



ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2020

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News You Can Use

PALMER RANCH FLAGS AT HALF STAFF

On Palmer Ranch, flags will be lowered to half-staff from sunrise to sunset **Monday, December 7th** in honor of National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. Annually, this day commemorates the attack on Pearl Harbor, in Hawaii, during World War II. Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day is not a federal holiday, however, flags are flown at half-staff, so that Americans never forget this day that lives “in infamy.”



CONDO DIRECTORS CERTIFICATION COURSE – BEING HELD VIRTUALLY THROUGH ZOOM

Your Community Partners is offering a Condo Director Certification Course featuring guest speaker Kevin T. Wells Esq. via Zoom meetings on **Wednesday, December 9th from 8:30am to 11:30am**. Please RSVP to boardcertclass@gmail.com by noon the Monday before the event as space is limited.

HOA DIRECTORS CERTIFICATION COURSE – BEING HELD VIRTUALLY THROUGH ZOOM

Your Community Partners is offering a HOA Director Certification Course featuring guest speaker Kevin T. Wells Esq. via Zoom meetings on **Wednesday, December 16th from 8:30am to 11:30am**. Please RSVP to boardcertclass@gmail.com by noon the Monday before the event as space is limited.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES AT COVENANT LIFE CHURCH



Covenant Life Church, located at 8490 McIntosh Road, has issued an invitation to attend their Christmas Eve Candlelight Services on **Thursday, December 24th**. The modern candlelight service will take place at 4:30pm & The classic candlelight service will take place at 6:30pm. The 6:30pm service will also be live-streamed to a large screen to the side of the building so those of you who would like to come but don't want to sit inside can

experience the service outside. Come experience the wonder of the newborn king from the comfort of your car, or bring a chair and sit outside. Candles will be provided to all those who would like them outside. For more information contact Amy at amy@covenantlifepca.com or call (941) 926-4777.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM PALMER RANCH

We wish you and your family all the best during this Holiday Season! The Master Association office will be closed **Thursday, December 24th** and **Friday, December 25th**, reopening at 8am on **Monday, December 28th**.



HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM PALMER RANCH

Happy New Year from all of us at Palmer Ranch! Our very best wishes for a wonderful 2021! The Master Association office will be closed **Thursday, December 31st**, and **Friday, January 1st**, reopening at 8am on **Monday, January 4th**.



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UF / IFAS HOSTING WEBINARS & OFFERING VIRTUAL TALKS TO COMMUNITIES


While the pandemic has changed most everything in our lives, our local UF/IFAS Extension Office is still here to educate residents on a wide variety of topics. Here is a link to all their public classes, most of which are free: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/ufifas-extension-sarasota-county-422952084>.

Freshwater Ecosystems and an Invasive Plant course coming up January-March. Link for more info: <https://masternaturalist.ifas.ufl.edu/>

The Extension Office has experts in gardening/horticulture, edible food, composting/recycling, water quality and storm water ponds, coastal areas/mangroves, insects and integrated pest management, agriculture, as well as all things sustainability. Here is their website staff list: <https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/sarasota/staff-directory/>

In addition to the webinars offered, extension staff can also schedule virtual ‘talks’ to your community. For more information, contact UF/IFAS Sarasota County Extension at (941) 861-9900 or <http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/sarasota/>.

Everything You Need to Know About Palmer Ranch

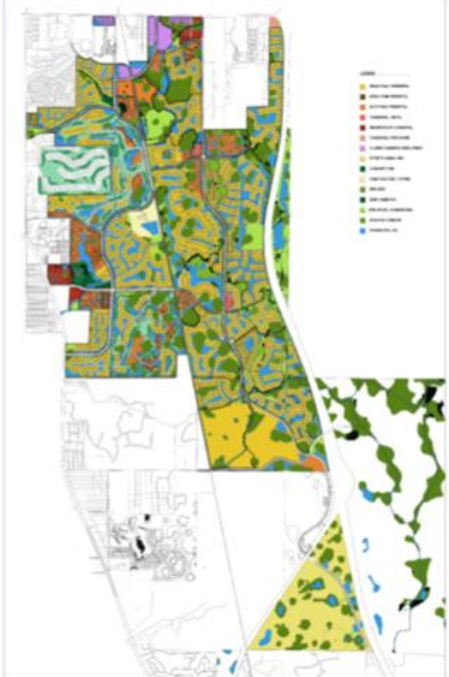


NEW DEVELOPMENTS

The development area of Palmer Ranch is defined by the Master Development Order (MDO) with Sarasota County. This instrument allows up to 14,200 residential building units as well as other units such as Commercial-Industrial within the development area.

Parcels of land within the MDO become part of the Master Association when an Incremental Development Order (IDO) is approved, thus the size of the Master Association is not static. It will continue to grow until build out of land available within the development area.

To date, 29 Increments have been approved. All development within Palmer Ranch must abide by the strict design guidelines, which Palmer Ranch is known for. Additionally, regardless if the new development is residential, commercial or recreational, assessments will be paid to the Master Association, which provides additional funds for enhancements and maintenance of Palmer Ranch.



Map of Palmer Ranch and it's 7,000± acres

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Sue's Grounds Corner



This is why Palmer Ranch would like all of our communities to keep their BioFilter (Low Maintenance Zones) areas intact. This photo was taken during the recent Tropical Storm Eta event. This is a SWFWMD stormwater drain on Sawyer Loop Road, right along the Pool Water Products building. The idea behind these structures is to hold back the water long enough so that it will percolate down to our aquifers which is how they get refreshed. These stormwater basins are also engineered to collect rainwater from asphalted surfaces and send it through underground piping, culverts or ditches. These structures can be found on both public and private property. On Palmer Ranch, all the water draining into one of these structures is directed into one of the creeks on Palmer Ranch. The water after traveling through the windy path is then discharged UNTREATED into Little Sarasota Bay. All citizens should be aware that stormwater collected by catch basins does not flow to the treatment plant at Central County Utilities.

Any and all contaminants in this water also flows down the structure, hence the need for Low Maintenance Zones. Without these zones, fertilizers and lawn treatment chemicals flow downstream winds up in Little Sarasota Bay.



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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.'