



ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2023

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PALMER RANCH FLAGS AT HALF STAFF

On Palmer Ranch, flags will be lowered to half-staff from sunrise to sunset **Thursday, December 7th** in honor of National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. Annually, this day commemorates the attack on Pearl Harbor, in Hawaii, during World War II. Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day is not a federal holiday, however, flags are flown at half-staff, so that Americans never forget this day that lives “in infamy.”

VILLAGEWALK SINGERS EVENT

Caroling, caroling.... You're invited to join The Palmer Ranch Singers for “A Holiday Concert” on **Sunday, December 10th at 4pm**, at St. Andrew United Church of Christ, 6908 Beneva Road (Gulf Gate area). Artistic Director Jane Hunder and Musical Director Linda Lee Miller have put together a wonderful program for all to enjoy as a festive start to this holiday season.



Tickets are \$15 per person. Advance tickets are available from chorus members or pay at the door on the day of the concert. Ticket sales cover music purchases, use of the facility, plus a professional director and musicians.

The Singers hope you will join them for a delightful program of holiday music. Happy Holidays!

Questions? Contact Peggy Wells at pf58bmd@gmail.com.



HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM PALMER RANCH

We wish you and your family all the best during this Holiday Season! The Master Association office will be closed **Friday, December 22nd** and **Monday, December 25th**, reopening at 8am on **Tuesday, December 26th**.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES AT COVENANT LIFE CHURCH

Covenant Life Church, located at 8490 McIntosh Road, has issued an invitation to attend their Christmas Eve Services on **Sunday, December 24th**. The morning service will be held at 10am; Modern Candlelight Service at 4:30pm (Childcare available for infants to 3-year-olds); and the Classic Candlelight Service will be held at 7pm (no childcare). For more information contact Amy at amy@covenantlifepca.com or call (941) 926-4777.





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HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM PALMER RANCH

Happy New Year from all of us at Palmer Ranch! Our very best wishes for a wonderful 2024! The Master Association office will be closed **Friday, December 29th**, and **Monday, January 1st**, reopening at 8am on **Tuesday, January 2nd**.

STONEYBROOK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club, located at 8801 Stoneybrook Blvd. is hosting New Year's Eve dinner & entertainment on **Sunday, December 31st starting at 7:00pm**. For more information, or to make reservations, call (941) 918-9595.

SAVE THE DATE – A NIGHT OF HOPE DINNER & DANCE – **SEE ATTACHED FLYER**

Dance into the night at Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club on **January 13th from 5:30pm-10pm**. For more information, visit: www.SDSLHope.org.

SAVE THE DATE 21st Annual Stoneybrook Walk 'n Talk – **SEE ATTACHED FLYER**

Join in on a special event, **Saturday, February 17th**, benefitting Paws for Patriots at Southeastern Guide Dogs. For more information, email LTC365@yahoo.com.

Grounds Corner

WINTER ANNUALS

A seasonal tradition on Palmer Ranch is the changing of the annuals. Winter brings forth striking beds of Geraniums. Soils will be modified at each of the Palmer Ranch entrances in preparation for the installation of the winter plantings. The design features full beds of Red Patriot Geraniums. Planting the annuals in early December allows the plants to “harden in” before the colder weather arrives.



The Patriot Geranium features lightly scented crimson flowers which mature to about 24-30” tall and spread anywhere from one to two feet. They prefer moist but well-drained soil. We trim back, or pinch off, the old blooms which prompts the plant to send out new blooms which is why the Geraniums look beautiful all the way to our spring planting!



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Everything You Need to Know About 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, 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, Mammy Croton, Dwarf Confederate Jasmine, Podocarpus, Knock Out Roses, 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 and 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.



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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Notice of Public Hearing

Sarasota County Planning and Development Services Department wants you to know that a property owner near you has applied for **Rezone Petition No. 23-34** to rezone approximately **1.55 acres** from **PID (Planning Industrial District)** to **ILW (Industrial, Light Manufacturing and Warehousing)** zone district.

The **Planning Commission** will hold a **Public Hearing** beginning at **5:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible, on **December 7, 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 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 submitted your written comments to:

Planning and Development Services Department
1660 Ringling Blvd.
Sarasota, FL 34236
planner@scgov.net
941-860-5000, TTY 7-1-1 or 1-800-955-8771



A Night of Hope

DINNER & DANCE
TO SAVE LIVES

SATURDAY
JANUARY 13, 2024
5:30-10:00 PM

Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club
8801 Stoneybrook Boulevard
Sarasota, FL 34238

— **\$100 a person** —

Music by
DJ Blue Eyed Media Group,
Larry Ostermann II

**Sponsorship
Opportunities Available**



Register at
SDSLHope.org or
scan the QR code



Questions?
Contact Linda or
Paul Johnson at
info@sdslhope.org

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21ST ANNUAL STONEYBROOK G & CC WALK -N- TALK



Benefiting the Veterans Program at Southeastern Guide Dogs

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024



Sign-In Starts 8:00am-8:30am at Clubhouse Front Entrance. Walk Starts at 8:45am Breakfast and Speaker at 9:15am

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

Through Veteran Services at Southeastern Guide Dogs, Army Veteran Russell Smith and his service dog Mustang are now a team in his effort to overcome PTSD. Russell served eight years in the Army and was deployed twice to Iraq. An accomplished trumpet player, Russell was assigned an additional duty to play Taps at all too frequent memorials. The sound of exploding IEDs and mortar attacks were a constant reminder that he would, once again, be playing Taps for a fallen friend in arms. After Russell's discharge, the lingering effects of post-traumatic stress kept him isolated and hyper-alert with frequent and severe anxiety attacks. "I arrived at the Southeastern Guide Dogs campus nervous and stressed. Enter Mustang!! He completely changed my life. Mustang has my back and is always there for me." Come meet U.S Army Veteran Russell Smith and Mustang to hear Russell's life changing journey.



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

Non-Walkers are strongly encouraged to attend. For those unable to attend and wishing to donate, your donation is very much appreciated. 100% of your donation goes to local Southeastern Guide Dogs who operate the most advanced training facilities of any service dog organization in the world. 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 January 31st & February 1st and February 7th & 8th as well as the day of event.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION:



Your Stoneybrook Walk N Talk Committee,
Maddy/Peter Berendt, Ellie Brenan, Pat Cardinale, Shelby Colston, Barbara/Ken Colwell,
Judy Cowgill, Shiela Elliott, JoAnn/Michael Federico, Pat/Kevin Gmerek, Mel Green.,
Stephanie Hayes, Sharon Herrick, Margaret Ida, Carol/Joe Kreit, Louise Melehan,
Retta/Jeff Meser, Alice/Dick Neaves, Mike Netkovick, Jo/Bob Richards, Joe Rich,
Pat/David Scruggs, Roseann/Tim Smith, Lynn/ Dennis Tague and Bill/Jane Walker