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## On the Ranch Newsletter April 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

#### ***Why Do Members Have to Pay An Annual Assessment to Palmer Ranch Master Association?***

*Beautification* ... More than two-thirds of the nominal \$175 annual Master Association assessment goes towards upkeep and ongoing beautification of Palmer Ranch; for example:

- Over 220 acres of rights-of-way, trimmed on a schedule
- Major entry features (community signs, flagpole, lush landscape & lighting)
- Directional signs, each beautifully landscaped
- 15 tons of winter rye seed and 6,000 bags of mulch spread annually
- 1,200+ Cabbage Palms trimmed throughout the Ranch, on an annual basis
- 180+ Crape Myrtle Trees trimmed and shaped each winter
- 4,500 annuals at major entrances and directional signs, changed out at least 4 times a year
- Park benches throughout the property, providing for pleasant places for pedestrians to rest
- Substantial funds are budgeted each year, for further beautifications

Palmer Ranch is widely recognized as a model of contemporary planning. It has earned an impeccable reputation and has become a strong brand. Annual Master Association assessments allow it to remain a leader in beautification!



### 311 Connect

Sarasota County's 311 Connect app makes it easy to report concerns like standing water, blocked drains or overgrown ditches right from your phone. You can also use the app to explore local parks and beaches, find a nearby library, pay your utility bill and more.



It's a one-stop resource for staying connected to county services. Download 311Connect and help keep your neighborhood flowing smoothly, rain or shine! ☔. This tool is available for Sarasota County residents to report **Non-Emergency** service requests.

Visit [sarasotacountyfl.qscend.com/311](https://sarasotacountyfl.qscend.com/311) to sign up for 311 Connect.

# Notice of Public Hearing

**Date:** Thursday, April 16, 2026

**Time:** 5:00 pm or as soon thereafter as possible

**Place:** Robert L. Anderson Administration Center, Commission Chamber, 4000 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice, FL

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.

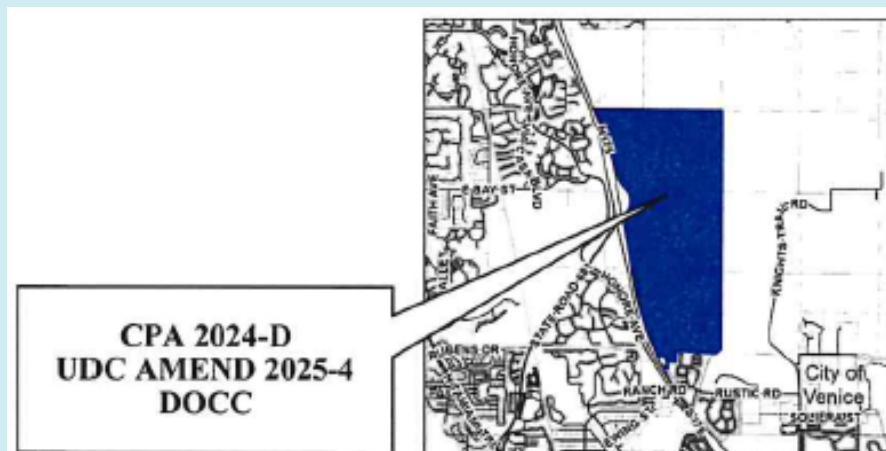
Click [Here](#) to view the Project Information as provided by Sarasota County.

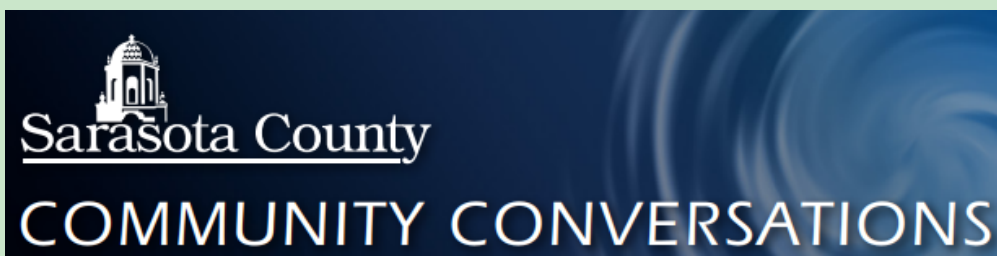
Sarasota County Planning and Development Services Department wants you to know that a property owner near you has applied for a **Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) No. 2024-D (Accela No. PLN-AMEND-24-000009)** and **Unified Development Code (UDC) Amendment No. 2025-4 (Accela No. ZON-VERJFY-25-000033)** to include a new Town Center concept for increased density and intensity within the Sarasota 2050 policies and regulations, and for a **Development of Critical Concern (DOCC) (Accela No. PLN-DOCC-24-00001)** to establish a Master Development Order and Plan for a mixed-use Village project of up to 5,702 residential units and up to 1,480,000 SF of commercial/office and/or light industrial uses, utilizing the Sarasota 2050 development form.

The **Planning Commission** will hold a **Public Hearing** beginning at **5:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible, on **April 16, 2026**, at the **Robert L. Anderson Administration Center, Commission Chamber, 4000 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice, 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 870 Apex Road, Sarasota, Florida. Copies of the petition and supporting documents will be available to view or download at [www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net) (Search Keyword: "Planning Commission") the Friday prior to the public hearing.

You are invited to comment on the request by submitting your written comments to:  
**Planning and Development Services Department 870 Apex Road**  
**Sarasota, FL 34240 [planner@scgov.net](mailto:planner@scgov.net)**  
**941-861-5000, TTY 7-1-1 or 1-800-955-8771**





## Sarasota County to host Community Conversations event on Hurricane Preparedness

Community members are invited to a free Community Conversation on Hurricane Preparedness hosted by Sarasota County and partner agencies on **Saturday, April 11th** from **9 am** to **1 pm** at Riverview High School, 1 Ram Way, Sarasota.

Click [Here](#) for an event flyer. Click [Here](#) for event registration.

Presentations begin at 10 a.m. Attendees may submit questions for panelists as part of the registration process. Click [Here](#) for a link to the question submission section.

The event is designed to share lessons learned from previous hurricane seasons and help community members prepare for the 2026 Atlantic hurricane season, which begins June 1.

Learn more at links above or by visiting: [scgov.net/CommunityConversations](http://scgov.net/CommunityConversations)

Now is the time to finalize your family's emergency plans and build or refresh your supply kits. For preparedness tips and resources, visit [scgov.net/beprepared](http://scgov.net/beprepared)

## Natural Assets

### Springtime in Palmer Ranch Getting Outdoors

Spring on Palmer Ranch generally marks the end of the dry season and the start of occasional afternoon thunderstorms. It is a season of new life, from sandhill crane colts and other baby birds to turtles laying multiple sets of eggs (in hopes that some will survive other animals looking for a meal). White pelicans, roseate spoonbills, and wood storks are often spotted around the ranch. Alligators mate from early April through the summer, with peak season in May and June. Males become more vocal and territorial, and may wander, looking for mates. Migratory manatees return to the area as waters warm.



*Sandhill crane family –*

*Note the colt's happy dance!*



Coreopsis (Florida state wildflower) blooms along nature trails and at Myakka River State Park. Bougainvillea, hibiscus, and crape myrtle brighten yards and public ways.



Gardeners in Palmer Ranch begin a new planting season in February or later, and enjoy crops of greens, radishes, tomatoes, eggplant, peppers, broccoli, and much more. Inquire at Culverhouse Community Garden if you are interested in starting a garden plot.

Out on the roads, traffic begins to ease in mid-to late April as snowbirds and vacationers depart. That's a welcome relief for drivers, bicyclists, and walkers alike, making getting

out to enjoy nature a pleasure.

*Article by Michelle van Schouwen, Co-Chair, Palmer Ranch Watershed & Natural Assets Committee. Photos: Sandhill crane family by Ginny Cheatham. Soft-shelled turtle digging hole to lay eggs by Don Robear. Coreopsis, peach hibiscus, and Culverhouse Garden spring harvest by Michelle van Schouwen.*

## Images from Palmer Ranch

Photos of Anhinga and a Wilson's Snipe from Pat Donnelly at VillageWalk



Photos of alligators in VillageWalk from Pat Donnelly. Reminder that alligator mating season is upon us!



## Local Happenings



### Artists of Palmer Ranch Monthly Meeting

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, April 6th at 2:00 pm** at Gulf Gate Library, 7112 Curtiss Ave., Sarasota.

Any Palmer Ranch resident is very welcome. If you like, bring your latest masterpiece! They'd love to see it!

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### Glenridge of Palmer Ranch Presentation - The Ripple Effect

The members of the Green Team at The Glenridge on Palmer Ranch invite you to join them for a **FREE** presentation on **Wednesday, April 22nd at 10:30 am** in the Theatre located at 7333 Scotland Way.

John Annis, Senior Advisor at the Charles and Margery Barancik Foundation will discuss how the Foundation supports environmental nonprofit organizations in the Sarasota region.

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

Please call Glenridge gate security at **941-552-5353** for directions to parking and to the theatre.

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



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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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## 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**

A promotional graphic for Stoneybrook's Sunday Breakfast Buffet. The background features a collage of fresh fruits like oranges, lemons, and strawberries. The text is centered and reads:

*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

**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**

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.*