

## ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – MARCH 23, 2018

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### News You Can Use

#### BRAZILIAN PEPPER TRIM

Landscape workers will be trimming Brazilian Pepper trees throughout Palmer Ranch the week of **April 9<sup>th</sup>** weather permitting. *Please use caution when driving in active work zones.*

#### 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 a crosswalk the same rights and responsibilities as pedestrians. Drivers are required to yield to pedestrians in the cross walk. The purpose of the flashing white lights is to alert motorists that there is someone entering the crosswalk and they must yield.

#### 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 picture to the right is of a family of Sandhill Cranes dining along Potter Park Drive. The babies are called “colts” because of their long spindly legs. These majestic birds make their home in our fresh water preservation areas. Please be mindful of these downy Native Floridians as you travel along the picturesque roads of Palmer Ranch!



SARASOTA COUNTY AUDUBON – FLORIDA BEACH NESTING STEWARDSHIP & TRAINING – [SEE ATTACHED](#)



#### MARBELLA COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE IS TOMORROW!!

Marbella is holding a garage sale tomorrow, **March 24<sup>th</sup>**. Gates will open at 8:00 AM and close at 1:00 PM, be sure to check out the sale for some great finds and treasures!!



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### 2018 TOUR DE PARKS IS SUNDAY!

Friends of The Legacy Trail and the Sarasota Manatee Bicycle Club have once again teamed up to organize this great bike ride. This event is taking place this **Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**. For more information or to register please visit: <https://www.friendsofthelegacytrail.org/tour-de-parks-information>

### EASTER SERVICES AND EVENTS AT COVENANT LIFE CHURCH ON PALMER RANCH

Covenant Life is located at 8490 McIntosh Road. For information please visit: [www.covenantlifepca.com](http://www.covenantlifepca.com)

Good Friday Service – **Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

Easter Egg Hunt – **Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am**

Easter Services – **Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am, 11:15am**

### NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY – MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>

National Vietnam War Veterans Day is a commemorative holiday in the United States, which recognizes the sacrifices that veterans and their families made during the Vietnam War. It is also a day to give proper recognition to the men and women who returned home from that war and didn't receive a proper welcome home. It's a holiday that's been celebrated since 1973 on either March 29th or March 30th of each year through a patchwork of state resolutions. However, in 2017, the date of the holiday was set as March 29th by President Donald Trump. This day is now officially known as National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

From all of us at the Master Association office, we thank you for your service and sacrifice. We are forever grateful!



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](http://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!

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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.'*



# **2018 AUDUBON FLORIDA BEACH NESTING BIRD STEWARDSHIP AND TRAINING**



**Please join Audubon Florida for the upcoming  
stewardship training and orientation!**

**This event is for past stewards, new stewards, and those  
interested in learning more about the program. There will be  
two opportunities for stewardship training, but please feel free  
to join either of them if you'd like to learn more about the  
program in general. Topics covered will include: dogs on the**

beach, kites and other toys, wildlife violations, and how to strike up an educational conversation.

Our stewardship coordinator for this season is Kylie Wilson, and she will be attending both training sessions to meet everyone!

**Siesta Key Training: March 24th, 8:00am-10:00am**

This training will be tailored for stewardship at Siesta Key for the Snowy Plover. Please meet at the public beach - exact location TBA as we try to secure a table and pavilion.

*Contact Holley Short for location:*

*(352) 455-8993*

**Lido Key Training: April 28th, 8:00am - 10:00 am**

This training will focus on stewardship for the Black Skimmer colony. Meet at the public beach located in front of the Holiday Inn - this is the location of last year's colony.



You are strongly encouraged to attend! Stewards will be able to meet their coordinator, learn more about interacting with the public, and explore the educational materials we use. You will

**also be able to pick up your 2018 t-shirt, which are reserved for stewards that can commit to at least two shifts. You will also be able to ask questions and meet the regional FWC shorebird biologist, Morgan Parks.**

**Please feel free to share this information with anyone that may be interested in learning more about the bird stewardship program**

**You can find the Facebook events on the Sarasota-Manatee Bird Stewards Facebook page.**

**Let me know if you have any questions regarding the trainings, and we look forward to seeing you there!**

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