



ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2019

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News You Can Use

2020 CALENDAR YEAR – MASTER ASSOCIATION BUDGET APPROVED

In meeting of September 26th, the Master Association 2020 calendar year budget was approved by the Board of Trustees. The Master Association 2020 Assessment for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 will remain unchanged at \$167.00 per assessable unit value. The 2020 calendar year budget is available on the Palmer Ranch website (www.palmer ranch.net), in the *Documents* section, under *Resources*.



38TH ANNUAL NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS DAY

Flags on Palmer Ranch will be flown at half-staff from sunrise to sunset on **Sunday, October 6th** in honor of firefighters who have died in the line of duty.

FALL MAINTENANCE ON PALMER RANCH

- Cabbage Palm pruning will be taking place the week of **October 7th**, weather permitting.
- Mulch installation will take place the week of **October 21st**, weather permitting.

SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION – [SEE ATTACHED FLYER](#)

See attached flyer on this member-sponsored program. The Sarasota Senior Softball Association is a slow-pitch softball organization developed for men and women 55+ to be a part of the game we all grew up playing. For more information visit www.sarasotaseniorsoftball.org or call (941) 822-8448.

ARTISTS OF PALMER RANCH MEETING

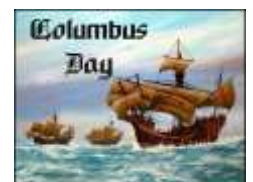
Time to get back into the swing of creating those wonderful masterpieces! Come join the *Artists of Palmer Ranch* at their next meeting on **Monday, October 7th, 1:30 pm** at the Gulf Gate Library, 7112 Curtiss Ave. Any Palmer Ranch resident is welcome. If you like, bring your latest artwork!

14TH ANNUAL UF/IFAS EXTENSION SARASOTA COUNTY MASTER GARDENER PLANT SALE

Enjoy your Saturday morning at the Plant Sale on **October 12th from 8am – 1pm** at UF/IFAS Extension Sarasota County Twin Lakes Park, 6700 Clark Road Sarasota. Free admission (cash or checks only for plant sale.) For more information about this event visit <http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/sarasota/gardening-and-landscaping/horticulture-residential/master-gardener/plant-sale/> or call (941) 861-5000.

HOLIDAY HOURS FOR THE MASTER ASSOCIATION

The Master Association office will be closed on **Monday, October 14th** in observance of Columbus Day, reopening at 8am on **Tuesday, October 15th**.





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GREEN TEAM EVENT AT THE GLENRIDGE

We often learn from our news sources of problems affecting supplies of seafood and shellfish. However, important initiatives are being undertaken by Mote Marine Laboratories to address these problems. Their research and development facility is working on ways to meet the increasing need for sustainable aquaculture around the world. The Glenridge Green Team is honored to present Dr. Nicole Rhody, who will discuss the Mote Marine's Marine and Freshwater Aquaculture Research Program. Dr. Rhody is part of Mote's Directorate of Fishery and Aquaculture. This free event will take place on **Monday, October 14th at 10:30am** in the theatre at the Glenridge on Palmer Ranch, 7333 Scotland Way. The public is welcome. Please contact Susan Button at susanvinalbutton@gmail.com with any questions about this event.

STONEBROOK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB – SILVER BELLS HOLIDAY BAZAAR EVENT

Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club is hosting a Silver Bells Holiday Bazaar, featuring local artisans from **10:00am to 3:00pm on Monday, November 4th**. Luncheon served at noon, \$20.00++. This event is open to the public. For reservations and more information, call (941) 918-9595.

BIRDIES FOR THE BRAVE

TPC Prestancia is hosting a charity golf tournament benefiting Birdies for the Brave® on **Monday, November 4th, 2019**. Birdies for the Brave was originally created in 2006 by PGA TOUR player, Phil Mickelson, and his wife, Amy, to support combat-wounded veterans. The PGA TOUR subsequently adopted the program, and expanded it to include a wide variety of military outreach and appreciation activities during PGA TOUR events, as well as a series of fundraising events conducted at the PGA TOUR's Tournament Players Clubs (TPCs) and Heritage Golf Group courses across the nation – an effort that has raised more than \$20 million for non-profit military homefront groups that are supported by PGA TOUR players, which provide direct support to military members, veterans, and their families ranging from financial aid, rehabilitation services, counseling and housing to educational scholarships and career development. For more information, please contact Neil Jones via email njones@heritagegolfgroup.com or by phone (941) 924-1331.



SECOND ANNUAL PALMER RANCH ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR – **SEE ATTACHED FLYER**

Palmer Ranch is hosting its Second Annual Palmer Ranch Environmental Fair on **Wednesday, November 6th from 9am to noon**. The event will be held at Covenant Life Church, 8490 McIntosh Road.

THE PALMER RANCH WETLANDER – **SEE ATTACHED**

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 11th, 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) 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.

SENIOR SOFTBALL

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ASSOCIATION

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SARASOTA SENIOR SOFTBALL
ASSOCIATION**
is a slow-pitch softball
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game we all grew up playing.

- 350+ players enjoy the competition & friendships that the league provides.
- A player draft is designed to create teams with equal potential.
- Winter and Summer leagues provide 10+ months of activity per year.
- Unique league rules minimize player contact and injuries.
- Winter League games are played on M, T, Th, F with optional batting practice on W.
- Games are played at 17th Street Park & Fruitville Park Sarasota, 8:30am to Noon.

For more information:
www.sarasotaseniorsoftball.org
(941) 822-8448

WWW.SARASOTASENIORSOFTBALL.ORG



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Date / Time: Wednesday, Nov. 6th – 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 Second 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 Bay Estuary Program, Sarasota Bay Watch, Florida Fish & Wildlife, Butterfly Garden, Renewable Energy 100 and Florida House.

SAVE THE DATE

**Wednesday, Nov. 6th
9am to NOON**

Free Event!

Trade Show Setting

**No Formal
Presentations!**

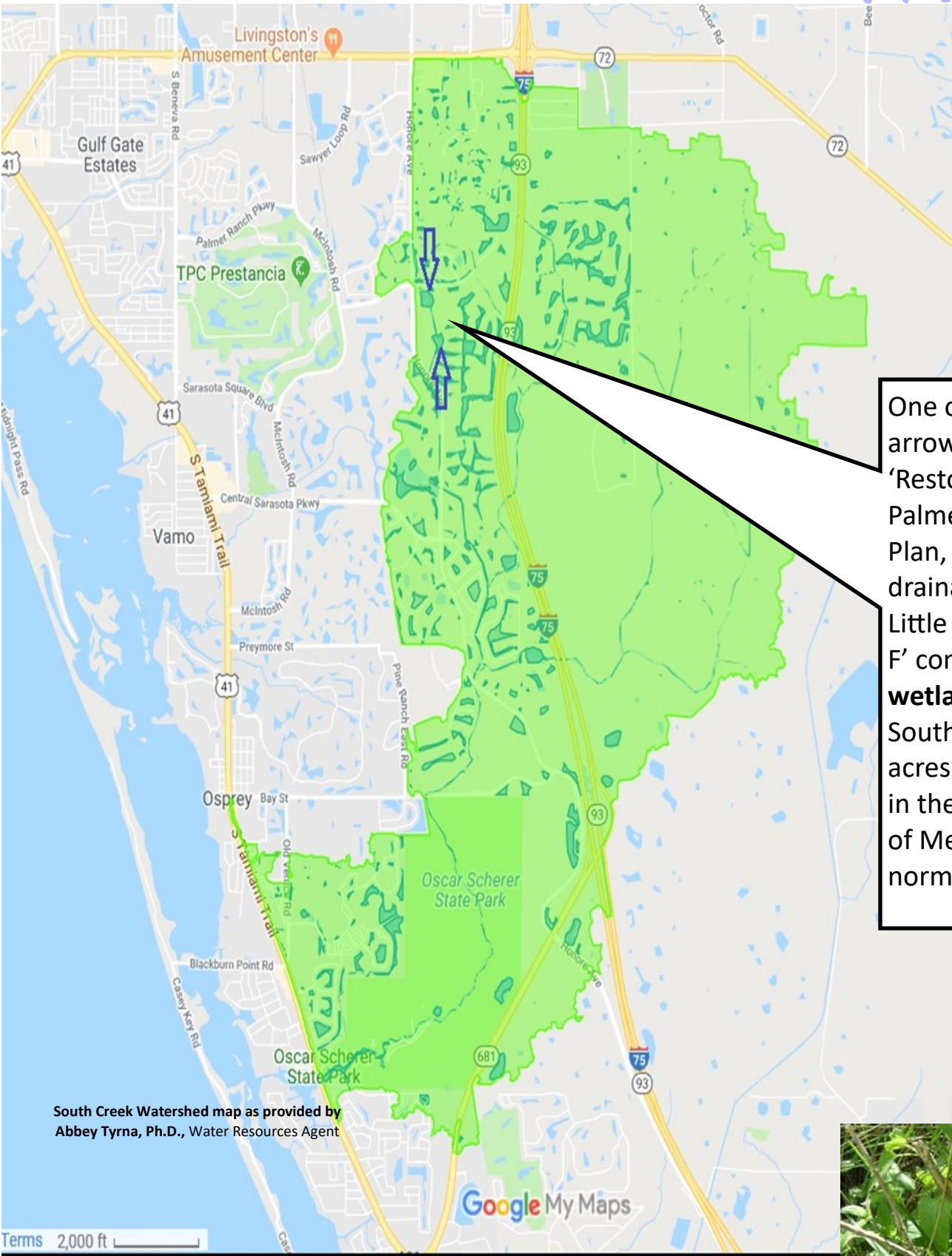
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The *Wetlander* is intended to be an ongoing publication created by the Palmer Ranch Master Association and Aquatic Conservation, Inc. This publication should answer questions asked by residents such as why am I seeing weeds in the drainage basin that flows through my community.

One of the areas in between the two arrows, shown to the left, is called ‘Restoration Area F’. This is part of the Palmer Ranch’s CRUCIAL Drainage Plan, also known as the South Creek drainage basin ,which flows directly to Little Sarasota Bay. ‘Restoration Area F’ contains 12.55 acres of CRUCIAL **wetland** near the major headwaters of South Creek and totals more than 24 acres of combined use. What we put in the water here shows up in the Gulf of Mexico within a week, under normal circumstances.

"**Wetlands** are those areas that are saturated with groundwater, under normal circumstances do support a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas."

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (33 CFR 328.3)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (40 CFR 230.3)



Wetlands almost always consist of beautiful flowers like this Blue Flag Iris, along with others we’ll discuss in future *Wetlander* editions

Buffet at Restoration Area F

Sushi time for a flock of White Pelicans

Wetland habitats serve essential functions in an ecosystem, including acting as water filters, providing **flood and erosion** control and furnishing food and homes for fish and wildlife. They do more than sustain plants and animals in the watershed. Many wetlands are not wet year-round because water levels change with the seasons. During periods of excessive rain, wetlands absorb and slow floodwaters, which helps to alleviate property damage.

Wetlands also absorb excess nutrients, sediments, and other pollutants before they reach rivers, lakes, and other waterbodies. Wetlands are also great spots for fishing, canoeing, hiking, and bird-watching, and are enjoyable outdoor ‘classrooms’ for people of all ages.

The picture to the right shows a flock of White Pelican, which is a migratory bird flying extremely far, stopping to rest and joining in for group feeding. They are very rarely seen in freshwater wetlands. Removing this stopover habitat may be detrimental to the entire species. For more information, please visit <http://blogs.ifas.ufl.edu/polkco/2017/11/22/american-white-pelicans-floridas-other-snowbird/>

