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LABOR DAY HOURS

The Master Association Office will be closed on **Monday, September 5th** in observance of Labor Day, re-opening at 8am on **Tuesday, September 6th**.



PATRIOT DAY - SEPTEMBER 11

Sunday, September 11, 2022 will mark the 21st anniversary of the terrorist attacks in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington DC. It is a solemn occasion, and a chance to honor those who died and the heroes that emerged that day. It is customary to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46am marking the time the first plane struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. On Saturday, U.S. flags will be flown at half-staff from sunrise to sunset.

ARTISTS OF PALMER RANCH MEETING

Come! See Some Magnificent Art! Share Some Magnificent Art!

If you draw, paint, sculpt or have an interest in any of the visual arts, please join the *Artists of Palmer Ranch* at our next meeting on **Monday, September 12th @ 1:00 pm**, at Gulf Gate Library, 7112 Curtiss Ave. Any Palmer Ranch resident is very welcome. If you like, bring your latest masterpiece! The group will love to see it!



Featured Artist: *Linda Walsh, "Reserved"*

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. 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!

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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CALLING ALL PALMER RANCH SINGERS

Do you love to sing? Do you sing in a chorus or choir? You're invited to join the VillageWalk Singers as they begin preparations for a Fall 2022 concert. They will be meeting at St. Andrew United Church of Christ, 6908 Beneva Road, beginning **Monday, October 3, 2022**; practices are weekly 1:15 pm-3:30 pm, culminating in a concert on December 11. Music from their library will be provided, when possible, purchase of music may be required. Dues are \$40 for the Fall "semester."



Their Artistic Director, Jane Hunder, fantastic accompanist, Linda Lee Miller, and their Leadership Team have prepared a delightful holiday program, and are looking forward to the group's return to singing after a two-and-a-half-year hiatus due to Covid. Their ultimate goal is to have a Palmer Ranch Community Chorus with singers from the various communities within Palmer Ranch.

Interested? Call Jane Hunder at 941-350-0896 or Peggy Wells at 941-504-0464.

"The MISSION of VILLAGEWALK (VW) SINGERS is to enrich the lives of all members who love to sing by fostering and developing an appreciation of music in a joyful, nurturing environment and to provide opportunities to share their choral artistry with the greater community."

Sue's Grounds Corner

BEAR WITH US WHILE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Bringing you all up-to-date on our latest construction project. We have a large impressive Oak Tree on Palmer Ranch Parkway, just west of the entry into Mira Lago, that happily allowed a nest of honey bees to take up residence. As this is great for our environment, and for the flowers in the area, it's not so great for the Palmer Ranch residents who use this sidewalk and bench for walking and biking. Our aquatic weed control vendor has graciously donated a bee hive and housing, along with the cute little ramp, to try and entice these workers to move on up to the east side. Problem is, unless the queen wants to relocate, none of her workers will abdicate! Some would suggest that we start a second colony and while great in theory, it won't work in the case of honey bees. A new queen brought into the hood would be killed. The only queens allowed to live are those that are reared from the original colony.



We're enticing the workers to explore the new hive by placing virgin honey along with lemon grass extract on the ramp enticing them to check out the new digs!

If all the above doesn't work, we've no other option than to start dripping herbicide into the tree, forcing them out and then we'll have to seal up the hole in the tree, otherwise they'll only want to move back in. **STAY TUNED.....**



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Everything You Need to Know About Palmer Ranch

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE MASTER ASSOCIATION AND THEIR VOTING INTERESTS

All Members on Palmer Ranch are Members of the Master Association. They are represented at meetings of the Master Association by a Community or Tract Representative.

The Representative attends meetings of the Master Association and conveys information from the Master Association to their Members. They speak, vote, and generally act on behalf of Members they represent.

Palmer Ranch is a tiered Association environment. All Owners are;

- 1) Members of the Master Association. They are also;
- 2) Members of their Community or Tract Association and may further be;
- 3) Member of a Neighborhood Association within a Community Association.

Examples of Neighborhood Associations within a Community Association include Homeowner and Condominium Neighborhoods of Prestancia and Stoneybrook Golf and Country Club. The President of the Community Association is the Representative to the Master Association for all Owners in their Community neighborhoods.

The President of each Community or Tract Association, or another officer designated by the President, carries all votes and represents the Neighborhood and Community Members in all matters of the Master Association.

VOTING INTERESTS:

Members have a Voting Interest for each value assigned to the Units or Recreational Property it owns.

There are many property types on Palmer Ranch. For purposes of classification and representation to the Master Association they are; Residential, Commercial-Industrial, and Recreational.

Each has voting interests equal to their Assessable Unit Values. Most Residential properties are assessed at one (1) Unit Value per residential home. VillageWalk with 1,177 units, assessed at one Unit Value each, has 1,177 voting rights.

Other special residential properties such as Adult Living Facilities have an assigned value. The Glenridge, for example, has an assigned value of 371.

Condominiums located within a community with overall density equal to or greater than eight (8) dwelling units per acre are assigned a value of seventy-two/one hundredths (0.72) per unit. Multi-unit, multi-story rental apartments are also assigned a value of seventy-two/one hundredths (0.72) per unit. Commercial-Industrial properties are assigned a value of one (1) for every 1,000 square feet.

In short, Voting Rights are determined by the Assessable Unit Value. Representatives to the Master Association do not carry the same number of votes.



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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, anhinga, 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 – Photographed by Guy Spencer



One of the best ways to improve wildlife habitat around stormwater ponds is to establish a low-maintenance zone, or pond buffer zone, 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>



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To celebrate National Crime Prevention Month during the month of October, Sarasota County Neighborhood Services and the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office will be hosting its first annual Neighborhood Safety Academy to increase community safety awareness throughout Sarasota County.

What is the Neighborhood Safety Academy?

The Neighborhood Safety Academy is a four-week program designed to educate citizens on topics and resources which support safe homes, streets, and communities. Participants will engage with representatives of the Sarasota County Fire Department, Sarasota County Sheriff's Office, the University of South Florida Traffic Operations and Safety Research, the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, and more.

When and Where?

Classes will be held each Tuesday in October from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The Robert L Taylor Community Complex.

Oct. 4 – Safe Homes:

- Solicitation Awareness.
- Home Safety and Security.
- Fire Safety.

Oct. 11 – Safe Streets:

- Code Enforcement.
- Hurricane Preparedness and Community Emergency Response Team.
- Animal Control.

Oct. 18 – Safe Communities:

- Homeless Outreach Team.
- Traffic Pedestrian Safety.
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design.

Oct. 25 – Closing Ceremony at the County Administration Building, 1660 Ringling Blvd.

Who can Attend?

The Neighborhood Safety Academy is open to Sarasota County residents above the age of 18. Registration is free and refreshments will be provided! Family members, friends, and neighbors of participants may attend the graduation ceremony held on October 25.

How to Register?

To register, click on: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/neighborhood-safety-academy-tickets-404726175887>

Registration closes on September 20th.