



## ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 5, 2018

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### News You Can Use

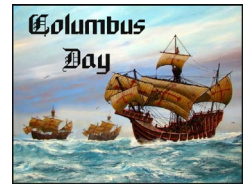


#### **37<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS DAY**

Flags on Palmer Ranch will be flown at half-staff from sunrise to sunset on **Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** in honor of firefighters who have died in the line of duty.

#### **HOLIDAY HOURS FOR THE MASTER ASSOCIATION**

The Master Association office will be closed on **Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Columbus Day, reopening at 8am on **Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**.



#### **OCTOBERFEST – FALL MAINTENANCE ON PALMER RANCH**

The fall landscape maintenance will be conducted over the coming weeks. Here is the anticipated schedule with weather permitting.

- Cabbage Palm Pruning – October 8 to October 26
- Mulch Preparation & Installation – October 29 to November 2
- Ryegrass Seed – scheduled to begin November 5



#### **ARTISTS OF PALMER RANCH PRESS RELEASE**

The *Artists of Palmer Ranch* are pleased to announce that their works will be on display and for purchase in the Gulf Gate Library Bookstore.

October's showcased artist is Jean Saccoccio featuring gorgeous floral watercolors!

Do plan to stop by!

#### **ISLES OF SARASOTA FALL FESTIVAL ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW**

Mark your Calendar! Isles of Sarasota is holding an annual arts & crafts show **Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9am – 1pm**. This event is open to the public and will be held at the Isles Town Center, 5901 Benevento Drive. Everyone is invited to come and shop!



#### **PALMER RANCH FIRST ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR - [FLYER ATTACHED](#)**

#### **YOUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS CONDO & HOA DIRECTOR CERTIFICATION COURSES – [SEE ATTACHED](#)**

#### **LEGACY TRAIL UPDATE– [SEE ATTACHED](#)**

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



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### HONORING OUR VETERANS

Veterans Day is a time to thank those who are serving or have served and are still with us. Memorial Day is to reflect and remember those who lost their lives in service to their country. Confusing the two or combining the two diminishes the importance of both. As we approach the official Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, we would like to honor our Palmer Ranch neighbors who are serving or have served in the armed forces. For this acknowledgement, we need your help. Please email Carrie ([carrie@palmerranch.net](mailto:carrie@palmerranch.net)) with the name, rank and branch of service of our Palmer Ranch veterans. We will feature their names in our annual Veterans Day Special Edition. Thank you.

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

#### GOLD MOUND DURANTA (DURANTA ERECTA)

Gold Mound Duranta is also known by the common names of Golden dewdrop, Pigeon berry & Skyflower. This tropical native is attractive to butterflies and birds and has the ability to thrive in heat and humidity. Duranta is commonly grown as a border or low hedge shrub, the new growth is chartreuse and provides a nice contrast amid darker greens in the landscape. This multi stemmed shrub, prefers warm to hot weather and once established is relatively easy to maintain. This plant grows slowly and rarely flowers. The occasional flowers range from lavender and blue to white producing showy clusters of golden yellow fruit that may be poisonous if ingested.



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.'*



# FIRST ANNUAL PALMER RANCH ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR

**Date / Time: Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> – 9am to Noon**

**Location: Covenant Life Church, 8490 McIntosh Rd.**

Interested in finding out more information about our environment without attending yet another seminar? If so, our First Annual Environmental Fair is just for you! The Palmer Ranch Natural Assets Committee has put together a list of participants who'll be on hand for you to speak to directly. Stay for the entire time or simply come in for a few minutes...it's up to you! Some of our participants include: UF/IFAS Extension Service, Sarasota County Neighborhood Environmental Stewardship Team, Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club, Oscar Scherer State Park, Sarasota County Neighborhood Services, Butterfly Garden, Rethink Plastic, Climate Leadership Coalition, Renewable Energy 100 and Florida House.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Thursday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>  
9am to NOON**

**Free Event!**

**Trade Show Setting**

**No Formal  
Presentations!**

**HOSTED BY:**

**PALMER RANCH**

6142 Clark Center Ave.  
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*You're Invited!*

**"YOUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS"**

Proudly offers the following **FREE** DBPR

**"Condominium and HOA Director Certification Courses"**

*We're pleased to present our Guest Speaker:*

**Kevin T. Wells, Esq.**

Law Offices of Wells | Olah, P.A.

**TPC Prestancia**

**4409 Tournament Players Club Drive**

**Sarasota, FL 34238**

**October 11, 2018**

**Condo Course**  
8:30am- 10:30am

**December 6, 2018**

**Condo Course**  
8:30am- 10:30am

**January 24, 2019**

**Condo Course**  
8:30am- 10:30am

**April 10, 2019**

**Condo Course**  
8:30am- 10:30am

**October 25, 2018**

**HOA Course**  
8:30am -10:30am

**December 18, 2018**

**HOA Course**  
8:30am -10:30am

**January 31, 2019**

**HOA Course**  
8:30am -10:30am

**April 25, 2019**

**HOA Course**  
8:30am -10:30am

**Please arrive 15-30 minutes early for registration.**

Please **RSVP** to [boardcertclass@gmail.com](mailto:boardcertclass@gmail.com)

or 941.366.9191 by 12:00 noon the Monday before the event as space is limited.

*Although there is no cost to you personally, the sponsors are charged per attendee. If you find you are unable to attend after making a reservation, please let us know as soon as possible.*

**Gourmet Breakfast Buffet included in free seminar.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

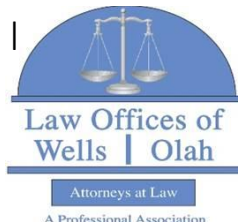
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## FAQ: THE LEGACY TRAIL EXTENSION - NOVEMBER 6th REFERENDUM

### 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)**