

PALMER  RANCH

ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 21, 2015

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From Sheriff Tom Knight:

Safety Information as Students Head Back to School – **SEE ATTACHMENT**

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News you can Use

SPLASH BASH EVENT AT THE YMCA ON PALMER RANCH IS FREE TO THE PUBLIC

The Evalyn Sadlier Jones YMCA at 8301 Potter Park Drive is hosting a Splash Bash **tonight from 5:00pm to 8:00pm**. What a great way to wrap up the summer!! Come and join in the fun!



SARASOTA COUNTY PARKS, PRESERVES AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN ENVIRONMENTAL DISCUSSION SET FOR AUG. 27

The public is invited to join the discussion about environmental topics related to the Sarasota County Parks, Preserves and Recreation Master Plan on Thursday, Aug. 27. The public meeting is set for **10 a.m. - noon, Aug. 27**, at the William Little Health and Human Services building at 2200 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota.

The Parks, Preserves and Recreation Master Plan will guide the development, re-development, and enhancement of the County's and Cities' parks, preserves, athletic fields, community centers, recreation facilities, programs and services for the next 20 years. Public open houses, pop-up events, focus groups, recreation program user interviews, onsite intercept interviews, on-line survey, interviews with elected officials, advisory council meetings, and staff are all part of the process. For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000.



STONEBROOK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB INVITES PALMER RANCH RESIDENTS TO TEE OFF WITH A GOLF PLAY CARD - [SEE ATTACHED FLYER](#)

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SARASOTA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE CONTINUES

The fourth cycle on the subject of *Public Utilities* is open through August 31st. This cycle's topic areas include:



- Stormwater and Surface Water Management
- Potable Water
- Sanitary Sewer
- Solid Waste and Recycling

The County is holding a community workshop to gather public feedback on potential changes. The Public Utilities Workshop will be held on **Tuesday, August 25th from 10:00am – Noon** at the Fruitville Public Library Meeting Room, 100 Coburn Rd., Sarasota.

Tree of the Month

'SHADY LADY' BLACK OLIVE (*BUCIDA BUCERAS*)

The exquisite Shady Lady tree, commonly known as the black olive, with its lush layers of tiny leaves is quite beautiful. Rather bushy, its dense foliage makes it an excellent tree for shade, yet it is relatively easy to maintain. The Shady Lady can reach astounding heights of up to 50 feet and features a frosting of small yellow flowers while blooming. The "black olive" name can be misleading, as this tree is not actually an olive tree and does not produce the edible black olive fruit. This sturdy and stunning tree is salt tolerant, and loves the hours of sunlight provided by the Florida climate. Eight Shady Ladies greet travelers as they approach Palmer Ranch from the south along the east side of Honore Avenue in the area that is maintained by the Palmer Ranch Master Association just before the monument sign near Isles of Sarasota.



Safety Information as Students Head Back to School

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As Sarasota County students head back to school, motorists are urged to use extra caution and obey speed limits, particularly in school zones, because in some places there are new, slower posted speeds.

Sarasota County lowered school zone speed limits near Riverview High School, Venice Area Middle School and Laurel Nokomis School to 15 miles per hour to be consistent with all other school zones in the county.

Deputies will initially focus on education, while enforcing all traffic laws near schools where citations carry greater fines than regular speeding infractions. Current fines in school zones are:

- 1-9 miles over the posted limit - \$156
- 10-14 miles over the posted limit - \$306
- 15-19 miles over the posted limit - \$406
- 20-29 miles over the posted limit - \$456
- 30+ miles over the posted limit - Mandatory Court Appearance
- Failure to stop for a school bus - \$271

Passing a school bus on the exit side also results in a mandatory court appearance.

"The greater risk is not to your wallet but to the life and safety of a child," said Sheriff Tom Knight. "Slow down and pay even closer attention when driving before and after school."

Sheriff Knight also urges drivers and children to follow these Top 5 Safety Tips:

1. Adults who drive children to school should leave early to avoid the rush and learn new drop-off and pick-up traffic patterns.
2. All motorists should watch for children in school zones and on nearby streets.
3. Vehicles must stop for all school buses when the stop sign is out and lights are flashing. This is true even if the bus is on the opposite side of the street unless a median more than four feet wide divides the road.
4. Teach children to catch the eye of drivers before walking in front of a school bus.
5. Always drive slowly in school zones and pay close attention to crossing guards.

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