



# ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 16, 2018

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## News You Can Use

### PRESIDENTS' DAY IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>th</sup>

The Master Association Office will be closed on **Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Presidents' Day, reopening at 8am on **Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**.



President's Day commemorates past presidents of the United States of America. Washington's Birthday was first celebrated as a holiday in the District of Columbia in 1880. It was made a federal holiday in 1885. Originally held on the anniversary of George Washington's birth, on February 22, in 1971 this holiday was moved to the third Monday in February.

### HERON CLUB AT PRESTANCIA IS HOSTING AN ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Heron Club, located at 3749 Sarasota Square Blvd., is hosting an Alzheimer's Support Group. Their next meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am**. For more information or to RSVP, contact Laurie Blackwell at Heron Club (941) 922-1669.

### SURREY RIDES ON THE LEGACY TRAIL



Ready to travel the Legacy Trail? The Surrey Ride Program offers a way for residents and visitors the chance to enjoy Sarasota County's award winning and highly popular Legacy Trail. The program, which is a partnership between Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources and the Friends of the Legacy Trail (FLT) runs on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays** as well as the **first Friday and second Saturday now** through **March 28<sup>th</sup>**. Riders can sit back and enjoy the ride on a four-passenger, four-wheeled canopy covered surrey type bicycle while FLT volunteers provide the 45 minute pedal-powered trips. The ride includes information and history of the Legacy Trail and its surroundings. To pre-register for your free surrey ride, call (941) 486-2757.

### 2018 TOUR DE PARKS – SUNDAY, MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>

Friends of The Legacy Trail and the Sarasota Manatee Bicycle Club will once again be teaming up to organize this great bike ride. The date for the 2018 Tour de Parks ride has been set for **Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**. For more information or to register please visit:

<http://www.friendsofthelegacytrail.org/tour-de-parks-information>





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## MANASOTA NEIGHBORHOODS SUMMIT



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SUMMIT**

**FRIDAY, FEB 23, 2018  
8 AM - 12 PM**

Manatee Performing Arts Center  
502 3rd Ave W, Bradenton, FL 34205

TOPICS INCLUDE:  
Disaster Preparedness - Water/Energy  
Conservation - Florida Friendly Landscaping -  
Crime Prevention - Historical Neighborhood  
Character - Communication Tools - Ideas for  
Underutilized Spaces

Cost: \$20  
Breakfast refreshments will be provided

**REGISTER TODAY**  
[bit.ly/manasota2018](http://bit.ly/manasota2018)



Scholarships will be given on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information or to register please visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-manasota-neighborhoods-summit-tickets-41385490115>



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### **SARASOTA COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP TEAM (NEST) EVENT**

Sarasota County Neighborhood Environmental Stewardship Team (NEST) is proud to host this community workshop designed to assist residents, communities and civic groups that have a desire to improve the health and vitality of the lakes, ponds and natural environments in their neighborhood.

Attendees will receive technical guidance from a host of subject matter experts on how to become a better environmental steward, with the ultimate goal of residents and groups effecting change in their community through project oriented activities. Come ask us about: improving water quality in stormwater ponds, citizen science activities, plastic pollution, wetlands and natural systems, even mobilizing and maintaining a large and effective volunteer base in your community to tackle your projects!!

There will be information available on funding partners and programs geared to help communities and groups of all sizes achieve the Environmental Stewardship goals in their community, as well as volunteer opportunities throughout the area to help get your feet wet!

This event will be held on **Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 12:00pm** at Nokomis Community Park, 234 Nippino Trail East, Sarasota, FL 34275. For more information or to register please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/neighborhood-environmental-stewardship-workshop-tickets-42320426535>

### ***Special Feature***

#### **WHY DO MEMBERS HAVE TO PAY AN ANNUAL ASSESSMENT TO PALMER RANCH MASTER ASSOCIATION?**

*Beautification* ...More than two-thirds of the nominal \$167 annual Master Association assessment goes towards upkeep and ongoing beautification of Palmer Ranch; for example:

- ❖ 16 miles of grassy rights-of-way, trimmed on a schedule
- ❖ 7 entry features (community signs, flagpole, lush landscape & lighting)
- ❖ 24 way-finding signs, each beautifully landscaped
- ❖ 15 tons of winter rye seed and 6,000 bags of much spread annually
- ❖ 914 Cabbage Palms trimmed throughout the ranch, on an annual basis
- ❖ 180+ Crape Myrtle Trees trimmed and shaped each winter
- ❖ 3,500 annuals at 7 entrances and 24 directional signs, changed out at least 3 times a year
- ❖ 15 park benches throughout the property, providing for pleasant places for pedestrians to rest
- ❖ Substantial funds are budgeted each year, for further beautifications

Your master-planned community is widely recognized as a model of contemporary planning. It has earned an impeccable reputation and has become a strong brand. Your assessments allow it to remain a leader in beautification!

