

Turtle Rock Newsletter

July 2019 The Best Place on Palmer Ranch



The significant aspect of the **Declaration of Independence** is that it changed the American "rebellion" against Great Britain into a "revolution." From April 19, 1775, until July 2, 1776, the war was being fought so the colonists could regain their rights as Englishmen that had been taken away by the British from 1763-1775. On July 2, 1776, the Second Continental Congress approved the resolution by Richard Henry Lee from Virginia that "these united colonies are and of right ought to be free and independent states; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British crown, and that all political connection between them and the state of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved." This was truly a revolutionary statement. John Adams felt that July 2 would be the day that would be "solemnized with Pomp and Parade with shows, games, sports, bonfires and illuminations from one end of this Continent to the other ..."

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The author of each article is responsible for the factual accuracy of his or her article.

July 4 is the day that has been chosen as our "independence" day. That was the day that the Second Continental Congress approved but did not sign the Declaration of Independence mostly written by Thomas Jefferson. History has had a lot to do with the sanctity of July 4. It was on that day that the news of the Louisiana Purchase arrived in Washington, Henry David Thoreau arrived at Walden Pond and President Abraham Lincoln learned of the Union victories at Vicksburg and Gettysburg. However, the one incredible event that happened to ordain July 4 as something significant were the deaths of both Thomas Jefferson and John Adams on July 4, 1826, only hours apart from each other.

The Declaration of Independence is on public display at the [National Archives](https://www.nationalarchives.gov/education/declaration-of-independence) in Washington, D.C.

Excerpt from [Constitution Facts.com](https://www.constitutionfacts.com)



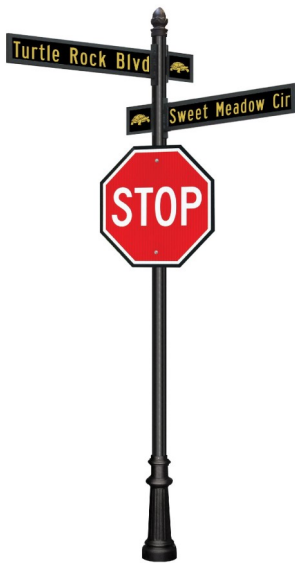
God Bless America



A Letter from the President

Kevin Klein, one of our board members resigned effective May 20th. Kevin and his family have decided to leave Turtle Rock and move to a new community in Sarasota. On behalf of the board I want to thank Kevin for his service to the community and wish much happiness to him and his family in their new home.

With Kevin's departure we now have two openings on the board. Russ Gill has offered to fill the remainder of Kevin's term. Russ did an outstanding job as a member of the TROM rewrite task force. He is also a past board member of an HOA in Sarasota. Russ will be nominated at the October meeting and a vote will be taken by the board. The other open seat ends in January along with my term. The nominating committee will be formed this fall and will be looking for two more candidates. If you are interested in serving, please contact me or any of the board members.



At the June meeting the board approved new street signs for Turtle Rock. As a reminder the board approved this in 2018 and subsequently put it on hold in order to replace the bridge by the clubhouse. With the bridge completed and the expense behind us, the board voted to move forward with the new signage. Attached is a picture of what a combination street/stop sign looks like. The pole design matches the design of our solar lighting poles.

At the May meeting the board created a Gatehouse Task Force Committee headed by board member John Burke. The task force will review the gatehouse technology and hold a town hall meeting in September to share their findings. David Tarlton will review the Traffic Task Force Committee findings at the same town hall meeting. The date and time in September will be voted on by board at the July board meeting and the community will be notified by Ed Olson.

I hope everyone has a great 4th of July. Remember fireworks are forbidden in Turtle Rock. And please respect our speed limits and stop signs.

Sincerely,

Bob Oram



Report From The Treasurer



For the period ending May 2019:

	Actual	Budget
Total Receipts	\$106,950	\$106,132
Expenses		
General and Admin	\$ 37,168	\$ 32,950
Common Grounds	\$ 11,066	\$ 14,815
Access Control	\$ 29,318	\$ 20,725*
Facilities Maintenance	\$ 7,304	\$ 13,325
Utilities	\$ 5,919	\$ 7,325

* Access control expense variance is simply a timing issue related to bi-weekly billing.
Overall YTD expense remains according to budget.

Reserve Contribution \$16,992

There were no reserve expenses for this period.

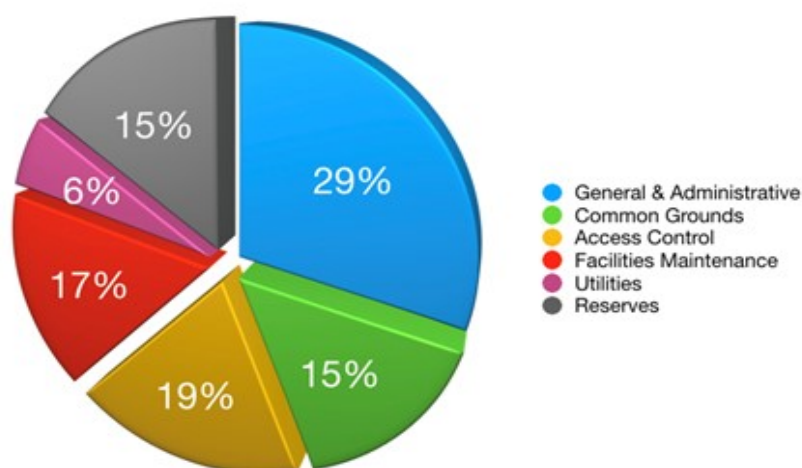
Total Assessments Collected \$101,067**

Total Assessments Outstanding \$19,761 (previous month was \$33,169)

** Previous reports for Total Assessments Collected reflected only Turtle Rock maintenance fees. The amount shown for May also includes Reserve Contribution and Palmer Ranch Fees, which are also part of the quarterly maintenance assessment. The total is a more accurate representation of the assessments collected each month and will be the amount provided in future treasury reports for the newsletter.

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

Turtle Rock YTD Expenses



Manager's Message



July is here, the start of the third quarter of the year with a friendly reminder that if you are not on auto payment please mail or bring in your third quarter assessment.

July 4th, the day we celebrate the Declaration of Independence. What a great time for family, picnics, parades, baseball games and my favorite, barbecues. I left out fireworks because everyone should know, there is no use of fireworks allowed in Turtle Rock. Have fun, be respectful of your neighbors and most of all be safe.

As the weather warms up and the kids look for things to do, boating and fishing are always a great way to waste away the summer. I have included the excerpts from the Turtle Rock Owner's Manual that tells us what is permissible and what is prohibited.

Ponds, waterways, preserves, and wetlands may be used by residents at their own risk with approved watercraft. Approved watercraft include canoes, kayaks, row boats, and paddle boats. Sailboats, paddleboards and sailboards are prohibited. The maximum length for watercraft is 16 feet. Watercraft may be powered by an electric motor, one horsepower or less. No other powered craft will be permitted. Watercraft in use are to remain 50 feet or more from the shoreline of all residences and are not to be used in a manner that causes a nuisance. No structures, docks, or moorings may be installed in a pond or waterway. It is the responsibility of the owner to ensure that watercraft are not used in, and do not traverse, preserves and mitigation corridors. The privilege to use the ponds and waterways may be revoked for violation of these policies by the Board of Governors.

Please note: Because alligators are present in all ponds, residents should be cautious along pond edges. If an alligator poses concern, becomes a nuisance, or displays aggressive behavior, call Turtle Rock Management.

Thank you,

Ed Olson , Vice President/LCAM

Sunstate Management, 941-870-9855

Architectural Review Committee (ARC)



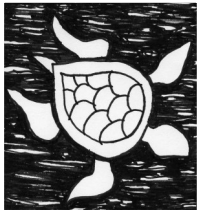
Before focusing on July, I want to correct an error made in the June newsletter. I incorrectly wrote that trees produce carbon dioxide when, in fact, they take in carbon dioxide and release oxygen. A special thanks to Joe Polidoro from Sabal Lake Circle for this as this is a tree's most important environmental role. Joe goes on to remind us that more trees mean more shade, less erosion and less carbon in the atmosphere.



One tree specimen that I would like to feature this month is the Crepe Myrtle. They are in bloom now and are recognized chiefly by their colorful and long-lasting flowers in a crepe-like texture that bloom nearly all summer. Colors vary from deep purple to red to white with many shades in between. They are a hardwood tree – in fact, their wood is exceptionally hard. In some countries the timber is used to make furniture and even railroad ties using particularly large tree specimens. Here, the common Crepe Myrtle (originally from China and Korea) has thrived very nicely from the middle Atlantic states to Florida.

The common Crepe Myrtle can be pruned to be a small, to medium-sized tree in our landscape and it provides a colorful accent tree to the property. It needs to be cut back each year to allow for new growth and blossoms for the next year. Although this may be considered a disadvantage for some homeowners since it has no leaves for part of the year, it is a very popular tree throughout Palmer Ranch and Turtle Rock. At this time of year, landscape companies and nurseries have an abundant variety of colors and sizes from which to choose.

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 there!***



“You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4, not with a parade of guns, tanks, and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism.”

— **Erma Bombeck**

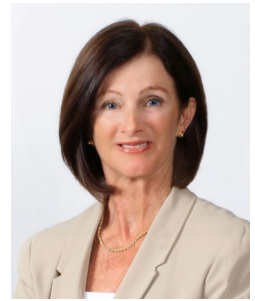
“Liberty is a constant battle between government who would limit it, people who would concede it, and patriots; who would defend it.”

— **Samuel R. Young Jr.**

“Years ago, a group of good, wise, brave, God-fearing men stood up to claim and defend the human right for independence. Those men are now dead. Their work is not. If good, wise, brave, God-fearing men fail to stand up in their stead, that independence will cease to exist.”

— **Richelle E. Goodrich, [Making Wishes](#)**

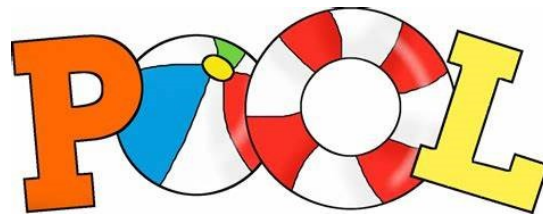
Landscape Committee Report



The committee met in June and addressed its ongoing maintenance check list and progress report with Shane from Bloomings. Shane went through the accomplishments from last month and discussed the planting of low-growing dwarf carrissa in the median near the north gate. The committee and Shane agreed that the current drought is wreaking havoc on the turf grass and plantings, and that the need for watering is essential until the rainy season begins.

The Butterfly Garden

Progress toward the renovation of the butterfly garden also was discussed. A plan for beds and plants was presented, and Bloomings is scheduled to do some initial clearing around the perimeter of the pond and to prepare the first beds for planting.

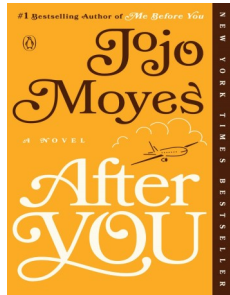


The committee also discussed ongoing community building maintenance and repair issues. Deep cleaning of the pool house, pool furniture and both north and south gatehouses will be taking place in June. Also, board of governor approval was granted at the June board meeting to have the sliding glass doors of both gatehouses repaired.

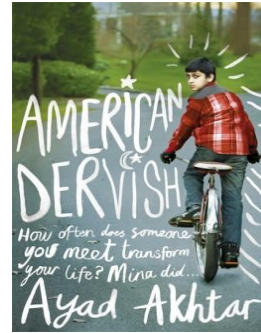
Submitted by Jodi Cunnison

Turtle Rock Library

Recent additions to the Turtle Rock Library. These titles are highly recommended
by **Edythe Wolf**, Library Committee Chairman
and **Sora Yellin**, Turtle Rock Women's Book Club Chairman

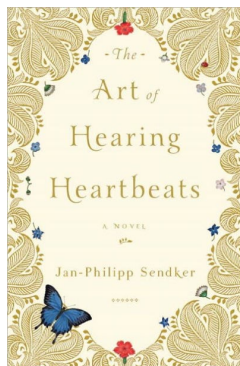


After You by Jojo Moyes

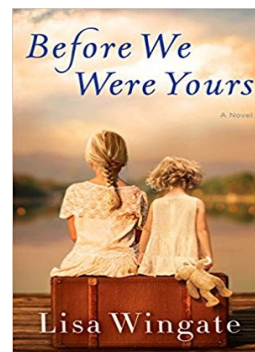


American Dervish

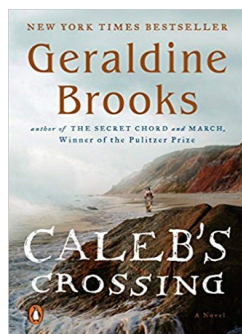
By Ayad Akhtar



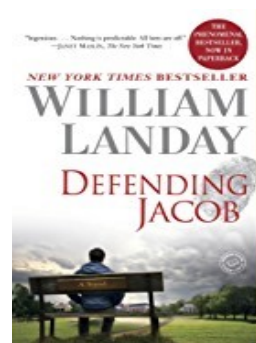
**The Art of Hearing Heartbeats
by Jan-Philipp Sendker**



**Before We Were Yours
by Lisa Wingate**



Caleb's Crossing by Geraldine Brooks



Defending Jacob by William Landay

Submitted by our Faithful Librarian Edie Wolf

Turtle Rock Men's Club



For his third selection in the Turtle Rock Men's Club Summer Lunch Series, Chef Doug Cordier has chosen a great Florida restaurant chain, Miller's Ale House.



Jack and Claire Miller opened the first Miller's Ale House in 1988 in Jupiter, Florida. Although unabashedly a casual sports restaurant and bar, its focus was on providing a wide array of freshly made American food at incredible value. This winning formula proved so successful that the chain now comprises 88 restaurants in 13 states and is continuing to grow with 8 to 10 new restaurants being added every year. Come and join us at noon on Wednesday July 17th and find out for yourself why Miller's Ale House is such a winner!

The local Miller's Ale House is at 3800 Kenny Drive, Sarasota, FL 34232, just off Cattlemen Road in the northeast corner of its junction with Bee Ridge Road. Go north on Cattlemen and, after crossing Bee Ridge, take the first turn to the right on Katie Lane and then turn right onto Kenny Drive.

Our club secretary, Jim Cerny, will be contacting Club members shortly with details of the July lunch including the price and the specific menu items from which we can choose. 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.

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 email her at turtlerockwomen@aol.com**

June was another busy month for the Turtle Rock Women's Club.

We had a delicious luncheon at Miguel's Restaurant.



We hosted a SOLD OUT outing to the Asolo production of *Around the World in 80 Days*.

Our cocktail evening was fabulous

Everyone had a great time at the Belmont Stakes "Test of the Champion" cocktail party hosted by Melody Barackman and Deirdre Cronin. The fedora and fascinator hats were a big hit, as were the photo booth and props.

Submitted by Jan Merchant





Practical Maintenance Guidelines For Stormwater Ponds

One of the main purposes of a stormwater pond is to remove pollutants before they are transported to Sarasota Bay. Stormwater ponds will never be pristine swimming or fishing lakes i.e., clear of vegetation or phytoplankton because their purpose is to trap and transform pollutants before they're transported downstream. Some algae and plants that homeowners sometimes find objectionable help provide this pollution-removal function.

Stormwater is not very dirty. It starts as clean rain and picks up pollutants as it flows. If you keep your landscape and ponds clean, you can produce clean runoff.

It is important to note that stormwater runoff is currently considered the largest contributor to degraded water quality in Florida.

Your stormwater pond must be viewed as a living, dynamic system that requires ongoing maintenance and care to be effective in both flood and pollution control. In most instances, addressing water quality and pond problems after they occur can be challenging and costly. Preventing pollutants from entering watersheds and proper management of the ponds are more cost-effective strategies than dealing with problems after they have developed. Remember the old saying “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure”? The purpose of this document is to give guidance to communities by providing a compilation of best practices for stormwater pond management – Best Management Practices (BMPs). This is intended to be a living document and will be updated as needed.

Some Best Management Practices for stormwater ponds are:

- ☐ **To help control erosion and filter out pollution establish a buffer or low maintenance zone of at least 3 feet around pond banks;**
- ☐ **Avoid applying fertilizer on hard surfaces like curbs, sidewalks and roads;**
- ☐ **Keep the use of all chemicals to a minimum;**
- ☐ **Keep grass clippings on lawns and off streets and sidewalks (where they wash into drains and enter ponds);**



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- ☐ Adjust fertilizer amount to account for the nutrients in reclaimed water if that is the source of outdoor irrigation;
- ☐ Keep irrigation off impervious surfaces and out of ponds and wetlands;
- ☐ Be mindful that many pond problems often result from poor general landscape maintenance practices;
- ☐ Develop a maintenance plan for the entire stormwater pond drainage system and maintain records of all work done.

RESOURCES

Stormwater Systems in Your Neighborhood SWFWMD [https://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/sites/default/files/st ore_products/stormwater_systems.pdf](https://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/sites/default/files/st%20re_products/stormwater_systems.pdf)

How to Operate & Maintain Your Stormwater Management System SWFWMD <https://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/sites/default/files/m edias/documents/HowToOperMaintSMSinternet.pdf>

Stormwater Ponds: A Citizen's Guide to Their Purpose and Management USDA, SBEP, and SWFWMD http://www.palmerranch.net/_wss/clients/154/assets/c154_resources/20170411125606357.pdf

Resource Appendix Palmer Ranch Master Association, Beautiful Ponds, and Aquatic Conservation http://www.palmerranch.net/_wss/clients/154/assets/c154_resources/20181101123657991.pdf

Florida-Friendly Landscaping™ Guidelines for Community Associations: Considerations for Selecting a Landscape Contractor and Writing an Effective Landscaping Contract UF/IFAS <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ep347>

Inventory & map all environmental infrastructure / natural assets: lakes, lake buffers / easements, wetlands, wetland buffers, mitigated wetlands, drainage system, landscape buffers, upland preserves, etc. To obtain a copy of your community's Environmental Resource Permit (ERP) as-built plans, visit: <http://www18.swfwmd.state.fl.us/erp/erp/search/ERPSearch.aspx>

This information is brought to you by the Palmer Ranch Watershed / Natural Assets Committee. Their mission is to work with the Palmer Ranch Master Association and Sub-Associations to increase environmental awareness, appreciation, conservation and restoration through education and outreach, community wide standards and best management practices.



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NEW FEATURE in our
TR Newsletter...**

**LETTERS TO THE
EDITOR**

You can send your letter by
email to...

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rock.com*

...Or send it the old-fashioned
way by writing on a real piece
of paper and dropping it in the
blackmail box up by the Com-
munity Center main door, no
postage needed.

**Dear Editor,
Where can we go for 4th of July
celebrations?**

**Thanks,
Party Girl**

Dear Party Girl,

There are quite a few local events for all to
enjoy,: fireworks, cCookouts and festivals
galore. To check it all out go to...

[https://patch.com/florida/sarasota/
sarasota-july-4-fireworks-parades-more-
2018-guide](https://patch.com/florida/sarasota/sarasota-july-4-fireworks-parades-more-2018-guide)

There's something for everyone, even for a
party girl like yourself. Have fun and re-
member to "party" responsibly!

Happy and safe 4th of July!

Your Editor

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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