



ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – MAY 2022

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NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY AND POLICE WEEK

In 1962, President Kennedy signed a bill proclaiming **May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day** and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as **National Police Week**. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others. In 1994 an amendment was made to the bill directing that the United States flag be flown at half-staff on May 15.



FLAGS WILL BE FLOWN AT HALF-STAFF ON PALMER RANCH – SUNDAY, MAY 15TH FROM SUNRISE TO SUNSET IN HONOR OF OUR FALLEN PEACE OFFICERS

We at Palmer Ranch cannot give enough thanks to our local law enforcement officers for putting their lives on the line every day, for each one of us.

MEMORIAL DAY FLAGS AT HALF STAFF FROM SUNRISE TO NOON

On Palmer Ranch, smaller US flags have been set out to mark the Memorial Day period, with the flags lowered to half-staff on **Monday, May 30th** from sunrise to noon. Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. It is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service.



HOLIDAY HOURS FOR THE MASTER ASSOCIATION

The Master Association office will be closed **Monday, May 30th**, in honor of Memorial Day, reopening **Tuesday, May 31st at 8am.**

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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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Everything You Need to Know About Palmer Ranch – Grounds of Palmer Ranch

The park-like setting of the community surrounding the association neighborhoods is maintained by the Palmer Ranch Master Property Owners Association. Over the years, millions of dollars have been invested by the Master Association to further enhance the property. From signage to flags, benches to fencing, to flowers and palms, the grounds of Palmer Ranch are what we are best known for.

Imagine for the moment, landscape in Palmer Ranch the same as in other County roadways. We cannot point to any one bush, tree or square foot of turf, but we can relate to the quality of life and pride of ownership in Palmer Ranch as a destination point – a desirable community in which to raise families, to retire.... to live.

This value, defined by quality and desirability, is our pledge of service to you.

Did you know Palmer Ranch is home to a variety of branding plants? Species include: Minima Jasmine, Copperleaf, Firebush, Dwarf Texas Sage, Cocoplum, Dwarf Variegated Arboricola, Foxtail Fern, Sweet Potato Vine, Dwarf Pandanus, Society Garlic, Mammy Croton, Dwarf Confederate Jasmine, Podocarpus, Flax Lilly, Crinum Lily and last, but not least, Gold Mound Duranta.

Where can you see these? You'll see these plants throughout the common areas of Palmer Ranch. The areas include McIntosh Road, Honore Avenue, Central Sarasota Parkway, Sarasota Square Boulevard, Palmer Ranch Parkways East/West, Northridge Road and Sawyer Loop Road. Though these roadways are County roadways. The Master Development Order for Palmer Ranch provides that we may maintain the roadways to higher than county standard.

Visit us at www.PalmerRanch.net to learn more about the ranch.

Sue's Grounds Corner

Why is the water running during the day?

Well, the answer to that question is...it's that time of the year again. Drought season has brought on increased utilization of reclaimed water throughout the area, thereby reducing the water pressure. Pictured here is a photo of the pressure gauge we have on the property – the PSI should be 85! Needless to say, pressure will be an issue going our historically dry season.

Please be on alert for water running during the day when we might have better pressure when the ponds are filling from overnight usage.





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Q: What wildlife do our lakes and ponds support?

A: A lot of wildlife depends on our lakes and ponds, which are actually man-made stormwater ponds designed to prevent flooding and remove pollutants before they enter our groundwater, creeks, estuaries, Bays, and the Gulf. This system mimics the natural Florida landscape, which was mostly wetlands.

We have a ton of opportunity to improve our ponds and increase plant diversity and Florida wildlife. When properly maintained, stormwater ponds can provide great fishing, birding, and wildlife viewing, with:

- Over 35 species of migratory and resident birds, including ducks, roseate spoonbills, anhingas, egrets, osprey, and bald eagles
- Bluegills, largemouth bass, and other gamefish
- Frogs, turtles, non-poisonous snakes, and alligators
- Blue-flag iris, white pond lilies, alligator flag, and over 100 other native aquatic plants



Great Blue Heron



One of the best ways to improve wildlife habitat around stormwater ponds is to establish a low-maintenance zone, or buffer, along their shorelines. A buffer will also help stabilize the shoreline, preventing erosion and improving water quality.

Does your nearest stormwater pond provide ideal habitat for wildlife? You can rate it with our stormwater pond habitat assessment tool. Download it to your tablet or computer at www.tinyurl.com/StormwaterPondAssessment.

For more on properly maintaining stormwater ponds, including aqua scaping plants, visit <https://www.sarasota.wateratlas.usf.edu/upload/documents/LivingontheWatersEdgeFreshwater.pdf>

Written by the Palmer Ranch Watershed & Natural Assets Committee, a group dedicated to maintaining and improving our water, preserves, and common areas.