

ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2021

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News You Can Use

REMINDER TO PUSH THE BUTTON - CENTRAL SARASOTA PARKWAY AT THE LEGACY TRAIL

Many pedestrians and cyclists are **pushing the button** to activate the flashing lights at the Legacy Trail crossing at Central Sarasota Parkway.



1. Push Button to Alert Motorist
2. Wait for Vehicle to Stop
3. Make eye contact with the driver
4. Cross Carefully



Florida law grants cyclists on a crosswalk the same rights and responsibilities as pedestrians. Drivers are required to yield to pedestrians in the cross walk. The purpose of the flashing lights is to alert motorists that there is someone entering the crosswalk and they must yield.

USE CAUTION AT CROSSWALKS

With the continued sunny weather, many people are out enjoying the great outdoors, and walking the tree lined sidewalks. Throughout Palmer Ranch, there are designated crosswalks. Some people misunderstand the purpose and meaning of a crosswalk, believing it is the only place pedestrians are *permitted* to cross the street. That is not the case. A crosswalk is where drivers are expected to yield (if possible) to pedestrians. Drivers approaching crosswalks – either marked or unmarked – must yield to pedestrians who are legally in the crosswalk and approaching closely enough to be in conflict.



Pedestrians cannot enter the crosswalk at any time they wish. One cannot expect a driver to do the impossible, such as coming to a stop from 45 mph in 100 feet. Pedestrians must give drivers adequate time and distance to react and stop.

CONDO DIRECTOR 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, April 14th from 8:30am to 11:30am**. Please RSVP to boardcertclass@gmail.com by noon the Monday before the event as space is limited.

HOA DIRECTOR 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, April 21st 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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NATIONAL ARBOR DAY- FRIDAY, APRIL 30TH

The first American Arbor Day was originated in Nebraska City, Nebraska by J. Sterling Morton. On April 10, 1872, an estimated one million trees were planted in Nebraska.



HAPPY ARBOR DAY

Birdsey Northrop of Connecticut was responsible for globalizing the idea when he visited Japan in 1883 and delivered his Arbor Day and Village Improvement message. In that same year, the American Forestry Association made Northrop the Chairman of the committee to campaign for Arbor Day nationwide. He also brought his enthusiasm for Arbor Day to Australia, Canada, and Europe.

Arbor Day is a holiday in which individuals and groups are encouraged to plant trees. Today, many countries observe such a holiday. Though usually observed in the spring, the date varies, depending on climate and suitable planting season.

THE EAGLET IN CULVERHOUSE NATURE PARK HAS FLEDGED

During the week of March 18th, the eaglet in Culverhouse Nature Park fledged; that is, flew away from the nest to a nearby tree. As of March 21st the adult eagles were still bringing food to the eaglet. The eaglet will probably stay near the nest for the next few weeks before migrating northward. Here are some facts about Bald Eagle eaglets that you might find of interest:

- A fertile bald eagle egg takes 32-25 days to hatch. An eagle may lay up to 4 eggs. No hatching of more than 3 chicks has been recorded in Florida. The eggs hatch one-and-a-half days apart.
- Eagles raise one brood of chicks each year. If there are no eggs or no surviving chicks, they might try again that year.
- The majority of bald eagle chicks fledge at about 10-14 weeks. They stay around the nest for at least a couple of weeks.
- Juvenile eagles migrate each summer. They may travel as far north as Canada.
- Adults that breed with a nest tend to stay near the nest territory all year.
- It takes juvenile eagles five years to obtain the signature white head and tail. (Courtesy Audubon Society EagleWatch)





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YOUR 2021 MASTER ASSOCIATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

There are many property types on Palmer Ranch. For purposes of classification and representation to the Master Association they are: Residential, Commercial/Industrial, and Recreational.

What makes up the Board of Trustees of the Master Association? There are fifteen (15) Board Members; ten are elected from Residential Members, three from Commercial-Industrial and two from Recreational Members. The Declarant has exercised its option by appointing a sixteenth member to the Board.

2021 PALMER RANCH MASTER PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION - BOARD OF TRUSTEES / OFFICERS:

President / Residential Trustee: Lee Katz – VillageWalk

President Elect / Residential Trustee: G. Christopher Meyer – Huntington Pointe

Vice-President / Residential Trustee: Garry Wharton - Silver Oak

Treasurer / Residential Trustee: William Altman - Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club

Secretary / Residential Trustee: Peggy Wells - VillageWalk

Recreational Trustee: Andrew Kingsley – TPC Prestancia

Recreational Trustee: Lisa Meskil – Evalyn Sadlier Jones Y

Commercial / Industrial Trustee: Vacant

Commercial / Industrial Trustee: Vacant

Commercial / Industrial Trustee: Vacant

Residential Trustee: Bob Swan - Prestancia

Residential Trustee: Charles Reith – Mira Lago

Residential Trustee: Ginny McGee – Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club

Residential Trustee: Nicholas Spina – Wellington Chase

Residential Trustee: Wayne Gold – Sandhill Preserve

Declarant Trustee: Andrea Suarez – Palmer Ranch Holdings, LTD.

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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.'