



## ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – AUGUST 31, 2018

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### LABOR DAY HOURS

The Master Association Office will be closed on **Monday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>** in observance of Labor Day, re-opening at 8am on **Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**.



### *News You Can Use*



#### SARASOTA COUNTY ROAD WORK ON PALMER RANCH

Sarasota County workers will begin pruning Oak Trees in the median on McIntosh Road, south of Central Sarasota Parkway, starting next week. If you have questions regarding this project, please call the Sarasota County Call Center at (941) 861-5000.

#### BRAZILIAN PEPPER TRIM

Landscape workers will continue trimming Brazilian Pepper trees throughout Palmer Ranch, weather permitting. *Please use caution when driving in active work zones.*

#### STONEBROOK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FALL SCHEDULE - **FLYER ATTACHED**

#### GREEN TEAM EVENT AT THE GLENRIDGE ON PALMER RANCH

Wondering how Sarasota is progressing in its preparations for sea level rise and climate change? The Glenridge Green Team invites you to hear an up-to-date report from Jeffrey Vrendenburg, the Sustainability Program Educator for the City of Sarasota. Mr. Vrendenburg will be discussing accomplishments on climate change adaption, waste diversion, recycling, and fossil fuel emission reductions. Looking forward, he will introduce “Ready for 100”, Sarasota’s plan to achieve 100% renewable energy by 2030. Questions on these topics will be welcomed.

This important discussion will take place on **Monday, September 10, 2018 at 10:30 AM** in the MacIntyre 3 room at the Glenridge on Palmer Ranch, 7333 Scotland Way. This event is free and the public is welcome.

The Green Team is a non-profit, non-partisan group of senior citizens concerned with environmental issues including climate change and the actions they can take to protect the climate.

Please contact Susan Button at [susanvinalbutton@gmail.com](mailto:susanvinalbutton@gmail.com) with any questions about this event.

#### NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY EVENT AT OSCAR SCHERER STATE PARK

Oscar Scherer State Park, located at 1843 S. Tamiami Trail, Osprey, is having a National Public Lands Day event/service project on **Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 2:00pm**. This project is to assist with creating a new trail in the park and cleaning up the old trail. There will be live music and free lunch! For more information please email [diana.stinson@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:diana.stinson@dep.state.fl.us).



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### **LEGACY TRAIL UPDATE– SEE ATTACHED**

Please find attached our FAQ educational sheet and map about The Legacy Trail Referendum, which will be on the November 6th ballot.

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

#### **WHITE AFRICAN LILY (DIETES IRIDIODES)**

The White African Iris is a perennial evergreen with white blooms and narrow, dark leaves in a loose fan. The flowers are dainty and each bloom lasts a single morning, however, new flowers open continually on a wiry, arching stems from spring through to summer. This beautiful plant makes a gorgeous ground cover under large, tall trees and is often grown in borders in light shady areas



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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.'*



# Stoneybrook Golf and Country Club of Sarasota on Palmer Ranch Open to the Public!

## OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!!

- 18 Hole Golf Course, Restaurant & Bar
- Tee Times and Golf Packages Available
- **Sunday Breakfast Buffet** 9:30am-1:30pm
- **Lunch Service:** Open Daily 11:00am
- **Closed Tuesday's through October 9th**
- **Dinner Service:** 5:00-8:00pm

**Wednesday: Pub Night**  
(Pub Special Menu)

**Thursday: Rib Night**  
(Prime Rib, BBQ Ribs and Full Menu)

**Friday: Menu**  
(Dinner Specials and Full Menu)

**Friday**

**TRIVIA  
NIGHT**

**5:30 Buffet**

**Games Follow Buffet**

**September 14**

**October 12**

**November 9**

**19.95++**

**B I N G O & Buffet**

**September 6th & 13th**

**October 4th**

**Bingo goes back to Tuesday**

**October 16th**

**5:30 Buffet**

**Games Follow Dinner**

**Stoneybrook** is a fabulous place for Luncheons,  
Dinner Parties, Special Events and Weddings

8801 Stoneybrook Blvd. Sarasota, FL 34238

**For Club Events and Entertainment: Check Calendar or Call: 941-918-9595**

## FAQ: THE LEGACY TRAIL EXTENSION - NOVEMBER 6th REFERENDUM

### Q: “Isn’t The Legacy Trail Extension a ‘Done Deal?’ When Will We Be Able to Use It?”

No money is available to Extend The Trail. Approval of the referendum will provide funds to make The Trail Extension to downtown Sarasota and connection to North Port a reality.

### Q: “Why Extend The Legacy Trail?”

#### **Enhances Quality of Life and Property**

- **Promotes healthy lifestyles for all ages** by providing an attractive and safe place to walk, run, skate, cycle, explore local nature, commute to jobs or run errands.
- **Converts an unused, overgrown rail corridor** to a well-used recreational and commuting trail, reducing traffic congestion, improving air quality.
- **Connects existing neighborhood trails** and other on-road bike lanes.
- **Promotes local economic activity** by stimulating tourism, raising area home values, promoting healthy lifestyles for all ages, and reducing employee healthcare costs as reflected in many studies.

#### **Improves Safety for Cyclists, Walkers, Runners and Skaters.**

- **Supports the Safe Routes to School National Partnership**, creating safe and convenient ways for children to walk or bicycle to school and promotes daily physical activity. There are 27 schools within one linear mile of the Trail and 45 schools within two linear miles.
- **Provides nearly 30 miles of continuous non-motorized, paved, multi-use trail links** between communities and amenities.

### Q: “How Will the Extension Be Paid For if The Referendum Passes?”

- **County will borrow money** in the form of bonds which will be paid back over 20 years.

**Cost per household is just \$8 / year for each \$100,000 assessed home value** (not market value) for up to 20 years, assuming County bonds for the max \$65M. Availability of non-county funds (e.g. FDOT) would reduce the need for borrowing and lower household cost.

### Q: “What Will Happen Once the Referendum Passes?”

- It gives the county approval to borrow money needed to complete the project.
- It is estimated that it will be just 5 years before the trail extension is completed.
- The County will:
  - ✓ Buy and pave the existing railroad right-of-way to Payne Park / Fruitville Road
  - ✓ Build Bridges over Clark and Bee Ridge Roads
  - ✓ Add Parking Areas / Trailheads, Rest Stops / Rest Rooms
  - ✓ Landscape the Trail (Trees / Flowers)
  - ✓ Add Connector to North Port / Warm Mineral Springs via Deer Prairie Creek Preserve (exact route to be determined – see map)

**Funds from Referendum may be used only to extend The Trail & connect to North Port.**

### Q: “What Is The \*Exact\* Wording of the Referendum That Will Be on The Ballot November 6?”

**SARASOTA COUNTY LEGACY TRAIL EXTENSION WITH ENHANCED SAFETY AND CONNECTIONS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS** To acquire and improve The Legacy Trail Extension railroad corridor as a safe trail for walking, running, and cycling with enhanced connectivity from North Port through Venice to downtown Sarasota, with additional improvements including safe crossings, overpasses, amenities, and increased accessibility, shall Sarasota County issue General Obligation bonds, not exceeding the maximum lawful interest rates, maturing within 20 years from each issuance, not exceeding \$65 million payable from ad valorem taxes restricted to these purposes?

**More info at our website: [FriendsOfTheLegacyTrail.org](http://FriendsOfTheLegacyTrail.org)**

**Sarasota**

Nathan Benderson Park

Payne Park

Fruitville Road

Main A Canal

Bee Ridge Rd

**Phase 2  
Trail Extension**

Ashton Road

Clark Road

**Phase 1  
Trail Extension**

THE LEGACY TRAIL

**Existing  
Legacy  
Trail**

Bay Street

Myakka River  
State Park

**Possible  
Legacy Trail  
North Port  
Connector  
Routes**

**New Myakkahatchee  
Creek Bridge**

Carlton Preserve

Laurel Road

Border Rd.

Venice  
Train Depot

**Venice**

**Venetian  
Waterway  
Park**

Deer Prairie  
Creek  
Preserve

Tamiami Trail

Warm Mineral  
Springs

Sumter Blvd

N Toledo Blade Rd

**North Port**

