



ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – MAY 2024

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ANNUAL NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS' DAY

Flags on Palmer Ranch will be flown at half-staff from sunrise to sunset on **Sunday, May 5th** in honor of firefighters who have died in the line of duty.



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 **Wednesday, May 15th**.

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 27th** 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 27th**, in honor of Memorial Day, reopening **Tuesday, May 28th at 8am**.

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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SEE ATTACHED FLYER FROM THE NEW PALMER RANCH CERT

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!

Featured artist: Robin Moor,



CONDO DIRECTORS CERTIFICATION COURSE – VIA ZOOM

Your Community Partners is offering a Condo Director Certification Course featuring guest speaker Kevin T. Wells Esq. via Zoom meetings on **Wednesday, May 22nd from 5:30pm to 8:30pm (evening meeting)**. Please RSVP to boardcertclass@gmail.com by noon the Monday before the event

WEBINAR ON THE RESPONSIBLE USE OF RECLAIMED WATER – THURSDAY, MAY 23RD FROM 11AM TO NOON

The Palmer Ranch Watershed & Natural Assets Educational Series continues with this month's feature on the responsible use of reclaimed water. Using reclaimed water for irrigation is an innovative and efficient way to reduce pressure on our water supply. Learn how all about this resource and how it must be used responsibly to best benefit your landscape and the environment. To register for this webinar, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/responsible-use-of-reclaimed-water-registration-848750404307?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>

HOA DIRECTORS CERTIFICATION COURSE – VIA ZOOM

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For the Record

REQUEST FOR PEDESTRIAN ACTIVATED CROSSWALK SIGNS – CENTRAL SARASOTA PKWY / HONORE AVE.

Our office requested pedestrian-activated crosswalk signs from Sarasota County in 2023, for the intersection of Honore Avenue & Central Sarasota Parkway. Sarasota County provided the following reply on April 24th of this year:

'We ordered RRFBS (lighted pedestrian-activated crosswalk signs) and will install them when we receive the equipment. Per our vendor equipment will be delivered in a month or so.'



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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, the 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, 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.



Helen Johnson Bougainvillea



Royal Palm



Crape Myrtle



Copperleaf



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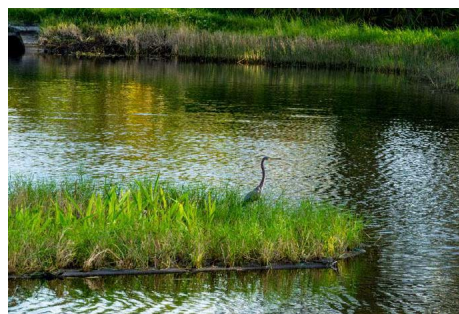
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Q: What wildlife do our lakes and ponds support?

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 opportunities 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



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 an 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.



In last month's newsletter, we announced the formation of the Palmer Ranch CERT Team, which is separate from the individual community CERTs. We covered how the CERT program works in the newsletter.

WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN THE PALMER RANCH TEAM!

Please consider joining us in this endeavor to make sure all areas of Palmer Ranch are represented. If you're interested, please contact:

Sue Ambrecht, PRMA CERT Advisor at sue@palmerranch.net
OR

Dennis Hudson, PRMA CERT Chairperson at dhudsonchfc@aol.com

Our goal is to provide both pre- and post-event situational observations by reporting directly to Sarasota County Emergency Operations, PRMA Board of Trustees, and Neighborhood CERT teams. We've come to realize that the more info we can convey to EOC, the more funds become available through FEMA for cleanup purposes. This helps ALL OF US get our roads cleaned up faster.

For the organized CERT's, we are attempting to install a GRMS Repeater on the Ranch, on an ACTIVATION basis, so stay tuned!!! THANK YOU!

