

TURTLE ROCK NEWSLETTER



From our President....

Len Frielander

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February 2019

In a few days I will complete my term of service on the Board of Governors, and a new Board will be formed at the Turtle Rock Annual Meeting of Homeowners. During my three-year term on the Board I served in various positions, and will be stepping down from the position I held for the past year, President.

It has been a rewarding period for me personally, working with the Board, the community manager, Committee and Panel members, and homeowners seeking to maintain Turtle Rock as a premier community. I know there have been times when all the wishes of our residents could not be satisfied, but our Board always sought to find the solution that best suited the community as a whole, and hopefully we did not disappoint.

During this past year, with the influx of “new blood,” the Board reinstated ‘committees’ to our organization for both Communications and Landscape & Grounds; the former to increase transparency and improve our ability to provide information to the community; and the latter to provide additional eyes and advice on maintaining and improving Turtle Rock properties. I believe re-establishment of the committee structure will generate more interest among our homeowners to serve the community in the future.

I am deeply indebted to our residents who volunteered and performed duty on our Architectural Review Committee (ARC) and our Hearing Panel. They took on a job that, at times, puts them at odds with other homeowners; yet they have performed their duties courteously, and have earned the respect of those they have touched.

I want to thank the Community Manager, and the volunteer Board and committee members who dedicated an extraordinary amount of time and effort to fulfilling their duties, often going above and beyond the norm to support our residents and the community.

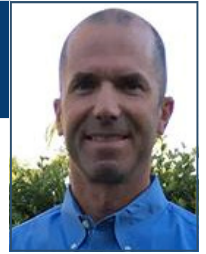
Finally, I want to thank the homeowners and residents of Turtle Rock, especially those who attended Board meetings religiously during my tenure, for allowing me to serve the community for these past years, and I look forward to enjoying the Turtle Rock community for many years to come.

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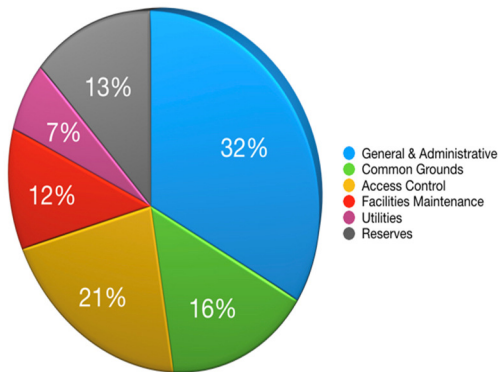
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Report from the Treasurer



Turtle Rock YTD Expenses

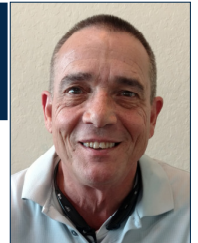


For the period ending November 2018, total receipts were \$103,112 (budget \$103,318), and year-to-date receipts were \$1,139,802 (budget \$1,136,496). Total expenses for the period were \$91,964 (budget \$103,318), which included \$12,050 contribution to reserves. Expenses year-to-date were \$1,050,424 (budget \$1,136,496), which included \$132,545 contribution to reserves. Total assessments collected to date were \$863,152, and total assessments outstanding are \$14,129.

The pie chart shows the breakdown of all expenses by category as of 11/30/2018.

Submitted by David Tarlton

Manager's Message



As you read this newsletter, January has come and gone, and spring is just around the corner. I wanted to keep everyone updated on what is happening around the neighborhood.

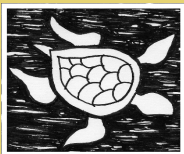
- The Annual Members Meeting notice was mailed out and the **Annual Members Meeting is next Tuesday**. Please bring in your proxy right away even if you plan on attending. This will ensure that a quorum will be reached, and the association can hold the meeting.
- There is great information on the Turtle Rock web-site about Coyotes. There have been a number of sightings around the community.
- The pedestrian bridge installation has been moved to the first part of February. The painting was held up due to the weather.
- **I left this in for the month of February hoping repetitive messages would start to click:** Compliance around the community seems to be improving, however there are still a lot of **dirty roofs, mailboxes, sidewalks and driveways. Please be proactive.**
- I have also been receiving more calls about people not picking up after their pets. This

shows a blatant disregard for your community and neighbors. **Please don't be that person!** Turtle Rock provides bags and waste stations around the community for everyone's convenience. Please use them, but only for pet waste!

- We are planning for the upcoming Trash to Treasure garage sale and the Chemical Collection Day. These have been scheduled for February 16th for the garage sale and the 26th for the chemical collection day. We are **still** looking for a couple of volunteers to help with the organization of these two popular events.

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

Thank you,
Ed Olson, Vice President/LCAM
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921-3865 office; 870-9855 cell
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Turtle Rock Academy Lecture Series

Serving the TR Community through education, information and entertainment

January TR Academy Speaker Took Us On A Trip To The Future

Morgan Woolverton, Ringling College of Art and Design department head for both gaming and virtual reality, amazed the Academy with what virtual reality can do. Virtual Reality is a technology that completely replaces the environment. Your brain thinks it is really happening—you experience all the emotional, psychological, and physical reactions you would if the situation were real. For example, if you are standing on the edge of a virtual deep canyon, you might possibly feel dizzy, nauseous, or fearful.

The goals of virtual reality are to inform, persuade, entertain, escape and experience. Already there are distraction therapy uses that lessen a child's anxiety while getting vaccinations. Other applications would help people do repetitive actions neces-



sary in physical therapy. Your surgeon could use virtual reality to walk around, under and over the area he or she will be dealing with before your surgery.

In education, students could visit the Parthenon in Greece, or a coral reef, or climb Mt. Everest.

Walmart is already using VR to train workers for their jobs. VR training has been shown to boost productivity, reduce injury and improve retention.

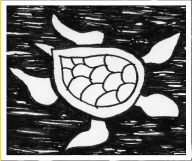
Courtrooms could also use VR to improve impartiality by having gender neutral jurors, witnesses, lawyers, judges, victims and accused.

Other areas for VR include entertainment, marketing, journalism, travel, real estate, automotive industry, military and architecture, to name just a few.

Virtual Reality is expected to be an \$80 billion business by 2025. 28 million people are projected to have VR devices by 2025. Ringling is the first college in the nation to offer a Bachelor's Degree in VR. While there are currently just 15 students enrolled in VR at Ringling, that number will surely quickly expand.



Submitted by Janet Smith



Turtle Rock Academy Lecture Series

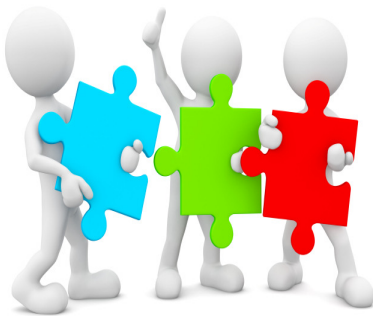
SPRING 2019 Program Schedule

All Programs take place in the Community Center starting at 2pm and end at 3pm

February 14th

Improv for Better Relationships:

A Refresher Course with FST Improv



Since it's Valentine's Day, we are going to get a refresher course on how to take better care of the ones we hold dear. This will be a fun, somewhat interactive program with lots of laughs. FST Improv was started in 2001 by Rebecca Hopkins and has been entertaining audiences on the Suncoast of Florida ever since. In 2014, former ImprovBoston Artistic Director **Will Luera** was hired as the FST Director, adding a variety of new shows including long-form favorites *When X meet Y*, *We're Doomed*, and the *More You Know*.

FST Improv performs year-round on Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m.

March 14th

Artificial Intelligence:

An Introduction to our Future

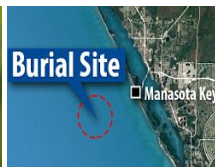
Artificial
Intelligence



Dr. Alex Beavers is a 40 year veteran high-technology executive, entrepreneur and author. His professional background includes being the Executive Director in charge of clean tech commercialization at the Stanford Research Institute. His books include *Roadmap to the e-Factory* and *The Digital Horizon: Hopeful or Hopeless*. He is currently teaching a course on A.I. through the Ringling OLLI (**O**sher **L**ifelong **L**earning Institute).

April 11th

The Manasota Key Offshore Site



The new discovery of a unique 7000 year old archaeological site located off Manasota Key has excited archaeologists, historians of Indian culture and residents of Southwest Florida in the past year. **John McCarthy**, the Executive Director of the Gulf Coast Heritage Association and Historic Spanish Point in Osprey, will share what has been learned about this important site and let us know how we can help protect it. John worked 33 years with the Sarasota County Government, having served as Environmental Specialist, County Historian, and Director of Parks and Recreation.

Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

The ARC committee report will return to the Newsletter in the March edition due to some changes in the committee members. After many years,

Christa Friedlander is stepping down as Chairperson.

On behalf of all Turtle Rock Residents, we extend a sincere

Thank You

for all the time and energy she has put forward in chairing the Architectural Review Committee.



Landscape Committee

The Landscaping Committee, along with manager Ed Olson and Shane Battle from Bloomings, reviews the ongoing maintenance check list monthly. Significant progress on maintenance issues is being made, such as the trimming of the Awabuki hedge along Central Sarasota Parkway, and the installation of new plantings along the north exit wall.

A "Moss Pulling Party" was conducted on January 19. While there were few volunteers, those that came removed ten huge bagfuls of Spanish moss from the boulevard hedges. Passersby complimented the volunteers for their efforts, and the hedges which were cleared look much better. We would like to thank **Bob Arnet, Jean-Claude Laurent, Kathy Wells, and Tom & Joan Howe for**

helping!! You ask: why is it necessary to remove the moss, and why does Bloomings not do this? Actually, it is not necessary since the moss is not a parasite and does not kill the tree or shrub. It is a naturally occurring airplant that thrives on rain, airborne dust/debris, and sunlight. Many find the moss draped over branches and swaying in the breeze to be the epitome of tropical charm. Others feel it just looks messy, especially in shrubs where it just competes with the leaves. Neither Spanish nor moss, it can become a nuisance to branches of weak trees or shrubs when large amounts gather and become heavy with rain. Removing it is a temporary solution, since it will grow back through airborne spores. Bloomings has never been contracted to remove the moss because it is horticulturally not necessary for the health of the plant, although removing large clumps can reintroduce sunlight to the interior branches and allow photosynthesis. Periodic removal is a very labor-intensive and costly proposal, so in an effort to keep our dues steady, we ask that Bloomings concentrate their efforts on other activities. We therefore ask residents to help out with this special project. If you would like to help us keep our Turtle Rock hedges clear of excess moss, please join us for our next Spanish Moss Pulling VOLUNTEER event, scheduled for **February 23**. Hope to see you at 10 am in the community center parking lot (unless it is raining incessantly, in which case we'll reschedule)!

The Committee also discussed potential new projects in conjunction with a long-range beautification plan for Turtle Rock. These discussions are still very preliminary, so to date there is nothing to report.

The Landscaping Committee is looking for more volunteers to join the Committee, so if you have an interest in helping to preserve and improve the beauty of our lovely community, please contact one of the Committee members. We would love you to join us and would welcome some fresh ideas!!

Submitted by Jodi Cunnison

Coyote Update



Management has received numerous calls about coyote sightings in Turtle Rock. These animals have moved steadily north from less populated areas as development encroaches on their natural territory.

Coyotes live throughout Florida and in every state but Hawaii. They weigh 15-30 pounds; males are slightly larger than the females. Coyotes eat whatever is available, including fruits, nuts, seeds, dead animals, rodents, garbage, pet food, domestic cats and small dogs. They breed every year with 2 to 12 pups per litter who are raised in a den. Removing coyotes from one area can result in other coyotes moving in from surrounding areas and producing more pups per litter.

The mere presence of coyotes does not necessarily indicate a threat, as pet and livestock depredation is a learned behavior. Killing and removing coyotes from a landscape where they are not currently causing problems is discouraged, because it can open up a space in the ecosystem for recruitment of other coyotes who have learned to prey on pets or livestock. Coyotes are actually beneficial to the ecosystem by providing pest and rodent control.

Preventing Problems

NEVER feed coyotes! Don't place food outdoors that will attract wild animals. Clean up pet food, fallen fruit, and seed around bird feeders. Secure garbage cans and compost in animal-proof containers.



They are wild animals! Don't try to pet a coyote and teach children not to approach any unfamiliar animal. Don't let coyotes intimidate you. Frighten away coyotes by making loud noises and acting aggressively, such as waving your arms in the air, throwing sticks at it or spraying it with a hose. Don't attempt to hurt it, because injured animals are more likely to attack.

Coyote Myths

Coyotes are extremely dangerous:

FALSE! There have been very few reported cases of Eastern coyotes biting people. The coyote's innate fear of humans tends to keep them from getting too close.

Coyotes are a new problem:

FALSE! Coyotes have been in Florida for many years and will continue to make their homes around the state. This medium-sized predator is extremely adaptable, thriving in urban, suburban and rural areas.

Coyotes need our help to survive:

FALSE! People like to feed animals. However, by providing a "free lunch" for coyotes, you eliminate their natural fear of humans and increase their populations. Remember ... a fed coyote causes problems. Keep 'em wild!

Coyotes can be totally eliminated:

FALSE! Removing coyotes is an inefficient and ineffective method to control populations. They compensate by increasing litter size and new coyotes move into areas where others have been removed. Populations can actually increase when members of a pack have been removed since this disrupts their hierarchy and cause more young to be born at a faster rate as the betas vie for and to try to replace the parent position that has been removed (parents are the more active and visible group members.)

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Household Chemical Collection Event

Solvents • Lighter Fluid • Aerosol Cans • Nail Polish • Paint Thinner • Br • Varnish • Polyurethanes • Gasoline • Adhesive • Cleaners • Corrosives • Oven • Drain Opener • Battery Acid • Fertilizers • Cyanides • Toxic Substances • Insect Killer • Moth Balls • Propane Cylinders • Motor Oil • Thermometers • Fluorescent Bulbs • Household Batteries • Oil Filters • Computer Parts • Poisons • Furniture Stripper • Computers • Televisions •

Turtle Rock

Day: Tuesday

Date: February 26

10:00 am –

12:00pm

**8500 Turtle Rock Blvd
Sarasota, FL 34238
(Clubhouse/Pool Area)**

Types of Items accepted:

Aerosol Cans
Paint Thinner & Solvents
Automotive Products
Adhesives & Glues
Paint
Cleaners
Pool Chemicals
Fertilizers
Weed Killer
Insect Killer
Mercury
Household Fire Extinguishers
Propane Cylinders (BBQ size only)
Small Rechargeable Batteries
Fluorescent Bulbs
Vehicle Batteries
Motor Oil
Oil Filters
Electronics (No TV's or Monitors)

Items we will **NOT** be accepting at this event:

Medications
Needles or Syringes
Ammunition
Fireworks
Flares
Radioactive Materials
Empty Containers >5 gallons
Tires

This community collection event is for **Turtle Rock** Community residents. Proof of residency may be requested before the county accepts any waste.

The collection event is for residential generated waste only. Waste generated by businesses & other organizations will not be accepted but can receive information by contacting Brian Mangum at 735-6430.

Sarasota County reserves the right to limit the amount of waste accepted at any collection event.

Collection event hosted by Turtle Rock Community Association.


Sarasota County

**For
Further
Information
Call:
861-1531.**

Turtle Rock's 7th Annual



Feb 16, 2019

Sell from the comfort of your driveway!

To participate and get on the map handed to all visitors, complete form (available in office) and pay \$5.

This event is scheduled before the hazardous waste collection, so as you gather your sale items you can unearth your chemical waste products also. Your home and garage will thank you!

WANTED!

**The Turtle Rock Communications Committee is
LOOKING FOR**

- . Business Owners**
- . Photographers**
- . High School Juniors
interested in graphic design**
- . Families with school-aged
children**
- . Volunteers looking to make a
difference in the community**

**Please email
communications@myturtlerock.com
with your interests and we will
follow up with additional
information and
opportunities.**



Turtle Rock Women's Club

Submitted by: Grace Cooney

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 go to turtlerockwomen@aol.com**

February Cocktail Party!

Our next Cocktail Party is planned for
February 2nd at the Community Center at 6 p.m.
BYOB and bring a snack or dessert to share.



Turtle Rock Men's Club

Submitted by: Keith Jones

The Turtle Rock Men's Club meets monthly for lunch in one of a variety of local restaurants. The lunch is usually at noon on the second or third Wednesday of the month and it is a good opportunity to meet and get to know your neighbors. From time to time we also invite a guest speaker to talk about a topic of interest to the membership. The February meeting will be at noon on

**Wednesday, February 20th
in the Galleria room of**

Mattison's 41 restaurant at 7275 S. Tamiami Trail.

Each month an email is sent out to all members to let them know the restaurant selected for that month, the menu selections available and the cost. We request a response so that we can inform the restaurant of the number of members that will attend together with their desired menu selections. If you are NOT yet a member of the Men's Club but would like to come to the February lunch, you are very welcome to attend. Simply phone Jim Cerny (before February 17th) on 941-926-7888 to get the details and make your reservation.

The Men's Club is also currently arranging its annual outing to a Spring Training baseball game at Ed Smith stadium in Sarasota sometime in March. When available, details will be provided to members by email. Non TRMC members can find out details on this event by phoning John Adams, 203-314-2099.

TROM UPDATE

Turtle Rock Owners' Manual (TROM) Rewrite

At the September Board of Directors (BOG) meeting, the Board authorized the creation of a committee to rewrite the Turtle Rock Owners' Manual (TROM). A committee was formed and began meeting in September. The committee members were:

Board Vice President, Bob Oram,
ARC Chair, Christa Friedlander,
Russ Gill, Curt Gilroy, and Gary Wells.

The committee met multiple times during October, November, and December. The committee was directed to "clean up" the existing TROM dated January 1, 2016; and to review and make any changes necessary. The new TROM has been reviewed by the BOG and approved at a special board meeting on January 22, with an effective date of February 1, 2019. The vast majority of the changes were of the cleanup, fixing grammar, and spelling type. The most significant changes made to the TROM were:

- Added the suspension of bar codes to the possible actions the BOG can take for violations of the Turtle Rock rules and regulations.
- Added a restriction on video recording of a neighbor's property.
- Added a policy defining the acceptable use of a drone within Turtle Rock.

Look for email information about this new document soon!



Submitted by Russ Gill



The PR Board of Trustees met on Jan 24 and took the following actions:

- appoint Mike Holzer, General Manager TPC Prestancia, to the recreational trustee position vacated by retiring GM Bob Holman;
- Appoint TR resident Joe Pollidoro to the Natural Assets Committee;
- Appoint an Ad Hoc committee to study the potential uses for the PR-owned land that was to have the new Community Center/office built on it that was placed on hold at the December meeting;
- Approve a new office lease agreement for management. The new office will be located on the NE corner of Clark and Sawyer starting April 1, 2019.

The ANNUAL Member Meeting will take place at Covenant Life Church on **March 28 at 3pm**. All PR residents are welcomed to attend, but it is the official representatives of each community who will make up the quorum. — Kathrin Harris

Did You Know?

You can purchase a new mailbox from the office?

If you need to paint your mail post, the office can sell you a matching paint?

WOW, they will even help you if you need to replace your mail post !

JUST CALL THE OFFICE

921-3865