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NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE ON PALMER RANCH – [SEE ATTACHED NOTICE](#)

CRAPE MYRTLE TRIM SCHEDULED

The Master Association contractor will be conducting the annual trim and shaping of the Crape Myrtle Trees on Palmer Ranch over the next two weeks, weather permitting. Workers will be trimming in the areas of: Northridge Road, Palmer Ranch Parkway East, Sarasota Square Boulevard, Honore Avenue, McIntosh Road and Central Sarasota Parkway. *Please use caution when driving in active work zones.*



ADULT LEARNING CLASSES AT MOTE MARINE LABORATORY & AQUARIUM

“Endless Oceans: Conservation in the Community” is an adult education course designed to give lifelong learners the opportunity to discover and explore the Gulf Coast’s vibrant community of environmental conservation organizations. This course is now available online any time, for more information and to register for classes visit <https://mote.org/education/college-adults/lifelonglearning>.

FRIENDS OF OSPREY JUNCTION TRAILHEAD – HISTORY OF SARASOTA COUNTY WEBINAR – [SEE ATTACHED](#)



TURTLE ROCK COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Turtle Rock, located at 8500 Turtle Rock Blvd., will be having its annual community garage sale on **Saturday, February 13th from 8:00am to 11:30am**. Be sure to stop by for some great finds!

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, February 10th 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, February 17th from 8:30am to 11:30am**. Please RSVP to boardcertclass@gmail.com by noon the Monday before the event as space is limited.



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SURREY RIDES ON THE LEGACY TRAIL HAVE RETURNED FOR 2021



Ready to travel the Legacy Trail? The Surrey Ride Program offers a way for residents and visitors the chance to enjoy Sarasota County's award winning and highly popular Legacy Trail. The program, which is a partnership between Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources and the Friends of the Legacy Trail (FLT) runs on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays now through April 14th**. Riders can sit back and enjoy the ride on a four-passenger, four-wheeled canopy covered surrey type bicycle while FLT volunteers provide the 45-minute pedal-powered trips. The ride includes information and history of the Legacy Trail and its surroundings. To pre-register for your free surrey ride, call (941) 486-2757. For more information visit <http://www.friendsofthelegacytrail.org/the-surrey-program/>

PRESIDENTS' DAY IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15th

The Master Association Office will be closed on **Monday, February 15th** in observance of Presidents' Day, reopening at 8am on **Tuesday, February 16th**.



President's Day commemorates past presidents of the United States of America. Washington's Birthday was first celebrated as a holiday in the District of Columbia in 1880. It was made a federal holiday in 1885. Originally held on the anniversary of George Washington's birth, on February 22, in 1971 this holiday was moved to the third Monday in February.

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. 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!

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.'



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OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST IN PARK MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING NESTING BALD EAGLES

One of the attractions of living in Palmer Ranch is the opportunity to view wildlife, both native and migratory. Here's an opportunity to monitor nesting bald eagles and assist in light maintenance and habitat improvement of two Sarasota County parks in and around Palmer Ranch.

Culverhouse Nature Park off McIntosh Road is situated on 82 acres. It includes a community garden, picnic areas, hiking trails and parking. A pair of eagles have nested in the park for several years. The eaglets appear in late December or January and usually fledge in March or April.

Scherer-Thaxton Preserve consists of 287 acres on both sides of Honoré Avenue just north of the junction with Highway 681. The area near the parking lot on the west side of Honoré includes a fitness trail and hiking/biking trails that in the dry season connect to the Legacy Trail and Oscar Scherer State Park. The park also includes an active eagle nest, which is easily visible from one of the trails.

The eagle nests in both parks are included in the Audubon Society's EagleWatch Program. The county's park manager of both parks has been the only monitor of the two nests. The county has posted notices for a volunteer to assist the park manager with invasive vegetation management and monitoring throughout areas of each of the parks.

A project through the Palmer Ranch Natural Assets Committee will enable interested residents of Palmer Ranch to fill jointly the position of volunteer first for Culverhouse Park and later for Scherer Thaxton Preserve. You can read descriptions of the volunteer positions at: www.scgov.net/volunteer. Click on Opportunities. From there anyone interested would search the opportunity listed as Culverhouse or Scherer Thaxton Preserve, with the code PCUL for Culverhouse Nature Park or PSCH, the code Scherer-Thaxton Preserve.

Participants will take turns monitoring the eagle nest for at least 15-20 minutes once a week and write a report of the viewing to the park manager. The park manager will include the information in his reports to the Audubon Society's EagleWatch Program. Participants will also assist the park manager in maintaining the hiking trails. This involves working closely with parks staff to implement invasive plant control projects, removal of trash and debris as necessary and reporting of safety issues and damage to the appropriate county agencies. The park also needs assistance in removal of invasive vegetation and bushes.

If you are interested in participating in this project or would like additional information, please contact Oliver Janney at ojjanney@outlook.com or (941) 922-8766.

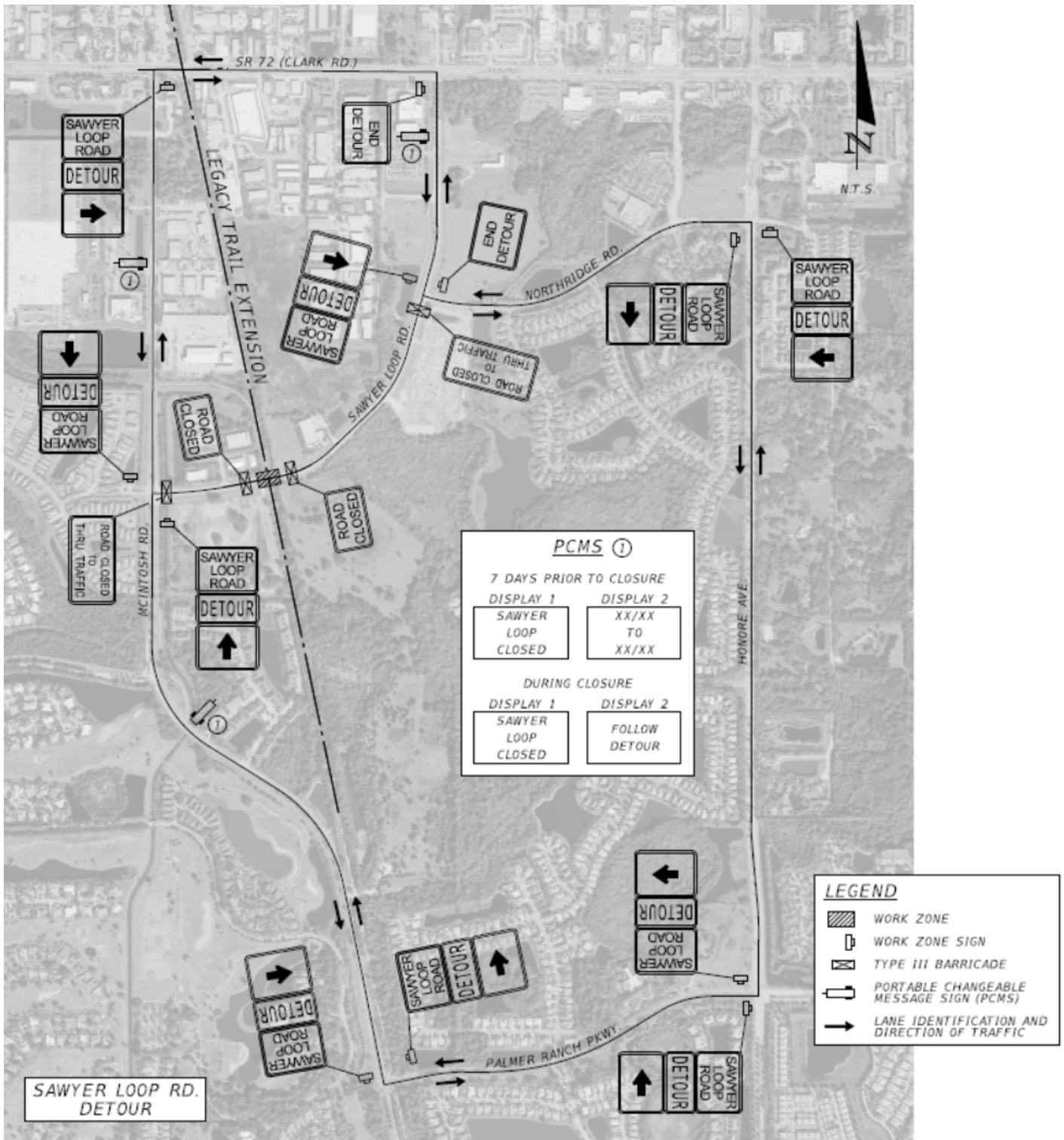


NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE ON PALMER RANCH

Sawyer Loop Road, from Northridge Road to McIntosh Road, will be closed from

7am on Monday, February 8th to 6pm on Friday, February 12th.

Sarasota County contractors will be conducting utility work in association with the Legacy Trail Extension. For questions, please contact Suraj Rao at 941-861-0892.





Friends of Osprey Junction Trailhead and Sarasota County Centennial 2021 partner to present a free webinar celebrating Sarasota County's 100th anniversary

Thursday, February 11th at 11am

The online presentation, “The History of Sarasota County”, is scheduled for **Thursday, February 11 at 11 a.m.** Attendance is free, but you must register to attend. A grant from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation is underwriting this webinar.

Webinar Description: Discover the intrigue, drama, and perseverance that sparked Sarasota District civic leaders in 1921 to break from Manatee County to create Florida's 62nd County. Learn how the Tamiami Trail and the 1920s Florida land boom impacted the formation of Sarasota County—and how visionary Sarasotans persevered to fulfil their dreams and economic ambitions as they led a county independence movement. Come listen to Dr. Frank Cassell, a nationally known historian, and author of the book “Creating Sarasota County” as he recounts all this and more in an exciting, thought-provoking, and fascinating presentation.

To register, click here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CpKv9Z5vQj2S5ibkJqfSOw

Or visit www.ojtfriends.com/webinars

Host: Rebecca Tasetano, Friends of Osprey Junction Trailhead

Presenter: Dr. Frank A. Cassell, Chairman of the Sarasota County Centennial 2021 Steering Committee

Presenter Bio: Frank A. Cassell is Professor Emeritus and President Emeritus at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg. He earned the B.A. degree at Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana, and his M.A. and Ph. D. degrees at Northwestern University. He taught and served as an administrator at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Roosevelt University in Chicago before taking the presidency at Pitt-Greensburg. Cassell has published books and articles on the colonial and early national periods of American history, the Columbian Exposition of 1893, social history in Indiana in the 19th century, and his experiences as a university president. The Board of Trustees of the University of Pittsburgh named a new academic building at Pitt-Greensburg in his honor in 2012. He has also won awards for excellence in teaching, outstanding historical research, and community service. The Florida Book Awards awarded *Suncoast Empire: Bertha Honoré Palmer, Her Family, and the Rise of Sarasota* the 2017 silver award for nonfiction. He retired and moved to Sarasota with his spouse, Beth, in 2007 and served two terms as a member of the Sarasota County Historical Commission. He is on the board of the History and Preservation Coalition of Sarasota County where he heads the History and Preservation Awards Committee and chairs the Sarasota County Centennial 2021 Steering Committee. His latest book, *Creating Sarasota County*, was written to provide historical support for the Sarasota County Centennial 2021 celebration.

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About Friends of Osprey Junction Trailhead

Friends of Osprey Junction Trailhead is a Chapter of Friends of Sarasota County Parks, a 501c3 non-profit registered in Florida. Friends of Osprey Junction Trailhead mission is to support, promote and enhance Osprey Junction Trailhead, a Sarasota County Park adjacent to The Legacy Trail.

You can email us at friends@ojtfriends.com.