



## ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – JULY 2023

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### News You Can Use



#### JULY IS NATIONAL FIREWORKS SAFETY MONTH.

Fireworks and celebrations just seem to go together. Long associated with Independence Day, the use of fireworks on other holidays, such as Memorial Day, Labor Day, and New Year's Eve, is on the rise. Unfortunately, a happy celebration can quickly turn painful if consumer fireworks are misused.

#### **Be prepared:**

- Know and follow all county and city fireworks laws for your area.
- Never use homemade and/or illegal fireworks.
- Clear away any dry vegetation and debris from the area before igniting any fireworks.
- Always have a water source, full bucket of water and/or fire-extinguisher, close at hand.
- Make sure your pets are indoors before you begin, to reduce the risk they will run loose or get injured. Animals have sensitive ears and can be frightened or stressed during a fireworks celebration.

#### **While celebrating:**

- Be sure those watching are at a safe distance from where fireworks are being ignited.
- Use safety eyewear, glasses, or goggles, to protect your eyes while igniting fireworks.
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.
- Do not allow children to play with or light fireworks.
- Sparklers should only be used under close adult supervision. While often considered a “safe” firework for the young, the tip of a sparkler burns at 1,200 degrees or higher, which can cause third degree burns.
- If a firework does not light or fire, let it sit for at least 20 minutes then carefully place it in a bucket of water.

#### **Clean Up**

- Make sure fireworks are cold before handling and place all used fireworks into a bucket of water.
- Clean up all debris.
- Be sure matches, lighters and any unused fireworks are out of sight and reach of children before, during and after your celebration.

#### **STONEBROOK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB BINGO NIGHTS – FLYER ATTACHED**

Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club, located at 8801 Stoneybrook Blvd., hosts Bingo & Buffet Nights every other Thursday through the summer. See flyer attached for details, call (941) 918-9595 for more information and to RSVP.



#### **STONEBROOK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB – KIDS SUMMER CAMP EVENTS – FLYERS ATTACHED**

#### **SERVICE DOGS SAVING LIVES FUNDRAISER – FLYERS ATTACHED**



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### Everything You Need to Know About Palmer Ranch – Parks on Palmer Ranch

The local parks, trails and recreational facilities contribute to the active lifestyle and family-friendly communities that make up Palmer Ranch. Listed below are some of the available amenities.

#### LEGACY TRAIL



The Legacy Trail is the largest public recreation project ever constructed in the area. At 18-5 miles in length, the trail runs from Sarasota to Venice following the former CSX railroad corridor. The Legacy Trail is the backbone of a network of trails planned in Sarasota County. Overpasses at Clark and Bee Ridge Roads are expected to be completed by FDOT in 2024. The trail is open from dawn to dusk with the rules for using the trail posted at various locations.



#### POTTER PARK



Potter Park is a beautiful 37-acre neighborhood park conveniently located on Palmer Ranch. Potter Park is a neighbor to Core SRQ and shares a unique partnership in that a variety of recreational opportunities are available in one location. Amenities include: a picnic pavilion with grill, large gazebo with grill, open-area picnic tables, shaded playground, outdoor basketball courts, 4 lighted tennis courts, open play field, as well as restrooms and nature trails.



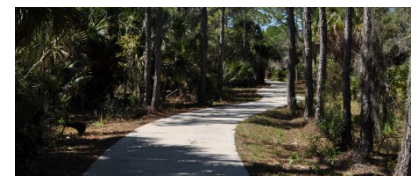
#### CULVERHOUSE NATURE PARK AND COMMUNITY GARDEN



Situated on McIntosh Road, just south of Palmer Ranch Parkway West, is the 82-acre nature park and community garden. Not only does the park provide parking for Legacy Trail users, but there are also nature trails, picnic areas as well as a new restroom facility.

#### STONEBROOK NATURE TRAIL

A one mile, eight-foot-wide, concrete trail that meanders through a natural Florida setting running parallel to Central Sarasota Parkway. The benches are great for bird watching plus easy to read, interpretive and informational signage.





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### PALMER RANCH EAGLE NESTS

There are three bald eagle nests in the Sarasota County Parks on Palmer Ranch, one in Culverhouse Nature Park and two in Scherer-Thaxton Preserve.

Nestoration in Culverhouse Nature Park began in mid-November. An eaglet appeared in late January and was hopping from branch to branch in early April. The eaglet fledged in mid-April. The eaglet was reluctant to fly from the nest, so an adult brought food to a tree about a hundred feet from the nest until the eaglet flew over to snatch the food and return to the nest for the meal.

In Scherer-Thaxton Preserve one nest was blown down by Hurricane Ian. The adult eagles rebuilt the nest but for some reason did not produce any eaglets. In the other nest, which is on state parkland, nestoration was underway in early January. An eaglet appeared in late February and was hopping from branch to branch in late March. The eaglet fledged in early April. By the third week of April, the eaglet was able to fly south to a distant tree at the southern edge of the wetland.

In Oscar Scherer Park, just south of Palmer Ranch, two bald eagle nests each housed two eaglets, which fledged in late April and late May. May fledging was so late, because the nest of previous years had been blown down by Hurricane Ian and had to be rebuilt. The new nest was constructed in a live tree that was more secluded than the dead tree in the open field that had held the earlier nest.

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)





## Sue's Grounds Corner

Palmer Ranch Master Property Owners Association, Inc. recently contracted the removal of silt from the South Creek Drainage Basin, in areas owned and maintained by the Master Association. For those of you who are not aware, South Creek runs alongside the eastern border of Palmer Ranch and is a main drainage basin for all the communities from The Hampton's all the way down to the Oscar Scherer State Park. A silt removal study completed by Stantec Engineering determined that three areas of South Creek needed to be addressed. The Palmer Ranch Board of Trustees approved the expenditure and work commenced just south of Palmer Ranch Parkway Extension at Honore Avenue within Restoration Area F. From there, work continued to Restoration Area H and finally Restoration Area C.



*Photo of Menzi Muck, machine used to remove silt buildup within South Creek*



**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**SUMMER DATES**

**JUNE 8 & 22**

**JULY 6 & 20**

**AUGUST 3, 17 & 31**

**SEPTEMBER 14 & 28**

**OCTOBER 12**

**5:30 BUFFET  
GAMES TO FOLLOW**

**\$24.95++**

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# Stoneybrook

GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB OF SARASOTA

8801 Stoneybrook Blvd , Sarasota, Fl. 34238

## KIDS SUMMER CAMP

(AGES 6-12 YEARS OLD)

MONDAY -THURSDAY

HOURS: 9:00AM-3:00PM.

Tennis, Swimming & Outdoor Activities  
Lunch & Drinks Included

### Daily Schedule

9:00-10:00am Meet & Greet Campers

10:00-11:00am Tennis

11:00-12:00pm Swimming

12:00-1:00pm Lunch

1:00-3:00pm Fun Activities

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WEEKS  
FROM  
JUNE 19-  
AUG. 3,  
2023

PICK ANY WEEK OR COMBINE WEEKS



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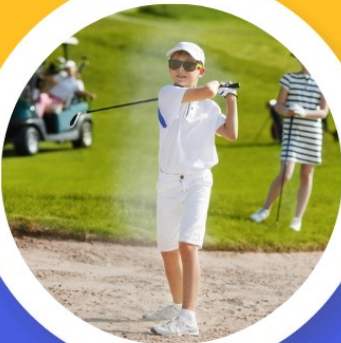
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# KIDS SUMMER CAMP

**AGES 6-12**

**REGISTRATION**



Learn golf's core values from expert PGA Professionals, cool off with some swimming, and enjoy lunch with the Pro!

**JUNE 12-16, 2023**

**JUNE 26-30, 2023**

**JULY 10-15, 2023**

**JULY 24-28, 2023**

**HOURS: 9AM-2PM**

STONEBROOK GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB  
8801 STONEYBROOK BLVD, SARASOTA, FL 34238

**REGISTER BY EMAIL: [ORTUNIO.PGA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ORTUNIO.PGA@GMAIL.COM)**

*Join Linda and Paul Johnson*

*Service Dogs Saving Lives - a Dedication to Joseph Johnson  
A lifesaving mission to save and improve the lives of those suffering  
from mental health challenges by providing highly trained service  
dogs to veterans, first responders and others with prior  
self-harming tendencies.*

## **Unleash Hope - Be a Lifesaver**



**July 15, 2023 @ 4:30pm**

*Complimentary Viennese Dessert Table with  
Chocolate Covered Strawberries and Assorted Desserts*

*Iced Tea, Hot Tea & Coffee*

*Stoneybrook Golf and Country Club*

*8801 Stoneybrook Blvd*

*RSVP by July 10th: [ljohnson2018@gmail.com](mailto:ljohnson2018@gmail.com)*

*Include: Name, Email, Phone Number, Address and Number Attending...*

*You will receive an email reminder from "Givebutter".*

*If you are unable to attend and would like to support our Lifesaving Mission, Donations may  
be made at: [SDSLhope.org](http://SDSLhope.org) or 8388 S. Tamiami Trail, #99, Sarasota, Florida 34238*