



ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – MARCH 8, 2019

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News You Can Use



REMINDER: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

Please remember to move your clocks ahead one hour early **Sunday, March 10th**, and change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Be sure to dispose of the 9V batteries safely!



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS FOR THE PALMER RANCH BUTTERFLY GARDEN! - FLYER ATTACHED

Volunteers are needed in several categories to help Palmer Ranch Master Association get our Butterfly/Pollinator/Wildlife Garden off the ground. See attached flyer for details!

CA DAY 2019 – COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS DAY

Community Association Day educational expo and trade show is taking place on **Thursday, March 14th from 8:00am – 5:00pm** at the Bradenton Area Convention Center, One Haben Blvd., Palmetto. Admission is free! There will also be free educational sessions, be sure to register early as class sizes are limited. To register visit www.caiwestflorida.org or call (941) 927-1910.

YMCA ON PALMER RANCH SPRING BREAK CAMP

The YMCA Spring Break Camp will be an exciting week for campers. During each day, campers will participate in hands-on activities, climb the YMCA tower, swim and on Friday, go on a field trip. Spring Break Camps are open for all campers currently enrolled in Kindergarten – 5th Grade. Spring Break Camp will be taking place on **March 18th – March 22nd from 7:30am to 5:30pm** at the YMCA, located at Potter Park 8301 Potter Park Dr. Price: \$145 for YMCA Members / \$195 Non-Members. You can register in a local branch or online at <https://www.sarasotaymca.org/program/esj-spring-break-camp>. For more information you can contact: KB Belton, Youth Development Coordinator, 941-922-9622 x1313 or email kbelton@sarasotaymca.org.

2019 TOUR DE PARKS

Friends of The Legacy Trail and the Sarasota Manatee Bicycle Club will once again be teaming up to organize this great bike ride next year. The date for the 2019 Tour de Parks ride has been set for **Sunday, March 24th**. For more information please visit <https://www.friendsofthelegacytrail.org/tour-de-parks-information/>



SARASOTA COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE GRANTS PROGRAM

Dates for Cycle 32 of the *Neighborhood Initiative Grant Program* have been set. If you're looking for money to improve the character, leadership, safety, health, or environment of your neighborhood - attend an application seminar no later than **April 30th**, to find out how you can obtain up to \$10,000 toward your neighborhood goals. Completed applications will be due **September 2nd**, with approval by the Sarasota County Commission set for **November 6th**. Visit <https://www.scgov.net/government/planning-and-development-services/planning-and-zoning/neighborhood-services> for more information. You can also contact Neighborhood Services at 941-861-5000 or email neighbor@scgov.net to learn the dates of future seminars or to register for a seminar.

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FLORIDA MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM

The Florida Master Naturalist Program is an adult education UF/IFAS Extension program developed by the University of Florida and provided by many Extension offices and participating organizations throughout the state of Florida. FMNP training will benefit persons interested in learning more about Florida's environment or wishing to increase their knowledge for use in education programs as volunteers, employees, ecotourism guides, and others. *The mission* of the Florida Master Naturalist Program (FMNP) is to promote awareness, understanding, and respect of Florida's natural world among Florida's citizens and visitors. A variety of courses are available in Sarasota. For more information on this program, visit: <http://www.masternaturalist.ifas.ufl.edu/> or call (941) 861-5000.

On The Grounds

FOXTAIL PALMS (WODYETIA BIFURCATA)

Although often used as a shrub or hedge the *Ligustrum* solos very nicely as a tree. The curved multiple trunks with glossy evergreen leaves on the upright, spreading branches create an interesting focus in the landscape. Standing as tall as 12 feet and often considerably wider, the mature *Ligustrum* can grow to 25 feet across. Small, white flowers appear during spring. The unpleasant smelling blooms are followed by abundant blue-black berries that are popular with birds.



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.'



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!

To help Palmer Ranch Master Association get our Butterfly/Pollinator/
Wildlife Garden Planted!!

Volunteers needed for SATURDAY March 23rd:

Starting at 8:00 a.m. FOR Planting and mulching

If you showed support for having the Garden, then please come out and help us get over 300 plants/shrubs and small trees in the ground. The area is somewhat uneven so please wear appropriate footwear, long pants, sun protection and, of course bring water for drinking. Because there are no bathroom or water facilities in the area, we're asking that you plan accordingly. We will be on site until the last plant is put in the ground. Please email sue@palmerranch.net, or call 941-922-3866 if you have any questions.

