



## ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – JULY 2021

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### News You Can Use

#### **MASTER ASSOCIATION OFFICE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>**

The Master Association office will be closed **Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**, in observance of Independence Day and will reopen on Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup> 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!

#### **STONEBROOK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB'S SUMMER SCHEDULE (OPEN TO THE PUBLIC) - [FLYER ATTACHED](#)**



#### **JULY IS NATIONAL FIREWORKS SAFETY MONTH.**

Fireworks and celebrations just seem to go together. Long associated with Independence Day, the use of fireworks on other holidays, such as Memorial Day, Labor Day and New Year's Eve, is on the rise. Unfortunately, a happy celebration can quickly turn painful if consumer fireworks are misused.

Be prepared:

- Know and follow all county and city fireworks laws for your area.
- Never use homemade and/or illegal fireworks.
- Clear away any dry vegetation and debris from the area before igniting any fireworks.
- Always have a water source, full bucket of water and/or fire-extinguisher, close at hand.
- Make sure your pets are indoors before you begin, to reduce the risk they will run loose or get injured. Animals have sensitive ears and can be frightened or stressed during a fireworks celebration.

While celebrating:

- Be sure those watching are at a safe distance from where fireworks are being ignited.
- Use safety eyewear, glasses or goggles, to protect your eyes while igniting fireworks.
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.
- Do not allow children to play with or light fireworks.
- Sparklers should only be used under close adult supervision. While often considered a "safe" firework for the young, the tip of a sparkler burns at 1,200 degrees or higher, which can cause third degree burns.
- If a firework does not light or fire, let it sit for at least 20 minutes then carefully place it in a bucket of water.

Clean up:

- Make sure fireworks are cold before handling and place all used fireworks into a bucket of water.
- Clean up all debris.
- Be sure matches, lighters and any unused fireworks are out of the sight and reach of children before, during and after your celebration.

## Sue's Grounds Corner

# SIZE MATTERS

The wider and higher your pond buffer is, the greater the benefits for your community!

Pond/Lake buffers should be between 3- to 10-feet wide with preferably FLORIDA NATIVE plants staggered in height so that visual view is not impaired (taller plants down near or in the water, shorter plants up near the top of the bank). Pond plantings secure bank sediments thereby reducing erosion issues and possible need for special assessments to pay for property reclamation projects. Plants with long root systems provide the best erosion control and minimize property loss. Water quality is protected by separating the water from the land where people mow and fertilize, and pets do their business. Pond buffers also enhance wildlife habitat, preserve your property's value, enhance the value of your home and *more* importantly filters the contaminants before they enter the pond/lake water.



In an area that is just a few feet deep such as a littoral shelf, algae has the benefit of full, consistent sunlight which seriously stimulates the growth of algae. The thicker and denser the littoral vegetation, the less sunlight will be available for algae growth. *The entire pond perimeter should be planted all the way out to the deepest part of your pond to avoid algae blooms and thereby the use of copper products.* Also remember that pond plantings pump oxygen into the water and increases aquatic habitats for the fishermen out there.

*Planting and mowing turf up to the water's edge is NOT a best management practice. Installing a good amount of healthy, non-invasive plants in the stormwater pond IS a Best Management Practice that enhances water quality, wildlife habitat and secures YOUR waterfront property! A beautiful planted pond does more for your property value than anything else you can do.....*



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### **Everything You Need to Know About Palmer Ranch**

#### **WHAT IS THE PALMER RANCH MASTER ASSOCIATION?**

##### **What is the Advisory Committee?**

The Advisory Committee consists of up to eight (8) members. The Committee meets once a month to determine whether to suggest Board action on various matters. The recommendations of the Committee are submitted to the Board in the form of proposals for Board action. The Committee provides a written report to the Board at each Board meeting. The minutes of the Committee, as well as those of the Board, are available for inspection through the Master Association office.

##### **How does the Master Association budget for Enhancements?**

The Advisory Committee maintains a prioritized list of proposed “Enhancements” for Palmer Ranch. This list includes landscaping and other improvements. The list is prioritized as to near term and longer-term projects. Pursuant to the advice from the Master Association’s accountants, the following procedure is used to provide for future Enhancements. Each year, when the proposed budget is prepared, an estimate is made of the anticipated revenues and expenses of the Master Association. An amount is allocated in the proposed budget for “Enhancements.” At the end of a given year, if any money remains in this budget item, as well as any other budget items, those amounts are applied to the next year’s budget to be used against expenses and/or for enhancements.

##### **Where does the accumulated amount of enhancement monies appear in the Master Association financials?**

Over time, the enhancement fund has accumulated \$ 923,510.25 as recorded in the Master Association's financials on the most recent Income & Expense Budget Performance in the Income account numbered 500010.

##### **How does the Master Association expect to use the enhancement funds?**

Currently, enhancement funds are targeted for irrigation expenses, road striping, landscape /oak tree up lighting and turf extensions. However, the largest anticipated enhancement projects are aimed at bringing new Honore Avenue areas and the Bay Street extension up to Master Association and Community standards.

Preliminary estimates indicate that the cost of these enhancements will be over \$1,000,000. If the plan is approved by the Board, it will most likely be completed in stages. Enhancement funds are expected to provide most of the money required. Therefore, an increase in the Master Association assessment will, most likely, not be needed.

Palmer Ranch has been described as one of the most beautiful planned communities in the United States. Realtors have told Board members that the beauty of Palmer Ranch adds to the value of every property located in it. It is the goal of the Master Association to preserve and enhance that beauty for the benefit of the entire Palmer Ranch community.

**Stoneybrook Golf and Country Club  
of Sarasota on Palmer Ranch  
Open to the Public!**

**Summer Schedule (Closed Tuesdays)**

- **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!!**
- 18 Hole Golf Course, Restaurant & Bar
- Tee Times and Golf Packages Available
- Lunch Service: Every Open Day
- Closed Tuesday's through Summer

**Sunday: Breakfast Menu**

9:30am-2:00pm

**Wednesday: Pub Night**

5:00-8:00pm

**Thursday: Rib Night**

5:00-8:00pm

**(Prime Rib, BBQ Ribs and Full Menu)**

**Friday: Dinner Menu and or Events**

5:00-8:00pm

- Special Events and Weddings
- Club Events and Entertain-

**Friday is Martini  
Night  
5:00-8:00pm**



**TRIVIA  
NIGHT**

**Public Welcome!  
5:30 Served Dinner  
Games Follow Dinner**

**Friday, July 16**

**Friday, August 20**

**Friday, September 17**

**24.95++**

**Call for meal information**

**Every other  
Thursday of the month  
PUBLIC WELCOME**

**BINGO**

**& Dinner Buffet**

**5:30 Served Dinner**

**Games Follow Dinner**

**24.95++**

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