



## ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2020

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### News You Can Use



#### **ISLES OF SARASOTA COMMUNITY YARD SALE – SATURDAY, MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>**

Isles of Sarasota, located at 5901 Benevento Drive, is having a community yard sale on **Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 2:00pm**. The Palmer Ranch community is welcome to stop by and browse!

#### **REMINDER: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS**

Please remember to move your clocks ahead one-hour early **Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**, and change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Be sure to dispose of the 9V batteries safely!



#### **CA DAY 2020 – COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS DAY**

Community Association Day educational expo and trade show is taking place on **Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am – 5:00pm** at the Bradenton Area Convention Center, One Haben Blvd., Palmetto. Admission is free! There will also be free educational sessions, be sure to register early as class sizes are limited. To register visit [www.caiwestflorida.org](http://www.caiwestflorida.org) or call (941) 927-1910.



#### **2020 TOUR DE PARKS**

Friends of The Legacy Trail and the Sarasota Manatee Bicycle Club will once again be teaming up to organize this great bike ride next year. The date for the 2020 Tour de Parks ride has been set for **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**. For more information please visit <https://www.friendsofthelegacytrail.org/tour-de-parks-information/>

#### **PALMER RANCH NATURAL ASSETS EVENT– FLYER ATTACHED**

**Learn successful strategies for influencing positive changes in your community.** You are invited to attend an engaging presentation and Q&A on how to effectively bring about positive changes in your community. While the presentation will focus on instituting beneficial changes in how one manages their community natural resources and watershed areas, this approach applies to any situation where changes are needed for improvement. This presentation will be held on **Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 10am**, at the Covenant Life Church, 8490 McIntosh Road, Sarasota.





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### NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY – MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>

National Vietnam War Veterans Day is a commemorative holiday in the United States, which recognizes the sacrifices that veterans and their families made during the Vietnam War. It is also a day to give proper recognition to the men and women who returned home from that war and didn't receive a proper welcome home. It's a holiday that's been celebrated since 1973 on either March 29th or March 30th of each year through a patchwork of state resolutions. However, in 2017, the date of the holiday was set as March 29th by President Donald Trump. This day is now officially known as National Vietnam War Veterans Day.



From all of us at the Master Association office, we thank you for your service and sacrifice. We are forever grateful!

### **Save The Date**

### STONEYBROOK GOLF & COUNTRY IS HOSTING A DANCE PARTY – **FLYER ATTACHED**

Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club, located at 8801 Stoneybrook Blvd., is hosting a Jukebox Time Machine Dance Party on **Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30pm-10:00pm**. Join the fun with cocktails, a dinner buffet and dance. To RSVP for this event call (941) 918-9595.

### ARTISTS OF PALMER RANCH MEETING

Celebrate Spring and New Beginnings! Come join the *Artists of Palmer Ranch* at their next meeting on **Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am** at the Gulf Gate Library, 7112 Curtiss Ave. Any Palmer Ranch resident is welcome. Bring your latest masterpiece or an old favorite!

### **Artists of Palmer Ranch – Featured Artist, Chris Connors**



Chris Connors has been a resident of Sarasota living in the Palmer Ranch community since 1992. She began her study of art in upstate New York. After pursuing a career in science and industry, living in Toronto, Boston, Morristown and Philadelphia, she turned to marketing and advertising. Chris returned to her love of painting. After moving to Sarasota, Chris studied with Patsy Finn, Frederic Murphy and Robert Osborn. She has exhibited her work in multiple galleries throughout Florida and North Carolina. Most of her current work is commissioned by collectors, interior designers and architects. Her work is included in many private and corporate collections in the United States and Europe. Artist's statement: "The visual and visceral experience of turning a flat surface into the illusion of multi-dimensional images is the sheer joy of painting for me."



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### **2020 EARTH DAY CELEBRATION**

Come out to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Earth Day Celebration on **Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** from **11:30am to 1:30pm** at Five Points Park downtown, 1 Central Ave., Sarasota.

There are over 35 organizations confirmed. Here is a summary of some of the exciting interactive things planned for the day:

- 120 FREE native trees have been donated by Tropical Gardens Landscaping to pass out at the festival!
- Ringling College's mural club will be doing a "paint-by-number" community mural about plastic pollution
- Electric vehicle demos/tours will be onsite
- Trippin' on Pizza Food Truck (vegan and vegetarian options)
- Youth-led tables on plastic pollution and climate change
- The Zero Waste Bar & BYOB Reusables will provide information on low waste packaging and how to make DIY reusable items
- Other educational tables on: recycling, alternative transportation, energy efficiency, vegetarianism, a Dolphin-friendly Bay, reef balls, solar energy, sustainable housing issues, composting, and much more.

For more information visit: <https://www.facebook.com/events/187587569130242/>

### **OSCAR SCHERER STATE PARK ANNUAL EARTH DAY CELEBRATION**



Friends of Oscar Scherer State Park are throwing a party in honor of Earth Day on **Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 4:00pm**. Did you know that the first Earth Day occurred in 1970 and was started by the ecology movement in the U.S.? Come celebrate Earth Day at Oscar Scherer State Park with live music, full-filled activities for kids, various environmental and informational booths and more! Oscar Scherer is located at 1843 S Tamiami Trail, in Osprey.

For more information visit <https://www.escape-to-sarasota.com/sarasota-earth-day.html>

### **REMINDER TO PUSH THE BUTTON - CENTRAL SARASOTA PARKWAY AT THE LEGACY TRAIL**

Many pedestrians and cyclists are **pushing the button** to activate the flashing lights at the Legacy Trail crossing at Central Sarasota Parkway.



1. Push Button to Alert Motorist
2. Wait for Vehicle to Stop
3. Make eye contact with the driver
4. Cross Carefully



Florida law grants cyclists on a crosswalk the same rights and responsibilities as pedestrians. Drivers are required to yield to pedestrians in the cross walk. The purpose of the flashing lights is to alert motorists that there is someone entering the crosswalk and they must yield.



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### **Everything You Need to Know About Palmer Ranch – The Master Association**

The Master Association is the Palmer Ranch Master Property Owners Association, Inc. All owners of Residential, Commercial-Industrial and Recreational properties are Members of the Master Association.

The purpose of the Master Association is enforcement of the covenants, monitoring functions including governmental requirements of the development, maintaining and enhancing the Master Association common area landscape including public road and drainage rights of way, as well as additional responsibilities further defined in the Declaration of Protective Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Palmer Ranch.

There are many property types on Palmer Ranch. For purposes of classification and representation to the Master Association they are; Residential, Commercial/Industrial, and Recreational. Residential properties may further be identified as single-family homes, condominiums, apartments and assisted living facilities.

Communities on Palmer Ranch may be a single entity with many Sub-Associations within, such as Prestancia or Stoneybrook Golf and Country Club. At this time, there are 34 Residential class Communities on Palmer Ranch. Counting all Sub-Associations and Tract Communities there are currently:

25	Condominium Associations	4	Apartment Communities
46	Home Owner Associations	22	Commercial/Industrial interests
4	Assisted Living Facilities	2	Recreational interests

Each has voting interests equal to their Assessable Unit Values. Most Residential properties are assessed at one (1) Unit Value per residential home. For example, VillageWalk with 1,177 units are assessed at one Unit Value and the community has 1,177 voting rights.

Some properties such as Adult Living Facilities, Covenant Life Church, TPC and the YMCA have an assigned value. The Glenridge, for example, is assigned 371-unit values, TPC 20, Covenant Life 10 and the YMCA 5.

Condominiums located within a Community with overall density equal to or greater than eight (8) dwelling units per acre are assigned a value of seventy-two/one hundredths (0.72) per unit. Multi-unit, multi-story rental apartments are also assigned a value of seventy-two/one hundredths (0.72) per unit. Commercial-Industrial properties are assigned a value of one (1) for every 1,000 square feet.

Yes, Commercial-Industrial members pay assessments as well. For instance, Lowe's Home Center has a total of 140,000 square feet of commercial space, and pays assessments on 140 units.





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### Sue's Grounds Corner

#### SANDHILL CRANE COLT SEASON

March begins our Sandhill Crane colt (babies) season. This is when the babies start exploring and learning 'on the job' from Mom and Dad. Because of this, we ask that all of our residents be extra vigilant when driving on our roads. Because the colts haven't yet learned how to navigate the extreme traffic in our area, we're asking that our residents abide by the posted speed limits, we can hopefully keep more babies alive this way. Sandhill Cranes are protected by the U.S. Migratory Bird Treaty Act and as a State-designated Threatened species by [Florida's Endangered and Threatened Species Rule](#), so its extremely important to safe guard our 'young'. The Master Association Board approved adding 15 more 'Sandhill Crane Area' Signs, so please be on the lookout for these signs arriving the first week of March, weather permitting.



Because the color of the birds blends with the color of the asphalt, the birds are often exceptionally hard to see and if you're driving into the sun, they can become invisible. So, please, slow down when driving anywhere on Palmer Ranch. I can't stress how important this is to our wildlife and our neighbors as well.

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](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.'*



## Tools for success to lead your community to environmental stewardship & unity

A FREE seminar on the communication of CHANGE. Easy to learn, practical communication & organizational tools for:

- ♦ Community environmental / landscape committee members
  - ♦ Anyone leading environmental projects
- ♦ Anyone who wants to be a more successful eco-communicator

Covenant Life Presbyterian Church  
8490 McIntosh Rd, Sarasota 34238

March 24, 2020 ~ 10am to 11:30am



*Hosted by the Palmer Ranch  
Watershed / Natural Assets  
Committee*

*No RSVP required.*

# Jukebox Time Machine Dance Party

## American Pie

Pat & Donna Surface

Featuring

**Dance to the  
Jukebox Hits  
Through the Decades**



Friday, April 3, 2020  
5:30pm Cocktails  
6:15pm Buffet  
7:00 - 10:00pm Dance  
\$45.00 ++

American Pie is uniquely different! Pat performs live and Donna is a DJ that plays the original artists and takes requests. They are a non-stop musical tag-team that is so much fun.

And you haven't seen anything until you've seen a 6'8" All-Star Basketball Player (Pat) lead the Cupid Shuffle!

With an unlimited selection of timeless, classic hits through the tunes that are topping the charts now, Pat and Donna keep the party going and the dance floor filled. They lead line dances, have dance contests with prizes, and are a truly entertaining couple!

**Stoneybrook Golf and Country Club  
8801 Stoneybrook Blvd.  
Www.stoneybrook.net 941-918-9595**