



## ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2021

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### News You Can Use



#### INSTALLATION OF SPRING ANNUALS

Sunpatiens are being planted at Palmer Ranch entrances and directional signs throughout the week of March 8<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. Please use caution when driving through these areas.

#### REMINDER: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

Please remember to move your clocks ahead one-hour early **Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**, and change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Be sure to dispose of the 9V batteries safely!



#### CONDO & HOA DIRECTORS CERTIFICATION COURSES – BEING HELD VIRTUALLY THROUGH ZOOM

*Your Community Partners* is offering Condo & HOA Directors Certification Courses featuring guest speaker Kevin T. Wells Esq. via Zoom meetings. The Condo Course is scheduled: **Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> (evening meeting) from 5:30pm to 8:30pm.** The HOA Course is scheduled: **Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> (evening meeting) from 5:30pm to 8:30pm.** Please RSVP to [boardcertclass@gmail.com](mailto:boardcertclass@gmail.com) by noon the Monday before the event as space is limited.

#### SARASOTA SHARKS SWIM SCHOOL OFFERING A FREE SWIM LESSON

The Sarasota Sharks Swim School at the Selby Aquatics Center on Potter Park, 8501 Potter Park Dr., is offering a complimentary swim lesson when signing up for their swim session over spring break. Click the following link for more information and to register. <https://www.teamunify.com/team/flsysst/page/lesson-registration/register-here>



#### NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY – MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>

National Vietnam War Veterans Day is a commemorative holiday in the United States, which recognizes the sacrifices that veterans and their families made during the Vietnam War. It is also a day to give proper recognition to the men and women who returned home from that war and didn't receive a proper welcome home. It's a holiday that's been celebrated since 1973 on either March 29th or March 30th of each year through a patchwork of state resolutions. However, in 2017, the date of the holiday was set as March 29<sup>th</sup>. This day is now officially known as National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

From all of us at the Master Association office, we thank you for your service and sacrifice. We are forever grateful!



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### Update on the Eagle Nests

THE EAGLETS OF PALMER RANCH ARE GROWING RAPIDLY!

There are now five persons monitoring the eagles' nest in Culverhouse Nature Park. The eaglet in the nest at Culverhouse Park is nearly the size of the adults, and the eaglet at Scherer-Thaxton Preserve, while much smaller, will soon catch up.

Here are some facts about bald eagles that you might find of interest:

- Bald eagles are found only in North America.
- Florida has the largest breeding population of bald eagles in the lower 48 states.
- Bald eagles in Florida breed from October to May, while those in the north breed from March to July.
- Male and female bald eagles can be told apart by size. Females are generally larger than males, as is the case with all raptors.
- Bald eagles usually keep the same mate for life.
- Bald eagles return to the same territory every year and often keep the same nest for several years. The largest bald eagle nest in Florida measured two tons; it was in St. Petersburg.

(Courtesy Audubon Society EagleWatch)



Feeding Time – Culverhouse Nature Park



Keeping a Watchful Eye – Scherer Thaxton Preserve

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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 – Stoneybrook Nature Tour Club



Forest Crooke from Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club has been giving Nature Trail Tours for some time within the Stoneybrook community, on the second Tuesday of every month. In order to get more people interested in seeing all the extensive work they've been doing with their natural areas, attendees that complete the tour are given t-shirts. Not only is this a way to learn first-hand how to make your community NATURE FRIENDLY, you also have a little fun in becoming a member of the Stoneybrook Nature Tour Club!

I've been planning on attending, so the T-Shirts make this a win-win! If anyone is interested in learning how to do something like this in your own community, or if you're interested in taking a nature tour, please contact Forest Crooke at [fcrooke@stoneybrookgcc.com](mailto:fcrooke@stoneybrookgcc.com) and he'll be in touch with you.