

TURTLE ROCK NEWSLETTER

The Best Place on Palmer Ranch

March, 2019



Turtle Rock has a new Bridge!!

*Join your Board of Governors
and various committee
members for a*

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Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony!

Tuesday, March 5

at 5:00pm at the bridge

*Refreshments will be served
inside the CC*

*Everyone is invited to stay for the
subsequent Board Meeting*



A warm welcome to our new Board President

Submitted by Bob Oram

In my first letter as President of the Turtle Rock Home Owners Association I want to say what an honor it is to be your President. Having served on the board for the past two years, I've come to appreciate the work that the board does, and I fully realize the importance of the role I'm assuming. I want to assure you that everything I do will be to maintain the beauty of Turtle Rock and continue to make it a desirable place for all of us to live.

I want to thank Len Friedlander for the wonderful job he did as President. For those not at the annual meeting on February 5, his list of accomplishments in 2018 were significant. He led the establishment of a new Communication Committee, a new Landscape Committee, a Traffic Study Committee, the replacement of the bridge by the clubhouse, and the rewrite of the Turtle Rock owners' manual. Each one important, but collectively will make Turtle Rock a better place to live.

In addition to Len, I want to thank Christa Friedlander for her years of service as head of the Architectural Review Committee, and Larry Winer for his years of service on the board—especially in his role as treasurer and assistant treasurer. These volunteers both put in countless hours working in their respective roles, and we owe a debt of gratitude for all their work.

One of the committees launched in 2018 was the Traffic Safety Committee. They had their first town hall meeting in December. It is clear based on the comments from that night that residents are concerned with the number of people speeding and running stop signs. The committee is looking at several ways to address these issues. David Tarlton is the board liaison to the committee, and one of my top priorities in 2019 will be to see that David and the committee have the full support of the board and that we enact measures that make our roads safer for everyone.

**The board is here to serve you. Your feedback and involvement are invaluable.
Please attend board meetings and share concerns or ways to improve Turtle Rock.**

We welcome our two new board members



Meet John M. Burke...

I moved to Turtle Rock in January 2014 from San Diego, California where my family moved in 1965. I worked as a scientist in the magnetic fusion energy program and as system engineer in the wireless telecommunication industry. I am single, never married, and have no children. I appreciate being able to live in a very safe and well maintained environment and will do my best to keep it that way. Most of my first year will be spent learning the details of management company challenges and board viewpoints. Long term, I am committed to ensuring that the extensive neighborhood rules are enforced as effectively as possible.

I look forward to serving the community over the next three years.



Meet David Bryan...

My full name is David Alan Bryan. I am originally from Memphis, Tennessee. I was born in 1944, served 4 years in the USAF (1963-1967), became a licensed towboat pilot after high school, and graduated from Christian Brothers College in 1970 with BS in Mechanical Engineering. My wife's name is Linda. I have two children, Andrew and Kristen, they live in Nashville, Tennessee. My wife has one son, Steve who lives in Seattle, WA.

My family was in the river transportation business, operating towboats and petroleum barges on the inland waterways (Mississippi, Ohio, Tennessee Rivers and the Gulf Coast Intracoastal canals). My engineering career spanned 39 years focusing on industrial piping systems, heating and air conditioning systems, and residential foundation repairs. After retiring from engineering, I spent 5 years as a real estate agent with my wife, Linda. We lived in Ponte Vedra for about two years, but decided to look for a house on the Gulf Coast, and fell in love with Sarasota, Palmer Ranch and Turtle Rock. We moved here in May, 2018, and couldn't be happier!

The HOA was a major factor in our decision to move to Turtle Rock. Both the strong financial reserves and the professionalism of the HOA board were important to us. I have attended several board meetings and have been impressed with their focus and approach to business. When the board openings were announced, I decided since I was retired and had the time, that I would apply. I served on an HOA board in the past, and my engineering and construction backgrounds were very helpful. As a board member I will work to continue the professionalism of the previous board. My goals as a member of the board of governors are to operate within our budget, to quickly resolve issues that may arise, and to constantly look for ways to enhance the safety, beauty and property values of our community so that Turtle Rock remains one of the most beautiful and desirable communities in Palmer Ranch.

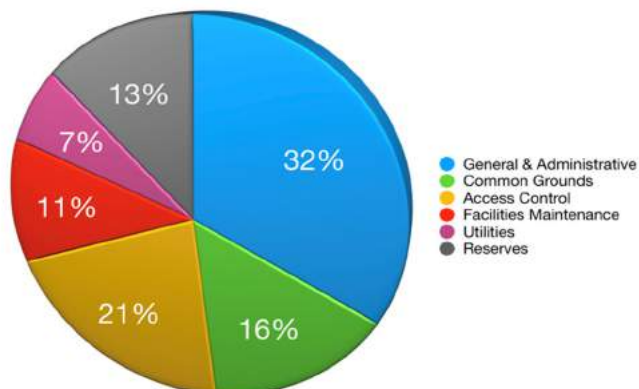


Report from the Treasurer

Submitted by David Tarlton



Turtle Rock YTD Expenses



For the period ending December 2018, total receipts were \$102,889 (budget \$103,318), and year-to-date receipts were \$1,242,691 (budget \$1,239,814). Total expenses for the period were \$96,088 (budget \$103,318), which included \$12,050 contribution to reserves. Expenses year-to-date were \$1,146,513 (budget \$1,239,814), which included \$144,594 contribution to reserves. Total assessments collected to date were \$941,620, and total assessments outstanding are \$12,297.

Manager's Message



As you read this newsletter, March is here. I wanted to keep everyone updated on what is happening around the neighborhood.

The Annual Members Meeting was held on the 5th of February. A big thank you to everyone who participated, especially to those members who were able to attend.

The pedestrian bridge has been installed and looks great! Everyone is invited and should come for the ribbon cutting ceremony on the 5th.

I want to remind you that we have mailboxes, mailbox post paint, numbers, and mailbox flags at the community center for sale. This is the best way to ensure that everything is a perfect match. I also have a list of pressure washing companies that do a lot of work in the community. There are many roofs, houses, driveways and sidewalks around the neighborhood in need of a "Spring Cleaning." The compliance department reported that there was a record number of letters for dirty roofs this month. **Not a good record to break!**

The Trash to Treasure garage sale and the Chemical Collection Day were both a huge success. We are still looking for a couple of volunteers to help with the organization of these two events for next year. Both events have been very popular in the community.

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

Thank you,

Ed Olson

Vice President/LCAM, Sunstate Management

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Architectural Review Committee



My first act as Chair of the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) is to officially thank Ms. Christa Friedlander for her *many* years of service to the Turtle Rock community, most recently as the previous Chair of the ARC. She has devoted much time and energy to this committee which serves all residents of our community. Her willingness to work with individual homeowners on particular issues has been exemplary. We will follow her example in providing consultative and helpful assistance to homeowners. I am pleased that two former members of the ARC – Dierdre Cronin and Peggy Cox – will remain on the Committee, and I am delighted to introduce two new members – Carolyn Gossman, Margaret Borrowes, and returning member, Jim Vaughan.

Besides the Board of Governors, the ARC is the only permanent committee as directed by the Turtle Rock Protective Covenants. This speaks volumes as to its important role in keeping our homes and, in turn, our community beautiful. The Turtle Rock Owners' Manual (TROM) – particularly Chapter III – contains much information on the role of the ARC. In essence, nearly any change to the exterior of a residence (either the home or its landscape) requires ARC approval. The TROM has been recently updated and revised; you can pick up a hard copy from Management at the Community Center. It has much information that will be valuable to you as a resident in Turtle Rock.

The Architectural Review Committee looks forward to working with you as you upgrade and renovate all aspects of your external property. The ARC schedule of meetings and when applications are due is posted at the Community Center.

Committee members stand ready to assist you should you have any questions. You may call me directly at (703) 577-4841, or send me an email at curtgilroy@gmail.com

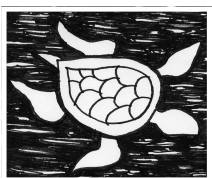
Respectfully, Curt Gilroy



I get enough exercise just pushing my luck!

"My memory is gone so I changed my password to "Incorrect." That way when I log in with the wrong password, the computer will tell me... "Your password is incorrect."

The pessimist may be right in the long run, but the optimist has a better time during the trip.



FST Improv brings Love and Laughter to the TR Academy



Denee



Will



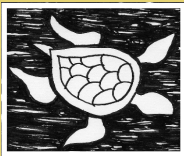
Anna

Actors Will Luera, Denee Lortz, and Anna Weatherwax kept everyone laughing during the February Academy program. Taking movie genre suggestions from the audience, Will and Denee engaged in a relationship discussion that changed as Anna changed the genre from horror to romantic comedy to drama. In another sketch, Denee interviewed Anna and Will as a person with two heads about their passions for toads. **Kathie Smith** and a visitor to TR became puppet masters as they had to guide Will and Anna to save Denee from drowning. **Curt Gilroy** and **Janet Smith** teamed up with romantic partners Anna and Will only to realize they really like each other better. It was great fun. Everyone left with smiles on their faces.



Text by Janet Smith

Photos by Gisela Vaughan



Turtle Rock Academy Lecture Series

Serving the TR Community through education, information and entertainment

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



Artificial
Intelligence

March 14th

Artificial Intelligence: An Introduction to our Future

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 (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute).



April 11th

The Manasota Key Offshore Site

The 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.



Submitted by Janet Smith

Landscape Committee

The Landscaping and Grounds Committee held an interim meeting on February 13th to discuss long term planning ideas. Present at the meeting were co-chairs Curt Gilroy and Joan Howe, along with Kathy Wells, Kathrin Harris, new members Diane Geramanis and Jan Merchant, and board liaison Jodi Cunnison.

Curt Gilroy had compiled a list of topics to consider and the committee went through each of the topics, which included:

- ◆ What can be done about the health of our ponds? There is concern about encroaching vegetation and bank erosion. Jan Merchant made the suggestion that Dr. Abbey Tyrna, the Sarasota County Water Resources Extension Agent, speak to our committee about possible solutions. The committee will be reaching out to Dr. Tyrna to schedule a meeting.
- ◆ What can be done about the aesthetics of our preserves?
There are strict county guidelines regarding the treatment of preserves, requiring removal of invasive vegetation by certified professionals, not removing native plants, and no planting of non-native species. One such area is the small “island” within the Blvd just north of Park Shore Lane. The association is not allowed to “manicure” this area, and we must assure that vegetative matter is neither added to nor removed. The committee will also look into the status of clearing the nature trail and posting signs along the trail.
- ◆ Now that the bridge has been installed, the additional landscaping around the Community Center open area can get underway. The possibility of installing a few benches around the Community Center was discussed. The planting of additional trees along Turtle Rock Blvd is also a goal.
- ◆ The butterfly garden is in desperate need of renovation. If there is anyone in our Turtle Rock community who would like to help with this project, please contact one of the committee members! Also, we are looking for any Master Gardeners who would like to get involved!
- ◆ Some members of our Turtle Rock community have inquired about the possibility of installing a dog park within Turtle Rock. The committee has considered potential sites, although all have various drawbacks. Insurance and other issues must also be addressed, so this topic is to be further explored.
- ◆ Should the association decorate Turtle Rock more extensively during the various seasons?
- ◆ The interior of our community center is in need of a good cleaning and fresh paint. This also applies to the interior of the community pool restrooms and the guard houses. Quotes to have this work done are being compiled.



Submitted by Jodi Cunnison



Did you know that Turtle Rock

Boulevard, the main artery through our neighborhood, is 1.5 miles long? Between the north gate and the south gate, there are 4 all-way stop signs, bicycle lanes on both sides of the road, and 14 designated crosswalks. Five school buses from five schools make a total of ten stops every weekday along this busy road.

The posted speed limit on Turtle Rock Boulevard is 25 miles per hour. If you follow the 25 mph speed limit and come to a complete stop at all 4 stop signs, it takes only 4 minutes to travel the full length of Turtle Rock Boulevard from the north gate to the south gate.

If you travel at 45 miles per hour and run every stop sign, it still takes 2 minutes to travel from the north gate to the south gate. Is it worth saving those 2 minutes by driving dangerously through your neighborhood and potentially endangering the lives of your neighbors riding their bicycles in the bicycle lanes, your neighbors attempting to use a designated crosswalk, or your neighbors' children waiting for the bus or walking home from school?

**It's your
neighborhood!
Drive like your kids
live here.**



TURTLE ROCK BUTTERFLY GARDEN



The TR Landscaping and Grounds Committee is seeking community members to help redesign and enhance Turtle Rock's Butterfly Garden.

Our existing butterfly garden was installed ten years ago and is now in need of some TLC and new ideas. With its central location (on Turtle Rock Blvd, near the south end of Meadow Rush Loop), this small area could be a showplace for the community, providing a lovely place to rest and watch the butterflies, hummingbirds and birds that will be attracted to the garden.

Please contact Jan Merchant at janmerchant@gmail.com if you are interested in helping with this effort.

Once we have a group in place, we will schedule a meeting to discuss the project, then put to-

gether a plan and budget to revitalize this area.



Submitted by Jan Merchant

If you're lucky enough to be
Irish...

You're lucky enough!



Turtle Rock Men's Club

is looking for golfers to play on
Thursday mornings at
Serenoa Golf Course.

We play seasonal or year round.
Join us for a casual, non competi-
tive round as often as you are able.
Some golfers stay for lunch, which
is optional.

If interested please contact us at

trmc.golf@gmail.com

Submitted by Todd Springmyer



WANTED!

The Turtle Rock Communications Committee is

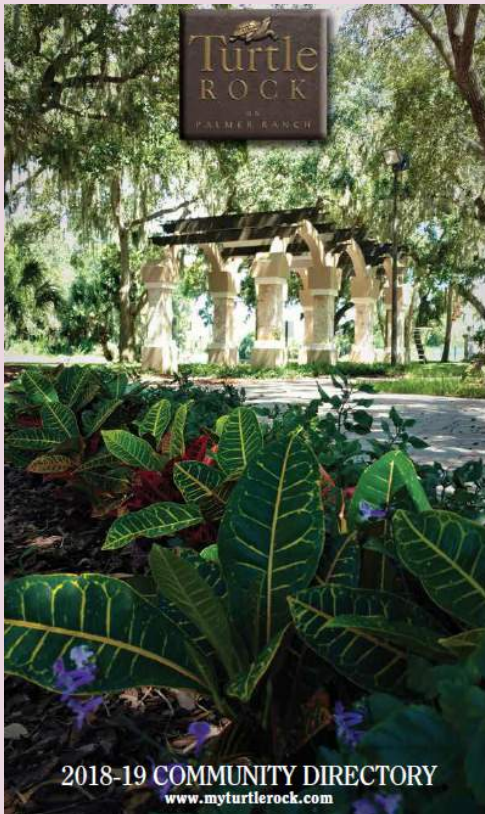
Volunteers looking to make a difference in the community

Please email

communications@myturtlerock.com

with your interests and we will follow up

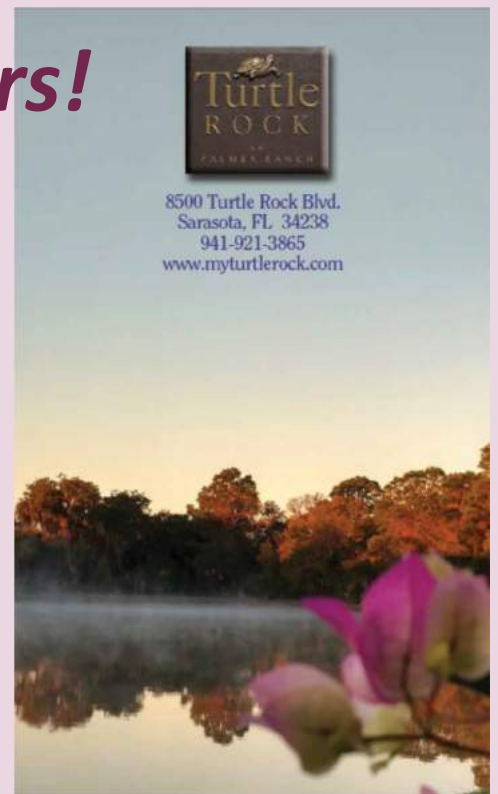
Calling All Photographers!



We are in the process of putting together this year's Resident Directory and are seeking NEW photos for our front and back cover pages!

YOU have a chance to show us a side of Turtle Rock we have not seen! Please submit your jpeg format photo to our manager by **March 11**. Your winning photo will receive credit in the directory. Please email to

communitymanager@myturtlerock.com





Turtle Rock Men's Club

The Turtle Rock Men's Club is saddened to report that our good friend, and former President, Ken Dulow passed away on January 31st. Our deepest sympathies go out to his wife Andrea and all his family. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

The Baltimore Orioles organization has confirmed that we have 40 tickets for the Spring Training game against the Boston Red Sox at 1:05pm on Friday March 8th. They are in Section 207 (the same shaded area as in past years) at a cost of \$24 per ticket. Tickets will be sold on a first come/first served basis to members of the Turtle Rock Men's Club and the Turtle Rock Women's Club. If any remain unsold after February 27th they will be made available to other Turtle Rock residents. Club members should contact John Adams on (203) 314-2099 to purchase tickets. Non-members may also contact him to be put on a possible wait list.

Our next luncheon meeting will be held at noon on Wednesday March 20th at the Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club, 8801 Stoneybrook Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238. We are pleased to announce that our guest speaker at the meeting will be Les Gardi of Gardi & Gardi CPA's P.A. He will address the very timely and useful topic of Changes to the Federal Tax Code for 2019. If you are NOT yet a member of the Men's Club but would like to join us for this luncheon you are very welcome to attend. Simply phone Jim Cerny on (941) 926-7888 to get details and make your reservation.

Submitted by: Keith Jones



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.

BUNCO

Bunco is played on the third Wednesday of each month from 6-8pm at the Community Center, bring a snack and \$5.00 to play.

RSVP needed to Kathrin Harris @941-926-9494 / kathrin2020@verizon.net

**For information about the Turtle Rock Women's Club,
call Angela Pierre at 321-3994 or go to turtlerockwomen@aol.com**



May your heart be
light and happy,
may your smile be
big and wide, and
may your pockets
always have a coin
or two inside!

The Revised
Turtle Rock Owners' Manual

has been emailed to all
residents.

For a printed copy,
stop by the TR Office.



**No Palmer Ranch news
to report this month.
Check back with the April
TR Newsletter for info.**

The Communication Committee

*The committee is looking for staff writers
and photographers. If you have a knack for
writing, have ideas for a monthly column,
or are willing to take photos of interest to
the community, please contact us at
communications@myturtlerock.com.*

THANKS for getting involved!

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Glenn Scharf, Kathrin Harris, and
Ed Olson of Sunstate Management.

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Articles for consideration to:

communications@myturtlerock.com

(Text must be in Word, Photos as JPEG.)