



## *The Best Place on Palmer Ranch*

**VETERANS DAY**



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World War I — known at the time as “The Great War” — officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. Fighting had actually ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.” The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926.

An Act approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday — a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as “Armistice Day.” Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but was amended in 1954 after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines, and airmen in the Nation's history, and after American forces had fought aggression in Korea. The 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word “Armistice” and inserting in its place the word “Veterans.” With the approval of this legislation on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

*Cited from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs.*

## **We thank our veterans for their service!**

### **Turtle Rock's Salute to Veterans is on pages 10 through 12**

Salute our local veterans at the **Sarasota Veterans Day Parade** on Sunday, November 11, 2018. The parade will begin at 10:00 am at Main Street and Osprey Avenue. A ceremony will be held at approximately 11:00 a.m on the corner of Main Street and Gulfstream Avenue where the parade ends.

**Submitted by Patricia Tarlton**



# From our President....

*Len Friedlander*

As we reach the end of the year, and the weather turns a bit cooler (we hope), the Board and various committees are engaged in quite a few ongoing “under the radar” actions to close out the current year and prepare for the new year.

The Budget Committee (David Tarlton, Larry Winer, and Becky Bee), assisted by Ed Olson and Betsy Liniger of Sunstate Management, collected vendor proposals for the Community’s 2019 operations and maintenance requirements, along with the required information for the appropriate funding of our Community’s Reserves, and prepared a draft budget for consideration by the Board at a Budget Workshop that was held on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. All Turtle Rock owners were mailed a copy of the proposed 2019 TR Budget, which will be scheduled for a Board vote at the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Committee reviewing and streamlining the Turtle Rock Owners Manual, composed of Bob Oram (Chairperson), Curtis Gilroy, Russ Gill, Gary Wells, and Christa Friedlander, has had three meetings to-date and is continuing their work to make the document easier to use. The Committee’s schedule can be found on the TR website, and homeowners are invited to attend the meetings. If you have any suggestions you wish to share with the committee, please submit it via email to [vp@myturtlerock.com](mailto:vp@myturtlerock.com).

The Traffic Safety Task Force, chaired by David Tarlton, has identified some critical issues and possible courses of action that the community should address. They are planning to conduct a Town Hall style meeting early next year to address Speeding, Stop Signs, and School Bus Safety. The specific location/date/time of the meeting will be provided on our community website [www.myturtlerock.com](http://www.myturtlerock.com).

Current plans call for the existing “Community Center Bridge” to be removed and the new bridge to be installed in the mid-December time-frame. The Board voted at the October Board meeting to have the bridge painted a color that will be consistent with the general Turtle Rock color palette.

Finally, November is a month of Remembrance and Thanks. We celebrate Veterans Day on the 11<sup>th</sup> – and on this Veterans Day, let us remember the service of our veterans and our currently serving military – Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines & Coast Guardsmen -- and let us renew our national promise to fulfill our sacred obligations to them and their families who have sacrificed so much so that we can live free.

And on the 22<sup>nd</sup> we celebrate Thanksgiving – each in our own way, usually in accord with family traditions. It is a good day to recommit our energies to participate in family, community, and giving thanks.

In the words of the great American philosopher **Erma Bombeck**: *“Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare. They are consumed in twelve minutes. Football half-times take twelve minutes. This is not coincidence.”*





## Men's Club

### TURTLE ROCK MEN'S CLUB

Hi Guys! Yes, Turtle Rock has a great Men's Club which meets once a month for lunch. Our November lunch is on Wednesday, November 14 at noon. It will be at the Stoneybrook Golf and Country Club, just south of Turtle Rock on Central Sarasota Parkway — you could almost walk there. The food is always good at Stoneybrook, and the dining room is in a nice setting with a view of the golf course.

Look for a "sandwich board" at the entrances to Turtle Rock closer to the date for price information. If you are attending for the first time, please call Mike Geramanis on 630-212-7003. Reservations are required along with your menu selections in advance. Club members receive information via email. Why not join us for lunch and enjoy meeting other guys in Turtle Rock? Questions about the Men's Club? — call Jim Cerny on 941-926-7888.

**Submitted by Jim Cerny**

### The Communication Committee

Jim Cerny — Chairman

David Tarlton — Board Liaison,

Patricia Tarlton, Kathrin Harris, Russ Gill,

Judy Bentz, Glenn Scharff, and

Ed Olson of Sunstate Management

Proofreader: Charlotte Jones

**Send Comments, Suggestions, and**

**Articles for consideration to:**

**[Communications@myturtlerock.com](mailto:Communications@myturtlerock.com)**

## Did you know?



***Sunday November 4  
is once again time to set our clocks  
back one hour.***

Did you know that in March of 2018 the Florida Legislature overwhelmingly passed the Sunshine Protection Act? This act would make Daylight Savings Time (DST) permanent in Florida, so during the winter months, Florida would be one hour ahead of the rest of the Eastern Time Zone.

The problem is that Florida does not have the authority to make this change without Federal approval. Two Bills regarding this change are stalled in Congress, and if neither of these passes, Florida will be required to set their clocks back on November 4<sup>th</sup> together with the rest of the country.

While states can choose to be exempt from DST (which is the case in Arizona and Hawaii), there is nothing allowing for exemption from Standard time.

There are many critics of DST, even calls to get rid of it, but Florida is trying to move in the opposite direction by keeping DST on a 12-month basis. Obviously, there are pros and cons to Daylight Savings Time, but at this point, the decision regarding Florida's hope to make it permanent year-round is in the hands of our Federal Government.

**Submitted by Tina Von Kessel**





## TURTLE ROCK WOMEN'S CLUB

The TRWC is for all women residents in Turtle Rock. A monthly meeting/luncheon is held in restaurants and Country Clubs in the area. Quarterly cocktail parties and interesting events are always planned.

**For information about the Turtle Rock Women's Club,  
call Angela Pierre at 321-3994 or email [turtlerockwomen@aol.com](mailto:turtlerockwomen@aol.com)**

The TRWC has several Interest Groups. Below are a few:



### Bunco Night!!

Bunco is played on the third Wednesday of each month from 6-8pm. Twice a year, husbands or partners are encouraged to join in the fun! Bring a snack, your drink, and \$5.00 to play. RSVP needed-please reply to: Kathrin Harris at 941-926-9494, or email [kathrin2020@verizon.net](mailto:kathrin2020@verizon.net)



Bridge is played at the Community Center on Tuesday and Friday. Those willing to be put on a Substitute List, please call Coordinators for availability. Tues: Charlotte Hase @ 923-6660. Duplicate bridge at the CC on the second and fourth Fridays of each month: Mary Ann Gates at 927-5367.



### WATER AEROBICS

Mary Ann Gates leads a group exercise at our community pool on Tuesday & Thursday from 9:30-10:30 am.

Contact Mary Ann Gates at 927-5367 if you would like to join this group.



AQUA Zumba classes are meeting at the Turtle Rock Community Pool on Monday at 9:30- 10:30am. Professional Brazilian teacher, Sandra Bellino, uses real Zumba music; she also teaches at Health Fit, Lakewood Ranch etc. Give us a try! Call Sheila Brumberg at 927 3654 or email [Sbrumberg9473@gmail.com](mailto:Sbrumberg9473@gmail.com)



### BOWLING GROUP

The Bowling Group gathers at the Gulf Gate AMF Bowling Center on Rte. 41 (next to the Outback) Tuesdays at 1 p.m. It is open to all members and non-members alike. If you need more information, please call Karen Bradley at 953-1336.



### TENNIS

This group meets on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. on the courts of the Community Center. For information on joining or general questions, please call Beryl Perry at 706-3111



## **Meet our Board of Governors**

From left to right:

Len Friedlander, President  
 Larry Winer, Asst. Treasurer  
 Kevin Klein, Governor  
 Jodi Cunnison, Secretary  
 Bob Oram, Vice President  
 David Tarlton, Treasurer

Many thanks to each of them for sharing their knowledge and talents for the betterment of our community!

## ***Manager's Message***

As you read this newsletter, we are now into November— cooler weather, holidays just around the corner, and family get-togethers being planned. I want to remind everyone about a few things that should also be annual events.

- ◆ Rainy season is now behind us, so roofs should be inspected and cleaned if needed.
- ◆ Mailboxes and posts should also be inspected. Boxes, flags, and paint are available at the community center.
- ◆ Now that the growing season is coming to an end, the flowers or shrubs around your mailbox should be trimmed to assure the numbers are not blocked. Also, those of you lucky enough to have one of the community walls behind your home, the shrubs, trees and flowers are supposed to be kept cut back at least 5 feet away from the wall.
- ◆ This fourth and final point is one that should be an everyday event. It states in the TROM that garage doors must be kept closed except for

### **Ed Olson**

Vice President/LCAM  
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ingress and egress. While aesthetics are a consideration (no one wants to see the contents of most garages displayed), keeping the garage doors closed is important for your security. Even though this is a gated community and Turtle Rock does everything possible to discourage theft or vandalism, everyone must be diligent to make sure their home is secure.

Please email or call me with any questions or concerns.



# Report from the Treasurer

For the period ending August 2018, total receipts were \$104,417 (budget \$103,318), and year-to-date receipts were \$830,614 (budget \$826,543). Total expenses for the period were \$79,045 (budget \$103,318), which included \$12,050 contribution to reserves. Expenses year-to-date were \$778,798 (budget \$723,225), which included \$96,396 contribution to reserves. Total assessments collected to date were \$627,747, and total assessments outstanding are \$9,555. The pie chart below shows the breakdown of all expenses by category as of 08/31/2018.

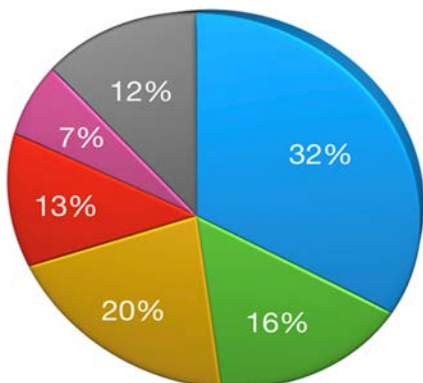
At the October 2 Board of Governors meeting, the board approved the addition of Waste Management trash and recycling pickup at the community center at a monthly cost of \$175. In conjunction with that, the board also approved the purchase of new recycling bins and trash receptacles at 4 locations in the community center area.

Existing trash receptacles will be repurposed by relocating them along the Turtle Rock nature trail. After review of the existing security camera system status and proposal by the association's contractor, the board agreed that it was time to upgrade the existing security system to a new digital modern system with the ability to add new cameras at all

locations, increase recording capacity at higher resolutions during the day, provide better night recording, provide remote smartphone viewing, and provide control and playback from any location for multiple users using the system at high speeds. The current system has a mixture of old analog cameras, old digital cameras, and some recently replaced digital cameras. Recorders are present at the south gate, north gate, and at the community center. The new system will replace all three recorders with 10TB and 12TB digital recorders that support from 16 to 24 cameras, and will replace all analog cameras and older digital cameras. The total board-approved cost for this is \$15,044.

Lastly, the board approved several landscape projects submitted by the Landscape Committee at a total cost of \$9,197. These projects include installation of 24 new shrubs and trees, replenishment of winter flowers in community common areas, tree trimming, replenishment of rock in the entrance medians, and addition of sod around the entrance pergolas. For full details on the landscaping projects, please review the Landscaping Committee minutes on the Turtle Rock website.

Immediately prior to the October 2 board meeting, the annual Turtle Rock Budget Workshop meeting was held. The proposed 2019 budget, which will be voted on at the November 6 board meeting, has been mailed to all Turtle Rock homeowners.



Turtle Rock YTD Expenses

- General & Administrative
- Common Grounds
- Access Control
- Facilities Maintenance
- Utilities
- Reserves



# ARC Report on Aquatic Plants in Turtle Rock

## How the Ponds and Plants Work Together

In Turtle Rock there is an abundance of aquatic plants throughout the many storm water retention ponds. The ponds themselves serve as a means to prevent flooding during periods of heavy rainfall. They also serve as an aesthetic feature offering waterfront views for owners and visitors alike. Most of the ponds in Turtle Rock are interconnected to one another in various ways, and will discharge water off the property during periods of heavy rainfall. In fact, all of the man-made ponds and natural wetlands and waterways were designed during the initial development of all of Palmer Ranch to work together to assure that no flooding could occur during periods of strong rains. When much of the county flooded in 1992, all roads and homes in Palmer Ranch stayed dry!



A littoral area is a shallow portion of a pond that is specifically designed to support the continued growth of aquatic plants. Littoral areas serve two functions in Turtle Rock. The first and most important function is storm water treatment. The aquatic plants in the littoral areas help to filter nutrients and pollutants that enter the ponds from the surrounding areas. Everything that goes onto the ground in Turtle Rock including fertilizers, pesticides, or oil from cars and trucks enters the storm water ponds. The plants help to clean the water before it leaves Turtle Rock and moves on to the bay before it makes its way to the Gulf. Ultimately, the water from the ponds enters our bays, rivers, oceans, and even our drinking water, so filtration is a crucial function of the littoral areas.

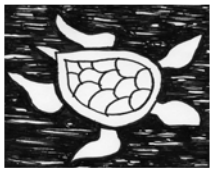
A second important function of the littoral area is to serve as a vital habitat for wildlife such as fish, birds, and insects that would otherwise be displaced by development. Plants that grow outside of the littoral boundaries, including the floating plants, do not harm the ponds.

In most areas the presence of aquatic plants offers only positive benefits to the water quality and wildlife. It is for this reason that, as a general rule, they are left intact unless it is specifically requested that they be controlled by directive from Sarasota County.



Most of the littoral areas in Turtle Rock are healthy and in good condition, due to diligent maintenance efforts by our knowledgeable contractors and Mother Nature. Turtle Rock waterways are considered to be some of the healthiest in all of Sarasota County, thanks to years of careful attention by the Board of Governors and the contractors.

**Submitted by Christa Friedlander  
and Kay Karioth**



# Turtle Rock Academy Lecture Series



Photos by Gisela Vaughan

Story by Kathrin Harris

The TR Academy's October program featured ABC 7's Linda Carson, whose presence resulted in a packed community center. Linda is currently co-host of the Suncoast View, a talk show format program that airs at 9am Mon-Fri.

From the minute she got behind the podium (to 55 minutes later when she was asked to accept some questions), Linda narrated fascinating ad-lib stories of her life—how she started in television, her marriage to NFL coach Bud Carson, colored with the adventures and the people she has met along the way in her 55+ years in the broadcast industry.

She really should write an autobiography, there are simply so many interesting facets to her life's exploits. Linda is lively and personable, and while she may have recently turned 80, she has the spunk and wit of someone half her age. Widowed over ten years ago, she recently moved next door to her grandchildren and daughter, Cathy Carson, who occasionally makes guest appearances on the "View."

The day after Linda spoke to us, Turtle Rock also got its minute of fame on the "View," as Linda spoke of the Academy series and the nice residents who live in Turtle Rock while pictures of a filled TR community center flashed across the television screen.



## Turtle Rock Academy Upcoming Lectures:

**November 8<sup>th</sup>** 2-3pm

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



**December 13<sup>th</sup>** 2-3pm

**Ken Brinker:  
Preserving and  
Enhancing Turtle  
Rock's Natural  
assets**







## Landscape Committee

### The Landscape Committee has had a busy September...

Firstly, in conjunction with ARC, the Committee has selected — and recommended for board approval — a color to paint our new bridge. Construction has been going on off-site, and we anticipate on-site assembly to begin in December. The bridge will be painted the Sherwin Williams color “Spicewood,” a chocolate brown color matching the brown tones found all around our common buildings and pergola stringers.

In September, the Committee met with Bloomings and reviewed the ongoing extensive maintenance checklist, of which many of the items had been completed by Bloomings. Ryegrass seed was spread in mid-September, and county ordinances allowed fertilization to begin as of October 1<sup>st</sup>. 40 croton varieties were planted in the gaps on all street corners, and more will be planted. During the meeting there were several suggestions made by Bloomings regarding additional projects to enhance landscaping maintenance, which required approval by the Board of Governors. These suggestions were subsequently approved by the Board at the October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting and included the following:

- ♦ installation of Copperleaf and Thryallis in front of the utilities at the lift stations between Hanging Moss and Timber Chase (west of TR Blvd)
- ♦ install a Shady Lady Olive tree in the SE circle island on Sweetmeadow
- ♦ cut back the Awabuki hedge along Central Sarasota Parkway (to start in December)
- ♦ remove declining plantings along the east side wall at the north exit and install new material
- ♦ replenish winter flowers in beds in the community center common areas
- ♦ remove 2 Bougainvillea bushes along wall south of Parkshore and replace with 2 Hibiscus trees
- ♦ fill in the beds around the pergola bases at both entrances with sod, mulch over the existing rock, and replenish the river rock in the medians.

The Landscaping Committee had a special meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup> to review the 2019 proposed operating budget for Lawn and Border Maintenance and Irrigation.

Submitted by Jodi Cunnison

## *Looking ahead toward TR favorite events—*

**Trash to Treasure Sale and Hazardous Waste Pick-Up**  
*Will take place in the first quarter of 2019*

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

A big thanks to Becky Bee and Larry Winer for their efforts to spearhead these activities in prior years! They have stepped down, so we need **help** with coordination of both events.

Manager Ed Olson is checking with the county on their ability to conduct the hazardous waste collection in 2019 (this will drive the date for both events), but more volunteer assistance is needed.

Please contact Ed at [communications@myturtlerock.com](mailto:communications@myturtlerock.com)

Honoring All Who Served.



*Thank You For  
Your Service.*

## Many Thanks to Those Who Served !



**LTC (Ret.) Bob Arnet**



**Donald Robear**

Army 1969-72  
Served in the U.S.  
Signal Corp in  
Uijeongbu, South Korea



**Bob Mauch**

Served aboard the USS Independence 1961 with  
Attack Squadron VAH 1;  
also in Sanford, FL.

Served last 2 years in  
Fleet Air Reconnaissance  
Squadron 2 in Rota, Spain



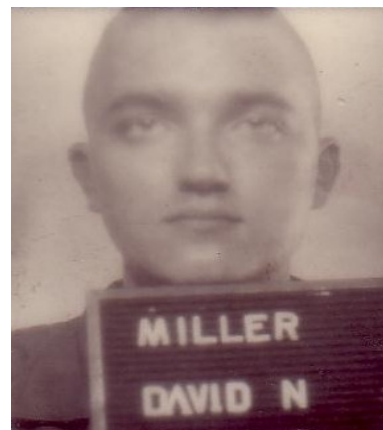
**Raphael (Ray) Broth**

Staff Sergeant  
U.S. Marine Corps  
1948-52  
Unit Supply Chief



**Bill Sayers**

(Sgt. William Sayers)  
9th Infantry Division,  
Vietnam 1967-68



**David Miller**

1968  
Army Recruit Photo

## Thank You Veterans Continued...



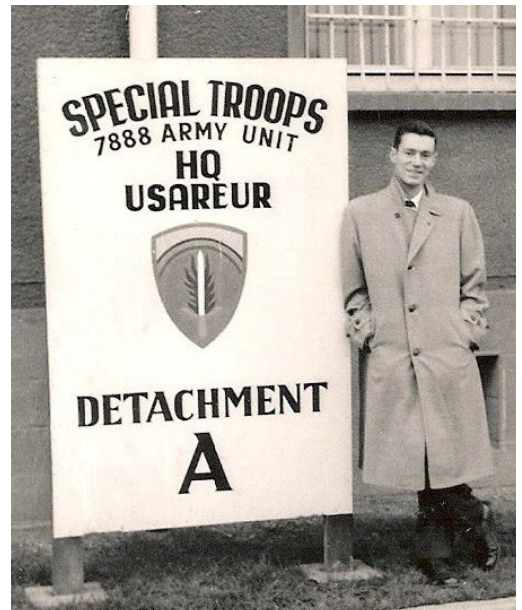
### Len Friedlander

Enlisted in the Air Force in 1958 and retired in 1994. Served in stateside assignments, and overseas in Germany and Turkey.



### Edward C. Pohlman

5-28-27 to 1-10-89  
1945-Drafted into the US Navy



### Maurice (Mike) Weisman

Assigned to The Secretary of the General Staff (SGS) to The Commander in Chief US Army Europe (CINCUSAREUR),



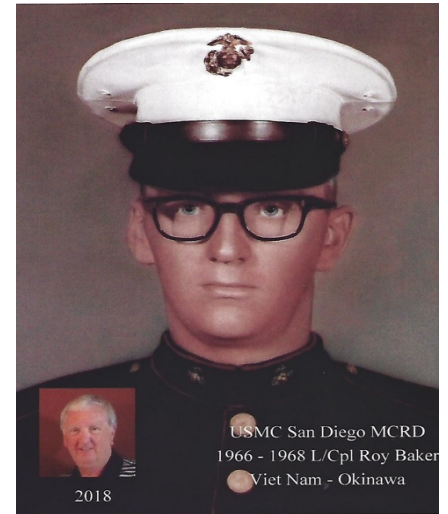
### Rich Starostecki

Served six years of active duty in the nuclear Navy. Photograph taken in 1968 when he served aboard a Polaris submarine, SSBN 598, George Washington, and made four patrols.



### James Vaughan

Spec 4  
Aberdeen, Maryland  
General's Adjunct



### Roy Baker

L. Cpl Roy Baker  
USMC San Diego MCRD  
1966-68  
Viet Nam — Okinawa



## Thank You Veterans Continued...



**Chuck Hendrickson**

Master Chief on the deck of the  
USS Sampson 1975.



**Dave Wallace**

USMC  
1964-68  
and 1980-82



**Ron Paddock**

United States Air Force



**Ron Green**

Medical Evac  
Fort Sam Houston, TX.



**Franklin DeWitt Platt**

Served in the U.S. Navy  
from 1956-1960. When he  
was discharged, he held  
the rank of Lieutenant.



**Wayne Harris**

Spec 4  
1958-61  
Anti-Aircraft Guided  
Missiles  
Stuttgart, Germany



# Gardening News – Culver House Garden

The garden has two available plots remaining for this season. Stop by for a free tour of this Sarasota County volunteer-run community garden. It is located in the Culverhouse Nature Park off McIntosh Road at the head of the Legacy Bicycle Trail. If you are interested in having a plot at the CCG, membership is only \$25/year. For full details, visit [culverhousegarden.org](http://culverhousegarden.org). Due to normal summer flooding conditions at the Culverhouse Community Garden, which continue well after the yearly membership start of August 1, the volunteer managers determined the official start of planting time for this year was October 3.

Gardeners took the first 2 weeks of October to prepare the soil in their plots, plant seeds/seedlings, set up supports for climbing plants, etc. Each member has responsibility for his or her own plot. The community orchard has been growing all year round, yielding wonderful fruits such as figs, avocados, mangoes, papaya, bananas, raspberries, blackberries, grapes, and carambola (star fruit). CCG garden members are permitted to take fruit from the orchard area.

**It's a wonderful bounty each year!**



Pictured at left are five of the seven octogenarians in the membership, all of whom are active members in the 80-plot garden. Besides growing their favorite vegetables, they hold community garden jobs including mowing, composting, and helping build garden frames. Tom Hopp (left) and Marcia Freeman (2nd from left) are Turtle Rock residents and garden managers as well.

**Submitted by Marcy Freeman and David Tarlton**

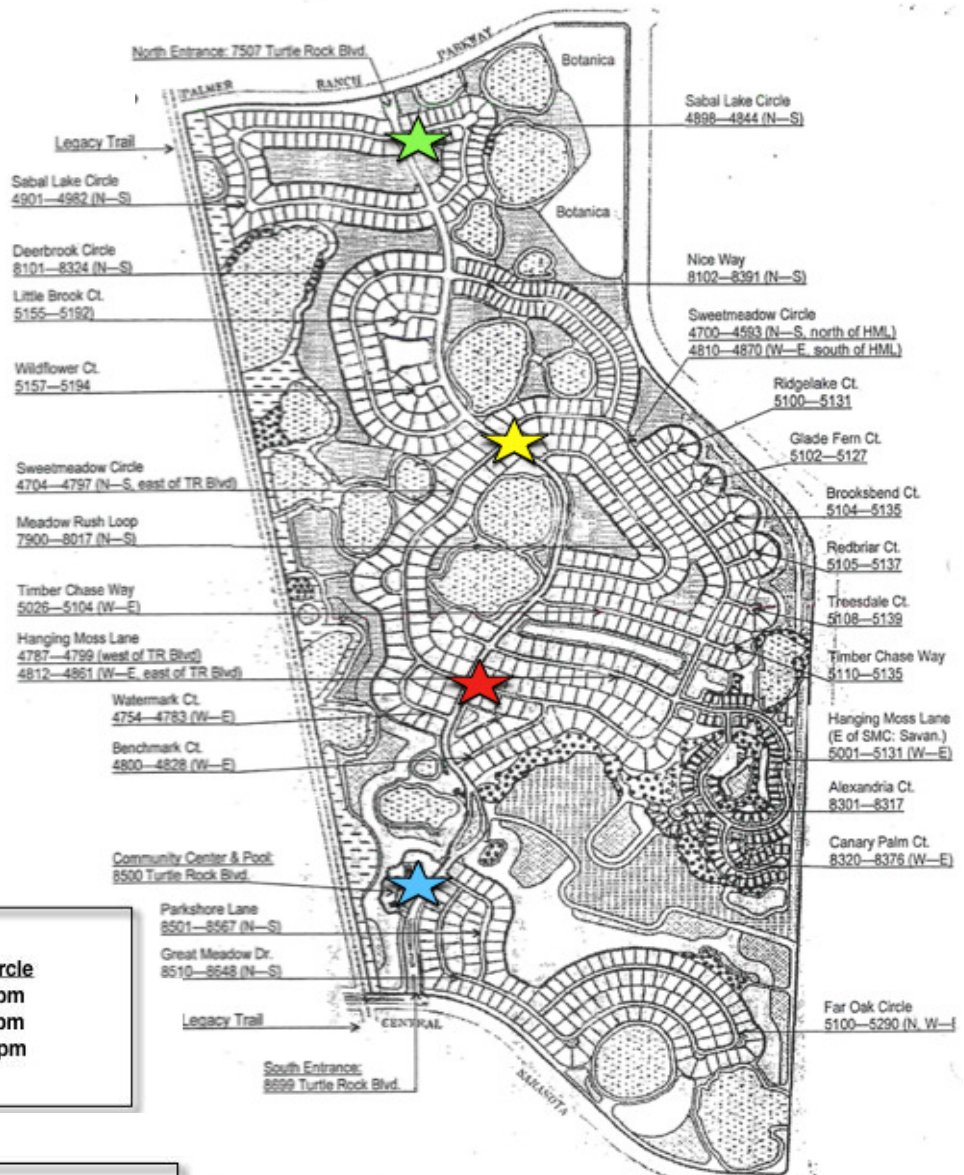




# TRAFFIC SAFETY

*Please help make safety a priority in Turtle Rock. Our neighborhood has four bus stop locations within our gates. Children and adults are present in these areas during the morning and afternoon times listed below.*

## Sarasota County School Bus Stop Schedule



**Turtle Rock Blvd @ Sabal Lake Circle**  
 6:34am Riverview High 2:48pm  
 7:29am Ashton Elementary 3:13pm  
 8:42am Sarasota Middle 4:43pm



**Turtle Rock Blvd @ Sweetmeadow Circle (north)**  
 7:27am Ashton Elementary 3:12pm



**Turtle Rock Blvd @ Sweetmeadow Circle (south)**  
 7:25am Ashton Elementary 3:09pm



**Turtle Rock Community Center**  
 6:36am Riverview High 2:52pm  
 7:23am Ashton Elementary 3:07pm  
 8:38am Pineview 4:10pm  
 8:45am Sarasota Middle 4:46pm  
 8:45am Special Services



# FIRST ANNUAL PALMER RANCH



## ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR

Interested in finding out more information about our environment without attending yet another seminar?

If so, our First Annual Environmental Fair is just for you!

The Palmer Ranch Natural Assets Committee has put together a list of participants who'll be on hand for you to speak to directly.

Stay for the entire time or simply come in for a few minutes...it's up to you! Some of our participants include:

- \* UF/FAS Extension Service
- \* Sarasota County Neighborhood Environmental Stewardship Team (NEST)
- \* Stoneybrook Golf and Country Club
- \* Oscar Scherer State Park
- \* Sarasota County Neighborhood Services
- \* Butterfly Garden
- \* Rethink Plastic
- \* Climate Leadership Coalition
- \* Renewable Energy 100
- \* Florida House

**Save the date**

**Thursday, Nov. 8th**

**9am to Noon**

**Free Event**

**Trade Show Setting**

**No Formal  
Presentations!**

**Hosted by Palmer Ranch**

6142 Clark Center Ave.

Sarasota, FL 34238

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