

TURTLE ROCK NEWSLETTER

The Best Place on Palmer Ranch

April, 2019



Thanks to our Board of Governors we have a new pedestrian bridge to enjoy!

March 5 was a dark and stormy evening, and despite the cold and chill about 40 or so residents joined us for the official ribbon cutting of the new bridge.

Many thanks to those hardy souls and to everyone who made our new bridge

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A Letter from the President

What a wonderful turnout for the ribbon cutting for our new walking bridge by the community center before our March board meeting. We all live in a beautiful community and it's great to see so many residents taking pride in the upgrading of our infrastructure.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter the board has set an ambitious agenda for this fiscal year. The most important item the board is addressing is speeding and running through stop signs. The traffic task force has completed their work and will be presenting their recommendations to the board at the April board meeting. It's incumbent upon all residents to make their voices heard. Please try to attend our upcoming meeting.

The board voted to review the street signage recommendations made and approved by the prior board. This will be done in coordination with the traffic task force.

We will also include new mailboxes as part of this review. A number of residents have told me they'd like to see the old wooden posts replaced-I'd love to hear your thoughts.



I hope to see all of you at an upcoming board meeting.

Sincerely,
Bob Oram

We welcome our new Vice President

Meet Kevin Kline and family...



Hello Neighbors! My Name is Kevin Klein and I am the current Vice President of your HOA Board of Governors I have an interest in keeping our community safe, enjoyable and beautiful for our residents. I also felt the board lacked a resident, like myself, so I think I have a role in representing the younger families that live here in Turtle Rock and I am very pleased to be given that opportunity.

My partner Rita and our 3 year old daughter, Live, moved into Turtle Rock almost 3 years ago from Dallas , Texas. We enjoy traveling, exploring the outdoors, boating and simply spending time together. We feel very fortunate to have found such a wonderful community here in Sarasota and we think we live on the best "Circle" of all in Turtle Rock: Brooksbend!

I am here to serve you, the residents of Turtle Rock. Please feel free to contact me directly with any concerns or comments at my email address : vp@myturtlerock.com.

In honor of our New Bridge...A Bridge Puzzle: Thanks to Terry Cooney

A kindergartner, a fifth grader, a high school track star, and an Olympic sprinter are all waiting in line at a track-and-field meet's food stand. Suddenly, the storm of the century starts to roll in. The only way back to the safety of the stadium is across a wobbly bridge in critical need of repair. The rickety old thing can handle only two people crossing at one time. Three runners or even a strong burst of wind could knock it away entirely. To make matters worse, the tempest's dark clouds have blotted out the sun completely. Luckily, the kindergartner has a flashlight keychain attached to his back pack that provides just enough light to travel across safely. The fifth grader crosses in five minutes and the kindergartner 10 minutes.

The winds that will take down the structure begin in 17 minutes. The Olympic sprinter can race across in just one minute, and the high school track runner can manage in two. But it takes the fifth grader a plodding five minutes and the kindergartner an even slower 10. Given that the dilapidated bridge can handle just two people at once and one of the travelers must always have the flashlight in hand, how can the group get to safety in the allotted time?

Email your answer to communications@myturtlerock.com or just wait until next month for the answer.



Report from the Treasurer

For the period ending January 2019:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Receipts	\$106,959	\$106,132
<u>Expenses</u>		
General and Admin	\$ 28,875	\$ 32,950
Common Grounds	\$ 13,052	\$ 14,815
Access Control	\$ 19,100	\$ 20,725
Facilities Maintenance	\$ 16,084	\$ 13,325 **
Utilities	\$ 5,953	\$ 7,325

** Facilities Maintenance budget variance explanation:

- \$9,200 quarterly billing from Stantec Consulting for quarterly wetlands maintenance buffers.

- \$3,783 expense for purchase of new trash and recycling receptacles for the common areas.

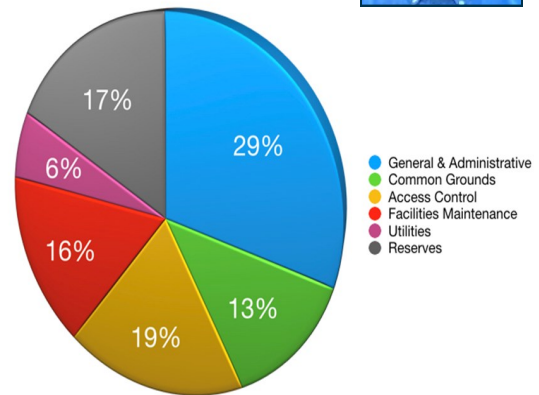
Reserve Contribution \$ 16,992

Reserve expenses for the period include \$3,250 deposit for sidewalk grinding on Turtle Rock Blvd. This project was completed in February, and the remaining \$4,250 billing will show on the February report.

Total Assessments Collected \$73,526

Total Assessments Outstanding \$29,209

Turtle Rock YTD Expenses



Submitted by David Tarlton

Manager's Message

April is here, and the first quarter of the year is already in the books. Please make sure your second quarter assessments have been sent in. I wanted to keep everyone updated on what is happening around the neighborhood. The new trash and recycling bins are in and have been placed around the pool, tennis courts and basketball courts. Please use them properly. Stantec is once again cleaning out the invasive plants and trees along the nature trail and we are looking to update the signs there. The sidewalks along Turtle Rock Blvd. have been leveled off and pressure washed. Mulch has also been put down. **Please e-mail or call me with any questions or concerns.**

Thank you,

Ed Olson

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Architectural Review Committee (ARC)



As spring approaches and we begin to look at the landscaping around our home, there is no better time to think about how to rejuvenate or even renovate parts of the landscape. **Mulch** should be a top priority in late March or early April. Mulch serves three important functions: it keeps much needed moisture around the plants, it keeps most weeds out of the beds, and it is an attractive feature of the property. Ideally, it should be about 2" thick, but not around the stem or trunk of the plants. Bloomings, our landscape company, will be mulching all Turtle Rock common areas in late March, and that should signal all of us to follow suit. Bloomings uses a dark pine bark mulch. I prefer the dark shredded hardwood mulch for my home, but there are many varieties of organic mulch from which to choose. And always remember that **stones are no substitute** for mulch in beds. They may be used as an accent in the beds, but you must receive ARC approval before installing them.

With respect to what to plant in our beds, three particular examples come to mind. I recommend these Florida favorites because they are low maintenance, very hardy in our temperate zone, and look lovely. Each is different in texture, growing patterns, and color – and they all look good together as a family.



First, there is **dwarf podocarpus**. It has soft, fine-textured, and deep green foliage and looks great as a formal sheared hedge or left on its own to grow individually. It is an evergreen so it looks very good all year round. It is thick and full to the ground, and does well in south Florida in both sun and shade. It gets tiny flowers followed by purple berries that birds love. There is a larger variety which can grow to significant heights and provide a luxurious privacy screen for pools or to camouflage outdoor pool and HVAC equipment. Left untrimmed, it can become a beautiful tree.



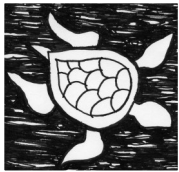
Second, there is the **variegated arboricola** (a kind of schefflera). It is a popular plant because it looks lovely with different shades of green leaves. It is perfect for a foundation plant, a low hedge at about 2 ½' to 3', or just by itself in a bed with other plants. Like the podocarpus, it is evergreen and cold tolerant, and does well in south Florida. It comes as an all-green variety as well.

Finally, there is another evergreen, the **ixora**, that is known for its large flower clusters that come in red, orange, yellow, and pink. Minimal maintenance is needed for this plant as well, and it is happy to be part of the south Florida landscape as a low hedge or just by itself.



Although ARC approval is not required for changes to existing beds (with the exception of tree removal), we are happy to assist in any way we can.

Curt Gilroy, Chairman



Turtle Rock Academy Lecture Series

Serving the TR Community through education, information and entertain-

All Programs take place in the Community Center

starting at 2pm and ending at 3pm



The AI Revolution: What Happened? What you Missed...

Dr. Alex Beavers gave some historical perspective to the fears surrounding AI by pointing out that 200 years ago the Luddites destroyed looms, new technology, in England. These fears surface constantly up to the present day. AI does have the potential to increase productivity and employment thereby creating new wealth, but it hasn't so far. Currently, businesses put more investment in digital capabilities such as E-commerce, big data, smart products, streaming and social networking. We are producing more digital data, but we don't know what to do with it. It could improve workflow activities, help improve flexibility which would minimize retooling or redoing; improve data analysis by reducing uncertainty and decentralizing activities by minimizing single failure points. In the short term, AI could eliminate jobs. Then the question is who is responsible for retraining workers? Funding is available, but retraining is not now always easily available. Another question is whether workers are willing to retrain and possibly move to where a new job is. Other challenges for AI include data quality. If the data is bad, the results are bad. The uncertainty of what AI can do and can't do cannot always be known before it is implemented. How AI will interface with humans is another challenge. Robots have so far shown limited abilities to deal with the complexity of human emotions and needs.

Don't Miss This One....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.

Turtle Rock Women's Club Outings



Our group spent a wonderful morning exploring the Historic Spanish Point - a 30-acre archaeological, historical and environmental museum in nearby Nokomis. During our guided walking tour we viewed prehistoric Indian mounds, pioneer era buildings, a large Butterfly garden, enjoyed stunning vistas overlooking Little Sarasota Bay and learned about the history of our area. It was a fabulous morning adventure!

April 8th – Asolo Koski Tour – 10:00 am (Free)

Each year, Asolo Repertory Theatre builds more than 20 sets and stores tens of thousands of prop pieces at the Asolo Rep Scenic Studio, one of the largest and best-equipped scenic production facilities in the state.

The Koski Production Center includes the Ted and Jean Weiller Rehearsal Hall and the Joan Armour Mendell Scenic Studio. The facility provides scenery and properties construction for not only Asolo Repertory Theatre, but for numerous organizations including the Sarasota Opera and Ballet, Tampa's Straz Center, Universal Studios, Broadway, television and film. The building also houses 8,000 square feet of properties which can be rented. Respected in the industry for high quality, fair pricing and professionalism, Asolo Rep Scenic Studio's skilled designers and crew provide a full range of services to bring any production to life. The facility is located near the Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport at 1009 Tallevast Road in Sarasota, FL.

Meet in the lobby at 9:45 am. There is plenty of parking in the adjacent lot. RSVP: Jan Merchant by email: janmerchant@gmail.com or Karen Howe: kmhowe001@yahoo.com Please put Tour name on Subject line.

April 25th – PGT Factory Tour – 10:00 am (Free)

Tour the factory where impact resistant and energy efficient windows and doors are designed and built. Since Turtle Rock is about 20 years old, this might provide important information on window construction and requirements when considering replacing windows and doors. Meet in the lobby at 9:45 am.

RSVP: Jan Merchant by email: janmerchant@gmail.com or Karen Howe: kmhowe001@yahoo.com

Please put Tour name on Subject line. **THIS TOUR IS OPEN TO SPOUSES OF TRWC MEMBERS and TRMC MEMBERS. Deadline – April 15**



Landscape Committee

The Landscaping and Grounds Committee met on February 27th. Chairs Curt Gilroy and Joan Howe, members Kathy Wells, Kathrin Harris and Diane Geramanis, Board Liaison Jodi Cunnison, Manager Ed Olson and Shane Battle from Bloomings were all present.

Firstly, a big thank you to all participants at the second moss pulling party which took place on February 23rd! Joan and Tom Howe, Kathy and Gary Wells, Dave and Patricia Tarlton and their daughters Sophia and Ayda were enthusiastic moss pullers and got much accomplished.

The Committee reviewed several ongoing projects:

-A proposal to trim and shape the oak trees, including removal of the moss and suckers, along Turtle Rock Blvd was submitted by Browns Trees. The Committee will be obtaining a second quote from Dave's Integrity Trees.

-Our Turtle Rock public buildings are in need of painting, cleaning and some repair. This includes the inside of the Community Center, the two guardhouses and the pool bathrooms. Joan Howe and Diane Geramanis obtained several quotes to have the following work done:

- Paint walls, trim and replace old hardware inside Community Center,
- paint inside of guardhouses / pool house bathrooms. Paint brown rafters at both entrances,
- pergolas and rafter at pool entrance
- Wash windows in Community Center and guardhouses
- Steam clean rugs in Community Center
- Replace windows in pool bathrooms and pool storage room
- Replace faucets in pool kitchen and both guardhouses
- Pressure wash roofs in all public buildings.
- Repair sliders in both guardhouses
- Replace/ repair damaged pavers in front entrance of Community Center
- Replace guardhouse chairs, which are currently broken
- New wastebaskets, shelf unit and hooks for pool bathrooms
- New pillows for chairs in Community Center lobby.

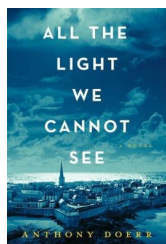
The Committee will be firming up all proposals and getting clarification of costs from the different vendors. The project to improve the butterfly garden is still in its planning stage and if there are any members of the community who would like to get involved please contact Jan Merchant. The Committee decided to table the creation of a dog park at this time.

The Committee also reviewed ongoing projects with Shane from Bloomings. Various street corner planting, along with plantings at the south gate were recommended to be done. (The BOG subsequently approved this.) Also, installation of planting in bare areas at the far east end of the north wall were recommended to be done. (This was also subsequently approved by the BOG.)

Shane confirmed that the trimming of the Awabuki and plantings behind Treesdale have been completed, along with 1600 sq ft of sod replacements. Palm tree trimming is underway and mulching will take place in late March.

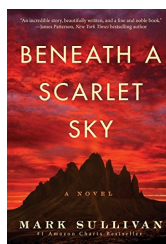
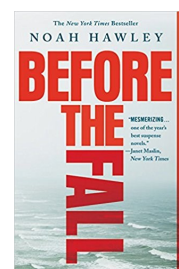
Happy Spring everyone!

Turtle Rock Library News



All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr (novel) 531pp. Marie-Laure lives with her father in Paris near the Museum of Natural History. When she is six, she goes blind and her father builds a perfect miniature of their neighborhood so she can memorize it by touch and navigate her way home. Her path collides with that of a gadget-obsessed German boy in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II. National Book Award Finalist.

Before the Fall by Noah Hawley (novel) 401pp. The story begins with the crash of a private plane carrying some influential people. The only survivors are a young boy and an obscure painter who seems not to fit with the group. What happened on the flight? Why did the plane go down? Was it intentional? We learn about the lives of those onboard, the speculation of the media, and the accusations in the days following the crash.



Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan (historical novel) 513 pp. Based on the true story of a forgotten hero, this is the epic tale of Pino Lella, who as a teenager joins the underground, helping Jews escape over the Alps. He falls in love with a beautiful widow and also becomes the personal driver of one of the Third Reich's most powerful commanders. "This book has everything – heroism, courage, terror, love, revenge, and compassion in the face of the worst human evils."

A Chance To Live by Pieter Kohnstam (autobiography) 236pp. A Dutch Jewish family, neighbors of the Frank family, leaves Nazi occupied Amsterdam and travels across France and Spain. The year-long odyssey is filled with hardship, danger and miraculous escapes. With the help of many individuals, including a Catholic Cardinal, they eventually are saved and reach a new life. The author lives in Venice.



The above books are recommendations from the Turtle Rock Women's Club Book Group. As of mid March they were all on the shelves of our library.

Our entire collection has been built from the donations of the residents. Due to space limitations, the TR Library Committee kindly requests that your donations be limited to novels and biographies. Children's books and CDs are also gladly accepted. Non-fiction titles can be donated to the goodwill book store at 5831 Derek Ave (off McIntosh & Clark). Your cooperation is most appreciated.

Nature's Beauties

We are fortunate in our Turtle Rock Community to have such a beautiful array of flowering plants. While our lovely gardens cannot replace natural habitat, a landscape full of native flowering plants attract and offer sustenance to butterflies, hummingbirds, bees and other pollinators. Together they support a healthy environment and add beauty to our lives.

We hope you will consider inviting butterflies and other pollinators into your garden. Our warm climate and continuous growing season make Florida an attractive home for many varieties of butterflies. Monarchs migrating from Canada and the north-east, like many tourists, come and stay, helping to build our butterfly population.

To attract Monarchs into your garden you must include the monarch's host- *the milkweed plant* in your garden. Monarchs cannot survive without



milkweed; Monarch caterpillars only eat milkweed plants and adult monarch butterflies lay their eggs only on the milkweed plant.

When purchasing a milkweed plant choose a Florida native variety - the Swamp milkweed

(*Asclepias incarnata*), Aquatic or Swamp milkweed (*Asclepias perennis*), Fewflower milkweed (*Asclepias lanceolata*) or Butterflyweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*). Avoid purchasing the *Asclepias curassavica* variety as it does not provide the best food source for the monarch larvae and it is also somewhat invasive. Adult Monarchs are easy to please and enjoy nectar from a variety of flowering plants including the butterfly bush, pentas, zinnia, lantana, plumbago, shrimp plant asters and beach sunflowers.

A black spot on an inside surface of its hind wing distinguishes the male Monarch butterflies from the females that have no such spot. Monarch butterflies use their eyes to locate flowers, their antennae to smell the nectar and the minute receptors lodged in their feet to taste sweet substances.

References:

UF/IFAS Flowering plants and Butterflies Brochure: Southeast Region

Submitted by Jan Merchant

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!

Committee Members:

Jim Cerny, Patricia Tarlton, Judy Bentz,
Glenn Scharf, Mary Taylor and
Ed Olson of Sunstate Management.

Board Liaison: David Tarlton

Proofreaders:

Charlotte Jones & Kathrin Harris

Send Comments, Suggestions, and

Articles for consideration to:

communications@myturtlerock.com

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

One Liners...

**Tell me what you need and I'll tell
you how to get along without it.**

My reality check bounced!

I don't suffer from stress, I'm a carrier.



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 go to turtlerockwomen@aol.com

TRWC Cocktail Party-April 13-6:30 PM Turtle Rock Club House

Every three months we gather at the TR Community Center for a fun evening full of good food, conversation and friendship. Singles and couples attend, bringing a dish to share and their drink of choice.

TENNIS GROUP

TRWC tennis group meets on Tuesday at 8 am at the courts of the Community Center. For more information or questions

Please call Beryl Perry at 706-3111

TRWC APRIL LUNCHEON April 13, 2019

Mollie Holland
Sarasota County Nest Coordinator



In celebration of Earth Day, the TRWC will host Mollie Holland as our luncheon speaker. She will address different ways we can lessen our impact on the environment. Mollie works for Sarasota County as the Neighborhood Environmental Stewardship Team (NEST) Coordinator. She is native to Sarasota and has her BS in Biology from USF. She has 14 years' experience in the landscape trade as well as 12 years with the Southwest Florida Water Management District as an environmental and engineering technician and a project manager.

Submitted by: Grace Cooney & Jan Merchant

Turtle Rock Men's Club



The TRMC lunch in February saw a reorganization of our operating structure. To enhance the focus on two key aspects of our lunch meetings the Board proposed creating two new positions. By show of hands, Club members voted to approve adding Doug Cordier to the Board in the new position of "Restaurant Coordinator", and for Keith Jones to assume the new role of "Guest Speaker Coordinator". Claude Pierre remains President, Vice President is vacant, John Adams remains Treasurer and Jim Cerny remains Secretary.

A vote of thanks is due to John Adams for all his work in arranging the outing to the Baltimore Orioles baseball game against the Boston Red Sox. It was a resounding success. The tickets sold like hot cakes, the weather was delightful, the home team won and a good time was had by all!

Our next Club lunch meeting will be at **noon on Wednesday April 17th at Miguel's restaurant on Siesta Key**. We are pleased to announce that the guest speaker will be Marc Wolff, President of Southern Trust Financial Planning. Marc has addressed the Club on several previous occasions. He is a very engaging and informative speaker who talks about a wide range of topics including international events, economic trends and financial affairs as a backdrop to financial planning. Marc also, very generously, sponsors the lunch, so it is free to all current Club members. If you are NOT yet a member of the Men's Club but would like to join us for this meeting you are very welcome to attend. Simply phone Jim Cerny on (941) 926-7888 to get details and make your reservation.

The April lunch marks the end of our winter series of lunches in private rooms with guest speakers. Starting in May we will embark on a series of summer lunches in a variety of different venues. As we move into winter again, we will resume having some of our lunches in private rooms with guest speakers.

Submitted by Keith Jones

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 competitive 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



Our Feathered Friends...

You have probably noticed Turtle Rock has a lot of Great Blue Herons fishing in our ponds and flying overhead this past couple of months. This is because there two nests in a tall pine tree just East of TR Blvd. and across from Park Shore Lane. The nest pictured below has three chicks, one of which is larger than the other two. Both parents feed the chicks by regurgitation. The chicks hatch with open blue eyes and pale gray down.

Great Blues are the largest of the herons in North America at 3.2 to 4.5 feet tall. They can have a 6 foot wingspan. They can fly about 20-30 mph with heads close to their bodies and necks bent.



Thanks to Rick Greenspun and his mega lens for these photos and Janet Smith our local "Birdwatcher".