



## ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2020

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### News You Can Use

#### ARTISTS OF PALMER RANCH MEETING

Do you draw, paint, sculpt or have an interest in any of the visual arts? If so, come join the *Artists of Palmer Ranch* at their next meeting on **Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm**, at the Gulf Gate Library, 7112 Curtiss Ave. Any Palmer Ranch resident is welcome. If you like, bring your latest masterpiece!

#### GREEN TEAM EVENT AT THE GLENRIDGE ON PALMER RANCH

The Celery Fields provides a unique sanctuary for birds and other wildlife. Located on this reserve is the Sarasota Audubon Nature Center and a number of trails and boardwalks which offer both close-up views of the wildlife and recreational opportunities. These trails wind through a variety of habitats, one of which is towering hill, which offers wonderful views of the surrounding area. The Green Team is fortunate to have Barry Gerber, a Bird Naturalist from the Sarasota Audubon Society, join their next meeting to discuss the history of the Celery Fields and the variety of birds that visit and live there. Barry has a Bachelor's Degree in Zoology from Rutgers University. He is a Florida Master Naturalist.

This free event will take place on **Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am**, in the theatre at the Glenridge on Palmer Ranch, 7333 Scotland Way. The public is welcome. Please be aware that non-Glenridge members will be asked to show their photo ID's at the Gatehouse. Please contact Susan Button at [susanvinalbutton@gmail.com](mailto:susanvinalbutton@gmail.com) with any questions about this event.

#### SURREY RIDES ON THE LEGACY TRAIL RETURNING



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 from January 14<sup>th</sup> through April 15<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. For more information visit <https://www.friendsofthelegacytrail.org/the-surrey-program/>

#### FIRE FEST 2020

Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources, in partnership with the Sarasota County Fire Department, will be hosting their Annual Fire Fest on **Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm**, at T. Mabry Carlton, Jr. Memorial Reserve. Enjoy burn demos and water drops, guided nature walks and more while learning how fire is intentionally applied to protect our communities and natural ecosystems. For more information, call 941-861-5000 or visit <https://www.scgov.net/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/11792/>



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### Save The Date

#### STONEBROOK 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TWO' MILE WALK & TALK EVENT – FLYER ATTACHED

Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club is hosting a two mile walk and talk event benefiting the Paws for Patriots program at Southeastern Guide Dogs on **Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**. There will be a special guest speaker and his very special companion at this year's event. See attached flyer for more information and how to register for this event.



#### TURTLE ROCK COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

*Turtle Rock*, located at 8500 Turtle Rock Blvd., will be having its annual community garage sale on **Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to 11:30pm**. Be sure to stop by for some great finds!

#### SANDHILL CRANE COLTS SEASON – COMING SOON!

Two subspecies of Sandhill Crane occur in Florida. The Florida Sandhill Crane population numbers between four and five thousand, are non-migratory year-round breeding residents, and are state protected. They are joined every winter by 25,000 migratory Greater Sandhill Cranes that nest every spring in the Great Lakes region. The picture to the right is of a family of Sandhill Cranes dining along Potter Park Drive. The babies are called “colts” because of their long spindly legs. These majestic birds make their home in our fresh water preservation areas. **Please be mindful of these downy Native Floridians as you travel along the picturesque roads of Palmer Ranch!**



### Sue's Grounds Corner



Like my mother used to say, looking at me from the rear-view mirror of the car, “Don't make me call the police” 😊. We are all aware that season brings more vehicle traffic to the ranch. It cannot be stressed enough how vitally important it is for ALL OF US to abide by the speed limits on the roads within the Palmer Ranch boundaries. I have personally witnessed not one but two people narrowly avoid getting run over crossing Honore Avenue in the area of Isles of Sarasota. If you've got company staying with you for the season, PLEASE, tell them to slow down. The Master Association has been in contact with the Sheriff's office requesting an Intelligent Speed Assist System (ISA), which is a machine that is activated to remind drivers they are going over the speed limit. With the opening of Bay Street along with the increased traffic coming from Laurel Ave. and SR681, an electronic reminder might be in order. As soon as one becomes available it will be placed at a yet to be determined spot on one of our roads. But in the meantime, PLEASE SLOW DOWN!!



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### Everything You Need to Know About Palmer Ranch – Our History



The 7,000± acre development, known as Palmer Ranch, was created as a model of contemporary planning and environmental sensitivity. The property is part of a legacy of a remarkable turn-of-the-century woman: Mrs. Bertha Potter Palmer. In addition to her significant contributions to Sarasota, Mrs. Palmer's achievements were many.

After her husband's death in 1902, Mrs. Palmer's influence was felt in the little-known town called Sarasota. She first visited the area in 1910, declaring that it was "the most beautiful place in Florida." Her impressions were published throughout the country, causing a local real estate boom. At a time when most women of her age and social standing were content to play parlor games, she purchased 80,000 acres of land in Sarasota, and was involved in agriculture, livestock, real estate, banking and tourism. Mrs. Palmer had a profound love for the natural beauty of Florida. She would have been proud to know that, after her death in 1918, much of her land has been preserved as state parks, nature preserves and quality development.

Hugh Culverhouse, Sr. purchased the remaining 12,000 acres from the Palmer estate in 1972. He shared Mrs. Palmer's love of the land, and created the Palmer Ranch community. Mr. Culverhouse's dream continues to evolve through his son, Hugh F. Culverhouse, Jr. Palmer Ranch has received state and national recognition as an exemplary community and a model of state-of-the-art planning.

For more information about Mrs. Palmer, visit the Palmer Ranch website: <http://www.palmerranch.net/About>.



Do you want to hear about the news on Palmer Ranch first hand? If so, simply visit our website: [www.PalmerRanch.net](http://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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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.'*



# 17th Annual Stoneybrook G C C 2 Mile - Walk and Talk



## Benefiting Paws for Patriots program at Southeastern Guide Dogs Saturday, February 15, 2020

Sign In (8:00-8:45am) and Starting Point (8:45am) at front entrance of Stoneybrook Clubhouse

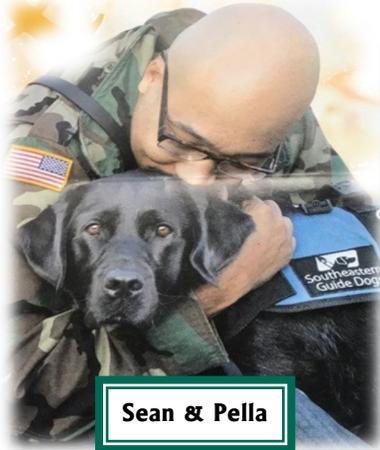
Donations of \$20.00 per person

Donation will include: Continental Breakfast (Donuts, Coffee, Juice)

Lunch (Hot Dog with all the fixins, beans and chips)

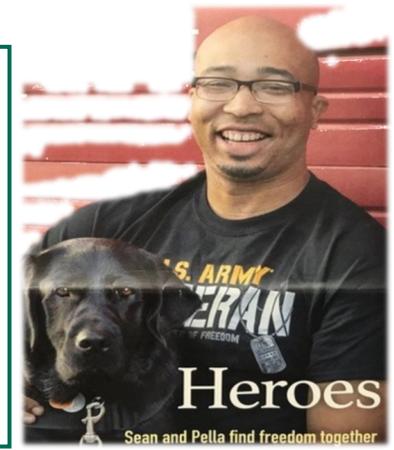
Cash, Check or Member Account Charge payable to Southeastern Guide Dogs

Registration and Raffle tickets for prizes will be sold on Pub & Rib Nights January 22,23,29,30th and February 5 & 6th as well as day of event.



Sean & Pella

*THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER AND HIS VERY SPECIAL COMPANION AT THIS YEAR'S EVENT.*  
*THROUGH PAWS FOR PATRIOTS AT SOUTHEASTERN GUIDE DOGS, U.S. ARMY VETERAN SEAN BROWN AND PELLA ARE NOW A TEAM IN HIS EFFORT TO OVERCOME PTSD.*  
*"PELLA IS A BLESSING. SHE HAS MY SIX. SHE IS MY PARTNER. PELLA IS EVERYTHING."*  
*SEAN NOW ENJOYS LIFE WITH HIS WIFE, TWO YOUNG CHILDREN AND AS A SPORTS ANNOUNCER, PODCAST HOST, MUSICIAN AND MEMBER OF THE SOUTHEASTERN GUIDE DOGS TEAM.*  
*COME MEET U.S. ARMY VETERAN SEAN BROWN AND PELLA TO HEAR HIS LIFE'S JOURNEY.*



Please contact Dave Scruggs (716-983-9098) or Shelby Colston (941-400-4435) for further information. If you are unable to attend this year's walk and would like to donate

please send your donation to:

Southeastern Guide Dogs, 8782 Merion Avenue, Sarasota, Florida 34238

Looking forward to seeing you at this year's walk.

Come out and support our future heroes that one day will change a life!

