CENTER

After what seems like an interminable length of time, on October 6, 2017, the Master Association received the final approval to proceed with the construction of the community center. We are proceeding with the next phase of the project, known as 'site and development' which involves getting the necessary permits.

Once we complete the site and development permitting phase, we will begin the construction of a building, which will provide office space for the Association's employees and meeting rooms for the use of the residents on Palmer Ranch.

The construction of the community center will not require an increase in the Palmer Ranch Master Association assessment.