



## ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – MAY 2020

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### News You Can Use

#### **SARASOTA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Sarasota County is planning to roll out a new Emergency Alert System to replace the current CodeRED system this upcoming 2020 hurricane season. The new system, by the name of **Alert Sarasota** is anticipated to be activated in May. Residents of Sarasota County will need to sign up for the new **Alert Sarasota** system as the information from CodeRED will not transfer to the new alert system. For more information on this new system and how-to sign-up, visit [www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net).

#### **ARTISTS OF PALMER RANCH APRIL MEETING – CANCELLED**

The *Artists of Palmer Ranch* Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at Gulf Gate Library is cancelled. Information about upcoming meetings will be in future newsletters. Stay safe. Be happy.

#### **Artists of Palmer Ranch – Featured Artist, Lorna Fitch**



I grew up in West Hartford, CT. My parents were both creative—my Dad enjoyed painting when he had the time to dabble, and my Mom, although not an artist, had a spectacular “eye” for design. I graduated from Wheelock College and taught young children in my 20s. I moved to Massachusetts in my 30s, got married and had one son, who is currently a chef in San Francisco. After thirty years in Western Massachusetts, I moved to Sarasota in 2014.

I always enjoyed working on some creative project. Whether it was stained glass, sewing, calligraphy, card-making, or designing my home both inside and out, my passion was always working toward making something beautiful. Painting has become my latest passion. I began with oil paints because I inherited

my Dad’s old tubes and brushes. I’m still learning, but find I love every aspect of this medium, from finding the right mix of color, to applying it on canvas. I’m a detail person, so when I see an image that moves me, I try to recreate it on the canvas. What’s next? I’d like to learn how to soften up those details into a more impressionistic style...or, just keep doing what I do—it’s fun!



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### NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY AND POLICE WEEK

In 1962, President Kennedy signed a bill proclaiming **May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day** and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as **National Police Week**. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others. In 1994 an amendment was made to the bill directing that the United States flag be flown at half-staff on May 15.

### FLAGS WILL BE FLOWN AT HALF-STAFF ON PALMER RANCH – FRIDAY, MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FROM SUNRISE TO SUNSET IN HONOR OF OUR FALLEN PEACE OFFICERS

We at Palmer Ranch cannot give enough thanks to our local law enforcement officers for putting their lives on the line every day, for each one of us.



### MEMORIAL DAY FLAGS AT HALF STAFF FROM SUNRISE TO NOON

On Palmer Ranch, smaller US flags have been set out to mark the Memorial Day period, with the flags lowered to half-staff on **Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>** from sunrise to noon. Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. It is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service.

### HOLIDAY HOURS FOR THE MASTER ASSOCIATION

The Master Association office will be closed **Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**, in honor of Memorial Day, reopening **Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 8am**.



*Photo Credit: Ken Brinker – Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club*



### NEW SAFETY SIGNS ALONG THE LEGACY TRAIL

Sarasota County Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources recently installed these new signs encouraging Legacy Trail users to look both ways before crossing, push the button for flashing crossing lights, wait for the traffic to stop, and cross with caution. The one pictured here is at Bay Street. Others have been placed at Palmer Ranch Parkway and Central Sarasota Parkway. One will also be placed at Colonia Lane.

Please use caution while on the Legacy trail and driving in these areas!



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### Everything You Need to Know About Palmer Ranch

The park-like setting of the community surrounding the association neighborhoods is maintained by the Palmer Ranch Master Property Owners Association. Over the years, millions of dollars have been invested by the Master Association to further enhance the property. From signage to flags, benches to fencing, to flowers and palms, the grounds of Palmer Ranch are what we are best known for.

Imagine for the moment, landscape in Palmer Ranch the same as in other County roadways. We cannot point to any one bush, tree or square foot of turf, but we can relate to the quality of life and pride of ownership in Palmer Ranch as a destination point – a desirable community in which to raise families, to retire.... to live.

This value, defined by quality and desirability, is our pledge of service to you.

Did you know Palmer Ranch is home to a variety of branding plants? Species include: Minima Jasmine, Copperleaf, Firebush, Perennial Peanut, Dwarf Texas Sage, Elaeagnus, Cocoplum, Dwarf Variegated Arboricola, Foxtail Fern, Sweet Potato Vine, Dwarf Pandanus, Society Garlic, Mammy Croton, Dwarf Confederate Jasmine, Podocarpus, Coral Creeper, Knock Out Roses, Flax Lilly, Crinum Lily and last, but not least, Gold Mound Duranta.



Where can you see these? You'll see these plants throughout the common areas of Palmer Ranch. The areas include McIntosh Road, Honore Avenue, Central Sarasota Parkway, Sarasota Square Boulevard, Palmer Ranch Parkways East/West, Northridge Road and Sawyer Loop Road. Though these roadways are County roadways. The Master Development Order for Palmer Ranch provides that we may maintain the roadways to higher than county standard.



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**Sue's Grounds Corner**

New Life on THE RANCH in spite of COVID-19

If there is one thing to be grateful for during this pandemic, its our wildlife!! In spite of sad news every time we turn around, our wildlife are breeding like crazy. Palmer Ranch has babies galore. We've got Sandhill babies, Owl babies, Red Shoulder Hawk babies, Eagle babies and even though I haven't seen any yet, I'm sure we're about to have Alligator babies!!! Following are some of the BABY pictures we've received from our communities.



I do have one SAD update, one of our Sandhill babies was hit by a car on Northridge Road. I received a call from the county saying that the caller claimed they didn't see one of our 15 brand new signs we just installed throughout the ranch. Sandhill Cranes are on the Ranch ALWAYS. You need to be AWARE when driving on our ROADS. Just because you can't see a sign reminding you doesn't mean that they are not there!!!! Remember, Sandhill's mate for LIFE!!

**PLEASE SLOW DOWN**

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*On another note, be on the lookout for Bicycle Racks being installed alongside our benches. We're only putting up four racks for now to try out. Look for them on Northridge, McIntosh at Palmer Ranch Parkway West, Honore just north of Village Walk entry and McIntosh north of Stoneybrook entry.*

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