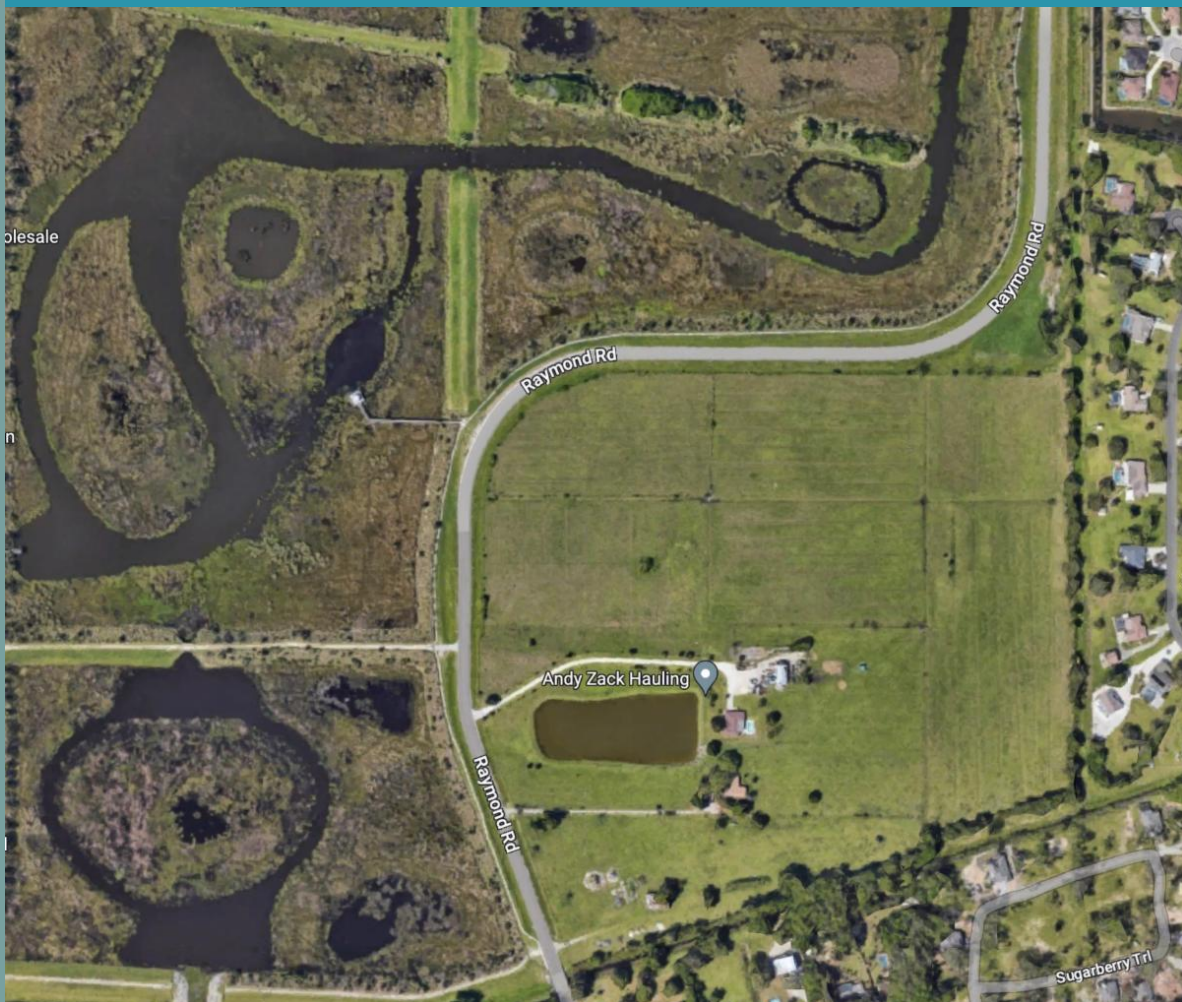




THE BROWN PELICAN

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SARASOTA AUDUBON SOCIETY

RAYMOND ROAD FARM/SMITH PROPERTIES NEIGHBORHOOD ZOOM WORKSHOP TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024 6PM EST



If you want to learn more, and to ask questions about the project that will have a serious impact on the Celery Fields, Kimley-Horn design engineers is holding a Zoom Workshop on Tuesday, May 14 at 6pm EST. This workshop will reveal the updated plans for the farm just opposite the Raymond Rd boardwalk. Developer DR Horton is applying for a rezone to build 170 farms on this 49-acre farm.

Needless to say, if this project goes forward, there will be a significant negative impact on the birds and wildlife that thrive in the Celery Fields, not to mention

the adverse visitor experience.

YOU MUST REGISTER IN ORDER TO ATTEND. Here is the link: https://kimley-horn.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_g_X6YCoUQgq1fCMVF-xZQA#/registration

Once you register, you will receive an email from Kimley-Horn asking you to submit your questions(s). Please be specific with your questions, rather than simply providing general comments. The more specific the better. There are many issues to discuss: road safety, degradation of breeding habitat, water quality impact, and light and noise pollution, are just a few.

MONTHLY MEETING INFORMATION

May 13, 2024, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

General Meeting
Monday,
May 13
7:00 p.m. on ZOOM

Protecting and Sharing
Myakka's Magic
with Miri Hardy



Miri Hardy, Executive Director
Friends of Myakka River

Learn about the fragile ecosystems of Myakka River State Park through evocative photographs and fascinating stories from the leader of the Friends of Myakka River group -- Miri Hardy.

Myakka River State Park is the oldest in the State Park system, established in the 1930s. It is also Florida's first state-designated "Wild and Scenic River."

[Register](#)

Wingspan, The Game



It's time to play Wingspan: Whether you like birds or games or just having fun with terrific people, you should be coming to the Nature Center to play Wingspan. No experience is necessary. No birding knowledge is required. It's free, and we supply the games. We only ask that players be SAS members and at least 18 years old.

May Game Dates

- **Wednesday, May 15**
- **Beginning in June -- weekly on Wednesdays!**

All games start at 12:30 p.m. in the Sarasota Audubon Nature Center at the Celery Fields: 999 Center Road, Sarasota, FL 34240.

If you'd like to join the fun, please [email Lynn](#) so we know how many tables to set up!

**Join Us in 2025 on a
Birding Trip to Peru!**

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Sarasota Audubon Society trip
with Holbrook Travel to PERU
May 8th - 20th, 2025



Limited space available!
Full itinerary coming soon!

Destinations on this active 13 day birding excursion, led by local guides, include Lima, Tambopata, Yucay, Machu Picchu, and the Ballestas Islands.

Highlights

- Spot some of the 400-plus species found in Machu Picchu & surrounding areas.
- Explore the Amazonian lowlands by boat and on foot to look for colorful macaws, tanagers, and the enigmatic Hoatzin.
- Discover the mist-fed ecosystem of Lomas de Lachay, home to an oasis of dwarf forest in the Peruvian desert.
- Visit Pantanos de Villa, a Ramsar Wetland of International Importance that provides critical habitat for waterfowl and migratory shorebirds.
- Travel by boat to witness the seabirds of Ballestas Islands, including the Humboldt Penguin, Peruvian Booby, Inca Tern, and the near-threatened Peruvian Diving-Petrel.

Interested? Email Trip Leader, Kylie Wilson, to add your name to the update list!
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