



## ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – JULY 27, 2018

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### ***News You Can Use***

#### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **UF/IFAS SARASOTA COUNTY EXTENSION – FLORIDA WATER STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM - [SEE ATTACHED](#)**

The 2018 schedule for the Florida Waters Stewardship Program is out and registration is now open! See the attached flyer to view the full schedule and details on how to register. This Florida Water Stewardship Program uses expert presentations, online explorations, experiential learning, field experience in watershed science, and communication skills training to foster a greater understanding of human-water interactions and provide the tools necessary to become stewards of our water resources. Light fare and beverages are provided at every session. For more information call (941) 861-5000 and ask for the Sarasota County Extension.

Here's just some of the positive things that the 2017 Florida Water Stewardship Program graduates wrote about the program (the following quotes were taken from the 4-month follow-up survey):

*"The Water Steward program was excellent. Topics were discussed that I had no idea existed."*

*"I already picked up trash and weeded in my community, but now I am armed with the resources to answer bigger questions for the big picture."*

*"The field trips and tours were excellent exposures to improve our understanding of the many aspects of the water and the conservation issues."*

*"Much better ability to describe sources of water, issues of water use, policy challenges of aquifer use versus rainfall collection and use, and water costs."*



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### ***Happenings at Oscar Scherer State Park***

Oscar Scherer State Park is located at 1843 South Tamiami Trail, in Osprey. For more information regarding the event listed below, contact the Ranger Station at (941) 483-5956.

#### **GUIDED PADDLE TOURS – WEDNESDAYS FROM 9:00AM TO 10:30AM**

Paddle South Creek among the mangroves and estuaries critters. Canoes and kayaks available for rent, but you may bring your own. If the tide is low & water is shallow a guided walk will be provided. This tour takes place every Wednesday, registration is at 8:30am.



#### **GUIDED SCRUB JAY WALK – SUNDAYS FROM 8:30AM TO 10:00AM**

This weekly walk begins at the Nature Center and includes an informative walk through an ancient dune system. This unique habitat is home to the threatened Florida scrub-jay and a variety of plants and other animals. Space is limited to 15 people. There is no cost to participate other than normal park entrance fees for day-use visitors.

### ***On The Grounds***

#### **MAMMY CROTON**

Mammy Croton is a member of a family of evergreen shrubs that have large, leathery, shiny leaves. The cultivated garden crotons are usually small and come in an amazing diversity of leaf shapes and colors having tiny inconspicuous star-shaped yellow flowers. One of the smallest croton plans, the Mammy Croton, is a red variety with bright red, yellow and green leaves that can be maintained about 2 to 2 ½ feet. These gorgeous shrubs can jazz up an all-green landscape or work well with flowering shrubs.



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.'*



# Honore Avenue Roundabouts Workshop

## PUBLIC MEETING

**Date:** Thursday, August 2, 2018

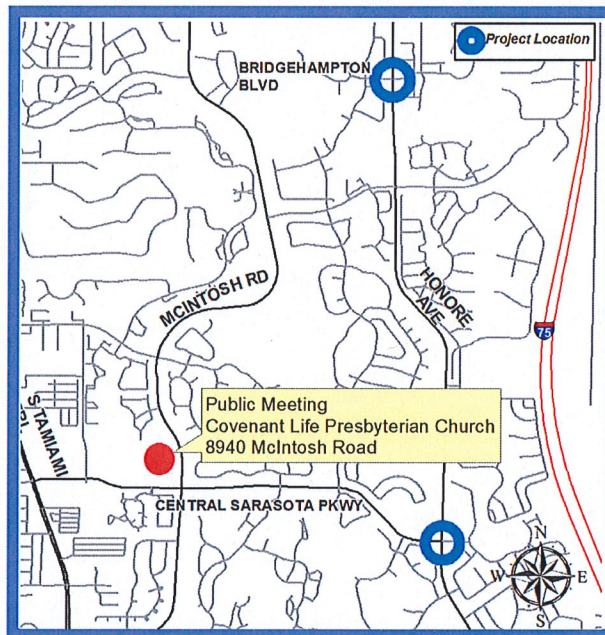
**Time:** 4 - 6 p.m. - *Open-House format*

**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>.



# FLORIDA WATERS STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

*Working With Water, Working With People*

Learn more and register at:

Cost

Session 1:

Session 2:

Session 3:

Session 4:

Session 5:

Session 6:

Session 7:

Session 8:

UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County  
invites you to...

## BECOME A WATER STEWARD

Participants will travel around the county to learn about emerging water issues, meet with local experts and explore the natural beauty of Sarasota County. Participants will also create a class stewardship project that involves either increasing actual water conservation and infiltration or awareness of these issues.



STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM