



## ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – OCTOBER 2020

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### *News You Can Use*

#### **2021 CALENDAR YEAR – MASTER ASSOCIATION BUDGET APPROVED**

In meeting of September 24<sup>th</sup>, the Master Association 2021 calendar year budget was approved by the Board of Trustees. The Master Association 2021 Assessment for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 will remain unchanged at \$167.00 per assessable unit value. The 2021 calendar year budget is available on the Palmer Ranch website ([www.palmer ranch.net](http://www.palmer ranch.net)), in the *Documents* section, under *Resources*.



#### **ANNUAL NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS DAY**

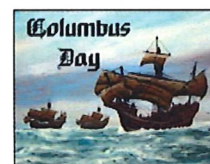
Flags on Palmer Ranch will be flown at half-staff from sunrise to sunset on **Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>** in honor of firefighters who have died in the line of duty.

#### **FALL MAINTENANCE ON PALMER RANCH**

- Cabbage Palm pruning will be taking place **October 12<sup>th</sup> – October 27<sup>th</sup>**, weather permitting.
- Mulch installation will take place **October 28<sup>th</sup> - November 6<sup>th</sup>**, weather permitting.
- Rye Seed spreading will begin the week of **November 9<sup>th</sup>**, weather permitting.

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

The Master Association office will be closed on **Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Columbus Day, reopening at 8am on **Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**.



#### **FRIENDS OF OSPREY JUNCTION TRAILHEAD OCTOBER WEBINAR SERIES – SEE ATTACHED**

#### **CONDO DIRECTORS CERTIFICATION COURSE – BEING HELD VIRTUALLY THROUGH ZOOM**

*Your Community Partners* is offering a Condo Director Certification Course featuring guest speaker Kevin T. Wells Esq. via Zoom meetings on **Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 11:30am**. Please RSVP to [boardcertclass@gmail.com](mailto:boardcertclass@gmail.com) by noon the Monday before the event as space is limited.

#### **HOA DIRECTORS CERTIFICATION COURSE – BEING HELD VIRTUALLY THROUGH ZOOM**

*Your Community Partners* is offering a HOA Director Certification Course featuring guest speaker Kevin T. Wells Esq. via Zoom meetings on **Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:30am to 11:30a**. Please RSVP to [boardcertclass@gmail.com](mailto:boardcertclass@gmail.com) by noon the Monday before the event as space is limited.



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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.

## Everything You Need to Know About Palmer Ranch

### Communication from the Master Association to our Members

In our September newsletter, we spoke about community Representatives. The Representative is the one responsible for receiving communiqué from the Master Association office (newsletters/bulletins/special notices) and communicating that information within their community.

To supplement our official notices, we also have our monthly *On the Ranch Newsletter*. You need NOT be a Representative in order to receive our newsletter directly into your email, you can sign up directly. Simply follow the instructions below.

Our website ([www.PalmerRanch.net](http://www.PalmerRanch.net)) is full of great information. Need to see the governing documents? Where is a certain community located and how many homes do they have? Have you ever been curious about the plant palette used for our common areas? These items and so much more can be found on our website!



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.'*



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### Sue's Grounds Corner

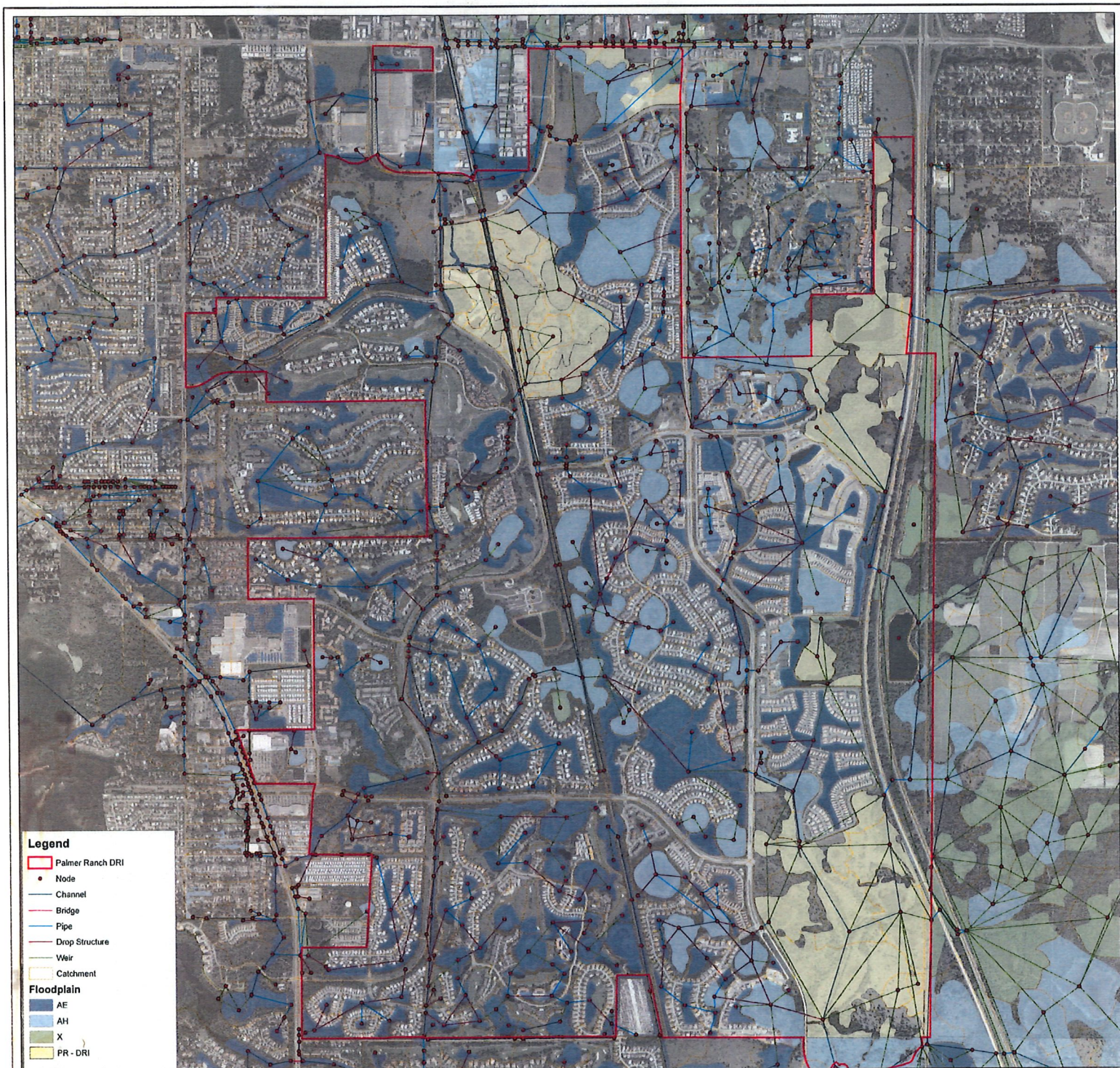
#### Palmer Ranch 100-Year Floodplain Map

Question: "What are our abilities to control, in any way, the volume of water flow should a major storm loose torrents of water upon us?"

Answer: Way back in 1988 when Palmer Ranch was being subdivided and platted, the forefathers created a detailed, digital hydrodynamic flood model. Stephen Suau, at the time was running the Sarasota County Stormwater Department and was one of those forefathers. He was one of the design team for Palmer Ranch. Mr. Suau oversaw the development and continued application of detailed hydraulic system models that accurately predicted existing and on-going system (water) changes. Sarasota County, Florida State and Federal Government all later followed the lead of Palmer Ranch's progressive design.

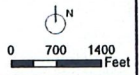
The system is simple in that each community is charged with holding their own stormwater runoff in ponds and/or lakes. The ponds were designed to hold water long enough so that a certain amount can percolate and filter itself back through the layers of soil and ultimately recharge our aquifers. When the amount of water coming from the sky exceeds the amount percolating, then we rely on the stormwater outflow control structures that are in your ponds to regulate the water discharge. Most often these structures are also outfitted with aluminum skimmers which hold back the floating contaminants (greases, oil and litter). The outflow structures allow water to drain down into one of Palmer Ranch's 4 water basins that ultimately wind up in Little Sarasota Bay. The water basins that lead to Little Sarasota Bay are Catfish Creek and Elligraw Bayou that both run on the west side of Palmer Ranch, South Creek that runs along the east side of the Ranch and North Creek that runs along the southern border of Palmer Ranch. All these water basins then drain into the Gulf of Mexico.

In order to understand this better, I'm attaching the Palmer Ranch 100-year Floodplain map. It is very difficult to read, so I suggest you keep enlarging until you find your community on Palmer Ranch. The map distinctly shows how each of your ponds flows into the other and then eventually into neighboring communities and then finally downstream.



- Legend**
- Palmer Ranch DRI
  - Node
  - Channel
  - Bridge
  - Pipe
  - Drop Structure
  - Weir
  - Catchment
- Floodplain**
- AE
  - AH
  - X
  - PR - DRI

**Palmer Ranch DRI**  
(Sarasota County 100-Year Floodplain)



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## Friends of Osprey Junction Trailhead Announces an October Webinar Series

Friends of Osprey Junction Trailhead is presenting four exciting webinars starting in October. A grant from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation is underwriting the series. Each webinar will be one hour and be comprised of a 45-50-minute presentation, followed by a 10-15-minute audience Q+A.

Admission is free, but you must register to receive an invitation for each webinar. Click on the registration link below each webinar or copy and paste the link into your browser window to access the registration page. Space is limited, so sign-up today!

### **Wednesday, October 14, 2020**

**Time:** 11:00 am to Noon

**Program:** Landscaping for Wildlife

**Host:** Rebecca Tasetano, Friends of Osprey Junction Trailhead

**Co-host:** Pamela Callender, Friends of Osprey Junction Trailhead

**Presenter:** Tom Heitzman, Owner, Sweet Bay Native Plant Nursery

**Registration Link:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_0-1mGg7GQuKuv\\_NIQ7TZJw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0-1mGg7GQuKuv_NIQ7TZJw)

### **Wednesday, October 21, 2020**

**Time:** 11 am to noon

**Program:** Smart Bicycling 101: Tips on Being Safe on Your Bicycle

**Host:** Rebecca Tasetano, Friends of Osprey Junction Trailhead

**Presenter:** Ralph Monti, Certified Bicycle Safety Instructor; Friends of Osprey Junction Trailhead

**Co-presenter:** Cathy Duff, Law Enforcement Deputy, Sarasota County Sheriff's Office

**Registration Link:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_HTLcGDhzTL-K2Ym\\_O6pjDw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HTLcGDhzTL-K2Ym_O6pjDw)

### **Wednesday, October 28, 2020**

**Time:** 11 am to Noon

**Program:** An FOJT Plein Air Painter Art Exhibit/Critique

**Host:** Rebecca Tasetano, Friends of Osprey Junction Trailhead

**Presenter:** Augusto Argandona, SRQ Plein Air Painters

**Co-presenter:** Pamela Callender, Friends of Osprey Junction Trailhead

**Registration Link:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_v6iGjbCSS565sbNWIt8cjQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_v6iGjbCSS565sbNWIt8cjQ)

### **Wednesday, November 4, 2020**

**Time:** 11 am to noon

**Program:** Birds of Three Sarasota Habitats

**Host:** Rebecca Tasetano, Friends of Osprey Junction Trailhead

**Presenter:** Jeanne Dubi, Acting President of Sarasota Audubon

**Registration Link:** [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_YUUakaU-R\\_qa5-eLk6ur9Q](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YUUakaU-R_qa5-eLk6ur9Q)

For more information or to register for a webinar, visit <https://ojtfriends.com/webinars/>.