



ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – JULY 20, 2018

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News You Can Use

ALERT TODAY – ALIVE TOMORROW – REMEMBER THE BASICS – [SEE ATTACHED](#)



We were all taught how to cross the road – stop and look both ways before crossing. If you're biking, go with the flow. Walking along the roadway, go against the grain. Always wear bright colors and never assume that a driver sees you. Those were the basics.

While our snowbirds are still enjoying their northern abodes, we enjoy the heat, humidity and the ability to get into our favorite restaurants. We're also enjoying a little less traffic on the roadways. Unfortunately, this allows us to travel a little faster than normal and perhaps be a little more distracted.

Whether you're out for a leisurely walk, enjoying a bike ride on a sunny Florida morning, or going for a drive – **remember the basics!**

SARASOTA COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING - ROUNDABOUTS WORKSHOP – [SEE ATTACHED](#)

You are invited to a Roundabout Educational Public Workshop for Honore Avenue/Central Sarasota Pkwy., and Honore Avenue/Bridgehampton Blvd., on **Thursday, August 2nd from 4pm-6pm** at Covenant Life Church, 8940 McIntosh Road. This will be an open house format and there will be no formal presentation. Please come anytime between 4pm and 6pm to ask questions of county staff and learn more about how to drive in a roundabout. Contact Sarasota County at (941) 861-5000 with any questions regarding this event.

SOLAR CO-OP INFORMATION SESSION

Are you thinking about putting solar panels on your home? Do you want to get them at a discounted rate? The Sarasota SUN FL Solar Co-op is open through August 30th. Working in conjunction with Sarasota County, Solar United Neighbors is a non-profit that helps homeowners go solar at a highly discounted co-op rate. It is dedicated to representing the needs and interests of solar owners and clean energy supporters. If you missed the Sarasota Co-op last year and have wondered about putting solar on your home now is your chance to sign up...don't wait because the co-op closes the end of August.

To learn more, come to the final informational session on **August 7th at 6pm** at Gulf Gate Library, 7112 Curtis Ave. Speakers from the county and Solar United will be there to explain how solar works, how the co-op works and to answer all your questions. To learn more please visit <http://solarunitedneighbors.org/sarasota> or call Joyce Fitzpatrick at (941) 361-7405.



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STONEBROOK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB BINGO NIGHT – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club, located at 8801 Stoneybrook Blvd., is hosting Bingo & Buffet Nights the **1st, 3rd and 5th Thursday nights of each month through the summer.** Call (941) 918-9595 for more information and to RSVP.

STONEBROOK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB TRIVIA NIGHT – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club, located at 8801 Stoneybrook Blvd., is hosting Trivia & Buffet Night **Friday, August 10th, buffet starts at 5:30pm followed by Trivia games.** Call (941) 918-9595 for more information and to RSVP.



On The Grounds



CATHEDRAL/LIVE OAK (QUERCUS VIRGINIANA)

The Cathedral Live Oak Tree was named because of the overall shape of the tree, that of a church steeple. It is a cultivar which means it was cloned from a mother tree with the same DNA so as to copy the dense and upper structure of the tree. The Cathedral Live Oak is native to the Southeastern United States, is easy to grow and requires no extra care once established. This evergreen shade tree with its well-spaced branching complimented by dense, dark green foliage is perfect for any place where consistency, privacy and shade are desired in the landscape.

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.'

The Basics



BE PREDICTABLE, USE SIDEWALKS WHENEVER POSSIBLE

Pedestrians are required by law to use sidewalks. If there is no sidewalk, or circumstances prevent the use of the sidewalk, walk facing traffic, along the shoulder, as far away from the travel lane as safely possible.



PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

Pedestrians are required to obey traffic control devices, including crosswalk markings. Pay attention to your surroundings. Don't be distracted (above), especially when crossing the street. Cross only when drivers see you and are stopping, and continuously watch for oncoming or turning automobiles as you complete the cross.

STATE LAW - STOP FOR PEDESTRIANS

Motorists and bicyclists are required to stop for pedestrians that are crossing in a crosswalk where pedestrians that are crossing in a crosswalk where this sign is posted.

Pedestrians, before entering the crosswalk, make sure the lane is clear or that motorists and/or bicyclists see you. Then proceed with caution.



MEDIAN REFUGE ISLAND

At larger intersections some pedestrians may not have enough time to cross all travel lanes before the signal changes. Median refuge islands are the safest place for pedestrians to wait until it is safe to cross the second half of the intersection. Remember to continue to scan the road for traffic so you can determine if you have time to cross completely, or if you should wait on the median refuge island.



TRUNCATED DOMES AND SIDEWALK CURB RAMPS

Truncated domes (textured surfaces) provide a detectable warning surface for people who are visually impaired. Pedestrians are not considered to be in the crosswalk and do not have the right of way until the proper walking signal displayed.



For more information about pedestrian laws in the state of Florida and how to be safe when walking, please check out

Alert Today Florida at:

www.AlertTodayFlorida.com

and

WalkWise Florida at:

www.WalkWiseFlorida.com

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FLORIDA PEDESTRIAN SIGNS, SIGNALS & MARKINGS



Follow the law; obey all signs and traffic signals.



PUSH the crosswalk signal **BUTTON**. It's the only way you will get the signal to cross!



When sidewalks are not provided, walk towards the flow of traffic.



Look left, right and left again before crossing.



Always use sidewalks and crosswalks.



Be seen, Be safe! Wear bright clothing or reflective gear at night.



Focus! Avoid distractions like phone calls and texting.



Impaired walking can be dangerous.

Signs



STOP FOR PEDESTRIANS

This sign indicates a pedestrian crossing. Vehicles must stop at the stop bar associated with this sign and allow pedestrians to cross.



SCHOOL CROSSING SIGNS

This five-sided sign means you are near a school and the arrow indicates a school crossing. Make sure that motorists and bicyclists on the road slow down and stop for you before crossing. Always follow officer and school crossing guard's instructions. They are there to keep you safe.



SHARED-USE PATH RESTRICTION

This sign is used where paths or trails are marked by a solid white pavement dividing line. Paths and trails are marked to keep bicycles on one side and pedestrians on the other to avoid crashes.



ROUNDAABOUT SIGN

This sign indicates that you are approaching a roundabout. A roundabout is a circular intersection without traffic signal equipment in which traffic flows around a center island. Cross the road at the designated crosswalks. Always look twice for oncoming traffic before crossing.



Signals



PEDESTRIAN COUNTDOWN SIGNAL

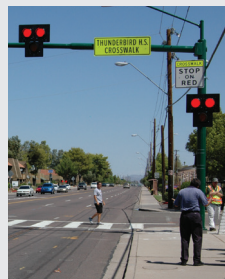
The countdown time period is based on walking speed and crossing distance. For instance, an eight-lane highway would have a longer countdown period than a four-lane road. Pedestrians are only allowed to enter the crosswalk when a WALK or the Walking Person signal is displayed. Even when the signal is displayed for you to cross, always look for oncoming traffic that may not see you and continue to scan for traffic as you cross. If you are in the crosswalk when the flashing hand appears, quickly and safely complete your cross. If the flashing hand appears before you enter the crosswalk, stop, and wait for the next signal. Pedestrians can be cited for entering the crosswalk once this signal appears.

RECTANGULAR RAPID FLASHING BEACONS (RRFB)



An RRFB supplements standard pedestrian safety and school crossing warning signs across uncontrolled approaches, such as mid-block crossings. Push the button to activate the beacon. Check that the lights are flashing, look both ways, and make sure that traffic has stopped before entering the crosswalk. Cross to the center, check the next lane before entering the second half of the crosswalk, then continue if the way is clear. Multi-lane roads may have more than one RRFB. If a second signal is used, it will be in the medial. Press the signal and wait until the way is clear before completing the cross.

ENHANCED FLASHING (HYBRID) BEACONS (AKA HAWKS)



A pedestrian hybrid beacon is a beacon used to warn and control traffic and to assist pedestrians who are crossing a street or highway at a marked crosswalk. PUSH the BUTTON to activate the signal. Wait for the lights to flash and make sure cars and bicyclists see you and are stopping before you cross.

Markings



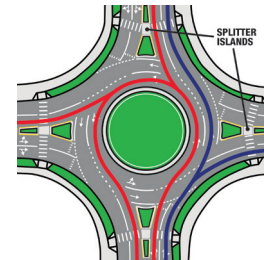
PEDESTRIAN MIDBLOCK CROSSWALKS

Pedestrians have the right-of-way only when they are already in the crosswalk. Motorists and bicyclists are required to slow down and must stop before the crosswalk for pedestrians that are in the crosswalk to complete their cross. Always err on the side of caution and watch out to make sure motorists and bicyclists do what they are supposed to do. If they don't, you have the most to lose in a crash, so walk defensively.



RIGHT TURN ON RED AT CROSSWALK

Vehicles are allowed to make a right turn on a red light after stopping at the stop line, before entering the crosswalk, and are required to yield the right of way to oncoming traffic, including pedestrians and bicyclists who have the green signal. Pedestrians should use caution, even when you have the signal to cross. Be sure that turning bicyclists and motorists see you and are stopping before stepping into the crosswalk.



ROUNDAABOUT CROSSINGS

To cross a roundabout, stay on the walkways and cross at the designated crosswalks. Make sure that motorists and bicyclists see you and come to a complete stop before entering the crosswalk. Cross to the refuge island and stop there to make sure that traffic coming from your right also sees and stops for you before proceeding.

Honore Avenue Roundabouts Workshop

PUBLIC MEETING

Date: Thursday, August 2, 2018

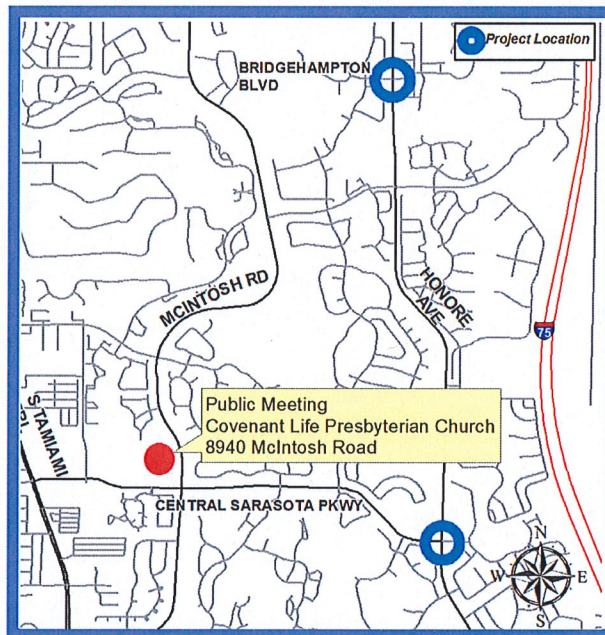
Time: 4 - 6 p.m. - *Open-House format*

Place: Covenant Life Presbyterian Church
8940 McIntosh Rd., Sarasota

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Educational materials will be distributed, an instructional Roundabout video will be shown, and instructional "Hands-on" demonstrations will be available for residents participation. If you would like to preview the video, prior to the meeting, you can find it at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pYpfcmwxa4U>



Please come anytime between 4 and 6 p.m. to ask questions of the County Staff and learn more about how to drive in roundabouts.

Sarasota County Traffic Engineering
1001 Sarasota Center Boulevard, Sarasota, FL 34240

If you have any questions or concerns, and cannot attend the meeting, contact the Sarasota County Contact Center at 941-861-5000 or TTY 1-800-955-8771 and ask for information concerning the Honore Avenue Roundabouts at Central Sarasota Parkway and Bridgehampton Boulevard Educational Public Workshop.

Sarasota County prohibits discrimination in all services, programs or activities. View the complete policy at <https://www.scgov.net/ADA/Pages/default.aspx>.