

# **ON THE RANCH NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2024**

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### **News You Can Use**

#### FLAG DAY – FRIDAY, JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>

People across the United States celebrate Flag Day on **June 14<sup>th</sup>** each year, to honor the United States flag and to commemorate the flag's adoption. On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress replaced the British symbols of the Grand Union flag with a new design featuring 13 white stars in a circle on a field of blue and 13 red and white stripes – one for each state. The number of stars increased as the new states entered the Union. The



flag of the United States represents freedom and has been an enduring symbol of the country's ideals since its early days. Many people in the United States honor this day by displaying the American flag at homes and public buildings.

#### ARTISTS OF PALMER RANCH MEETING – MONDAY, JULY 1<sup>st</sup>

If you draw, paint, sculpt or simply have an interest in the visual arts, please join the Artists of Palmer Ranch at their next meeting on **Monday**, July 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am, at Gulf Gate Library, 7112 Curtiss Ave. Any Palmer Ranch resident is very welcome. If you like, bring your latest masterpiece, they'd love to see it!

## **Sue's Grounds Corner**



Rain is a dance that we all should be doing right now! It keeps the grass green and the trees and plants from dying. Hopefully, many of you are aware our area is in extreme drought. For that reason, you will see irrigation running during the day on/around the County rights-of-way within Palmer Ranch. Because so many of you run your irrigation during the evening hours, there is simply not enough pressure to sufficiently irrigate the areas we maintain, so we're resorting to running the irrigation when we get the pressure, which is

during daytime hours. Unfortunately it's also when most of us are out and about. I apologize in advance for the inconvenience for those who detail their cars every week; however, Palmer Ranch has invested millions of dollars in our landscape to just let the landscape die. I'd like to predict when the irrigation will be running in any certain area, but it's hit or miss, so please bear with us.

If you see an irrigation issue on the property, such as a broken sprinkler, there's no need to call our office. We've a great grounds team on the property regulary checking for issues.

So, until we see our rainy season appear, let's all bow our heads and pray for rain, rain, rain!

Thank you for your understanding and working windshield wipers!!!



## **Everything You Need to Know About Palmer Ranch - Wildlife on Palmer Ranch**

Native habitat preservation and wildlife corridors are an integral part of the planning process in development on the ranch. It's a regular occurrence to see a Bald Eagle soaring overhead, having to slow for a Sandhill Crane to cross the road, or witness a Roseate Spoonbill soar across a pond. One of the reasons many homeowners purchase homes on the Ranch is due to the abundant wildlife. Members have witnessed Otters playing rambunctiously in our waterways. Further, nothing gets your attention quicker than hearing alligators practice their mating calls. Palmer Ranch also has Wild Turkey, Bobcat, Coyote as well as the occasional Florida Panther sighting.

Over the years our office has received numerous photos of the abundant wildlife we have on the Ranch. Here are just a few:



Sandhill Crane



Bald Eagle







Alligator



Roseate Spoonbill





Bobcat

Coyote