



The Best Place on Palmer Ranch

The Origins of Labor Day

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Labor Day, an annual celebration of workers and their achievements, originated during one of American labor history's most dismal chapters in the late 1800s. At the height of the [Industrial Revolution](#) in the United States, the average American worked 12-hour days and seven-day weeks in order to eke out a basic living. Despite restrictions in some states, children as young as 5 or 6 toiled in mills, factories and mines across the country, earning a fraction of their adult counterparts' wages. People of all ages, particularly the very poor and recent immigrants, often faced extremely unsafe working conditions, with insufficient access to fresh air, sanitary facilities and breaks.

As manufacturing increasingly supplanted agriculture as the wellspring of American employment, labor unions, which had first appeared in the late 18th century, grew more prominent and vocal. They began organizing strikes and rallies to protest poor conditions and compel employers to renegotiate hours and pay. Many of these events turned violent during this period, including the infamous Haymarket Riot of 1886, in which several Chicago policemen and workers were killed. Others gave rise to longstanding traditions: on September 5, 1882, 10,000 workers took unpaid time off to march from City Hall to Union Square in New York City, holding the first Labor Day parade in U.S. history.

The idea of a "workingmen's holiday," celebrated on the first Monday in September, caught on in other industrial centers across the country, and many states passed legislation recognizing it. Congress would not legalize the holiday until 12 years later, when a watershed moment in American labor history brought workers' rights squarely into the public's view. On May 11, 1894, employees of the Pullman Palace Car Company in Chicago went on strike to protest wage cuts and the firing of union representatives.

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From our Vice President....



It is a real honor to be writing the Presidents letter for the September issue of the Turtle Rock Newsletter. There is a lot going on around Turtle Rock and the newsletter is a great way to share it all. As Len mentioned in last month's newsletter, there are still a number of residents' emails that we don't have. Please encourage your neighbors to send their email addresses to our manager, Ed Olson, at (communications@myturtlerock.com) in the Turtle Rock office.

With school back in session there are a number of children out and about. Robert Barrientos, our Head of Gate Security, has asked me to share a friendly reminder about our Turtle Rock Rules regarding Use of Roads. As a community we have to be aware of DOT laws, share the roads and sidewalks, and use common sense. Don't speed, stop at stop signs, ride bikes in the bike lanes, and walk or run on the sidewalks. Let's all work together and make Turtle Rock a safer place to live!



As a Deed Restricted community, we have rules and regulations that each resident must adhere to. These are meant to preserve the beauty and quality of life in Turtle Rock. **The Turtle Rock Owner's Manual, or TROM** for short, contains up-dated language, information, rules and regulations, and emergency guidelines : procedures important to owners, tenants and their guests. This document replaces all previous Rules and Regulations and the previous Architectural Review Committee (ARC) guidelines. We are in the process of updating it, and I am forming a committee of volunteers from the community to assist me. If this is something you'd be interested in helping with please call me at 941-924-5170 or email at vp@myturtlerock.com.

One of the task forces I led last year was a **Roofing Task Force**. With aging homes, many people will need to replace their roofs—many already have. After considering various materials, the task force concluded that the concrete or clay tiles, with the right underlayment, will continue to be the only roofing material permitted in Turtle Rock. **This report can be read in its entirety on the TR Website.**

Finally, there were a number of projects listed in last month's newsletter that are under way. There are also some big projects that the board is currently discussing. One in particular is the state of our retention ponds. They are vital to the health and beauty of Turtle Rock. I can't encourage you enough to consider attending our monthly Board of Governors meetings. Your input is vitally important to the Board Members.

Submitted by Bob Oram



Men's Club

Each month, the Men's Club of Turtle Rock has a luncheon at a local restaurant. Our lunches are "almost dinners" with either salad or dessert and non-alcoholic beverages included. Please watch for the "sandwich board" poster at the entrances for the date and time for the September lunch. The Men's Club provides casual meetings where you can get to know your neighbors, share important community news, and have a great meal. Please contact Jim Cerny 941-926-7888 or Mike Geramanis 630-212-7003 for more information.

Did You Know?

Turtle Rock has a Suggestion/Comment box available for residents to use. The box is located on the right side of the front doors to the Community Center. (See below)

Residents can place HOA payment checks, ARC request forms, comments, concerns, or other inquiries regarding Turtle Rock or the neighborhood association in that box.

Feel free to use this as a way to communicate with the management office or the Communication Committee.



Families Club

Please contact Melissa McOmber if you are willing to take over and keep the Families Club alive at:

mcomber14@msn.com.

Thanks to all the volunteers who have helped over the years!

Submitted by Melissa McOmber

Your NEW Turtle Rock News welcomes resident input!

**Articles submitted
for consideration for
Publication need to
be in WORD format.
Photos must be in JPEG,
with captions please.**

**Volunteers are needed for staff
photographers,
reporters,
editing help.**

**Email to
communications@myturtlerock.com**





TURTLE ROCK WOMEN'S CLUB

August Luncheon / Meeting at Cassariano Restaurant



September Luncheon — Wednesday, September 5 @ 11:30am



MIGUEL'S RESTAURANT

6631 Midnight Pass Road
Siesta Key, FL 34242
941-349-4024

All-inclusive with tax & gratuity \$25.00

All lunches include a non-alcoholic beverage, fresh house salad, garlic bread, vegetables, and starch du jour. Cash bar available

TRWC Cocktail Party !

September 15 @ 6pm in the Community Center

BYOB with a snack or dessert to share. No rsvp necessary



LINE DANCING EVENT

Friday, October 5

We have a reservation for a table for 40 people. The schedule is:

Arrive around 5:30, eat, socialize, and enjoy drinks for 1 hour.

Line dancing lesson starts at 6:30.

The cost is \$5 per person for the lessons, which keep going until 8:30 p.m. Contact for reservations: Charlotte Jones @ 922-4575 or kcjusagb@aol.com

**To join Turtle Rock Women's Club, call
Angela Pierre @ 321-3994**

Submitted by Grace Cooney

A Message from Management **SMGI -Sunstate Management Group, Inc.**

Friendly notice regarding compliance.

We have had the privilege of meeting and working with many of you. As you know, as your Licensed Community Association Manager, I am required to wear many hats. This includes, but is not limited to, obtaining bids for common area projects, inspecting the common property, meeting with the Board of Directors, vendors and committees to help your property values remain as high as possible. We take calls, answer e-mails, sell mailboxes, sell the paint for the mailbox posts, and listen to everyone's "concerns." Most of all, I do my best to *ensure* that Turtle Rock continues to be a wonderful place to live. These are just a few of our "White Hat" duties.

Then there is the "Black Hat" duty. I am sure there are a lot of you who are reading this, who have received one of our compliance "love letters" in the mail. It might say things like, "Your home has a dirty roof, or you need to place mulch, or your mailbox needs replacing," and so on.

If the violation cannot be remedied in the amount of time given, please feel free to call the office or e-mail me at communitymanager@myturtlerock.com or stop in the community center office. If invited, I will be happy to come by your home to go over and explain the violation. I usually do the invited site visits on Fridays. At the time of the visit, we can talk about an action plan to bring your home back into compliance. These violations by themselves seem small, but in a community of 758 homes, they can have a negative impact on the overall look of the community and home values. I personally thank you all for your efforts and understanding during the hardest part of my job.

My goal, as your manager is 100% compliance. We will work with you in any way possible to reach that goal.

Thank you,

Ed Olson

Vice President/LCAM

Sunstate Management

941-870-9855

edward@sunstatemanagement.com

**Sunstate Management
Group, Inc. (SMGI)
has been our
management company for
over a
year and a half now.**





Report from the Treasurer

For the period ending June 2018 our reserve balance was \$1,570,030. Year to date reserve expenses have consisted mainly of contributions to the pedestrian bridge replacement (\$28,929) and replacement of pump and heating equipment for the community pool (\$3,165). Reserve contributions have been subsidized in the last few years with

remaining Rails To Trails funds, but those funds were exhausted when the 2018 budget was approved last fall. As such, the existing reserve balance is already committed to the future repair and replacement of specific items.

At the August meeting, the Board approved an expense of \$3,872 for repairs and maintenance for the community pool. Paver deck area repairs include re-setting loose coping pavers, replacing broken or cracked bricks and coping pavers, re-grouting and re-leveling uneven pavers around a skimmer, pressure washing the entire pool deck, re-sanding all paver joints, and application of a sealer to the entire pool deck.

At the end of August, the Board of Governors will begin the annual budget process to establish the budget for next year. Sunstate will provide a budget worksheet with estimated expenses for the upcoming year. The reserve study should be completed by the end of August as well, and these data will be used to make any necessary adjustments to the budget including discussion regarding any possible adjustment to the quarterly assessments to ensure that reserve requirements are met going forward. Some time in late September to early October, the Board of Governors will hold a Budget Workshop which is a working meeting that is open to homeowners to attend and listen. After the final review of the budget, the summarized proposed budget will be mailed to all homeowners 14 days prior to the budget vote at the November Board of Governors meeting.

Submitted by David Tarlton

TROM TIP (Turtle Rock Owners Manual)

A topic of discussion at the last board meeting was violation letters sent to home owners regarding the removal of empty trash cans and recycling bins after pick up on trash days. There seems to be some confusion as to what is meant by "removing" the emptied trash cans and recycling bins. The current section on page 30 of the TROM (see below) says that all empty containers must not only be removed by 10pm on the day of pick up, but must placed out of sight.

"No refuse cans, yard waste or containers, or recycling bins are to be put at the curbside prior to 12:00 noon the day before pickup and must be taken up and out of site prior to 10:00 pm on the day of pick-up"

Submitted by Kristina Von Kessel

Community Garden in Your Neighborhood



ROOTS! If you used to work with your grandparents in their vegetable gardens when you were a kid, you might enjoy getting back to your roots at the Culverhouse Community Garden. It's a bike ride away, located in the Culverhouse Nature Park at the head of the Legacy Bike Trail. The 80-plot organic garden has 6 plots available this season. Visit the Friends of Culverhouse Community Garden website to arrange a tour to learn about the year-round activities at the garden. Go to : Culverhousegarden.org.

Submitted by Marcy Freeman

Labor Day...Continued

On June 26, the American Railroad Union, led by Eugene V. Debs, called for a boycott of all Pullman railway cars, crippling railroad traffic nationwide. To break the strike, the federal government dispatched troops to Chicago, unleashing a wave of riots that resulted in the deaths of more than a dozen workers.

In the wake of this massive unrest and in an attempt to repair ties with American workers, Congress passed an act making Labor Day a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories. More than a century later, the true founder of Labor Day has yet to be identified.

Many credit Peter J. McGuire, cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, while others have suggested that Matthew Maguire, a secretary of the Central Labor Union, first proposed the holiday.

Labor Day is still celebrated in cities and towns across the United States with parades, picnics, barbecues, fireworks and other public gatherings. For many Americans, particularly children and young adults, it represents the end of the summer and the start of the back-to-school season .

<https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/labor-day>

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FREE classes to those recovering
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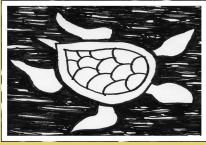
Exercise Recovery

Call for the September schedule:

941-917-7000

Or visit www.smhfit.com

Submitted by Sheila Brumberg



Turtle Rock Academy Lecture Series

The Turtle Rock Academy committee is pleased to announce the upcoming program for this fall.

On October 11th Linda Carson from Channel 7 Suncoast News will speak to us about “Changes in TV News Broadcasting”. Linda has been in broadcasting for 53 years and will give us her perspective and some stories about the famous people she has met along the way.

On November 8th Everett Hendrixon from the Sarasota Violin Shop will be here to share the history of the violin as well as how they are made. We’ve also asked him to play a little so we can hear the range of this magnificent instrument.

On December 13th Ken Brinkman, president of the Palmer Ranch Association Natural Assets Committee, will speak to us on Maintaining and Enhancing our Natural Assets, such as lakes, landscapes and wildlife.

The Academy begins at 2 p.m. and ends at 3 p.m. It is held in the Community Center and is free.

Submitted by Janet Smith

Welcome to the Turtle Rock Library



The Turtle Rock Library was started about twelve years ago. The idea of a TR lending library was developed and implemented by a few interested residents and was well received. It began with a few hundred donated books. The collection became so popular with the residents that, when the Community Center was renovated in 2013, a specific room was allocated for the expanding library.

The collection consists primarily of mystery, romance, historical and contemporary fiction, and a limited number of biographies. The library also contains DVD movies and books on CD. It is organized, kept up-to-date and maintained by the TR Women’s Club. The collection currently includes approximately 750 paperbacks as well as more than 500 hardcover books. The volumes are arranged alphabetically by author for easy access. All holdings are culled regularly to make room for new donations by the residents.

The library is free to use by all residents and checkout and return are strictly on the honor system. Because of the continuous donation support by the residents and upgrading process, the library has a steady supply of new books to choose from. Donations should be limited to fiction, biography, movies, and audio books. The current library committee includes Edie Wolf, Chairperson, Pat Bass, Emily Miller and Jan Smith. For questions about our wonderful library, call Edythe Wolf at 941-929-9209.

Landscape Committee



This committee was organized to make recommendations toward improvements involving the aesthetic beauty and ecological stability of Turtle Rock common grounds to include, specifically: landscaping the common areas, buildings and grounds, and ponds, waterways, and preserves. Although there are new landscape projects that the Committee will be proposing, the first order of business is to ensure that the maintenance of the existing landscape lives up to Turtle Rock residents' expectations. Committee members have been meeting monthly with Bloomings Landscape to discuss contracted maintenance issues that need to be addressed. This is a large property with many different areas and challenges, and matters arise that sometimes go unnoticed. It is our hope to be an additional set of eyes to support both our manager and Bloomings in the effort to make our common properties look their best as often as possible.

The committee's scope of authority also extends to our waterways, where here, too, we are hoping to monitor the health and appearance of our retention ponds. Unfortunately, this year has been particularly bad for the appearance of our ponds. The summer heat, but lacking daily rains, have led to an increase in the amount of floating matter, which by anyone's standards is unsightly! However, to control this floating debris with an excess of additional chemicals is not a best practice. While the chemicals help the muck sink from view more quickly, they are also destroying the natural balance of the water, essentially killing it over time. Plus, the subsequent debris at the bottom of the lake simply adds more nutrients for algae, creating a vicious cycle. Unlike our common grounds whose landscaping may be maintained to look neat and orderly, our waterways are very sensitive to human intervention, and the more effort that is made to "maintain" these interconnected ponds which are part of the watershed to the gulf, the more damage can be done.

Rather than calling TR's management and asking that something be done about the vegetative debris, please have patience and let nature take its course, along with allowing our ponds maintenance company, Aquagenix, to treat our ponds on a healthy schedule. To further educate residents on this topic, the *Turtle Rock Academy* will feature a speaker on December 13 who will provide information about our "natural assets" and how to care for them properly. Mr. Ken Brinker is the chair-



man of Palmer Ranch Natural Assets Committee, which includes members from the county, UF/IFAS, and other professionals from the industry. Mr. Brinker will present a program that anyone who cares about our waterways and preserve areas should attend!

Submitted by Jodi Cunnison



Last month I wrote about the history of The Ranch, and also explained how it is possible for additional communities to continue to become part of the Palmer Ranch Master Property Owners' Association (PRMPOA). This month I will go into what benefits we and other communities have from living within this master planned development.

Consider the new construction just east of Honore, Sunrise Preserve. This community of 450+ homes is the former Sunrise Golf Course property and NOT part of the ranch, and its original main entrance would have been off Approach Road. The developers (Matamy Homes) were so interested in being associated with Palmer Ranch, however, that they purchased private lots off Jem Lane (runs parallel to Honore) and agreed to build a new roundabout (mandated by the county and requiring moving over existing Honore Ave) in order to have their main access point adjoin the Ranch's boundary! This speaks volumes.

A monetary measure of an advantage of being "on the ranch" is property values. Many of our homes were built in other locations around this region by the various builders who also built in Turtle Rock. These same homes are typically valued (per the Property Appraiser and actual sales metrics) between 10-20% *less* than our comparable houses here in Turtle Rock and other ranch communities. That's a lot of value for the \$167 annual Master Association dues! The reason our PR homes have higher values? It is the natural beauty and sense of cohesiveness within our planned development that are immediately evident when entering through any one of the seven entrances to the ranch. The natural beauty was enhanced by thoughtful development, and the cohesiveness comes from ongoing governance and maintenance.

The association conducts various activities that increase our property values and improve the quality of our surroundings, including:

- * Enhancement of county-owned rights-of-way through installation of St. Augustine sod, additional trees, palms, bushes, fencing and lighting;
- * Maintenance of all those vegetative and other enhancements, including installing and repairing the reclaimed irrigation system, and mowing/edging of all turf areas (for which we are actually reimbursed by the county);
- * Maintenance of waterways: PRMPOA owns several tracts of waterways that we must maintain, keeping them free-flowing and cleared of invasive vegetation;
- * Clearing of invasives: we also own other land areas, among them the area on the NW corner of McIntosh and Palmer Ranch Pkwy (west). The recent clearing of Brazilian Peppers was done voluntarily (the county does not require PRMPOA to remove invasives) to make it more environmentally friendly and ultimately, once additional grooming is done, more beautiful;

* Negotiating with new communities regarding enhancement of county-owned areas bordering those new developments: how it will look and who will bear the installation cost.

Many of us also looked at communities within Lakewood Ranch before settling on Turtle Rock. While this master planned development has its appeal, it is also far removed from access to our lovely beaches. Another drawback of Lakewood Ranch are its CDDs (Community Development Districts). A CDD is a special unit of local government created to offset the cost of constructing and operating infrastructure, and it adds a large tax burden on all units within that development. Palmer Ranch infrastructure was borne by the developer, passed on to homeowners in the price of lots sold, and the ongoing maintenance is done by the individual communities. And those gated communities within a CDD? They are not private, because per FL statutes, roads there are public and cannot turn nonresidents away.

A positive aspect LWR has that we don't have (yet)?): a community center. Theirs is called Town Hall; management operates from this building, and community members use it to gather and conduct various social activities. The board members of PRMPOA, assisted by management, have been working for well over three years on bringing a community center to Palmer Ranch. While PR's developer had originally planned to build one (as a sales center, later to be transferred to member control), development progressed quickly enough that the need for such a building never materialized. Two years ago, PRMPOA trustees approved the construction of a center on association-owned land on the SE corner of Beneva and Palmer Ranch Pkwy W, which is the flagship entrance of the ranch. County commissioners approved the land-use rezone over 18 months ago, however, various issues have delayed the final approval required to actually break ground. We are now hopeful that this will begin in early 2019.

The required funds for construction will come from a loan to be repaid using operating funds. There will be *no* special assessment for this building, and ongoing operational facility costs will also be supported by dues, which are *not* anticipated to increase for this reason. The building, which will house management, is designed for function and appearance. There will not be a pool, tennis courts, or other outdoor activities, but the center will provide a beautiful place for the residents of Palmer Ranch to bond as a community by conducting a wide variety of social activities there. It will be yet another reason for Palmer Ranch residents to be proud of the place that lets us live life to the fullest. Updates on the building and its construction progress to come as they develop.

Submitted by Kathrin Harris

Back to school with a smile....

SARASOTA MIDDLE SCHOOL



ASHTON ELEMENTARY



RIVERVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

Submitted by Patricia Tarlton





Have Fun!



Friendship

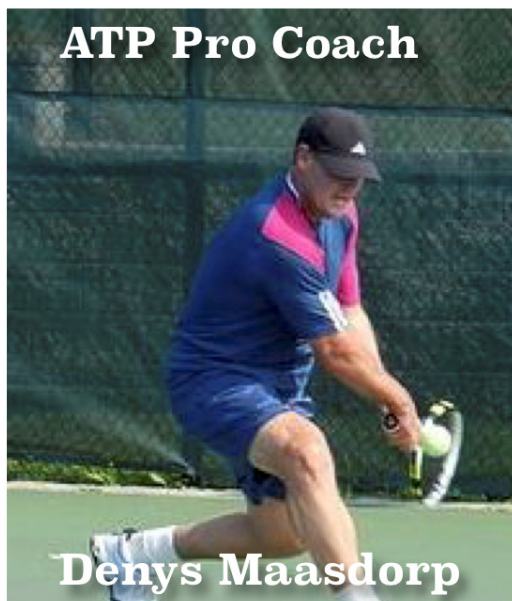


Focus and Conditioning



Technique

Turtle Rock Junior Tennis Academy 2018 Fall Session



ATP Pro Coach

Denys Maasdrop

Time to sign up for the 2018 TRJTA fall session which will be held from the first week of October through the second week of November, consisting of two 1-hour sessions per week in the afternoons (6 weeks). The cost is only \$90 for once per week or \$180 for twice per week. The clinic is open to all Turtle Rock residents from ages 5 to 18. Email the Academy Coordinator David Tarlton at davidtarlton@me.com if you are interested. Availability is limited, so be sure to sign up early!

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS AND TURTLE ROCK

We hope that all who are receiving our "new" newsletters are enjoying them. Since they are sent to you using your email address, the Turtle Rock office needs at least one current email address for you on their database. In addition to this newsletter, future important events or emergencies that need urgent communication to all TR residents will be sent using the email address you have provided.

Rest assured that your email address will NOT be used
for any other purpose outside of the TR community.

Please tell your neighbors that if they have not done so to please send an email to: communications@myturtlerock.com to get their email address in the TR database.

If anyone does not have access to email, please call Ed in the office at 941-921-3865.

Also, please "bookmark" the Turtle Rock website on your web browser -- www.myturtlerock.com -- which has everything about TR, including access to our newsletters.

Finally, other groups and organizations of TR, such as the Men's Club or Women's Club, have their own list of members email addresses: they do not share the official TR database of email addresses. So you may have a different email address with a club or organization.

If you have any questions about our use of your email address please contact Ed in the office at 941-921-3865 or Jim Cerny at 941-926-7888.

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