



Turtle Rock Newsletter

June, 2019

The Best Place on Palmer Ranch

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COURTESY PHOTO/RON GREEN

Turtle Rock resident Penny Thompson demonstrates proper planting to her neighbors Jane Slaughter, left, Penney Rist and Michael Watstein.

Did you know ??

As reported in the HERALD TRIBUNE, August 20, 2008 a group of neighbors in Turtle Rock worked together to install a butterfly garden around the small retention pond near the south end of Meadow Rush Loop.

This same article went on to say that Turtle Rock was designated as the newest Neighborhood Environmental Stewardship Team (NEST) Community. Their dreams to create a wild life habitat were successful! More than 200 plants of pickerelweed, duck potato, jointed spikebrush, bulrush, water lilies and golden can-

na were planted. Some of the volunteers who helped with this project in 2008 were Mike Watstein, Penny Thomson, Jane Slaughter, and Penny Rist.

The years however have taken a toll and today's garden is now a "diamond in the rough". Our Landscape and Grounds Committee has taken up the challenge of bringing this garden back to life. We hope to create a beautiful oasis in the middle of the community where residents can relax and enjoy a lovely natural garden setting full of butterflies, hummingbirds and other pollinators.

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To date, we have gathered a group of residents to work on this project, taken site measurements, crafted plans and are now working on a multi-phased redesign and budget. Early this summer, we will present Phase 1 of this plan to the Board of Governors for approval. This phase focuses on renovating the large garden bed that lies along Turtle Rock Blvd and replacing the overgrown shrubbery with a bed of colorful pollinator plantings.



Submitted by Jan Merchant

A Letter From the Vice President

Hello Neighbors!

Thank you for reading another edition of our monthly newsletter!

June marks the end of the school year and the beginning of summer. For many homeowners like myself, new activities to keep the kids busy while not breaking the bank are in high demand. Below are a few things I am looking forward to doing in June!

The **Kids Summer Beach Runs** will be held every Tuesday evening at Siesta Beach during the months of June and July. These 1-mile beach runs are for anyone aged 1-17 years. Free ice pops and ribbons for participating will be awarded each week at this entirely FREE event! Extra bonus, finish 4 runs and receive a FREE custom t-shirt!

June 8th is World Oceans Day and although there are many events scheduled to educate and inspire, I will be taking our daughter to the Mote Aquarium. Along with your regular paid admission, there will be a Family Festival spotlighting the ocean's deep connection to the human spirit and the boundless inspirational power of our natural world's greatest resource; our oceans!

For all the dads feeling left out on last month's Mother's Day, take full advantage June 15th and participate in the **Great Father's Day Race 5k Run/Walk**. Any reason to run on Siesta Key's powdery beaches is enough to get me signed up! Registration is available all the way up until race day, so those who procrastinate can still participate!

Lastly, on **June 23rd the Gulf Coast League Orioles are hosting "Summerfest."** Enjoy a day filled with games, giveaways and BASEBALL! With activities for kids of all ages (and adults too) the whole family will be entertained. Gates open at 9am, prior to 10am game time. All kids under 14 will receive a popsicle upon entrance to the stadium. This event, along with all of the Gulf Coast League Orioles home games, is entirely free.

In closing, I want remind everyone that as school ends this month many more children will be home playing during the days and long afternoons. I want to take this opportunity to encourage all drivers to be aware of pedestrians and bikers, drive the speed limit and stop completely at all stop signs. Our community deserves to be a safe place for residents of all ages!

Thank you and have a wonderful summer!

Kevin Klein

VP Turtle Rock HOA BoG





Report From The Treasurer



For the period ending April 2019:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Receipts	\$107,238	\$106,132
<u>Expenses</u>		
General and Admin	\$ 33,125	\$ 32,950
Common Grounds	\$ 37,845	\$ 14,815*
Access Control	\$ 18,642	\$ 20,725
Facilities Maintenance	\$ 54,100	\$ 13,325**
Utilities	\$ 7,893	\$ 7,325

* Our Common Grounds expense category had a number of significant expenses hit in April. The board approved several projects proposed by the Landscaping Committee. Street corner plantings were added to the south gate (\$612), along the east side of the north wall (\$1,152), around the paver areas between the pool house and clubhouse (\$1,446), and new plan trees were added in front of clubhouse #2 (\$600). Bloomings completed the installation of over 330 yards of pine bark mulch in all common areas (\$14,850). This is an annual expense. Our annual palm tree pruning was completed by Bloomings as well (\$7,304).

** Our Facilities Maintenance expense category also had some significant annual expenses hit in April. Our quarterly lake mitigation maintenance expenses from Aquagenix (\$16,667) is billed for monthly work throughout the quarter. We also had several wetlands invasive removal projects that recently were completed by Stantec. They included vegetation reduction in the middle and southern conservation areas (\$20,202), and a special vegetation reduction project in the stormwater ditch area to better facilitate drainage (\$13,100).

Reserve Contribution \$16,992

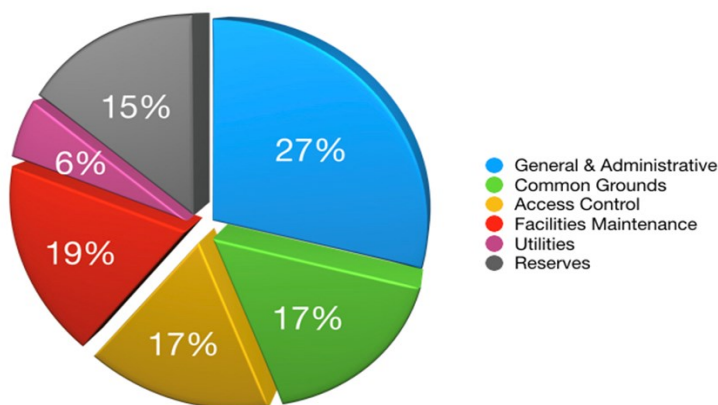
Reserve expenses for the period include \$4,250 final bill for sidewalk grinding on Turtle Rock Blvd.

Total Assessments Collected \$73,526

Total Assessments Outstanding \$33,619 (previous month was \$20,261)

The pie chart below shows the breakdown of all expenses by category as of April 30, 2019.

Turtle Rock YTD Expenses



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Submitted by David Tarlton

Manager's Message



Memorial Day has come and gone, and July 4th is right around the corner. Summer is here, and the hot muggy days remind us of why we must cherish the days when it is cold out.

I want to thank everyone who came to the Board Meeting on May 7th. It was great having a full house. My only wish is that we could have that kind of crowd every month to participate in the day to day things going on in the community and not one hot-button topic.

I have been receiving a lot of visits and calls from concerned homeowners about the sides and rears of houses throughout the community. I have included the section from the Turtle Rock Homeowner's Manual that tells us the do's and don'ts about outdoor objects and furniture. Please self-police all rules so the Management Company does not have to.

Decorations, decorative objects, outdoor furniture, and pots, including but not limited to statuary, fountains, and birdbaths:

All the community's covenants and rules are designed to serve the best interests of the membership by assisting the Association in its efforts to protect the beauty, attractiveness, and value of the entire community. All decorations, including decorative flags, must be of a temporary nature, and with the exception of the year-end holiday season, should be displayed no earlier than 3 weeks before and removed no later than one week after the holiday or event, respectively. Decorations to celebrate the year-end holiday season should be displayed no earlier than the Thanksgiving weekend and removed no later than the second weekend following New Year's Day. All such decorations must not be of a type, or be placed or used in a manner, that is potentially damaging to property or considered to be hazardous, unsightly, or a nuisance. To this end, decorations should be in keeping with the holiday being celebrated and should not detract from the community esthetics or create discord. Any decorative lighting should be rated for outdoor use and shut off no later than midnight.

Decorative objects noted throughout this section are not permitted if visible from the common areas and streets with the exception of those items placed under the front loggia. Homeowners may place decorative accessory objects, such as pottery, statuary, planters with live or artificial plants, and outdoor furniture under the roof of the front loggia and/or the screened lanai area. Furniture such as upholstered sofas and chairs may not be placed under the loggia. All decorative objects such as pots, planters, trellises, benches, garden figures, outdoor furniture and water features are allowed only with ARC approval.

Please note: Such items may pose a hazard during wind storms and should be moved indoors if not securely anchored. In addition to the ARC application, a site plan and photos of the proposed objects should be submitted.

As always please e-mail or call me with any questions or concerns.

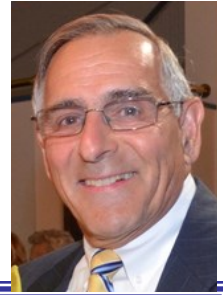
Thank you,

Ed Olson , Vice President/LCAM

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Architectural Review Committee (ARC)



Trees are one of the most important natural assets in Turtle Rock. With summer almost here and the pollen from the blooming trees largely behind us, we can take a deep breath and enjoy the varied trees that bring such great beauty to our community and home landscapes.

Trees provide a habitat for wildlife, help with erosion control, and produce carbon dioxide that helps purify our air and creates shade, which can provide more than a 10-degree temperature difference in covered areas.

The ARC would like residents to know of a change to the Turtle Rock Owners' Manual (TROM) that was recently distributed regarding trees. The TROM now states that no tree can be removed without ARC approval (p. 26). In the past, Washingtonian Palm removal was permitted without ARC approval. However, confusion over palm identification has led to some non-Washingtonian palms being removed in error.

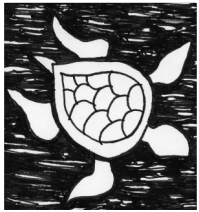
As always, the ARC will receive and review your application, visit your property, and either approve or deny tree removal. In all cases, tree stumps must be ground below the surface. In addition, please refer to the TROM's section on tree removal and the appropriate and necessary replacement of the removed tree with either a hardwood tree or 3 palms depending on the number of existing trees on your property.

Even if you have the minimum number of trees in your landscape and are not required to replace a tree that must be removed, the ARC asks you to think about replacing it with a smaller tree – not only for the architectural curb appeal of your home, but also for the environment.

The Committee thanks you again for your cooperation and for making our Turtle Rock community more beautiful.



Submitted by Curt Gilroy, Chairman



Turtle Rock Academy Lecture Series

*Serving the TR Community through education,
information and entertainment*

The Turtle Rock Academy will return
October 10th.
See you then!

Sarasota County Water Quality Summit

Wednesday, June 5, 1-6:

Riverview High School

1 Ram Way, Sarasota

Hear from experts about the science of water quality,
what is being done locally and across the state and
what you can do to help!

This is a free event!

REGISTER NOW

Scgov.net/waterqualitysummit or call

941-861-5000

Landscape Committee Report



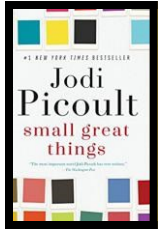
The Landscaping and Grounds Committee met on April 23rd and again on April 24th. On the 23rd the Committee met to specifically discuss the proposed improvements to the community center, community pool area and the north and south gate houses. Final painting quotes are being firmed up to paint the interiors of the community center and the gate houses, along with the pool area and re-staining of the pergolas. Also, final quotes are being obtained to have a deep cleaning done of these areas. In addition, replacing of the corroded faucets, urinal fixture, door handles and bathroom mirrors, along with replacing of the ceiling flood lights with LED retrofit bulbs in the pool area are being explored.

Of extreme importance is the condition of the gate houses. The sliding glass doors and screening on the doors is in dire condition. The North gate has one door that does not even lock. The Committee obtained quotes to replace the rollers, realign and clean guides, and change handles and locks on both gate houses, along with quotes to replace all screens on the screen doors. The Committee will be asking for approval of this expense at the June Board of Governors meeting.

On April 24th the Committee met with Shane Battle of Bloomings to review the ongoing landscape maintenance check list. It was noted that the Christmas palms have been planted in front of the community center and how beautiful they look. Shane also suggested that Hydretain, a wetting agent, be applied to the turf throughout the common areas in order to help keep the turf moist during the dry season. The Committee presented this recommendation to the Board of Governors in May and the application of Hydretain was approved.

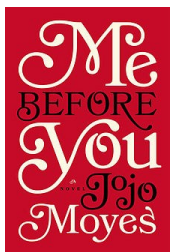
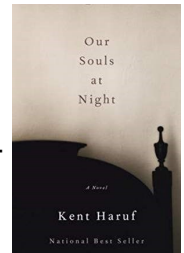
Submitted by Jodi Cunnison

Turtle Rock Library



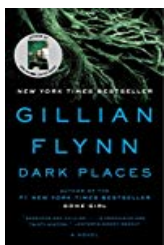
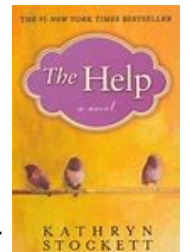
Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult (novel) 480 pp. With empathy, intelligence, and candor, the author tackles race, privilege, prejudice, justice, and compassion - and doesn't offer easy answers. Ruth Jefferson, a labor and delivery nurse with more than twenty years' experience, is subject to prejudice while caring for a white baby and is prosecuted for decisions she made.

Our Souls at Night by Kent Haruf (novel) 179 pp. A widow and widower prove you are never too old to reinvent yourself, take risks, or even find love, as they embark on an unlikely friendship to fight the loneliness they particularly feel at night. (On Netflix, starring Jane Fonda and Robert Redford)



Me Before You by Jojo Moyes (novel) A young woman finds herself while caring for a wealthy embittered quadriplegic. "A love story for this generation... brings to life two people who couldn't have less in common—a heartbreaking romantic novel that asks, what do you do when making the person you love happy also means breaking your own heart?"

The Help by Kathryn Stockett (novel) 451pp. A young white woman in the early 1960's in Mississippi becomes interested in the plight of the black ladies' maids that every family has working for them. The book explores the curious dynamic between white women in the Deep South and the black women who raised their children.



Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn (mystery) 419 pp. A perfect wife's disappearance plunges her husband into a nightmare as it rips open ugly secrets about his marriage and, just maybe, his culpability in her death. One of those rare thrillers, masterfully plotted, whose revelations actually intensify its suspense instead of dissipating it. The final pages are chilling.

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.

Submitted by our Faithful Librarian Edie Wolf

Turtle Rock Men's Club



To brighten up the summer months, the Turtle Rock Men's Club has embarked on a series of lunch meetings at a variety of Sarasota's wide array of restaurants. While the city is thinned out from snowbirds returning north and locals leaving town on summer breaks, we will sample a variety of different places and identify new favorites that we may all then enjoy with our loved ones.

The opening lunch in the summer series was held in May at the delightful buffet restaurant, Der Dutchman, which provides the best in Amish and Mennonite cuisine.

By contrast with Der Dutchman, for his second selection our Restaurant Coordinator, Chef Doug Cordier, has chosen Madfish Grill for the lunch at noon on Wednesday June 19th. Located at 4059 Cattlemen Road, Madfish Grill is a freestanding building on the east side of Cattlemen just south of Bee Ridge Road and just north of Home Depot.

Owners Miles and Mindy Mill originally took an old bank building and opened a locally owned mom and pop seafood restaurant filled with Caribbean and Creole flavors. Since then, Madfish has evolved into a very successful eclectic eatery featuring a wide ranging and unusual menu. It is now celebrating its 20th anniversary and in the highly competitive restaurant environment of Sarasota that's something to be proud of!

Club secretary, Jim Cerny, will be sending out notification of the June lunch to Club members shortly. If you are NOT yet a member of the Men's Club but would like to join us for this or any of our lunches you are very welcome. 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. **For information about the Turtle Rock Women's Club, call Angela Pierre at 321-3994 or go to turtlerockwomenswclub@gmail.com**

A special note from Grace Cooney,

“ In late January 2000 about 20 women met on the Community Center patio to discuss whether or not a womens' club would be established. I had moved to Turtle Rock in 1995 and by 2000 I had met several women whom I liked and we enjoyed a luncheon once in a while. At first it was proposed that we have a Lunch Bunch Club but soon at the suggestion of the women present was clear that there was much more to enjoy than just a luncheon. So began the planning of our Club. In the beginning it was suggested that the Club be named, The Turtle Rock Ladies Club. It was also decided that we would meet once a month at the Community Center and enjoy a luncheon during the same month. The final decision that day was to start a Newsletter to keep our members informed as to luncheon venues and menus. The Newsletters were printed at Staples and distributed to the members by a group of volunteers. As time went by we formed a team to do the business of the Club, i.e., Treasury, Officers and event planners. My part was to help the President write the monthly Newsletter. The issues each month were only two or three pages. When I agreed to step in as President, I suggested and took to a vote that our Newsletter be electronic and distributed in blind copies to our members' email addresses. This was 2003 and by that time we were a Club of about 80 women. Editing the Newsletter was a joy to me because I loved to report on the growth of our Club. I have always sought and received approval from each of our Presidents. I felt that the Newsletter was the voice of our President and her Board. All these years the task of sending out the news was a happy one. Lately, however, it has become just another job in my life. At our President's request two of our Board members, 2nd VP Susan Neisler and Secretary Cean Cerny 'have shown an interest in doing this task in the future. I met with them and we discussed how this could be accomplished. I am happy to report that they have agreed to take up the baton from me and start editing and distributing the monthly newsletters starting with June. Therefore, I say goodbye to you all as the editor of this very important communication tool. I will always be a member of this Club and hope to continue to be active. Many thanks to all of you who shared your family events, to our many Presidents who have worked with me and all those who participated in the events which were highlighted in our Newsletter. It was most appreciated and made this task an easy one. Much love to you all, Grace”

TRWC cont'd...

“Just ask Grace and she will know”, and she does! Now the question heard is “What will we do without Grace?” She has even helped us answer that. She remains a resource to our Club, but now as a participating member. Who knew in 2004, the year that Grace became president, that there would be Mah Jong, Water Aerobics, Yoga and the myriad of activities that are available to members now? Grace, along with a few other early members, created our Bylaws, which still guide us today. Grace used her computer skills to faithfully deliver our weekly newsletter, to keep us all informed of club news and activities.

It is with much gratitude that we thank Grace for everything she has done for this Club. We honor her with fondness for her attention to even the smallest detail in the TRWC Newsletter. We know that her interest in the Club will continue as she becomes a member like the rest of us. In sum, Grace is the “glue” which carries us together from the past into the present Club we all enjoy today!

Submitted by Dixie Platt



**Turtle Rock Women
Enjoying Water Aerobics Class,
led by
Mary Ann Gates**

Join your TR Neighbors for an afternoon at

**Asolo, June 19, 2019, 1:30 pm Matinee
“Around the World in 80 Days”**

<https://www.asolorep.org/events/detail/around-the-world-in-eighty-days>

Meet at the TR club house at 12:00 noon to carpool or caravan. After the show, whoever is interested, will plan to go somewhere for Happy Hour (details to follow). We have reserved a group of 20 tickets on the Mezzanine level, Row 4 at a discount price of \$33.20 per person or \$66.40 per couple. We should be able to get more tickets if needed.

Please drop a check payable to **TR Women’s Club** by Linda Ash’s house at 4913 Sabal Lake Circle no later than **May 17, 2019**. No refunds after tickets have been purchased. Hearing Impaired technology is available. Questions, contact Linda Ash at linda.ash4@gmail.com

Name _____

Number of Tickets _____



**We now have a
NEW FEATURE in our TR
Newsletter...**

**LETTERS TO THE
EDITOR**

You can send your letter by
email to...

[communications@myturtle
rock.com](mailto:communications@myturtle
rock.com)

...Or the old fashioned way by
writing on a real piece of paper
and dropping it in the black
mail box up by the Community
Center main door, no postage
needed.

Dear Editor,

What ever happened to all of those wonderful
“Family” activities we used to attend? The Mad
Hatter party, where the kids won prizes and made
eggs, the Christmas party and all those other fun chil-
dren-oriented gatherings?

Sincerely Concerned Parent

Dear Parent,

Thanks for asking. I miss them too! Remember
last 4th of July, and the decorated bike parade?
Melissa McComber was the amazing Chair of that
group. What fun we had! I just recently heard
through the grape vine that a new group of volun-
teers is going to start that Family Club back up...

**Courtney and Michael Knowles, along with Kathrin Har-
ris.** Anyone wishing to help or has party ideas can email :
kathrin2020@verizon.net

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 communica-
tions@myturtlerock.com.***

Committee Members:

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

Board Liaison: David Tarlton , Proofreader Charlotte Jones

Send Comments, Suggestions, and Articles for consideration to:

communications@myturtlerock.com

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