



## ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2024

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### News You Can Use



#### **ARTISTS OF PALMER RANCH MEETING – MONDAY – JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**HERALD IN THE NEW YEAR! SHOW US YOUR ARTWORK!** If you draw, paint, sculpt or simply have an interest in the visual arts, please join the Artists of Palmer Ranch at their next meeting on **Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 am**, at Gulf Gate Library, located at 7112 Curtiss Avenue. Any Palmer Ranch resident is very welcome. If you like, bring your latest masterpiece! They would love to see it!

*Featured Artist: Donna Janec Karambelas, 'Waking Angel'*

#### **CALLING ALL SIGNERS**

Do you love to sing? Do you sing in a chorus or choir? You're invited to join the Palmer Ranch Singers as they begin preparation for their **March 10<sup>th</sup>** concert. This welcoming, friendly group comes together to sing, to grow musically and to share the joy of beautiful music with the community. Plus – they have a lot of fun!



Their Artistic Director, Jane Hunder, fantastic accompanist, Linda Lee Miller, and their Leadership Team have prepared a terrific program commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day.

Rehearsals begin on **Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>** at St. Andrew United Church of Christ, 6908 Beneva Road (Gulf Gate area). Practices are weekly 1:15 – 3:30 p.m., culminating in a concert on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. Music will be provided at check-in at the first meeting, and dues of \$40 are payable by cash or check at the first meeting.

If you are interested in joining the Palmer Ranch Singers, or have questions, please contact Peggy Wells (VillageWalk) at [pf58bmd@gmail.com](mailto:pf58bmd@gmail.com). They want to make sure they have enough music for everyone. They're looking forward to another great year of musical fellowship and hope to see many Palmer Ranch neighbors join with them to share the love of singing.

#### **SAVE THE DATE – A NIGHT OF HOPE DINNER & DANCE – [SEE ATTACHED FLYER](#)**

Dance into the night at Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club on **January 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm-10pm**. For more information, visit: [www.SDSLHope.org](http://www.SDSLHope.org).

#### **SAVE THE DATE 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Stoneybrook Walk 'n Talk – [SEE ATTACHED FLYER](#)**

Join in on a special event, **Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**, benefitting Paws for Patriots at Southeastern Guide Dogs. For more information, email [LTC365@yahoo.com](mailto:LTC365@yahoo.com).



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### Everything You Need to Know About Palmer Ranch

While some may think they know all there is to know about Palmer Ranch, we've hundreds of new residents on the ranch who may not be so familiar with the inner workings of the area, hence we feature this educational series every month. This month, we'll be learning the interesting history of how Palmer Ranch became to be the beautiful community we know today.



Bertha Honore Palmer

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 Honore 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.

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](http://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!

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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.'*



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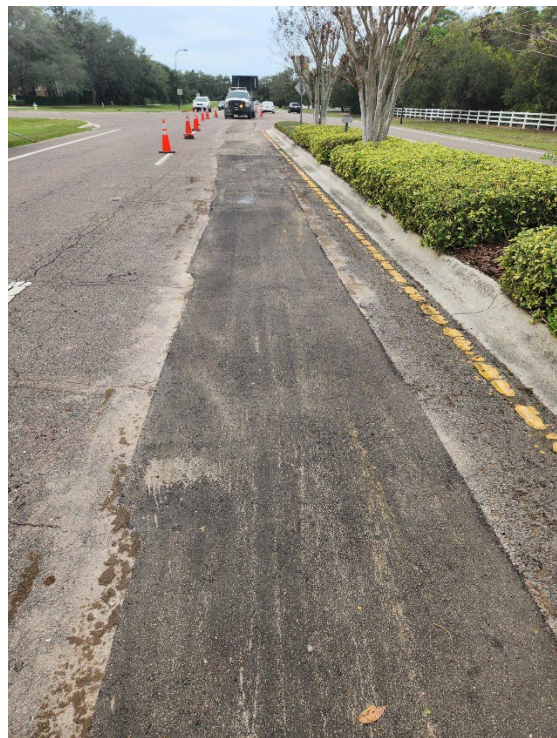
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### Sue's Grounds Corner

The Master Association is still receiving several calls and emails daily relating to the condition of the roads, along with other roadway-related complaints. For our new residents, the roadways on Palmer Ranch are not maintained by the Master Association. The roads outside of your communities are maintained by Sarasota County. Palmer Ranch Master Association is only responsible for the landscaping within the medians and roadsides. Should you have a roadway-related complaint, please call the Sarasota County Call Center at (941) 861-5000

I know that some of you feel that it is the Master Association's responsibility to levy these complaints, however we've learned over the years that the Master Association is only one voice. If you get your neighbors and community to call one at a time, then the "the squeaky wheel gets the grease" metaphor prevails, as Sarasota County takes notice of the number of complaints they get.

In the meantime, see pictures below of what "one squeaky wheel" was able to accomplish. The pictures are of repairs that were made to numerous potholes on Central Sarasota Parkway, just west of McIntosh Road.





# 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](https://SDSLHope.org) or  
scan the QR code



**Questions?**  
Contact Linda or  
Paul Johnson at  
[info@sdslhope.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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