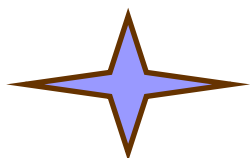


# Turtle Rock Newsletter

The Best Place on Palmer Ranch  
August, 2019

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**The Turtle Rock Newsletter proof readers check articles for errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar, and sentence structure.**

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

*With this issue we celebrate completion of the first year of the electronic Newsletter publication and the beginning of our second year.*

This endeavor was re-initiated by the newly established Communication Committee in the Spring of 2018 by the Board of Governors.

The original members of this committee were:

Jim Cherny Chairperson,

Kathrin Harris,

Russ Gill,

Patricia Tarlton,

Judy Bentz

David Tarlton, Board Liaison

Many thanks to all the Turtle Rock residents who have researched and written articles for publication, made suggestions and offered comments, and contributed photos and graphics to enhance our efforts. Without the co-operation of these many people we would have no "news" to share. Let's keep up our combined efforts to enhance communications in our neighborhood.



With much appreciation, Judy Bentz, Editor



## A Letter from the President

Hello fellow Turtle Rockers. I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. It's hard to believe school starts in 12 days. With the start of school comes an increase in the number of children around both our gates especially in the morning and afternoon when the children are getting on and off the busses. Please keep your speed limit to 25 and come to a complete stop at the stop signs.

This issue marks year two of our new digital newsletter. I hope everyone is finding these newsletters informative and that they help create more of a community spirit. Please let us know what you think and anything you'd like to see added.

While a date hasn't been set for the Traffic Safety/ Access Control Town Hall meeting we will be discussing some of the findings from the task force meeting at our board meeting in August. One of the items now being considered is battery powered traffic surveillance system.

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## Report From The Treasurer



For the period ending June 2019:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Receipts	\$107,147*	\$106,132

\* Does not include Prior Year Surplus accounting adjustment

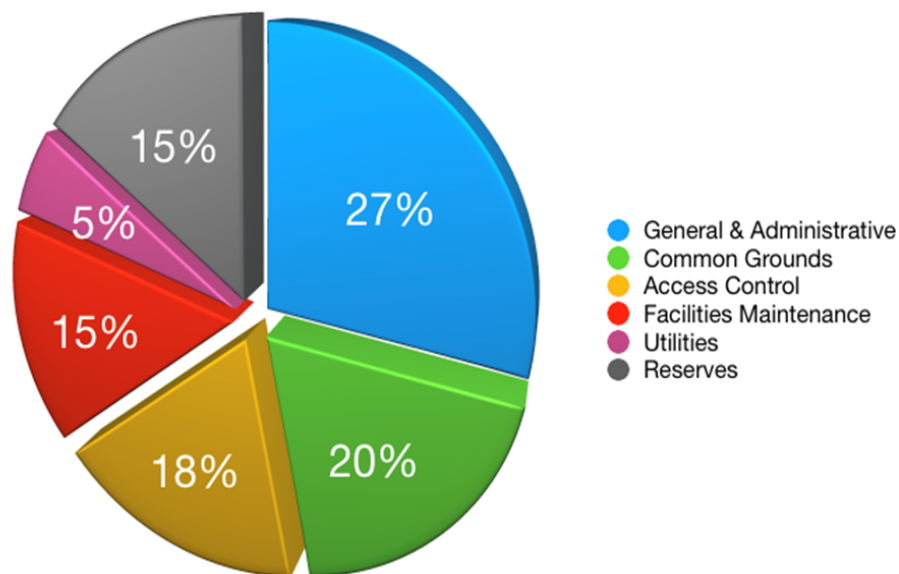
### Expenses

General and Admin	\$ 30,117	\$ 32,966
Common Grounds	\$ 50,183**	\$ 15,232
Access Control	\$ 19,992	\$ 20,725
Facilities Maintenance	\$ 12,533	\$ 13,325
Utilities	\$ 7,106	\$ 7,325

\*\* Includes approved expense for the street sign project.

Reserve Contribution \$16,992  
There were no reserve expenses for this period.

Turtle Rock YTD Expenses



## Manager's Message



August brings the afternoon shower pattern. This is the time of year to make sure that your rain sensors on your irrigation system are working properly. Standing water around homes in the community, makes lawn mowing difficult and promotes mosquitos and other unwanted pests. This time of year rain usually provides enough water for the lawn and planting beds.

### **Irrigation, Reclaimed Water, and Fertilization:**

**An automatic underground irrigation system is required at each property, and all homeowners must use the Sarasota County Reused Water System for irrigation water.** Homeowners may not use retention ponds or lakes for residential irrigation. Please follow the current watering schedule as announced by management. Homeowners must ensure their rain sensors are correctly functioning.

### **Turtle Rock Mailbox Specifications** (except for the Savannah Community)

**Posts and required paint color:** A consistent and specific mailbox wooden post, with a functional lower shelf design is required for all areas of Turtle Rock. The top of the post must be 4' 8" inches from ground level. Any protective devices affixed to the bottom of the post must be painted to match the post. No unpainted metal or vinyl will be accepted. Posts should be free of cracks, chips or peeling. Management maintains a current list of mailbox post vendors from whom you can purchase the post and installation. The approved paint color is available from Management. Please see the mailbox post specifications in the Appendix on page xv.

**Mailbox with a functioning flag:** The approved mailbox is white, rounded and either plastic or metal. Both the mailbox and the flag are available for purchase at the Community Center. When installed, the front of the mailbox must not overhang the curb.

**Mailbox Numbers:** Each home must display the approved numbers on both sides of the arm of the post. Screw heads attaching the numbers to the post arms should be painted black. Numbers must be clearly visible. The approved numbers are available at the Community Center for purchase.

**Landscaping:** Vegetation surrounding a mailbox must not overhang the sidewalk or curb, and must be no higher than the mailbox arm on the curbside of the mailbox. Artificial flowers are not permitted.

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)

The Committee has no report this month, please check next month's Newsletter for an update.

Thank You

## Community Garden in Your Neighborhood

### ROOTS!



If you used to work with your grandparents in their vegetable gardens when you were a kid, you might enjoy getting back to your roots at the Culverhouse Community Garden. It's a bike ride away from Turtle Rock, located in the Culverhouse Nature Park at the head of the Legacy Bike Trail.

The 80-plot organic garden has 4 plots available this season. Visit the Friends of Culverhouse Community Garden website to arrange a tour to learn about the year-round activities at the garden:

[Culverhousegarden.org](http://Culverhousegarden.org).

## It is Back to School Time!

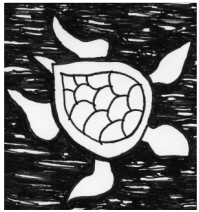


Sarasota County schools start on  
Monday, August 12th.

Remember to use caution when  
driving through Turtle Rock. We  
have 4 bus stop locations  
throughout the neighborhood.

Thank you!





# Turtle Rock Academy Lecture Series

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

**Get ready for another great season of the Turtle Rock Academy.**

## **The Neurology of Cannabis**

October 10<sup>th</sup> Dr. Daniel P. Stein will present “The Neurology of Cannabis”. Dr. Stein has practiced general Neurology for the past 26 years. He also has a Neurology of Cannabis Clinic here in Sarasota where he and his staff educate patients and provide opportunities for them to use cannabis as an alternative to conventional pharmaceutical treatments. Dr. Stein is a dynamic speaker and loves to field questions.



## **Songs About Life**

November 14<sup>th</sup> we welcome back Lee Dougherty Ross accompanying mezzo soprano, Amy Jo Connours. Many in Sarasota know Lee who is the co-founder of the Artist Series Concerts for Sarasota now in its 24<sup>th</sup> year. She is an accomplished pianist and singer. Amy is also well known in Sarasota through her work with the Choral Artists of Sarasota. She has toured in Spain, Ireland, Scotland and the Baltic countries. Lee and Amy will present a program about life in song.



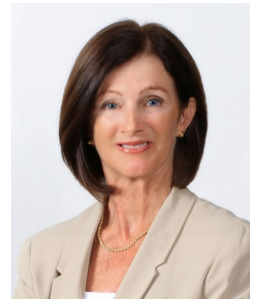
## **Holiday Time at Historic Spanish Point**

December 12<sup>th</sup> Many visitors flock to Sarasota over the holidays. Historic Spanish Point is a destination that shows visitors how people lived and celebrated in earlier times. Darrell Ayers, Deputy Director at Historic Spanish Point will share what is on offer as well as what to look forward to. Darrell is retired from the John F. Kennedy Center where he served as vice president for education and jazz programming.



**Submitted by Janet Smith**

# Landscape Committee Report



The Landscaping and Grounds Committee met on June 26<sup>th</sup> and reviewed on-going projects. Deep cleaning of the community pool and community center has been done, the grout has been cleaned, the exterior of the public buildings has been power washed and the sliding doors of both north and south guard houses have been repaired. Also, all interior flood light and rims in the pool area are being replaced with LED retrofit bulbs.

On July 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Board of Governors meeting, the Committee presented three quotes to have the following areas painted: the community center, interior of the community pool area, interior of both guard houses, pool entry gates and fence and pergolas. The Board approved the quote recommended by the Committee and the painting will be done this summer. Also, on July 2<sup>nd</sup> the Board also approved a quote provided by the Committee to have new frosted window panes installed in the pool bathrooms and pool house, along with new mirrors in the pool bathrooms and south guard house.

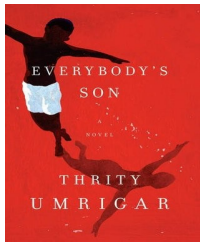
The pool shower hot water tank is near the end of its life and a new one will be shortly installed. Also, faucets in the pool bathrooms, kitchen and guard houses will be replaced.

Our community pool will be beautifully refreshed!

Discussion of the butterfly garden project was postponed until the July meeting.

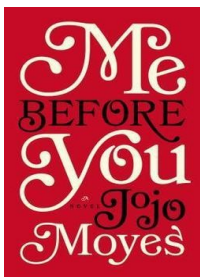
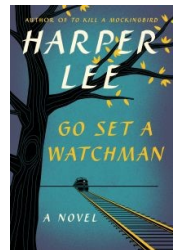
Submitted by Jodi Cunnison

# Turtle Rock Library



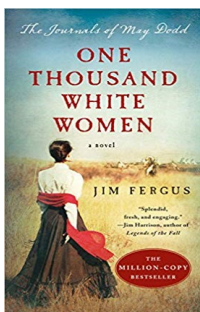
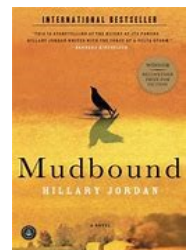
**Everybody's Son** The bestselling, critically acclaimed author of *The Space Between Us* and *The World We Found* deftly explores issues of race, class, privilege, and power and asks us to consider uncomfortable moral questions in this probing, ambitious, emotionally wrenching novel of two families—one black, one white.

**Go Set A Watchman** 'Watchman' is NOT a sequel to 'To Kill a Mockingbird'; it is an early draft of the classic novel. The events in 'Watchman' post-date those in 'Mockingbird' but, as stated, that was simply the period in Lee's original version. It is important to understand that this newly-released book is a preliminary version of the classic, not a subsequent or totally different novel.



**Me Before You** This is a most unconventional love story. Lou and her charge, the handsome, privileged Will Traynor, are at first like oil and water. Will is cold and aloof with everyone, and he seems generally displeased to have Lou around. Lou comes to realize that's because she isn't just a caregiver—she's a babysitter.

**Mudbound** by Hillary Jordan, reveals how everyone becomes a player in a tragedy on the grandest scale, even as they strive for love and honor. Jordan's indelible portrayal of two families caught up in the blind hatred of a small Southern town earned the prestigious Bellwether Prize for Fiction.

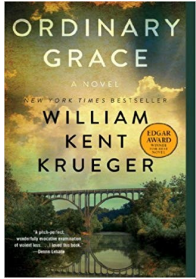


**One Thousand White Women, The Journals of May Dodd** Based on an actual historical event but told through fictional diaries, this is the story of May Dodd—remarkable woman who, in 1875 travels through the American West to marry the chief of the Cheyenne Nation. Written by Jim Fergus.

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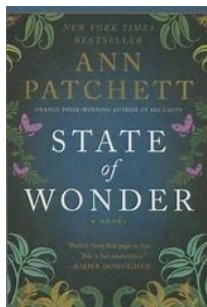
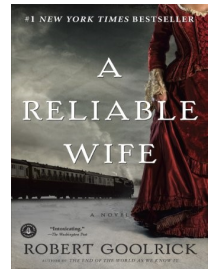


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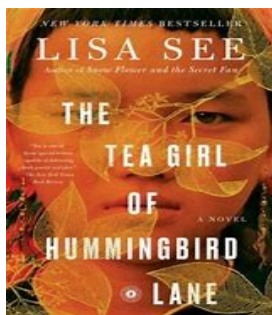
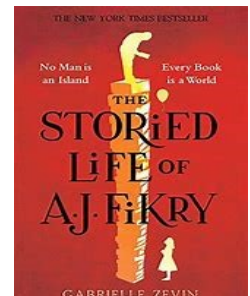
**Ordinary Grace** New Bremen, Minnesota, 1961. The Twins were playing their debut season, ice-cold root beers were at the ready at Halderson's Drug Store soda counter, and *Hot Stuff* comic books were a mainstay on every barbershop magazine rack. It was a time of innocence and hope for a country with a new, young president. But for thirteen-year-old Frank Drum it was a summer in which death assumed many forms.

**A Reliable Wife**, is a tense psycho-sexual drama that focuses on the deep passions that lurk inside seemingly average people. Set at the turn of the twentieth century, the novel explores an arranged marriage where no one is who they seem to be and where murder, betrayal, violence, and revenge lurk at the bottom of every character's motivations.



**State of Wonder** by Ann Patchett is an imaginative tale of mystery, morals, ethics, and the delicate balance that can exist within the world, both within a single ecosystem and within ourselves. **Marina Singh**, a doctor, is sent into the Amazon jungle to investigate the death of her coworker. What she finds is a puzzle in ethics, morality and humanity that forces her to rethink her own positions in life and asks the same of the reader.

**The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry** by Gabrielle Zevin **A. J. Fikry's life** is not at all what he expected it to be. His wife has died; his bookstore is experiencing the worst sales in its history. As surprising as it is moving, The **Storied Life of A. J. Fikry** is an unforgettable tale of transformation and second chances, an irresistible affirmation of why we read, and why we love.



**The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane** follows the life of Li-yan, growing up picking tea leaves each season with her family and living without electricity or running water in a hut made on bamboo stilts. Li-yan's life is a far cry from the modern world of the late 1980's. Set to follow in her mother's path as a midwife, Li-yan struggles to accept her path and works hard in school hoping to be the first in her village to qualify for upper level schooling that would open up other possibilities. Fate however intervenes through two different men destined to change her life, one through love, the other through the business of tea.

Submitted by our faithful librarian, Edie Wolf

# ***Turtle Rock Men's Club***



The TRMC Sizzling Summer Lunch series sampling Sarasota's culinary delights swaggers on! Beginning with the traditional Amish food of Der Dutchman in May, we transitioned to the eclectic menu of Madfish Grill in June and most recently segued to the classic American cooking of Miller's Ale House in July.

Now, for his fourth selection in the series, Chef Doug Cordier is switching to Italian cuisine. Carrabba's Italian Grill is located in the southwest corner of the junction of Tamiami Trail and Stickney Point Road, at 1940 Stickney Point Road, Sarasota, FL 34231.

Come and join your friends and neighbors at noon on Wednesday August 21st for the next stop on our culinary journey as we sample some great Italian cooking at Carrabba's Italian Grill!



Club secretary, Jim Cerny, will be contacting current members shortly with details of the August 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. 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 Turtle Rock Women's Club is a welcoming group open to all women residing in our lovely Turtle Rock Community. We offer a variety of programs and events designed to build friendships, educate and engage our members. We would love to have you join us, call*

**Angela Pierre at 321-3994 or email her at [turtlerockwomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:turtlerockwomensclub@gmail.com)**



In July we began a new TRWC film activity. Our first movie outing was to view a film titled Yesterday, a rock-n-roll comedy about dreams, friendship and the long and winding road that leads to the love of your life. After the movie the group went to Mattison's to enjoy their famous happy hour and talk about the film. If you weren't able to join us for this one, we hope you can join us for future movie outings.



If you are looking for something to do during the dog days of summer don't forget to join us in one of our activity groups;

**Mahjong, Bunco, Bridge and Crafts and Book Groups and an array of exercise classes including Yoga, Golf, Tennis, Aqua Aerobics, Bowling and Aqua Zumba.**

**Submitted by Jan Merchant**



### **FREE OPEN HOUSE SESSIONS TO LEARN ABOUT FLORIDA MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM**

Would you like to know more about gardening in Florida - broadening your base of knowledge and learning from county experts on a wide range of gardening and landscaping topics? Each January, the County offers a training program for new Florida Master Gardener volunteers. The application process for the 2020 MG program opens this September 2019.

In preparation for this process we are hosting two free information sessions in early August at the Sarasota County Extension Office located at 6700 Clark Rd, Sarasota. During this session you will learn about the Master Gardener Program, the application process, training provided and volunteer opportunities. You will have the opportunity to meet program instructors and Master Gardener Volunteers and ask questions about the program.

We hope you can attend one of the following sessions:

Tuesday, August 6th from 3:30 - 4:30 pm /Thursday, August 8th from 6:00 -7:00 pm

Contact the Volunteer Coordinator at the Sarasota County Extension Office (941) 861-9900 or email [Sarasota@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:Sarasota@ifas.ufl.edu) for more information regarding the program.

# Turtle Rock Retention Pond Task Force

The task force committee includes Melody Barackman, Chairperson, Deirdre Cronin, , Kathrin Harris, Michelle Vanschouwen, Becky Cox and Jerry Hahn. In August we will be adding Doug Smith.

The task force started meeting in May. We meet once a month but due to summer schedules we have not been able to set a fixed date and time for the meetings. We are tasked with evaluating the condition of our retention ponds, including water quality, chemicals, fertilizer, erosion, invasive plants and invasive fish. We are also looking at our current pond and wetlands maintenance programs. Once we are finished we will issue our report with recommendations for making improvements including our ongoing maintenance programs.

As part of our work we will visit surrounding communities who have already completed similar programs or are in the process of doing so. We will also meet with local and state experts for ideas to help achieve our goals.

One of our tasks will be to educate the Turtle Rock community about why we have retention ponds and their importance in preventing flooding and filtering runoff before it reaches creeks, rivers and the gulf. Healthy well functioning retention ponds can help reduce problems like red tide.

We hope to present our recommendations to the board after the first of the year. If we get approval from the board and the residents ,Turtle Rock should have healthy ponds for many years to come and avoid some of pitfalls and expenses others have encountered.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

David Bryan

Board Liaison

Turtle Rock Governor

901-786-8680





# *Trip Tips, if you travel to to...*

## VENICE

**Food:** If you like liver and onions, this is the place to get them! Liver and onions are a Venetian specialty, along with seafood. Pasta is okay, but not as good as in other parts of Italy, especially the south.

**Hotels:** The Metropole is centrally located on the Grand Canal and is pleasant and mid-priced. I stayed at the Bauer most recently—more upscale and lovely, close to St. Mark's Plaza. Great concierge.

**Day trip:** Hire a car and driver, rent a car, or take trains; I loved visiting Treviso, original production area of Prosecco sparkling and also thought to be the origin of the popular dessert tiramisu. Check out the Roman walls, c. 14<sup>th</sup> century. I also loved Asolo, “The City of a Hundred Horizons,” which is known for its Dolomite Mountain views; h

Have a fantastic lunch here: we had the best pizza of our lives, with great dough, fresh tomatoes, fresh basil. Both have lots of shops, great food and drink, and fabulous scenery.

Before you go to Venice, or even if you never go but are interested in Venice, read Donna Leon's Inspector Brunetti books.



## NORWAY

Instead of one of the large commercial cruises, consider **Hurtigruten**, Norway's ship with a “Midnight Sun” cruise. I took a 12 day cruise on the MS Polarlys, departing from Bergen. Bergen is a lovely town with some Unesco World Heritage sites. The ship goes into far more fjords than the other cruise ships—partly because it's also a mail delivery ship for the towns and villages along the coast. It also goes farther north, into the Arctic Circle, than other ships. It's a small, comfortable ship, and the passengers are from all over the world; on my cruise, we had one dinner table of 6 Americans, everyone else was from another country—Norway (of course), Austria, Sweden, France, Australia, Great Britain, Germany, to name a few. We had a reserved table for dinner only, and for breakfast and lunch I would sit with others, who liked to practice their English with me. One woman and I did not share a word of language between us, but we connected—smiles each day on the ship and big hugs when we departed. Lovely people. And the sites! So beautiful. The ship has a very large viewing room, right up front, where we would all gather each morning. Our daily program posted information about what we would be seeing, historical notes, food notes—anything helpful and interesting to know about where we were headed that day. Excursions are offered, and you can also disembark and just roam around the town on foot. All the food—which is delicious—is from the local ports. I loved this cruise!

**Submitted by Dianne Glynn**



**Dear Editor,**

**I think a regular column with info on favorite places to go, side trips, restaurants, sites, etc would be great. A kind of personalized Trip Advisor for TR. It could be about a cruise that someone just took, or a favorite country or even a local excursion. We could call it "Trip Tips" and ask residents to send in their favorite places of interest.**



**Thanks,  
Diane Glynn**

**Dear Diane,**

**Wow thanks for such a great idea and for starting us off with the article you sent in. It can be found on page 13 of this issue. Now all we need is for our other "fellow travelers" to share their experiences as well. Please send text in Word format and pictures as JPEG. Diane we hope you will be a regular contributor, great job!**

**The Editor**

**If you would like to submit your "Trip Tip" see below....**

### **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](mailto:communications@myturtlerock.com).***

**THANKS for getting involved!**

#### **Committee Members:**

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

**Board Liaison: David Tarlton , Proofreader : Charlotte Jones**

**Send comments, suggestions and articles for consideration to:**

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