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## On the Ranch Newsletter March 2026

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Click [Here](#) for a Palmer Ranch  
Community Map.





## Palmer Ranch Master Association Notices Sign-up Form

If you aren't currently receiving the Palmer Ranch Master Association Newsletter and Notices directly to your in box and would like to, click [Here](#) for our Sign-up Form.

## News You Can Use

### Communication from the Master Association to our Members

#### Turn Clocks Ahead This Sunday

This is a reminder that daylight saving time begins at **2 am** on **Sunday, March 8th**, when clocks will "spring forward" to **3 am**.

This time change serves as an important reminder to complete a crucial safety check - changing the batteries in your smoke alarms.



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#### What is the Master Association?

The Master Association is the Palmer Ranch Master Property Owners Association, Inc. All owners of Residential, Commercial-Industrial and Recreational properties are Members of the Master Association.

The purpose of the Master Association is enforcement of the covenants, monitoring functions including governmental requirements of the development, maintaining, and enhancing the Master Association common area landscape including public road and drainage rights of way, as well as additional responsibilities further defined in the Declaration of Protective Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Palmer Ranch.

There are many property types on Palmer Ranch. For purposes of classification and representation to the Master Association they are Residential, Commercial/Industrial, and Recreational. Residential properties may further be identified as single-family homes, condominiums, apartments, and assisted living facilities.

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#### Just How Large is Palmer Ranch?

The development area of Palmer Ranch is defined by the Master Development Order (MDO), filed with the state, region, and county. This instrument allows up to 14,200 residential building values, as well as other values, such as Commercial-Industrial space, within the development area.

Look to the Master Association website at [www.palmerranch.net](http://www.palmerranch.net) for the outline of the development area containing 7,000± acres. Note from the website map that the perimeter of the Development Area is not a rectangle.

Parcels of land within the MDO become part of the Master Association when an Incremental Development Order (IDO) is approved, thus the size of the Master Association is not static.

There is an additional 2,400 acres± of Palmer Ranch, on the east side of I-75. At this time, this land is not anticipated to become part of the Master Association.

Click [Here](#) to view the latest Palmer Ranch Community Plan Map.

# Notice of Neighborhood Workshop

**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2025

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Place:** Microsoft Teams – <https://bit.ly/PR-EAST-NHW2>

(Note: This URL is case-sensitive)

**Contact:** Adina Hyppolite, Stantec – 813-269-6016

**This project is located East of I-75 at the future I-75/SR-681 interchange and is not part of the existing Palmer Ranch development.**

## Neighborhood Workshop Palmer Ranch East 2nd Workshop

**Click [Here](https://bit.ly/PR-EAST-NHW2) to view the Project Information as provided by Sarasota County.**

A virtual workshop will be held to discuss a Comprehensive Plan Amendment adding an optional Town Center to the Sarasota 2050 Village/Open Space Resource Management Area (RMA), a UDC (Unified Development Code) text amendment, and a Development of Critical Concern (DOCC) / Master Development Plan (MDP) / Master Development Order (MDO) application for the Palmer Ranch East property, located east of I-75 at the future I-75/SR-681 interchange in Sarasota County.

To watch and participate in the virtual workshop at 6:00 pm on March 11, 2026, please visit: <https://bit.ly/PR-EAST-NHW2> (Note: This URL is case-sensitive).

You can also listen in by phone by dialing 833-436-6264, Conference ID: 567 159 098#.

This is not a public hearing. The purpose of the meeting is to inform neighboring residents of the nature of the proposal, discuss the concept plan, and to seek comments.

For more information, visit <https://www.scgov.net/government/planning-and-development-services/pds-calendar>.

If you have questions, please contact Adina Hyppolite at 813-269-6016 or by email at [adina.hyppolite@stantec.com](mailto:adina.hyppolite@stantec.com).



## Sue's Grounds Corner

The Palmer Ranch CERT group held our third BLS Training on February 21<sup>st</sup> at the Esplanade Amenity Center. To date, we have a total of 35 individuals currently Certified in Basic Life Support for the next two years. The Palmer Ranch CERT group continues to offer Basic Life Support training through the American Heart Association.

If anyone who is CERT certified wants to receive the two-year certification, please let me know as I'll be setting up another training session before August. Below are some pictures that were taken at our February 21 training event that Esplanade on Palmer Ranch very graciously hosted.

Thank you again Esplanade at Palmer Ranch CERT Team for hosting!

*Pictures courtesy of Esplanade resident Dorothy Rogel who was also a BLS participant*

Volunteer Trainers:  
Gilbert, Kay, Wendy, Jizzel, Shiela, Dr. Richard  
Censullo, Luvj, and Eric



Lori Iwan and Mike Nepi from Esplanade  
CERT and Sheila (trainer)



Kay Censullo & Wendy King (trainers),  
Marie Okronley (Hammock Preserve)



Mike Nepi & Wilson NG from Esplanade CERT



## Coyotes in and around Palmer Ranch: FAQ

### **Are coyotes common in our area?**

Coyotes are well established throughout Sarasota County, including Palmer Ranch. Coyotes are adaptable and can thrive in suburban and urban areas. According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, coyotes are considered an established, not invasive, species in Florida.

### **What do coyotes eat?**

Coyotes are omnivores. They hunt small prey including rodents and rabbits, and sometimes bigger animals such as raccoons and white-tailed deer. They also eat fruit and other plants. They are scavengers and will eat animal remains or wildlife eggs when they find them. In our area, easily attainable coyote food is plentiful, so coyotes do not generally attack larger animals.

### **When are coyotes most active?**

Coyotes are most likely to be seen around dawn and dusk but are active day and night.

### **Are coyotes dangerous to people and pets?**

Coyotes rarely attack people. However, babies and toddlers should always be supervised when outdoors.

Coyotes may see small pets as prey. It is important to keep small dogs on leash or secured, and not to let cats roam freely.

Biting incidents are generally associated with coyotes that have lost their natural fear of humans, for example because people have intentionally fed them. But these incidents are rare. According to University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, (UF/IFAS), "A study investigating instances of coyotes biting people in the United States and Canada from 1960 to 2006 documented 142 instances where coyotes bit or attacked people, which equates to three attacks per year over a 46-year timeframe. To place this in perspective, the website DogsBite.org reports that in the United States, roughly 1,000 people require emergency care treatment for serious dog bites every day, more than 12,000 people are hospitalized due to dog bite injuries every year."

### **What safety precautions should residents observe?**

- Don't ever feed coyotes or other wildlife. Secure trash and pet food.
- Be mindful of small children and pets when outdoors.
- If a coyote approaches, it will likely be timid. However, hazing a coyote (yelling, banging pans, blowing whistles, or making other loud noises; looking big; and waving arms) is effective when needed. The coyote may retreat and then stop and look at you, so keep making a variety of loud noises and "big" physical stances until the animal is gone. Don't run away from a coyote.

### **How can I report an aggressive or sick coyote?**

Report concerning coyotes to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Wildlife Alert hotline at 888-404-3922. For any immediate needs, contact the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Animal Services at 941-316-1201.

### **Where can I learn more?**

*Coyotes in Florida:*

<https://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/profiles/mammals/land/coyote/>

<https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topics/coyotes>

Safety and hazing:

<https://www.humaneworld.org/en/resources/coyote-hazing>

<https://urbancoyoteresearch.com/coyote-info/how-avoid-conflicts-coyotes>

Article by Michelle van Schouwen, Co-Chair Palmer Ranch Watershed & Natural Assets Committee. Adult coyote photo credit: Hance Ellington, UF/IFAS.

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## **The importance of American White Pelican in our waterways.**

American White Pelicans are migratory birds with up to 9-foot wingspans that frequently visit Florida coastal/inland areas during winter - they're our real Snowbirds. They feed on fish, crustaceans or amphibians. They are also known as 'cooperative fishing birds'. They are known to herd fish into shallow water where they can scoop them up. This is why you'll often see all of them swimming in circles - that's the clue they're herding.

The American White Pelican plays a crucial role in maintaining the health and balance of our waterways. Their foraging habits help control the population of fish, which in turn helps manage the overall health of aquatic ecosystems. By foraging small fish, they contribute to the overall health of the waterways by reducing the number of larger fish that can overpopulate and outcompete smaller species for resources. Additionally, their migration patterns and wintering grounds are vital for the survival of many other species that depend on these waterways for food and habitat.

Because American White Pelicans do not dive for their food, they are susceptible to surface level pollutants. Because they are considered a "species of special concern" in some areas of our world, let's please be more mindful of the chemicals your pond maintenance vendors are using.

Chances are if your ponds have white pelicans in them during the winter months, you are doing the right thing.

White Pelicans Visiting Restoration Area F (aka South Creek) - Photo by Joe Cooper





Additional White Pelican Photos taken in VillageWalk by Pat Donnelly.



## Images from Palmer Ranch

Photo of Promenade Estates Pond 7 in the fog taken by Mike Ansel.



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VillageWalk Photos from Pat Donnelly of Royal Terns catching fish, a Great Egret with a fish, and Anhinga in breeding plumage.



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Eaglets photo taken on the TPC Golf Course by Jean Miller, Birdwatching Club Leader, TPC Prestancia.



## Local Happenings

### Stoneybrook Golf and Country Club Sunday Breakfast Buffet

Stoneybrook Golf and Country Club, 8801 Stoneybrook Blvd., has brought back their Sunday Breakfast Buffet from **10:00 am to 1:30 pm every Sunday!**

Open to the Public ~ Phone for Reservations **941-918-9595**

*Stoneybrook's*  
**Sunday Breakfast Buffet is Back**  
**Every Sunday from 10 am - 1:30 pm !!**

Undressed Salad with Croutons, Cheese, Dressings on Side  
Shrimp Cocktail, Cocktail Sauce, Lemon  
Smoked Salmon, Herb Cream Cheese, Red Onion, Caper,  
Tobiko, Cornichons

Omelet Station

Toast Station  
(Bagels, Sliced Breads, English Muffins, Butter, P-Butter, Jellies,  
Cream Cheese)

French Toast  
Build Your Own Waffles  
(Butter, Whipped Cream, Chocolate Chips, Pecans, Fruit  
Compote, Syrups)

Eggs Benedict  
Scrambled Eggs  
Breakfast Potatoes  
Biscuits and Gravy  
Bacon  
Sausage Links and Patties

Sticky Pecan Cinnamon Rolls  
Danish and Muffins  
Fruit, Yogurt, Granola  
Desserts

24.95++, 7% Tax, and 20% Gratuity

**Please remember all menus and selections are subject to  
change based on availability**

**Open to the public!**  
**Phone for Reservations: (941) 918-9595**

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VOLUNTEER**

  
**Sarasota County**

**UF/IFAS Extension Master Gardener Volunteers of Sarasota County Spring  
Plant Sale**



You are invited to the UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County Plant Sale on **Saturday, March 7th** from **8:30 am to 3:00 pm**

This sale will take place at Twin Lakes Park, 6600 Clark Road, Sarasota.

Choose from among hundreds of perennials for shade or sun, herbs, groundcovers, wildflowers, native plants, butterfly garden favorites, and more. Plus, Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer questions.

Click [Here](#) or visit [sarasota.ifas.ufl.edu/plantsale](https://sarasota.ifas.ufl.edu/plantsale) for more details.

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### Community Fine Arts and Craft Show

The Talon Preserve community is hosting their Fine Arts and Craft Show on **Saturday, March 21st** from **9:30 am - 1:30 pm**.

Show Location: 6321 Talon Preserve Drive, Nokomis (off of 681 and Honore Ave.)

**Talon Preserve**  
on PALMER RANCH

**FINE ARTS & CRAFT SHOW**

**SATURDAY MARCH 21ST**

**9:30AM-1:30PM**

**TOTE BAGS, STAIN GLASS,  
JEWELRY, CROCHET,  
POTTERY, RESIN  
& SO MUCH MORE!**

**6321 TALON PRESERVE DR.  
NOKOMIS, FLORIDA 34275  
ON 681 & HONORE AVE.**



Palmer Ranch Singers

## Happy Birthday America! ~ Spring Concert ~

The Palmer Ranch Singers Spring Concert will be held on **Sunday, March 8th** beginning at **4 pm!**

Join the Singers and their friends at St. Andrew United Church of Christ, 6908 Beneva Road (Gulf Gate area) for an afternoon of inspiring and uplifting music. Doors open at 3:30 p.m.

The Palmer Ranch Singers have prepared a special program to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of our Nation, guaranteed to have toes tapping, and the audience gets to sing along! Tickets are \$15 per person, payable at the door on the day of the concert.

Ticket sales, along with group dues and donations, cover music purchases, use of the facility, and a professional director and musicians.

The Palmer Ranch Singers are now a 501c3 organization; donations are tax deductible and may be sent to Palmer Ranch Singers, PO Box 52013, Sarasota, FL 34232.

Check out the Singers' website at [palmerranchsingers.com](http://palmerranchsingers.com) for information about the group.



### Glenridge of Palmer Ranch Presentation - AI and the Environment

The members of the Green Team at The Glenridge on Palmer Ranch invite you to join them on **Tuesday, March 10th at 10:30 am** in the Glenridge theatre, located at 7333 Scotland Way, for a presentation by Dr. Alex Beavers, Chief Innovative Officer at the Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium.

Dr. Beavers will discuss how artificial intelligence (AI) is helping scientists better understand and protect our coasts and oceans.

Attendance is free and open to the public, but attendees are asked to call **941-552-5325** for reservations.

Glenridge gate security will provide visitors with directions to parking and to the theatre.

For additional information, please visit the Green Team website at [www.glenridgegreenteam.org](http://www.glenridgegreenteam.org).



### From the Friends of Legacy Trail ~ Tour de Parks ~

This popular Tour de Parks fundraiser will take place on **Sunday, March 22, 2026**. Starting and ending at the Historic Venice Train Depot, enjoy 21-, 35-, and 69-mile ride options through many of Sarasota County's beautiful parks.

Click [Here](#) for more information and to register.

# Join Us for Tour de Parks Sunday, March 22, 2026



## An Annual Fundraising Event for Friends of The Legacy Trail Registration Now Open

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### Sarasota Sharks Summer Camps

The Sarasota Sharks swim club is located at Potter Park (8501 Potter Park Dr., Sarasota)

This summer, from **June 1st** through **July 24th**, the Sarasota Sharks are offering eight themed weekly camps for ages 4–12, each designed to build confidence, spark curiosity, and keep kids active in and around the water.



Campers kick off the season with Swim Camp to develop technique and endurance, followed by Lifeguard Camp, where they learn junior lifeguard skills such as scanning, rescue simulations, first aid, and teamwork. Adventure grows during Ocean Explorer Camp and Snorkeling Camp, where hands on marine discovery and underwater skills bring the ocean world to life.

The excitement continues with Paddleboard & Kayak Camp, building balance, coordination, and confidence through fun on the water challenges. A second Swim Camp reinforces skills and celebrates progress, while Sports Camp ramps up the energy with water basketball, volleyball, relays, and spirited team games.

The summer wraps with Water Olympics Camp, transforming the pool into a playful arena of friendly competition, technique stations, and Olympic style events.

Operated by Sarasota Sharks, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit, these camps offer eight unforgettable weeks where kids build friendships, grow new skills, and discover the joy of being active, creative, and confident in the water.

Register online at [www.SarasotaSharks.org](http://www.SarasotaSharks.org) under the Youth Programs tab.

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### Third Annual "A Night of Hope" Event Success



Since the Palmer Ranch Community has always been very supportive of Service Dogs Saving Lives, they are sharing their great news and appreciation about their recent record-breaking event that was held at Stoneybrook Golf and Country Club.

On January 24th, Service Dogs Saving Lives broke records at their third annual "A Night of Hope" fundraising dinner, raising over \$47,000 to connect service dogs with veterans and first responders experiencing mental health challenges and prior suicidal tendencies.

**Service Dogs Saving Lives (SDSL)** was founded in 2022 by Paul and Linda Johnson following the tragic loss of their son to suicide. The organization is dedicated to supporting veterans and first responders in their daily lives with mental health struggles by providing scholarships and funding to match them with canine companions through partner organizations.

The sold-out event was sponsored by The Fortis Wealth Management Group at Morgan Stanley, the Pettit Family Charitable Foundation, and local supporters. This event included live musical entertainment by David Turner, a silent auction, and guest speaker Rachel, a local service dog recipient who spoke about the immense impact her companion Byner has had on her health and well-being.

## Palmer Ranch Master Association

### Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm



Would you like to submit an article for consideration in a future newsletter?

Click [Here](#) for our article submission guidelines and form.

Email completed form to: [Info@palmerranch.net](mailto:Info@palmerranch.net)

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.*