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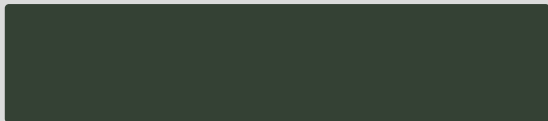
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## On the Ranch Newsletter March 2025

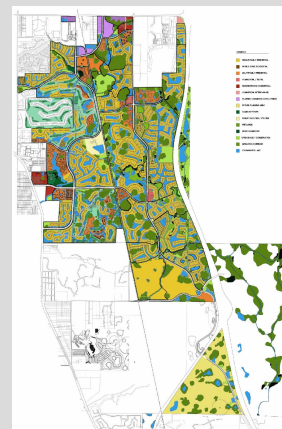
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Click [Here](#) to read all about Palmer Ranch.

Click [Here](#) for a Palmer Ranch Community Map.



### Communication from the Master Association to our Members

#### Turn Clocks Ahead This Sunday

This is a reminder that daylight saving time begins at 2 am this Sunday, March 9th, when clocks will “spring forward” to 3 am.

This time change serves as an important reminder to complete a crucial safety check - changing the batteries in your smoke alarms.



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#### What is the Palmer Ranch Master Association?

The Master Association is the Palmer Ranch Master Property Owners Association, Inc. All owners of Residential, Commercial-Industrial and Recreational properties are Members of the Master Association.

The purpose of the Master Association is enforcement of the covenants, monitoring functions including governmental requirements of the development, maintaining, and enhancing the Master Association common area landscape including public road and drainage rights of way, as well as additional responsibilities further defined in the Declaration of Protective Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Palmer Ranch. There are many property types on Palmer Ranch. For purposes of classification and representation to the Master Association they are Residential, Commercial/Industrial, and Recreational. Residential properties may further be identified as single-family homes, condominiums, apartments, and assisted living facilities.

Communities on Palmer Ranch may be a single entity with many Sub-Associations within, such as Prestancia or Stoneybrook Golf and Country Club.

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#### What Can I Do as a Palmer Ranch Resident to Minimize Red Tide?

Although we still don't know what causes red tide, you can help by keeping our watershed healthy.

Red tides in Florida develop 10-40 miles offshore, away from man-made nutrient sources. Once red tide moves inshore, however, it can be fueled by nutrient pollution from urban and agricultural runoff.

Our stormwater ponds are designed to help remove nutrients and other pollutants from stormwater runoff before it empties into Little Sarasota Bay and the Gulf. But their effectiveness depends on us.

Be mindful of what you put into our watershed. The two biggest things you can do to reduce nutrient poisoning and avoid feeding red tide are:

- Don't fertilize if rain is forecast in the next 48 hours
- If you irrigate your lawn with reclaimed water, reduce the amount of nitrogen in your fertilizer by the amount of nitrogen in your reclaimed water (ask your community manager)

You can also help minimize red tide by:

- Using pesticides sparingly, and considering non-chemical treatments
- Planting native vegetation, which requires less water and produces less runoff
- Properly disposing hazardous materials such as gas, oil, paint, and unused pool

chemicals.

If you live on a stormwater pond, consider creating a low-maintenance zone at the pond's shoreline, including:

- A fertilizer-free zone at least 10 feet, and ideally 20 feet, from the shore.
- A vegetation zone two to six or more feet from the shore, with turf grass or native aquatic plants, grasses and rushes, groundcovers, wildflowers, shrubs, or trees, all allowed to grow to their optimum height. For turf grass, that's 12 inches of blade height.
- Low-maintenance vegetation zones can reduce nutrients by as much as 50%. Consult with your community association's property manager before making any changes to your stormwater pond shoreline.

Here is an example of a Shoreline ***without*** a low-maintenance zone:



Here is an example of a Shoreline ***with*** a low-maintenance zone:



Click [Here](#) for more information on how to properly maintain your stormwater pond shoreline, including a list of appropriate native plants.

And for more information on red tide in Sarasota County, visit the Official Water Quality Summit report at <https://www.scgov.net/home/showdocument?id=42805> and scroll to

*This article was written by the Palmer Ranch Watershed / Natural Assets Committee, a group dedicated to maintaining and improving our water, preserves, and common areas.*

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## Sarasota County Seeks Community Input to Enhance Parks and Programs

Message From Sarasota County – Community members are invited to take part in an online survey to help shape the future of local parks and recreational programs.

This initiative from Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources (PRNR) is designed to collect valuable community feedback to help enhance opportunities and services offered throughout the county.

Starting March 1, through the end of the month, residents and community stakeholders can access the survey at the following link: [bit.ly/PRNRsurvey](https://bit.ly/PRNRsurvey).

The survey, which takes approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete, provides residents with a unique opportunity to share their thoughts and influence the development of parks and programs in their neighborhoods.

Community members are encouraged to share the survey link with family, friends and neighbors to ensure a broad range of input.

“As we continue to improve our parks and recreation services, it’s essential that we hear directly from the people who use them,” said Nicole Rissler, Director of Sarasota County PRNR. “This survey is a great way for residents to contribute to the future of our community’s outdoor spaces and recreational programming.”

A record total of 2,500 surveys were submitted by Sarasota County residents, seasonal residents and visitors for the Community Needs Assessment Survey in 2023.

For more information about Sarasota County Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources and its programs, visit [SarasotaCountyParks.com](https://SarasotaCountyParks.com).

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## Sue's Grounds Corner



### CERT Missing Persons Drill

On **Saturday, March 22nd** Palmer Ranch CERT will be conducting a Missing Persons Drill. The purpose of this drill is to locate, stabilize, transport, triage and evaluate treatment utilizing the CERT Team Physician Dr. Richard Censullo, who is a Promenade Estates resident.

The Drill will be conducted at the Potter Park Pavilion starting at 8:00 am and be concluded by noon. There is enough area and room to stage three 5 person teams. If you are CERT Certified and a Palmer Ranch resident and are interested in joining us, please contact the CERT Advisor Sue Ambrecht at [sue@palmerranch.net](mailto:sue@palmerranch.net) or call the Master Association office at **941-922-3866**.

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### ATTENTION: ALL Palmer Ranch CERT Captains

Hurricane Season is quickly approaching. Will all PRMA CERT Captains please identify yourselves either by emailing Sue Ambrecht at [sue@palmerranch.net](mailto:sue@palmerranch.net) or by calling us at **941-922-3866**.

We would like to have an updated list of all CERT Captains and where each of you are located. Thank you!

## Images From Our Palmer Ranch Members

These beautiful white pelicans were photographed by Turtle Rock resident, Ginny Cheatham, at Turtle Rock's Heron Pond.



Bill Sullivan of Sandhill Preserve captured a lovely image of a Sunset on South Creek.



## Local Happenings

### Glenridge of Palmer Ranch Presentation on Environmental Health and Red Tide

The Glenridge of Palmer Ranch Green Team invites you to join them for a complimentary presentation by Jason Robertshaw, Program Manager, from Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium on **Tuesday, March 11th at 10:30 am** at The Glenridge of Palmer Ranch Theatre located at 7333 Scotland Way, Sarasota.



Healthy oceans mean healthier quality of life for all. Jason Robertshaw will discuss how Mote researchers study red tides in the gulf.

Attendance is free, but non-Glenridge Members are asked to call **941-552-5325** for reservations.

## Talon Preserve Presents a Home Extravaganza

An Arts, Crafts, and Home Services Show will take place in the Clubhouse of Talon Preserve (located off Honore Rd) on **Saturday, March 22nd** from **9:30am to 2:30 pm**.

All are welcome to come by and enjoy this event



## SAVE THE DATE!

The Palmer Ranch Singers Spring Concert is being held on **Sunday, March 23rd** at **4 pm**.

Join the Singers and their friends at St. Andrew United Church of Christ, 6908 Beneva Road (Gulf Gate area) for an afternoon of inspiring and uplifting music.

Artistic Director, Jane Hunder, fantastic accompanist, Linda Lee Miller, and the Leadership Team have prepared a great program of selections reminding us of home. Tickets are \$15 per person, payable at the door on the day of the concert.

The Palmer Ranch Singers are now a 501c3 entity. Donations are tax deductible; funds cover music purchases, use of venue, a professional director and musicians. Donations may be sent to Palmer Ranch Singers, PO Box 52013, Sarasota, FL, 34232. Patronage is always welcomed and appreciated. Check out their web site at [palmerranchsingers.com](http://palmerranchsingers.com) for information about the group. Questions? Contact Peggy Wells at [pf58bmd@gmail.com](mailto:pf58bmd@gmail.com).

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## Friends of Legacy Trail - Tour de Parks

On **Sunday, March 23rd** enjoy 21-, 35-, and 53-mile ride options through 12 beautiful parks.

All rides begin and end at the Historic Venice Train Depot, Venice, Florida.

Tour de Parks is an annual fundraiser for Friends of The Legacy Trail.

Click [Here](#) for more information (including cost and schedule) and registration.

If you are interested in a Tour de Parks E-Bike Raffle, click [Here](#) for details.

**Palmer Ranch Master  
Association**

**Hours of Operation**

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

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consideration in a future newsletter?  
Click **Here** for our article submission  
guidelines and form.

Email completed form to:

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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.*

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