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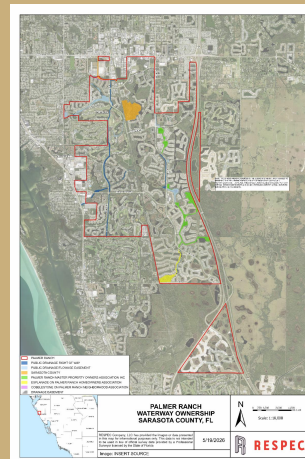
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Palmer Ranch Master Association Notices Sign-up Form

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

Holiday Hours for the Master Association

The Master Association office will be closed on **Monday, September 7th** in observance of Labor Day.

We will reopen at 8:00 am on Tuesday, September 8th.



Patriot Day - September 11th

Friday, September 11, 2026, will mark the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks in New York, Pennsylvania, and Washington DC. It is a solemn occasion, and a chance to honor those who died and the heroes that emerged that day. It is customary to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 am marking the time the first plane struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

U.S. flags will be flown at half-staff from sunrise to sunset on September 11th.

Prescribed Burns at Oscar Scherer State Park

Click [Here](#) for the 2026 / 2027 annual burn plan for Oscar Scherer State Park.

Park Management is currently planning a 3 acre burn on zone 7D, weather permitting, on **Tuesday, September 25th**.



Notice of Public Hearings

Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Time: 9:00 am or as soon thereafter as possible

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

This project is not located on Palmer Ranch but will impact our members.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE SARASOTA COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, AND PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF CRITICAL CONCERN (DOCC)

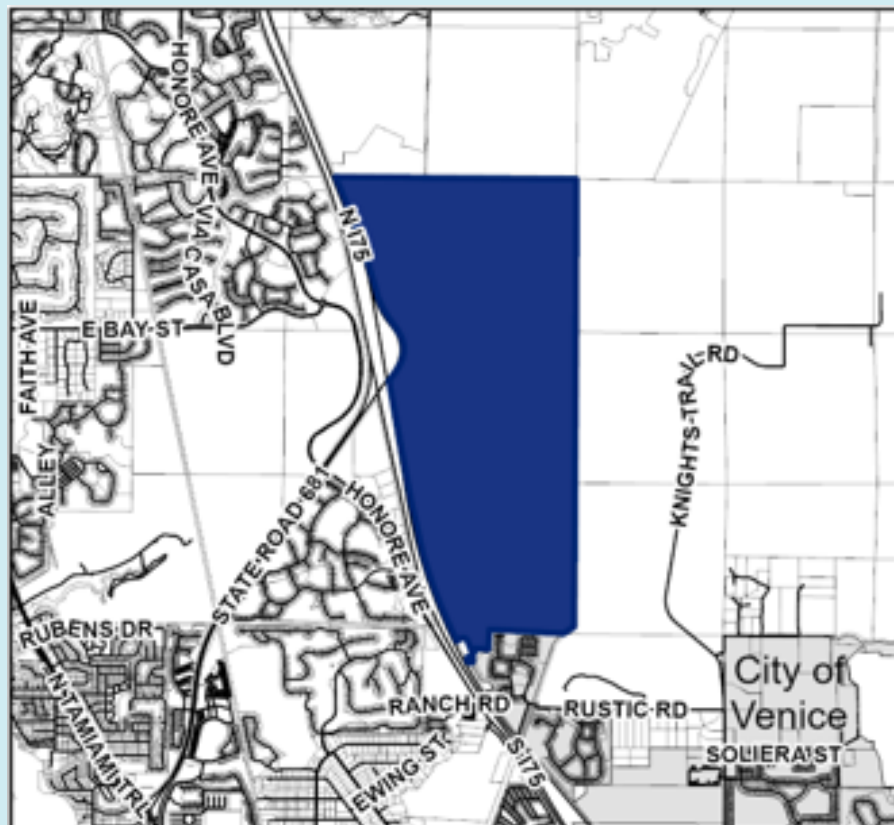
The Sarasota Board of County Commissioners, at its regularly scheduled meeting on **September 8, 2026**, at the **Robert L. Anderson Administration Center, County Commission Chamber, 4000 South Tamiami Trail, Venice, Florida**, at **9:00 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible, will consider:

1) Transmittal of proposed CPA No. 2024-D (Accela Record No. PLN-AMEND-24-000009), a privately initiated Comprehensive Plan text Amendment to Chapter 8 – Sarasota 2050 RMA, amending VOS Policies 1.2.A, 2.1, 2.3 and 2.5 and Plan Definitions to include an optional Town Center concept for Village Planned Development and to expand the qualifying criteria for requesting exceptions to the Greenbelt requirements, to the Florida Department of Commerce for review and comment,

2) UDC Amendment No. 2025-4 (Accela Record No. ZON-VERIFY-25-000033), a privately initiated Unified Development Code amendment to sections 124-271 and 124-272 (Village Area Regulations) and section 124-305 (Defined Terms) to implement the changes proposed by CPA No. 2024-D, and

3) Palmer Ranch East DOCC (Accela Record No. PLN-DOCC-24-00001), a proposed 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 RMA development form.

The petitions relate to the property located east of the intersection of I-75 and S.R. 681, Sarasota, and generally shown on the map below:





Safety Minute: Dog Park Safety – Protecting People and Pets

A recent accident in a community dog park serves as an important reminder that even friendly dogs can unintentionally cause serious injuries. A resident suffered a broken tibia in two places, apparently after colliding with two large dogs that were running and playing.

Dog parks are designed for exercise and socialization, but owners play a critical role in keeping everyone safe.

Here are a few ways to reduce the risk of accidents:

- Keep your dog within sight and under voice control at all times.
- Avoid standing in the middle of areas where dogs are running at full speed. Stay near the perimeter whenever possible.
- If your dog becomes overly excited or begins rough play, calmly redirect or leash them until they settle down.
- Be especially mindful if your dog is large, energetic, or likes to chase other dogs.
- Discourage dogs from jumping on people, even in play.
- Keep children, older adults, and anyone with mobility challenges out of high-speed play areas.
- Pick up toys or balls if they are causing dogs to race unpredictably through groups of people.
- If the park becomes overcrowded or dogs appear overly excited, consider returning at a quieter time.

Remember: Dogs don't intend to hurt anyone, but a 60- to 100-pound dog running at full speed can accidentally knock someone down. A little awareness and responsible supervision can help keep the dog park enjoyable—and safe—for everyone.

Safety starts with us. Help keep our community's dog park a place where both people and pets can play safely.

UF/IFAS Extension Master Gardener Volunteers of Sarasota County Announcement 20th Annual Plant Sale + EdFest

October 10th from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm
UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County
Twin Lakes Park
6600 Clark Road, Sarasota, Florida



Click [Here](#) to view the Plant Sale + EdFest Flyer

Images from Palmer Ranch

Here are more terrific bird photos taken on Palmer Ranch by Pat Donnelly.



Immature Bald Eagle

Pat Donnelly



Wilson's Snipe



Black-Crowned Night Heron



Male and Female Bufflehead

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, September 7th at 10:30 am** 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!



Glenridge on Palmer Ranch Presentation Birds of SW Florida

The members of the Green Team at The Glenridge on Palmer Ranch invite you to join them for a **FREE** presentation on **Tuesday, September 8th at 10:30 am** in the Theatre located at 7333 Scotland Way.

Barry Gerber, certified Florida Master Naturalist and member of the Sarasota Audubon Society will discuss the many shore birds, water birds, and songbirds that inhabit our neighborhoods. The presentation will also include details on how to use the Merlin Bird ID app. so feel free to bring your smartphone.

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.



Covenant Life Church Announcements

Sunday Schedule

Beginning **Sunday, September 13th**, Covenant Life will return to their regular Sunday schedule.

On Sundays they have:

- 8:30 Classic Service - Hymns, choir and orchestra
- 9:45 Christian Education Classes for all ages
- 10:45 am - Modern Service - praise music, guitars, drums and keyboard



There is a nursery for both services and during the Modern Service the children are dismissed before the sermon to head upstairs for Children's Worship.

Visit their website for more information: [Church in Sarasota](#) | [Covenant Life Church](#)



Little Explorer's Preschool Openings

Little Explorers Preschool at Covenant Life Church is still accepting enrollment for the 2026–2027 school year!

Located at 8490 McIntosh Road in Palmer Ranch, they currently have openings for their:

- **3-Year-Old Program:** Children must be 3 by September 1, 2026.
- **VPK Program:** Just **1 spot remaining!**

To schedule a tour or learn more, contact Rocky Shiffner:
Phone: 941-926-4777 | **Email:** rocky@covenantlifepc.com



Palmer Ranch Singers Announcement Your voice called...It wants you to Sing

Do you sing in the shower?
Sing in the car?

Maybe even sing when you think nobody is listening?

CONGRATULATIONS! You already have the most important qualification for joining the Palmer Ranch Singers: You like to sing!

This fall, the Palmer Ranch Singers are tuning up their voices and getting ready for their December 6th holiday concert – and they'd love to add a few more voices to the mix.

SINGING: IT'S GOOD FOR YOU!

It turns out that all that singing we do for fun may actually be doing us some good! Singing can be a mood booster, stress reliever, brain workout, breathing exercise and social connection – all rolled into one. So, basically, it's exercise for your brain, your lungs and your happiness – without having to put on sneakers!

NO AUDITION. NO PRESSURE. JUST SING!

You don't need a perfect voice. You don't need to read music like a pro. You don't even need to know exactly which part you sing. They will figure that out! You just need to show up with a willingness to sing and have some fun. You will come for the singing, share the joy of making music together, and leave with a song in your heart – and on your lips!

WHAT'S ON THE MUSICAL MENU ?

Artistic Director, Jane Hunder, Music Director, Wayne Fisher, and the Leadership Team have been busy preparing a wonderful holiday program with a concert on **Sunday, December 6th**.

Practices begin: **Monday, October 12th** from **1:15-3:30 pm**
St. Andrew United Church of Christ
6908 Beneva Road, Sarasota

Fall dues: \$50, payable at first practice

Registration asap – registration is open until October 5th
Space is limited

Contact: Hunderjane@gmail.com or janetzat@yahoo.com

Visit their website for more information: Palmerranchsingers.org

PALMER RANCH SINGERS ~ *Making music. Making friends. Making Mondays more fun.*

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.