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News You Can Use

YOUR 2024 MASTER ASSOCIATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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.

What makes up the Board of Trustees of the Master Association? There are fifteen (15) Board Members; ten are elected from Residential Members, three from Commercial-Industrial and two from Recreational Members. The Declarant has exercised its option by appointing a sixteenth member to the Board.

2024 PALMER RANCH MASTER PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION - BOARD OF TRUSTEES / OFFICERS:

President / Residential Trustee: Richard (Dick) Beitel – Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club

President Elect / Residential Trustee: Carol Auricchio– Mira Lago

Vice-President / Residential Trustee: Roger Stephenson - VillageWalk

Treasurer / Residential Trustee: Leatrice (Lee) Katz – VillageWalk

Secretary / Residential Trustee: Dennis Hudson – Hammock Preserve

Residential Trustee: Charles Reith – Mira Lago

Residential Trustee: John Power – Sandhill Preserve

Residential Trustee: Martha Sherman – Sandhill Preserve

Residential Trustee: Michael Holland – Isles of Sarasota

Residential Trustee: Robert Swan - Prestancia

Recreational Trustee: Elizabeth Miller – TPC Prestancia

Recreational Trustee: Lisa Meskil – Palmer Ranch YMCA

Commercial / Industrial Trustee: Jessica Moore – The Shoppes at Palmer Ranch

Commercial / Industrial Trustee: Scott Christy – Christian Brothers Automotive

Commercial / Industrial Trustee: Vacant

Declarant Trustee: Tami Lansdell – Palmer Ranch Holdings, LTD.

CULVERHOUSE COMMUNITY GARDEN GUIDED TOUR – APRIL 17TH FROM 9:30AM TO 10:30AM

Enjoy experiencing the community garden right in your neighborhood, hear the history, meander the path, discover wildlife and trails, too. Your hosts will share a bit of the history of the garden, the park, as well as the continuing stewardship of this special place. Hear from parks how to access trail information for the park and what wildlife call Culverhouse Nature Park home. Explore what you can grow in Florida with us. Hear from parks how to access trail information for the park and what wildlife call Culverhouse Nature Park home. To register, click on the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beyond-the-garden-gate-culverhouse-welcome-tour-for-palmer-ranch-residents-registration-876023067577>

WHAT WILDLIFE LIVES IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD – WEBINAR ON FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH FROM NOON TO 1PM

The Palmer Ranch Watershed & Natural Assets Educational Series continues with this month's feature on the wildlife in our neighborhoods. Florida is home to over 4,000 kinds of animals. You won't see all of these in your backyard, but this talk will cover some of the most common wildlife seen in Sarasota County's neighborhoods. Learn who your neighbors might be and how to best co-exist with the wildlife around us.

To register, click on the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/what-wildlife-lives-in-my-neighborhood-webinar-registration-852276691527>



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GREEN TEAM EVENT AT THE GLENRIDGE ON PALMER RANCH – OPEN TO PALMER RANCH MEMBERS

The members of the Green Team at The Glenridge on Palmer Ranch invite you to join them on **Tuesday, April 23rd, at 10:30am** in The Glenridge Theatre, located at 7333 Scotland Way, as we celebrate Earth Day and learn about the Florida Manatee, our most famous endangered species. Their speaker will be Craig Pittman, a native Floridian, bestselling author, and award-winning reporter. Mr. Pittman's informative talk will explore the complex history, culture, and science surrounding this remarkable creature. Please RSVP to (941)552-5325. Glenridge gate security will provide visitors with directions to parking and to the theatre. For additional information, visit the Green Team website at www.glenridgegreenteam.org.

GROWING GARDENERS WEBINAR - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH FROM 11AM - 12PM

Back by popular demand- This class was part of Sarasota County Extension Office's "Sarasota County Starter Kit: A Guide to Living on the Suncoast" series. The series provides new residents with a range of information, from saving on utilities to dealing with wildlife, to help build happy, healthy, thriving homes and lives in this area. Not a new resident? No problem. Each of these courses can help any of our community members, and all are welcome. To register, click on the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/growing-gardeners-webinar-registration-876039506747>.

NATIONAL ARBOR DAY- FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH

The first American Arbor Day was originated in Nebraska City, Nebraska by J. Sterling Morton. On April 10, 1872, an estimated one million trees were planted in Nebraska.



HAPPY ARBOR DAY

Birdsey Northrop of Connecticut was responsible for globalizing the idea when he visited Japan in 1883 and delivered his Arbor Day and Village Improvement message. In that same year, the American Forestry Association made Northrop the Chairman of the committee to campaign for Arbor Day nationwide. He also brought his enthusiasm for Arbor Day to Australia, Canada, and Europe.

Arbor Day is a holiday in which individuals and groups are encouraged to plant trees. Today, many countries observe such a holiday. Though usually observed in the spring, the date varies, depending on climate and suitable planting season.

SAVE THE DATE: ARTISTS OF PALMER RANCH MEETING – MONDAY, MAY 6TH AT 10:30AM

Please join the Artists of Palmer Ranch at their next meeting on **Monday, May 6th at 10:30am**, at Gulf Gate Library, 7112 Curtiss Ave. Any Palmer Ranch resident is welcome. If you like, bring your latest masterpiece!



This month's featured artist: Al Gould

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REMINDER TO PUSH THE BUTTON - CENTRAL SARASOTA PARKWAY AT THE LEGACY TRAIL

Many pedestrians and cyclists are **pushing the button** to activate the flashing lights at the Legacy Trail crossing at Central Sarasota Parkway.



1. Push Button to Alert Motorist
2. Wait for Vehicle to Stop
3. Make eye contact with the driver.
4. Cross Carefully



Florida law grants cyclists on the crosswalk the same rights and responsibilities as pedestrians. Drivers are required to yield to pedestrians at the crosswalk. The purpose of the flashing lights is to alert motorists that there is someone entering the crosswalk and they must yield.

USE CAUTION AT CROSSWALKS

With the continued sunny weather, many people are out enjoying the great outdoors, and walking the tree lined sidewalks. Throughout Palmer Ranch, there are designated crosswalks. Some people misunderstand the purpose and meaning of a crosswalk, believing it is the only place pedestrians are *permitted* to cross the street. That is not the case. A crosswalk is where drivers are expected to yield to pedestrians. Drivers approaching crosswalks – either marked or unmarked – must yield to pedestrians who are legally in the crosswalk and approaching closely enough to be in conflict.



Pedestrians cannot enter the crosswalk at any time they wish. One cannot expect a driver to do the impossible, such as coming to a stop from 45 mph in 100 feet. Pedestrians must give drivers adequate time and distance to react and stop.



SANDHILL CRANE COLTS SEASON

Two subspecies of Sandhill Crane occur in Florida. The Florida Sandhill Crane population numbers between four and five thousand, are non-migratory year-round breeding residents, and are state protected. They are joined every winter by 25,000 migratory Greater Sandhill Cranes that nest every spring in the Great Lakes region. The babies are called “colts” because of their long spindly legs. These majestic birds make their home in our freshwater preservation areas. **Please be mindful of these downy Native Floridians as you travel along the picturesque roads of Palmer Ranch!**



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Everything You Need to Know About Palmer Ranch

Why Do Members Have to Pay an Annual Assessment to Palmer Ranch Master Association?

Beautification ...More than two-thirds of the nominal \$175 annual Master Association assessment goes towards upkeep and ongoing beautification of Palmer Ranch; for example:

- ❖ Over 220 acres of rights-of-way, trimmed on a schedule.
- ❖ Major entry features (community signs, flagpole, lush landscape & lighting).
- ❖ Directional signs, each beautifully landscaped.
- ❖ 15 tons of winter rye seed and 6,000 bags of mulch spread annually.
- ❖ 1,200+ Cabbage Palms trimmed throughout the ranch, on an annual basis.
- ❖ 180+ Crape Myrtle Trees trimmed and shaped each winter.
- ❖ 4,500 annuals at major entrances and directional signs, changed out at least 4 times a year.
- ❖ Park benches throughout the property, providing pleasant places for pedestrians to rest.
- ❖ Substantial funds are budgeted each year for further beautifications.



Your master-planned community is widely recognized as a model of contemporary planning. It has earned an impeccable reputation and has become a strong brand. Your assessments allow it to remain a leader in beautification!





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Sue's Grounds Corner, by Sue Ambrecht

The Palmer Ranch Master Association (PRMA) is pleased to announce that at our Annual Meeting on March 21st, the Master Association Board of Trustees voted in favor of creating a PRMA CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) for the common areas of Palmer Ranch. Dennis Hudson, who was re-elected to our Board of Trustees, graciously accepted the position of PRMA CERT Chairperson and I will be the PRMA CERT Advisor for the Master Association.



This Team will be different than the existing 58 Teams in Sarasota County in that all those Teams are community-based and do not go outside of the community it serves. Our Team will only be servicing the areas outside of the communities on Palmer Ranch. We'll be accepting Team members from any of the communities on Palmer Ranch who want to serve outside of their property lines. The goal of our Team is to ascertain that the roads are clear and safe to drive on.

While we will not be serving individual homes and residents, we do have miles of infrastructure subject to damage and flooding. We also have commercial and recreational properties likewise, subject to damage that we can inspect and report back to the owners (Commercial/Recreational Owners, please feel free to contact us to get on our Inspection list).

We will provide pre- and post-event situational surveillance and reporting directly to Sarasota County EOC, PRMA Board Members and Commercial/Industrial and Recreational Members.

In addition, PRMA CERT will be actively planning joint practice exercises between the HOA CERT Teams to further our skills, share resources, and hone our best practices. To do that, we will organize and host regular educational sessions for CERT leaders and Teams.

We are looking forward to Palmer Ranch CERT Teams becoming cohesive neighbors helping neighbors as an example for other communities.

Anyone interested in joining our Team, please contact the PRMA office at (941) 922-3866.

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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!