

# ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – MARCH 22, 2019

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## News You Can Use



### PAINING OF ENTRY WALLS & BRIDGES – IN PROCESS

Painting of entry walls and bridges will be ongoing at Sawyer Loop & Clark; Palmer Ranch Parkway West & Beneva; McIntosh Road & US41 and Sarasota Square & Beneva. In addition to the entry walls, our vendor is also prepping and painting the bridge walls along McIntosh Road and Central Sarasota Parkway. The project is scheduled to take approximately 3 weeks to complete, weather permitting. Please use caution when driving along these areas.

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

We need your help!! Volunteers are needed this Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> starting at 8:00am to help Palmer Ranch Master Association get our Butterfly/Pollinator/Wildlife Garden off the ground. See attached flyer for map and details!



### HOA DIRECTOR CERTIFICATION COURSE

Free Director Certification Course featuring guest speaker Kevin T. Wells, Esq. will be held at TPC Prestancia, 4409 Tournament Players Club Drive on **Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> Course is from: 8:30am - 10:30am, registration will begin at 8:00am.** RSVP to [boardcertclass@gmail.com](mailto:boardcertclass@gmail.com) or (941) 366-9191 by noon the Monday before the event, as space is limited.

### OSCAR SCHERER PARK - GUIDED TRAM TOUR

Oscar Scherer State Park, located at 1843 South Tamiami Trail, Osprey is hosting a guided tram tour in the park on **Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 1:30pm to 2:30pm.** On the tour, you will learn about native and invasive plants and animals found throughout the park. For more information call (941) 483-5956 or visit <https://www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/oscar-scherer-state-park>.

### 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.



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### 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!**

### On The Grounds



#### TRIPLE FOXTAIL PALMS (WODYETIA BIFURCATA)

The foxtail palm is a single trunk pinnate leaved palm. It is propagated by seed which is characteristic of a “solitary” trunk palm. Triple trunks are used to give more mass to a planting, and for a fuller canopy of fronds producing shade in a limited space. Foxtail palms are often planted in groups for a naturalized look rather than singly or in matching pairs or rows. Triple foxtail palms are single-trunked trees that are intentionally grown together, but are not “clustering palms” which grow from the same base.

*Location:* Central Sarasota Parkway, Honore



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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.’*



## 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

The area of the garden is somewhat uneven (roadway common area) along the Village Walk boundary on Honore Avenue. Please wear appropriate footwear, long pants, sun protection, bring water and work gloves, no other tools are required unless you'll need something to kneel on. Because there are no bathroom facilities nearby, please plan accordingly. I've attached a map showing where to park if you're not planning on biking, walking or jogging. Our landscape vendor (Bloomings) has offered the use of a golf cart so we can shuttle people back and forth. We will be on site until all the plants are put in the ground, we're hoping if enough people show up it should only take about 4 hours.

