

TURTLE ROCK NEWSLETTER

October 2018



The Best Place on Palmer Ranch

Sea Glass

*Sea glass can be found from coast to coast,
just like our friends and family we miss the most.*

*Tossed and weathered by the sea,
finding these little gems all for free.*

*The glass is tossed and turned by the waves,
as we find it along the beach we try to save
the many colors and shapes it takes—
reminds us of friends we've found in the wake.*

How long it has taken to reach the shore ?

Year after year we search for more...

*Sea glass can be elusive to find any day,
just like good friends we make along the way.*

— Roy Baker 2018

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From our President....

Greetings,

I would like to thank the TR homeowners who have attended our monthly Board of Governors meetings (1st Tuesday of the month @ 5:30 PM). It's truly satisfying to see the increased attendance and interest in the workings of our Board and the community. Of course, it leaves those of us on the Board wondering if such interest is a result of homeowners wanting to become more involved, or because the Board took some steps that displeased the community. Lets hope it's **not** the latter.

It takes many actions and volunteers to manage, maintain and upgrade a community of this size— some very evident, like this newsletter, and others that operate under the radar— running the gamut from the Architectural Review Committee, the Landscape and Grounds Committee, the Communications Committee, and the Hearing Panel, to various task forces such as the TR Owners Manual Review and the Budget Committee.

All of these groups have two things in common: they exist to make our community better, and they are composed of homeowner volunteers.

Why am I writing about this? Two reasons. First, I believe many Turtle Rock homeowners don't realize and/or appreciate the amount of work volunteers do for the community. Second, there is always a need for additional volunteers to participate in these critically important functions.

While I'm at it, I might as well try to get you all thinking about the upcoming nomination and election process for the 2019 Board of Governors.

There will be three Board positions opening in 2019, and homeowners will be asked to "self-nominate" (volunteer) in the November time-frame for a February 2019 election. Think about it!!



To update those of you who did not attend the September Board meeting, the Board will be voting at the October Board meeting on the option to "paint" (and selecting the color) the new Community Center aluminum bridge, or to leave it with a "brushed aluminum" finish. The current schedule is to remove the existing bridge and install the new bridge in mid-December 2018.

Additionally, a major topic at the September Board meeting dealt with the traffic situation we currently have in Turtle Rock— speeding, disregarding STOP signs, passing School buses on TR Blvd, and other traffic infractions. This is an issue that has bedeviled our community— and many other gated communities—for years. While there was considerable discussion at the meeting, it was not the appropriate venue to resolve the situation, therefore a Traffic Safety Task Force, headed by Board Member David Tarlton, was formed to address the issues and provide recommendations to the Board. Hopefully we will be able to alleviate some of the problems this time around.

As I mentioned earlier, I am impressed with the increase in homeowner interest in community activities and attendance at BoG meetings. I look forward to seeing even more of you at the October 2nd Board meeting.

Submitted by: Len Friedlander



Veterans Day is a time to thank those who are serving or have served in the military and are still with us. Memorial Day is to reflect and remember those who lost their lives in service to our country. Confusing the two or combining the two diminishes the importance of both. As we approach Veterans Day on November 11th, we would like to salute TR neighbors in our November Newsletter who are serving, or have served, in the armed forces. Please send photos in JPEG form along with information providing name, rank, and branch of service to

Communications@myturtlerock.com

Deadline for publication is October 15



Men's Club

All men of Turtle Rock are welcome to join us for lunch this month on Wednesday, October 17, at noon at

Mattison's on route 41.

Come and hobnob with other guys in our community and enjoy a great meal as well. Our lunches are casual, always good food, and a great way to discuss with your neighbors what is going on in the community.

Look for the "sandwich board" signs at the entrances prior to the lunch as a reminder, along with the cost of the lunch. If you have any questions about the club, please contact

Jim Cerny 941-926-7888 (secretary)

or

Mike Geramanis 630-212-7003

(for lunch reservations).

Hope to see you on October 17!

Submitted by Jim Cerny

Did you know?

...that Turtle Rock has Pickle ball equipment available for residents to use! The equipment can be checked out at the South Gate during their normal business hours (**7:30am to 7:30pm Monday thru Saturday and 11:30am to 7:30pm on Sunday**).

The Pickle ball equipment can be set up on the basketball court, which has blue line markings ready for pickle ball use. The set includes the net and support posts, 4 paddles, 4 balls, instructions for easy assembly, and rules of the game. Please take advantage of this free activity offered by Turtle Rock.



Submitted by
Patricia Tarlton

Traffic Safety Study

At the September 4 Board of Governors meeting, residents expressed some concerns regarding traffic issues within the community including reckless driving, speeding, running of stop signs, distracted driving, failures to remain in a lane, and others. Also, concerns were raised about traffic safety during school bus pick-up and drop-off times, since parents are out in the community with their children at bus stop locations along Turtle Rock Boulevard and in the Turtle Rock Community Center. Since Turtle Rock roads are privately owned, it is the responsibility of the community to establish and enforce standards of proper usage of our roads. As such, the Board agreed to establish a Task Force to study once again the traffic issues and to provide recommendations to the Board on ways to enhance safety and enforce existing community traffic rules. As a first step, the Task Force will plan to hold a community Town Hall meeting open to all Turtle Rock residents to discuss all issues related to traffic safety. This will be the time for anyone to voice their concerns, relate specific instances of traffic violations, and to provide recommendations for ways that the community can enhance safety. Be on the lookout for a notice at the community entrances for the meeting date. If your email address is on file with the Community Manager, you will receive an email notice when the meeting is scheduled.



TURTLE ROCK WOMEN'S CLUB

September Luncheon/Meeting at Miguel's



October Luncheon/Meeting

University Park Country Club

Wednesday, October 3, 2018 @ 11:30am

All-inclusive with tax and gratuity \$25.00

Call Carolyn Gossman @ 924-6419

Selah Freedom Clothing Drive

A clothing drive to benefit Selah Freedom, an organization to prevent human trafficking. Please bring your usable and appropriate clothing to be collected at September and November Luncheons.

TRWC FUN FASHION SHOW at Oaks Country Club. All TRWC members are invited to this event. See flyer for contacts.



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.

We are now into full-blown hurricane season, and at the time of this writing, in mid September, as Hurricane Florence is barreling down on the Carolinas, here are some things to remember:

- ♦ Hurricane season began June 1 and ends November 30. We are all familiar with storm tracking models. The most damaging side of a hurricane is the right front quadrant of the storm. This is sometimes called “the dirty side” of the storm because forward speed adds to the winds and storm surge will range out from the eye up to 60+ miles.
- ♦ If a hurricane warning is issued, all exterior items on lawns, lanais, and loggias must be secured inside the home or garage in order not to become projectiles. These items include, but are not limited to, patio furniture, hanging plants, pots, flags, grills, hoses, and decorative objects. **Vacationing or seasonal residents should be prepared to make appropriate arrangements for securing such items.**
- ♦ In accordance with County guidelines, owners may use shutters only 72 hours preceding any such severe storm, tornado, tropical storm or hurricane, and the shutters must be opened or otherwise disengaged within 72 hours after such a storm. Shutters and installation must conform to the requirements adopted by the Board of Governors and must be approved by the ARC (see specific guidelines in the TR Owners’ Manual, pg 27).

All shutters (other than clear), including devices such as roll-down, accordion, steel or aluminum panel, “Bahamas,” or hurricane screens, may *not* be closed *facing the street* outside of hurricane season restriction of 72 hours prior to and subsequent to an officially announced hurricane warning for this area. Clear panels are recommended since they may remain installed throughout the entire storm season.

- ♦ **Neighborhood Points of Contact:** To be as prepared as possible, you should talk to your neighbors about your plans and needs in the event of an emergency. It is critically important that you complete the *Emergency Response Information Sheet* located on the website at myturtlerock.com, and either bring, mail, or e-mail it to me at communitymanager@myturtlerock.com

All of this important information and more can be found in the Turtle Rock Owners’ Manual also on the website.

Please e-mail or call me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Ed Olson
Vice President/LCAM
Sunstate Management
941-870-9855



The Communication Committee

Jim Cerny — Chairman
David Tarlton- Board Liaison

Members:

Patricia Tarlton, Glenn Scharf,
Kathrin Harris, Russ Gill, Judy Bentz, and
Ed Olson of Sunstate Management

Proofreader:
Charlotte Jones

**Recipes?
Jokes?
Comments?**

**This is YOUR
Turtle Rock
Newsletter...
what would
you like to
contribute?**

Send
Comments, Suggestions,
and Articles for
consideration to:



Communications@myturtlerock.com

Text in *Word* format,
pictures in *jpeg* format, *please*

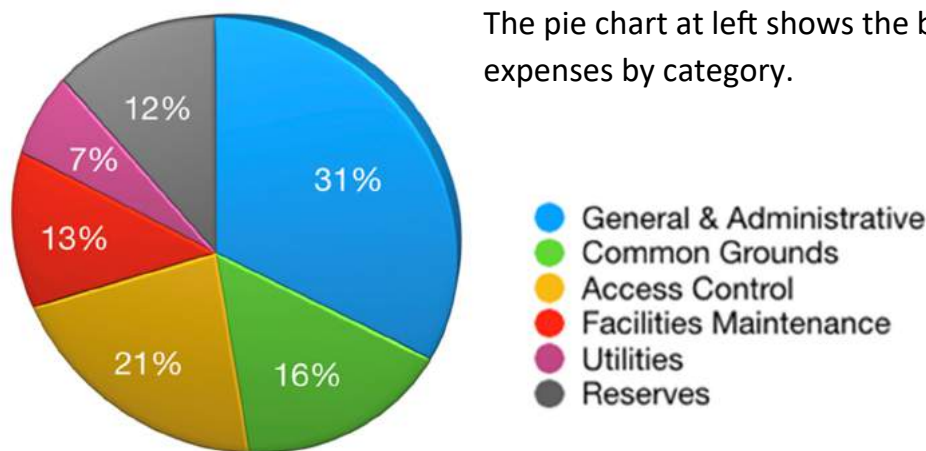


Report from the Treasurer

Submitted by David Tarlton

At the September 4 Board of Governors meeting, the following information was shared for the period ending July 2018:

total receipts in July: \$102,195 (budget \$103,318)
year-to-date receipts: \$726,196 (budget \$723,225)
total expenses in July: \$104,139 (budget \$103,317), \$12,050 of that to reserves
year-to-date expenses: \$699,663 (budget \$723,225), \$84,347 of that to reserves
total y-t-d assessments outstanding: \$22,257



NOVEMBER Elections: Information and Thoughts on Amendment 2 — Property Taxes

November 6, 2018 is election day. With all the attention being put on the candidates, it is easy to overlook the fact that there will also be proposed amendments on the ballot. In 2008, an amendment was passed that limited property tax increases on non-homesteaded property to 10% annually. The current cap is set to expire in 2019. Amendment 2 proposes to make the existing 10% cap on property tax assessments permanent. It is not a tax cut, but is instead a way to keep a cap that is already in place. Should amendment 2 not pass and the cap expire, property tax assessments for any non-homesteaded property, including businesses, investment properties, second homes and vacation rentals could be subjected to increases well over 10%. These increases can in turn lead to higher rents and prices for goods and services, as well as discouraging potential future investors. Everyone, even those who do not own any non-homesteaded property, will feel the effects of these increases. Passing Amendment 2 is another way to keep Florida an affordable place to live, work, and do business. Florida Realtors is a strong supporter of this amendment. Go to Everybodyisfor2.com for more information.

Submitted by: Kristina von Kessel

Greetings from the ARC



The **Architectural Review Committee** wishes to thank all Turtle Rock homeowners who are diligently submitting applications for approval of their many seasonal projects by following the procedures outlined in the Turtle Rock Owners Manual (TROM).

The recent wet weather and thoughts of approaching hurricanes have many of us convinced that we cannot delay installing a new roof or high impact windows and doors, and ensuring our safety with one of the many hurricane protection products that are on the market but often not readily available.

Our committee wants you to know that we are expediting approval requests for those items to ensure that you get your orders to your vendors quickly, and shorten the often lengthy wait time until installation.

Bring your applications for roof replacements and hurricane protection products to the Turtle Rock manager and we'll hurry them along for you.

Interested in joining the ARC?

Please email Christa at
Ladyhawk10@verizon.net

Submitted by Christa Friedlander

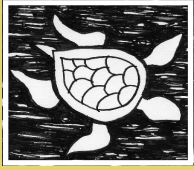


Sarasota Libraries Offer Free Technology Classes

Just a reminder that the Sarasota Libraries -- Gulf Gate, Fruitville, and others -- offer free classes on a variety of topics, including technology such as iPads, iPhones, Windows computers, apps, and more. If you are interested in learning more, please contact your favorite library and ask for a class schedule and see what is being offered.

We really have a great library organization in Sarasota, and it is well worth your time to find out more about what is available to you and everyone in our community.





Turtle Rock Academy Lecture Series

FALL 2018 Program Schedule

All programs are from 2 to 3p.m. at the Community Center

October 11th



Linda Carson: Changes in TV News Broadcasting

Linda Carson joined ABC 7 in 1995, and is currently Co-Host of a daily talk show, "Suncoast View." She also does a nightly upbeat good-news segment and "Amazing Suncoast Women" on the 6 p.m. news.

Linda started her TV career in 1964 as a "TV Weather Girl" in Atlanta. She was told it would be a short career because a woman wouldn't be accepted on television after she was 30. Linda went on to become one of the first female TV reporters and one of the first prime time female anchors in the country, and she is still reporting the news as she enters her 8th decade.

November 8th



The Violin: Owner Derek Coons and manager Everett Hendrixon of *The Violin Shop*

The Academy is beginning a series on musical instruments and chose a mainstay of the orchestra for its first program. The versatile violin has been around for hundreds of years, entertaining people in concert halls, around campfires, and at country dances. Derek and Everett will share its history, what goes into making and playing a violin, and let us hear its beautiful sounds.

Derek Coons is a Master Luthier with over 20 years of experience. He began his journey at Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music, studying violin-making as well as classical guitar performance. While at the university, he began building customized instruments for both faculty and students.

December 13th



Ken Brinker: Preserving and Enhancing Turtle Rock's Natural Assets

Our water, vegetation, and animal life (including ourselves) live in a closed system. Ken will discuss the Palmer Ranch Natural Assets mission, the Stoneybrook Natural Assets program and results, our storm water management system, and community environmental stewardship and responsibilities.

Ken Brinker, a community volunteer, has chaired the Palmer Ranch Natural assets Committee since its inception in the fall of 2016. He sits on the Stoneybrook Board and chairs the Long Range/Strategic Planning Committee, plus is a member of the Natural Assets, Grounds and Finance committees.

Landscape Committee

The Landscaping and Grounds Committee has been busy preparing an extensive checklist of ongoing maintenance issues for our common areas which are to be completed by our contractor, Bloomings Landscape, but sometimes are overlooked or not completed



to the association's satisfaction. This list is discussed regularly with both Ed Olson and Shane Battle (our site supervisor from Bloomings Landscape) and an action plan is in place for many of the items.

One area of concern is our hedge along Central Sarasota Parkway. Planted many years ago and not providing much privacy at the time, the hedge was encouraged to grow tall. But it is now over 12 feet high and 6+ feet wide. "Trimming" of this behemoth is definitely needed, both for the continued health of the shrubs, and to provide clearance along the sidewalk. This effort will now require labor and equipment outside of the scope of the annual maintenance contract. Bloomings is putting together a quote for consideration, with the work intended to begin sometime in October.

At the September Board meeting, the governors considered having our new aluminum bridge painted, rather than leave it bare aluminum, a finish that will have a ten+ year life span. The Landscaping and Grounds Committee, in conjunction with the ARC, will be making a recommendation to the Board of Governors regarding the color to paint the new bridge, which is scheduled to be installed beginning in mid-December. The joint recommendation will be presented to the Board at the next scheduled meeting on October 2nd.

Submitted by Jodi Cunnison



Now that the roundabouts just north and south of us are completed (and the one at Bay Street not far behind), many are asking if the center areas will be landscaped. The answer is yes, but we do not yet have a timeframe. The irrigation (and required electrical for the clocks) was essentially destroyed to the roundabout at Central Sarasota Pkwy (CSP), and sadly the county will not reimburse us for this loss. Since this feature was installed by Palmer Ranch and considered an enhancement to the county's normal LOS (level of service), the piping and electrical repairs were the responsibility of Palmer Ranch Master Association. The necessary repairs and upgrades were recently completed, meaning that landscaping can safely be installed. However, we must get landscape drawings for submittal to and approval by the county before proceeding with installation. The roundabout at The Hamptons and Sunrise Preserve is the responsibility of Matamy Homes (the developer of Sunrise Preserve). The Master Association is in talks with Matamy regarding the choice of landscape materials, after which the plan must also be approved by the county. Any landscaping done at Bay Street to our south will be the responsibility of Palmer Ranch Holdings.

The Board of Trustees approved the 2019 operating budget at its September 27 meeting. Once again, the dues will remain unchanged at \$167/unit. An assigned unit is determined by the type of entity: a house is one unit, many condos are one unit while others are rated at only 0.72 units, apartments are also 0.72 units each, while assisted living facilities range between 0.25 to 0.72. Commercial entities are assessed at 0.001 per square foot, and our two recreational entities simply have assigned values (YMCA = 5, TPC Prestancia = 20). For the 2019 budget year we have 11797 total assessable units (up from 10747 in 2018), of which Turtle Rock represents 758. Just over 10 years ago, the Master Association stopped invoicing individual units for annual dues and transferred invoices to the various subdivisions and commercial entities. Your PR dues are therefore a component of your TR dues.

There are currently no updates on the new community center: we are still awaiting final plans that will be submitted for permitting by the county. However, the Board is already seeking rough construction estimates for site development and the actual building.

Submitted by Kathrin Harris

Gardening Corner — Bromeliads



Do you want a tropical plant for your yard or lanai that is brimming with color and needs little care? Then Bromeliads are for you! There are thousands of varieties of bromeliads to choose from that work well in sun, shade or partial sun/shade. It's super easy to get started, so let me share with you some tips & tricks so you can create your own tropical oasis at your home.

Bromeliads are epiphytes, which means they grow on the surface of a plant and derive their moisture and nutrients from the air, rain, water (in marine environments), or from debris accumulating around them (such as oak leaves). The first step to getting started growing bromeliads is to pick your location(s) for the plants, noting if the area gets full sun, partial sun or little sun. Once you have your locations selected, you can then



determine which bromeliad will thrive in the space. Bromeliad varieties are very light sensitive, so make sure you pick the right type for your space. Generally, the lighter and thinner the leaves, the more shade the plants need.

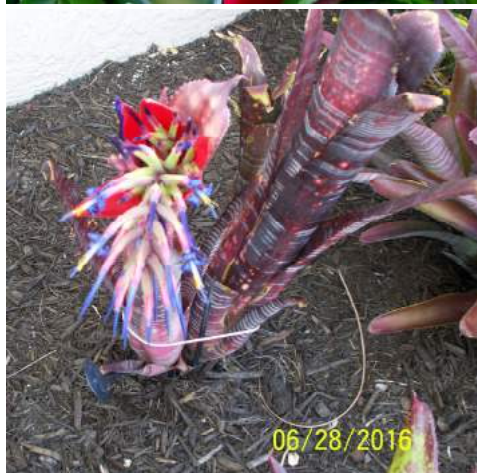
Next, you'll need to determine if your bromeliads will be planted in containers (pots) or in the ground, or a combination of both. Keep in mind, if you choose to plant your bromeliads in containers, it is strongly recommended to use clay-based containers with holes in the bottom, so the water can drain. For the installation in the ground, just ensure

your sprinkler system can water your plants. It is nice to have plants in both containers and in the ground .

So where can you go to find the right bromeliad for you? First stop would be the internet, searching for Bromeliads. That will help you see some of the great varieties that are out there to pick from. You can also visit Lowe's or Home Depot, in their covered outdoor garden centers, to see some easy plants to start with.

For the Bromeliad connoisseur, I recommend making the trip over to Tropiflora in the northern part of Sarasota (3530 Tallevast Rd, Sarasota, FL 34243). They have hundreds of incredible bromeliads to fit any space. Other options a bit closer to us are local nurseries that have some bromeliads to choose from, such as Troy's Tropics, Albrittons, or Trent Culley. Keep in mind that bromeliads are very prolific and create additional plants, called "pups," each year.

Happy Gardening!



Photos (from her yard) and article submitted by Audrey Paddock

Turtle Rock Yoga

Yoga is for every BODY!

How would you like to improve your health and wellness while at the same time connecting with your neighbors? You can! Please join Turtle Rock resident Susan Neisler in our Community Center for a variety of yoga classes tailored to meet all fitness levels – because every BODY is different. The only requirement is an open mind and a fun attitude. Classes are easy for newcomers to follow, while at the same time allowing room for the more experienced yogi to grow. Three different types are offered:

Chair Yoga: reduces the strain on joints and muscles, which allows someone who is unable to stand for traditional yoga an opportunity to practice. This practice is for anyone and everyone.

Active Yoga: if you're seeking a good whole-body stretch and toning, as well as an overall sense of balance in the body and mind, a regular active yoga practice can be helpful and this is the practice for you.



Beach Yoga: the perfect way to relax and connect your mind, body and spirit with the beautiful outdoors. Hear the soothing sounds of the waves, feel the gulf breeze... your body and senses will benefit from this gentle practice.

Our regular yoga schedule in the TR Community Center resumed in September, and I'm looking forward to seeing your smiling face -- and hopefully a few new ones in October 😊



Submitted by Susan Neisler



Classes are generally Thursdays and Saturdays as long as the space is available and I'm available, so please check the calendar frequently. It's shown here, and also listed on the TR Website.

Please note that Thursday's chair yoga class *has a new time of 8:30 am!* This slight adjustment was made to accommodate requests by those who want to attend chair yoga and still have time to make the water aerobics exercise class at 9:00 am.

Our beach yoga class will be a special "donation" event to benefit SPARCC (Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center). Clothing, toiletries, diapers, anything helps. It will be held on Wednesday, October 17 at 6:30pm at *Nokomis Public Beach*. Zero yoga experience is required as this will be a very gentle class. Just bring your smile, an open mind, a beach towel, and water. We'll finish in time to enjoy the beautiful sunset so please stick around!

More about Susan — She completed her 200 hour certification in 2011 and is a registered yoga teacher (RYT) with Yoga Alliance, which maintains the national standards for yoga teachers. Her experience includes an alignment-based background in traditional practices, which focus on the many healing benefits of yoga.

For more information please call (941) 928-2317, email susan@suzzenyoga.com, or visit Susan's website

www.suzzenyoga.com

October Yoga Schedule

Beach Yoga

Wed. Oct. 17, 6:30 pm

Active Yoga

Sat. Oct. 20 9:00 am

Sat, Oct. 27 9:00 am

Chair Yoga

Thurs. Oct. 25, 8:30 am

TURTLE ROCK WOMEN'S CLUB
Invites Members ONLY to attend a
FUN FASHION SHOW



A Fashion Show is planned for *November 7* at
The Oaks Country Club in conjunction with our
Meeting/Luncheon.

Fashions will be presented by

A 'Tu

Models will be TRWC members

We'll have a drawing of Door Prizes

For more information, please contact:

Audrey Poddock at: rpaddock@gmail.com

Charlotte Jones at: kcjusagb@aol.com

Pat Bass at: patricia19ann@gmail.com



A clothing drive to benefit Selah Freedom will take place at this event. Selah Freedom is an organization helping to prevent human trafficking. Please bring your usable and appropriate clothing. All items in good condition are welcome!

Submitted by Grace Cooney

Mark Your Calendars

Legacy Trail extension

Your Vote Matters

Know what the referendum vote in November is all about —
— get educated at a special presentation with



Mr. Thomas Noyes

Sarasota County Bicycle Trail Pedestrian
Advisory Committee

Thursday, **October 25th** 4:00—5:30pm

Prestancia Clubhouse, Orchid Room

— Complimentary —

RSVP to Kelly Cruz at kcruz@heritagegolfgroup.com
(941) 922-2800 ext. 3237



**Turtle Rock Families' Club 18th ANNUAL
HALLOWEEN
MONSTER MASH BASH**

End of October, date TBD

Update in next newsletter, and check the Facebook Page
"Turtle Kids Rock!"

NEED Volunteers to make it happen!

Contact Melissa McOmber
mcomber14@msn.com

Looking for a
Hostess
For the Annual
Cookie
exchange

This is a traditional holiday
gathering of TR moms of all
ages. We also do a gift
exchange, but the cookie
exchange is optional.
Typically this event is held
on a weekend evening in
early December.
If you are able to open your
home to this event, please
email Kathrin Harris
kathrin2020@verizon.net