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News You Can Use



SANDHILL CRANE COLTS SEASON – COMING SOON!

Two subspecies of Sandhill Crane occur in Florida. The Florida Sandhill Crane population numbers between four and five thousand, are non-migratory year-round breeding residents, and are state protected. They are joined every winter by 25,000 migratory Greater Sandhill Cranes that nest every spring in the Great Lakes region. The babies are called “colts” because of their long spindly legs. These majestic birds make their home in our freshwater preservation areas. **Please be mindful of these downy Native Floridians as you travel along the picturesque roads of Palmer Ranch!**

VILLAGEWALK SINGERS – SING FOR SPRING

After a successful Holiday Concert, the Palmer Ranch Singers are ready to begin rehearsals for their next concert. If you enjoy singing and would like to be part of this fun-loving group, you're invited to join them on **Monday, January 9th from 1:15p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** at St. Andrew United Church of Christ, 6908 Beneva Road. Music is provided, dues are \$40. The Spring concert is Sunday, March 19th. Questions? Contact Peggy Wells at pf58bmd@gmail.com.



2022 Holiday Concert

ARTISTS OF PALMER RANCH MEETING – MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH

Start the new year in creative company. Please join the *Artists of Palmer Ranch* at their next meeting on **Monday, January 9th, 10:00 am**, at Gulf Gate Library, 7112 Curtiss Ave. Any Palmer Ranch resident is very welcome. If you like, bring your latest masterpiece! They would love to see it!



The Artists' well-received Art Show has been extended thru January!

"Gallery" hours at Unity Church, 3023 Proctor Rd. are 10am to 4pm Mondays to Fridays. All welcome to visit. Fourteen incredibly talented, local artists represented. All artwork available for sale.

Featured Artist: *John DeMarchis*



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TURTLE ROCK ANNUAL GARAGE SALE – FLYER ATTACHED

Turtle Rock on Palmer Ranch is having their annual community garage sale on **Saturday, February 11th from 8am to 11:30am**. Both gates will be open, and maps will be handed out to guests upon entry. Enjoy shopping for some great finds!



STONEBROOK 20TH ANNUAL TWO' MILE WALK & TALK EVENT – FLYER ATTACHED

Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club is hosting a two mile walk and talk event benefiting the Veterans program at Southeastern Guide Dogs on **Saturday, February 18th**. There will be a special guest speaker and her companion at this year's event. See attached flyer for more information and how to register for this event.

SARASOTA COUNTY STORMWATER NEST, UF/IFAS EXTENSION – HEALTHY PONDS COLLABORATIVE

Sarasota County Stormwater NEST and UF/IFAS Extension have been working the last few years with so many great neighbors and managers who are improving their neighborhood ponds. Now they want to bring everyone together to meet each other and talk shop to help each other improve our ponds, our neighborhoods, and our environment. This event will take place on **Wednesday, January 25th from 8:30am to 3:00pm** at the Englewood Sports Complex, 1300 South River Road, Englewood, FL 34223. There will be a mix of speakers, discussion, storytelling, and activities designed to inspire. This will be a chance to learn practical solutions and strategies for healthy neighborhood ponds from neighbors who have succeeded! Catch up on the latest techniques and advice from our local experts at Sarasota County Stormwater NEST, UF/IFAS Extension, and the Healthy Ponds Collaborative. For more information and to register visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/all-neighborhoods-healthy-ponds-workshop-tickets-464729216597>



COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING (CERT) TRAINING



CERT Basic Training hybrid class is now open for registration. This course will be a mixture of online learning and two in-person skills sessions. Once registered, you should receive a confirmation e-mail with information on how to access the online portion. The online course may be completed at any point between now and February 17th. Then, they will have two skills sessions at SCF Venice on Feb 18th & 25th at 9:00am – 3:00pm. (You would need to attend both days.) To view details or register, please visit SCF.edu/Training. The class is listed under the Emergency Training category.



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www.PalmerRanch.net

Everything You Need to Know About Palmer Ranch – Our History

The 7,000± acre development, known as Palmer Ranch, was created as a model of contemporary planning and environmental sensitivity. The property is part of a legacy of a remarkable turn-of-the-century woman: Mrs. Bertha Potter Palmer. In addition to her significant contributions to Sarasota, Mrs. Palmer's achievements were many.



After her husband's death in 1902, Mrs. Palmer's influence was felt in the little-known town called Sarasota. She first visited the area in 1910, declaring that it was "the most beautiful place in Florida." Her impressions were published throughout the country, causing a local real estate boom. At a time when most women of her age and social standing were content to play parlor games, she purchased 80,000 acres of land in Sarasota, and was involved in agriculture, livestock, real estate, banking and tourism. Mrs. Palmer had a profound love for the natural beauty of Florida. She would have been proud to know that, after her death in 1918, much of her land has been preserved as state parks, nature preserves and quality development.

Hugh Culverhouse, Sr. purchased the remaining 12,000 acres from the Palmer estate in 1972. He shared Mrs. Palmer's love of the land and created the Palmer Ranch community. Mr. Culverhouse's dream continues to evolve through his son, Hugh F. Culverhouse, Jr. Palmer Ranch has received state and national recognition as an exemplary community and a model of state-of-the-art planning.

For more information about Mrs. Palmer, visit the Palmer Ranch website: <http://www.palmerranch.net/About>.

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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Sue's Grounds Corner

Welcome Back Snowbirds and New Residents of Palmer Ranch

For some of you who have not been here in a couple of years due to COVID and for others moving into the area from other parts of the country, this is really a WARNING to be on ALERT. Building and development in the area have caused many of our Florida predators to start encroaching on our residential neighborhoods. We all love our fur babies very much and I cannot stress enough just how crucial and important it is for you to keep your pets/animals INSIDE. I do a lot of inspecting of the Ranch at nighttime and I've seen these animals walking down the middle of the road. I saw a Bobcat sitting in the middle of McIntosh Road just south of Palmer Ranch Parkway about a year ago. I've seen Coyotes crossing the road in front of me on Central Sarasota Parkway. Walk your dogs on very short leashes, DO NOT allow them to run loose, always have them in your sight and close by and DO NOT allow your cat to be outside at all, they are prime targets. These predators run fast and If hungry enough they will find a way to get your pet; your fur baby! I'm not doing this to scare you but to alarm you, you need to stay vigilant especially when taking FIDO out for his bathroom break. It's never a good idea to leave your pets unattended at any time of day, this includes inside your pool cage where you think they might be safe, screening can be cut through very fast when you've got really sharp nails and teeth. Below are pictures I've pulled off the internet to show the difference of the 4 legged type predators in our area. For those with really small dogs pay attention to the sky also, hawks and eagles have been known to pick small animals right off the ground and take off. Bobcat on the left looks like an overgrown cat with a bobtail and the Coyote on the right almost looks like an overgrown fox with point large ears and a bushy long tail.



Bob Cat



Coyote



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Notice of Public Hearings

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Sarasota County Planning and Development Services wants you to know that the property owner of the Palmer Ranch Development of Regional Impact (DRI) has applied for: 1) **Application for Incremental Development Approval (AIDA) XXX**; and 2) **Rezone Petition No. 22-31** to rezone approximately 25.9 acres from OUE-1 (Open Use, Estate, 1 unit/5 acres) to RSF-3/PUD (Residential, Single-Family, 4.5 units/acre/Planned Unit Development) zone district to allow for development of a 99-unit townhome community.

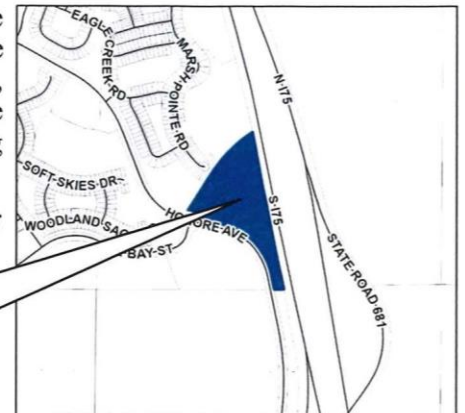
The **Planning Commission** will hold **Public Hearings** beginning at **5:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible, on **January 19, 2023**, at the **County Administration Center, Commission Chamber, 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota, Florida**.

You are invited to appear, be heard, and submit relevant evidence. Copies of the petition and supporting documents are available during normal business hours in the Planning and Development Services Department at 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota, Florida. Copies of the petition and supporting documents will be available to view or download at www.scgov.net, (Keyword: "Planning Commission") the Friday prior to the public hearing.

You are invited to comment on the request by attending the public hearing or submitting your written comments to:

Planning and Development Services Department
1660 Ringling Blvd.
Sarasota, FL 34236
planner@scgov.net
941-861-5000, TTY 7-1-1 or 1-800-955-8771

AIDA XXX
RZ 22-31





Turtle Rock's Annual



GARAGE SALE

February 11 from 8—11:30am

at individual homes

The Association will hand out community maps at the gates that show
participant sellers' addresses

20TH ANNUAL STONEYBROOK G & CC

WALK -N- TALK

Benefiting the Veterans Program at Southeastern Guide Dogs

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2023

Sign-In Starts 8:00am-8:30am at Clubhouse Front Entrance. Walk Starts at 8:45am

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL GUEST AND HIS VERY SPECIAL COMPANION AT THIS YEAR'S EVENT.

Through Veteran's Services at Southeastern Guide Dogs, U.S. Marine Captain Mike Deardorff and his service dog Ryan are now a team in his effort to overcome PTSD. Mike began his 10-year military career in the Marines, first as an F/A-18 electrician and then in artillery. He worked toward becoming an officer, was commissioned as a Lieutenant, and ended his military career in 2004 at the rank of Captain. In 2003, he deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom. Then came 17 years of struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder. Now, he's found freedom in Ryan, "Ryan's impact on my life is immeasurable, he is my life saver. He is the one who can bring me into the moment without saying anything. He is the one who gives me hope." Come meet U.S. Marine Veteran Mike Deardorff and Ryan and hear Mike's life changing journey.



Minimum Donation is \$25.00 per person. Donation includes Breakfast & Coffee.

For those unable to attend and wishing to donate, your donation is very much appreciated. For this year's event, ALL Walk N Talk donations will be MATCHED dollar for dollar by a group of generous Southeastern Guide Dog donors through their Heroes Challenge.

THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO DONATE:

- If you are a Stoneybrook GCC member your donation can be charged to your member account. Email, text or call Dave Scruggs at LTC365@yahoo.com (Tel. No. 716-983-9098). Provide your name, club number and amount you wish to donate.
- A check made out to Southeastern Guide Dogs and mailed to Bob Richards, 8726 Grey Oaks Ave, Sarasota, FL 34238.
- Donate via charge card or direct debit at www.guidedogs.org/stoneybrook and choose your donation amount under the "DONATE TODAY" section.
- Give your donation to a committee volunteer listed below.
- Donations will be accepted, and Raffle tickets for Gift Baskets will be sold on Pub & Rib Nights February 1st & 2nd and February 8th & 9th as well as the day of event.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION:



Your Stoneybrook Walk N Talk Committee,
Barbara Bernstein, Ellie Brennan, Patty Cardinale, Shelby Colston, Barbara/Ken Colwell,
Judy Cowgill, Shiela Elliott, JoAnn/Michael Federico, Pat/Kevin Gmerek, Mel Green,
Betty Gruber, Stephanie Hayes, Sharon Herrick, Carol/Joe Kreit, Louise Melehan,
Retta/Jeff Meser, Alice/Dick Neaves, Mike Netkovick, Jo/Bob Richards, Joe Rich,
Pat/David Scruggs, Bill/June Walker