



ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – MAY 2023

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News You Can Use

ANNUAL NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS' DAY MOVES TO MAY 2023

Flags on Palmer Ranch will be flown at half-staff from sunrise to sunset on **Sunday, May 7th** in honor of firefighters who have died in the line of duty.



NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY AND POLICE WEEK

In 1962, President Kennedy signed a bill proclaiming **May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day** and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as **National Police Week**. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others. In 1994 an amendment was made to the bill directing that the United States flag be flown at half-staff on May 15.

MEMORIAL DAY FLAGS AT HALF STAFF FROM SUNRISE TO NOON

On Palmer Ranch, smaller US flags have been set out to mark the Memorial Day period, with the flags lowered to half-staff on **Monday, May 29th** from sunrise to noon. Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. It is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service.



HOLIDAY HOURS FOR THE MASTER ASSOCIATION

The Master Association office will be closed **Monday, May 29th**, in honor of Memorial Day, reopening **Tuesday, May 30th at 8am**.

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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STONEBROOK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB - KIDS SUMMER CAMP – FLYER ATTACHED

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, May 10th from 5:30pm to 8:30pm (evening meeting)**. Please RSVP to boardcertclass@gmail.com by noon the Friday before the event

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, May 17th from 5:30pm to 8:30pm (evening meeting)**. Please RSVP to boardcertclass@gmail.com by noon the Friday before the event

For the Record

REQUEST FOR PEDESTRIAN ACTIVATED CROSSWALK SIGNS – CENTRAL SARASOTA PKWY / HONORE AVE.

Our office requested pedestrian-activated crosswalk signs from Sarasota County for the intersection of Honore Avenue & Central Sarasota Parkway. Sarasota County provided the following reply:

'Following the opening of the new Publix, we will monitor pedestrian activity at these crosswalks. There are existing clearly marked crosswalks with sidewalks on both sides of the road which are designed to provide appropriate pedestrian safety; therefore, at this time, there is no data to support the need for flashing beacons. We have a long list of requests for flashing beacons around the county where residents have indicated a desire for new or upgraded crosswalks. We prioritize those requests based on actual pedestrian activity data measured with detection devices. A few months following the Publix opening we can install those devices at Central Sarasota Parkway to collect data.

Our annual budget only allows for a few of the flashing beacons to be installed each year. Upgrading a single crosswalk with flashing beacons costs roughly \$20,000. There are four crosswalks at Central Sarasota Parkway and Honore. Our future data collection would help determine if any of the crosswalks have a level of pedestrian activity that would prioritize the location(s) above others on our request list.'

Sue's Grounds Corner

GUESS WHAT? It's the time of year again where you'll be seeing irrigation running during the day, SORRY! Central County Utilities, on McIntosh Road, informs us they are making 6 million gallons of water a day and all the communities on the Ranch are using 8 million gallons of water. Most of that demand is overnight, so that the pressure for the rights-of-way on Palmer Ranch goes down to almost zero. To keep our millions of dollars in St. Augustine turf alive, we've chosen to irrigate during the day when the pressure is maximized. One way to avoid getting your cars wet from reclaimed water is to SLOW DOWN so that if you see water running ahead along the roadway, you have time to switch lanes.



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Everything You Need to Know About Palmer Ranch – Grounds of Palmer Ranch

The park-like setting of the community surrounding the association neighborhoods is maintained by the Palmer Ranch Master Property Owners Association. Over the years, millions of dollars have been invested by the Master Association to further enhance the property. From signage to flags, benches to fencing, to flowers and palms, the grounds of Palmer Ranch are what we are best known for.

Imagine for the moment, the landscape in Palmer Ranch the same as in other County roadways. We cannot point to any one bush, tree, or square foot of turf, but we can relate to the quality of life and pride of ownership in Palmer Ranch as a destination point – a desirable community in which to raise families, to retire.... to live.

This value, defined by quality and desirability, is our pledge of service to you.

Did you know Palmer Ranch is home to a variety of branding plants? Species include Minima Jasmine, Copperleaf, Firebush, Dwarf Texas Sage, Cocoplum, Dwarf Variegated Arboricola, Foxtail Fern, Sweet Potato Vine, Dwarf Pandanus, Society Garlic, Mammy Croton, Dwarf Confederate Jasmine, Podocarpus, Flax Lilly, Crinum Lily and last, but not least, Gold Mound Duranta.

Where can you see these? You'll see these plants throughout the common areas of Palmer Ranch. The areas include McIntosh Road, Honore Avenue, Central Sarasota Parkway, Sarasota Square Boulevard, Palmer Ranch Parkways East/West, Northridge Road, and Sawyer Loop Road. Though these roadways are County roadways. The Master Development Order for Palmer Ranch provides that we may maintain the roadways to higher than county standard.

Visit us at www.PalmerRanch.net to learn more about the ranch.



Helen Johnson Bougainvillea



Royal Palm



Crape Myrtle



Copperleaf



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Q: What can I do as a Palmer Ranch resident to minimize red tide?

A: Although we still don't know what causes red tide, you can help by keeping our watershed healthy.

Red tides in Florida develop 10-40 miles offshore, away from man-made nutrient sources. Once red tide moves inshore, however, it can be fueled by nutrient pollution from urban and agricultural runoff.

Our stormwater ponds are designed to help remove nutrients and other pollutants from stormwater runoff before it empties into Little Sarasota Bay and the Gulf. But their effectiveness depends on us.

So be mindful of what you put into our watershed. The two biggest things you can do to reduce nutrient poisoning and avoid feeding red tide are:

- Don't fertilize if rain is forecast in the next 48 hours.
- If you irrigate your lawn with reclaimed water, reduce the amount of nitrogen in your fertilizer by the amount of nitrogen in your reclaimed water (ask your community manager)

You can also help minimize red tide by:

- Using pesticides sparingly, and considering non-chemical treatments
- Planting native vegetation, which requires less water and produces less runoff.
- Properly disposing of hazardous materials such as gas, oil, paint, and unused pool chemicals.

If you live on a stormwater pond, consider creating a low-maintenance zone at the pond's shoreline, including:

- A fertilizer-free zone at least 10 feet, and ideally 20 feet, from the shore.
- A vegetation zone two to six or more feet from the shore, with turf grass or native aquatic plants, grasses and rushes, groundcovers, wildflowers, shrubs, or trees, all allowed to grow to their optimum height. For turf grass, that's 12 inches of blade height.

Low-maintenance vegetation zones can reduce nutrients by as much as 50%. Consult with your community association's property manager before making any changes to your stormwater pond shoreline.



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Shoreline without low-maintenance zone



Shoreline with low-maintenance zone



For more on how to properly maintain your stormwater pond shoreline, including a list of appropriate native plants, visit

<https://www.sarasota.wateratlas.usf.edu/upload/documents/LivingontheWatersEdgeFreshwater.pdf>.

And for more information on red tide in Sarasota County, visit the Official Water Quality Summit report at <https://www.scgov.net/home/showdocument?id=42805> and scroll to page 67. Or visit <https://myfwc.com/research/redtide/faq/>.

Written by the Palmer Ranch Watershed / Natural Assets Committee, a group dedicated to maintaining and improving our water, preserves, and common areas.

Stoneybrook

GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB OF SARASOTA

8801 Stoneybrook Blvd , Sarasota, FL. 34238

KIDS SUMMER CAMP

(AGES 6-12 YEARS OLD)

MONDAY -THURSDAY
HOURS: 9:00AM-3:00PM.

Tennis, Swimming & Outdoor Activities
Lunch & Drinks Included

Daily Schedule

9:00-10:00am Meet & Greet Campers

10:00-11:00am Tennis

11:00-12:00pm Swimming

12:00-1:00pm Lunch

1:00-3:00pm Fun Activities

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**WEEKS
FROM
JUNE 19-
AUG. 3,
2023**

PICK ANY WEEK OR COMBINE WEEKS