



ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2020

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2020 ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING CANCELLED

In light of the pandemic and ongoing restrictions, the Master Association Board of Trustees voted unanimously to cancel the 2020 Annual Members Meeting.

2020 PALMER RANCH MASTER PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION - BOARD OF TRUSTEES / OFFICERS:

President / Residential Trustee: Bob Swan - Prestancia
President Elect / Residential Trustee: Lee Katz - VillageWalk
Vice-President / Residential Trustee: Garry Wharton - Silver Oak
Secretary / Residential Trustee: William Altman - Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club
Treasurer / Residential Trustee: Carol Auricchio - Mira Lago
Recreational Trustee: Rhonda Kapusta – Our Y
Recreational Trustee: Vacant
Commercial / Industrial Trustee: Steve Anderson - Palmer Ranch Executive Office Center
Commercial / Industrial Trustee: Steve Jeantet - Covenant Life Presbyterian Church
Commercial / Industrial Trustee: Vacant
Residential Trustee: Chris Meyer - Huntington Pointe
Residential Trustee: Wayne Gold - Sandhill Preserve
Residential Trustee: Rob O'Connor - Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club
Residential Trustee: Peggy Wells - VillageWalk
Residential Trustee: Nicholas Spina - Wellington Chase

SARASOTA COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Sarasota County has switched from CodeRED to a new emergency alert system for public health and safety messages. Residents of Sarasota County will need to sign up for the new Alert Sarasota County system as the information from CodeRED will not transfer to the new alert system. Stay informed by registering today with Alert Sarasota County. Receive rapid updates during emergencies by landline, cellphone, text message, email, TDD/TTY, or via the Alert Sarasota County app on your mobile device. Visit www.AlertSarasotaCounty.com to register and learn how to download the app, or call the Sarasota County Contact Center at 941-861-5000.

LEGACY TRAIL NOTICE

Beginning June 1st, Sarasota County staff will be performing annual sidearm mowing. 1 to 3-mile sections of The Legacy Trail will be closed for periods of 1-5 days. Work will be starting south at the Venice Trail Depot, and will continue north the entire length of the trail to Culverhouse Nature Park. Work will take place Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Schedule is tentative and subject to change. Please go slow and use caution.

VIRTUAL ZOOM CONDO & HOA DIRECTOR CERTIFICATION COURSES

Free Director Certification Courses featuring guest speaker Kevin T. Wells, Esq. will be held via virtual Zoom meeting on **Wednesday, June 10th (Condo Course)** and on **Wednesday, June 17th (HOA Course)**. **These courses are from: 8:30am - 11:30am.** RSVP to boardcertclass@gmail.com by noon on Friday, June 5th. Once you've signed up for a course, you will receive an email a few days before the meeting with a Zoom link.



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Artists of Palmer Ranch – Featured Artist, Catherine Cella



Catherine is known for her beautiful and artistic Timeless Portraits, Fine Art and Published Work. Her work has been on the front covers of Connecticut Parent Magazine, Fairfield County Parent Magazine, Ellington Congregational Church Directory as well as an image in the Inspiring Teens Magazine. Her images are displayed in the Ellington, Connecticut Town Hall, local businesses and many private homes throughout Connecticut. This is where she previously resided. Catherine's photography career began over 10 years ago and continues to grow as she begins a new life here in Sarasota. She is excited to discover all the beauty the West Coast of Florida has to offer as she expands her Fine Art Collection. Her passion for photography began during her high school years and continued throughout the years, taking advanced photography courses while

attending college. Pursuing her career, she continued to learn from some of the best in the world through Professional Photographers of America.



FLAG DAY – SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH

People across the United States celebrate Flag Day on **June 14** each year, to honor the United States flag and to commemorate the flag's adoption. On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress replaced the British symbols of the Grand Union flag with a new design featuring 13 white stars in a circle on a field of blue and 13 red and white stripes – one for each state. The number of stars increased as the new states entered the Union. The flag of the United States represents freedom and has been an enduring symbol of the country's ideals since its early days. Many people in the United States honor this day

by displaying the American flag at homes and public buildings. We all remember the events of September 11, 2001. That evening, the American Flag first flew at the entries of Palmer Ranch and has been continuously displayed since.

MASTER ASSOCIATION OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JULY 3RD

The Master Association office will be closed **Friday, July 3rd**, in observance of Independence Day and will reopen on Monday, July 6th at 8:00am. On Palmer Ranch, smaller US flags will be set out to celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence on the Fourth of July in 1776. Have a safe and sunny Fourth of July!



Wildlife on Palmer Ranch

Native habitat preservation and wildlife corridors are an integral part of the planning process in development on the ranch. It's a regular occurrence to see a Bald Eagle soaring overhead, having to slow for a Sandhill Crane to cross the road, or witness a Roseate Spoonbill soar across a pond. One of the reasons many homeowners purchase homes on the ranch is due to the abundant wildlife. Members have witnessed Otters playing rambunctiously in our waterways. Further, nothing gets your attention quicker than hearing alligators practice their mating calls. Palmer Ranch also has Wild Turkey, Bobcat as well as the occasional Florida Panther sighting.

Over the years our office has received numerous photos of the abundant wildlife we have on the ranch. Here are just a few:



Sandhill Crane



Bald Eagle



Great Blue Heron



Alligator



Roseate Spoonbill



Bobcat

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Sue's Grounds Corner

Because we've gotten several inquiries about Spatterdock (Lilly Pads) within Palmer Ranch waterways, Sue's Corner is dedicated to informing our members on the benefits of this aquatic plant. Spatterdock has a yellow "ball-shaped" flower and large heart-shaped leaves that often stick up above the surface of the water; they are not weeds.

Spatterdock provides shade within the water column. The shade prevents algae bloom which leads to decreased dissolved oxygen levels in the water and die-offs of fish and other species. You see, it's the sun penetrating the water that creates the algae. The sun heats up the water surface, which in turn spurs the growth of algae. Spatterdock shields the water from the heat of the sun, thus preventing the growth of algae and subsequently the use of chemicals to kill the algae. Besides being pleasing



to this writer's eye, Spatterdock does a great deal to maintain the well-being of the ponds they inhabit. Spatterdock is beneficial to our wildlife as it provides a stable surface and protection for successful fish spawning, protection for turtles, frogs, ducks and various species of birds, all of which are susceptible to predators such as alligators, water snakes, hawks and eagles. Please keep in mind that Spatterdock only blooms from April till December, when the water in our ponds and lakes is very hot from the constant sun. Mother Nature knows best how to protect our most essential resources.

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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.'