

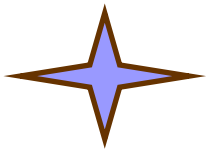


# Turtle Rock Newsletter

The Best Place on Palmer Ranch  
September, 2019

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The Turtle Rock Newsletter editors and proof readers check articles for spelling, grammar, and sentence structure. Article authors are responsible for the accuracy of the articles.



Look what's new in Turtle Rock! Our new street signs are being installed. The handsome poles, with bases that match our light poles, bright gold letters and turtle logo will make a nice visual impact on all our streets. Nice timing at the start of the school year too! While admiring the look, don't forget to obey the stop signs!

## REMEMBER

Drive **carefully** at 25 mph  
and watch for children!

## NEW SIGNS





## **A Letter from the President**

**This edition of our TR newsletter is reaching you during Labor Day weekend, the “unofficial” end of summer. Phew — where has this year gone? In any event, I hope everyone had a great summer.**

**As I write this letter our new street signs have arrived and will be installed by the time you read this. I think you’ll all agree they’re a big improvement over our old signs. The next thing the board needs to address are the mailboxes and their posts. They’re old, dated and require ongoing maintenance. If you’re interested in working on this with the board, please let me know.**

**The board currently has three task forces working on improving gate technology, reducing speeding and running stop signs and reviewing the condition of our retention ponds. Please attend the September board meeting if you’d like to learn more about where the task forces stand on these three items.**

**Finally, we will be forming a search committee this fall and are looking for two board members. One to replace me when I roll off in February and an open board seat. The board will be nominating and voting on Russ Gill to fill the vacancy created by Kevin Klein’s resignation. Please consider becoming a board member.**

**Please obey the 25 MPH speed limit and stop at every stop sign.**

**Sincerely,**

**Bob Oram**



## Report From The Treasurer



For the period ending July 2019:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Receipts	\$107,089	\$106,566

### Expenses

General and Admin	\$ 29,066	\$ 32,966
Common Grounds	\$ 11,507	\$ 15,232
Access Control	\$ 20,630	\$ 20,725
Facilities Maintenance	\$ 7,886*	\$ 13,325
Utilities	\$ 6,325	\$ 7,325

\*\* Monthly allocated Wetlands Maintenance expense of \$5,217 was not incurred in July

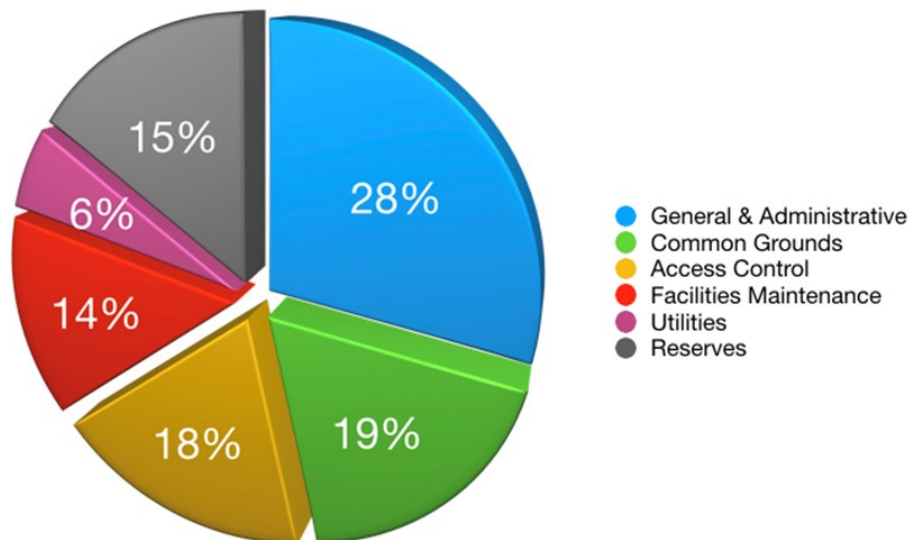
Reserve Contribution \$16,992

A reserve expense of \$855 was made for the deposit on replacement of windows in the pool house building.

Total Assessments Collected \$101,067

Total Assessments Outstanding \$33,861 (previous month was \$12,661)

Turtle Rock YTD Expenses



The pie chart above shows the breakdown of all expenses by category as of July 31, 2019.

## Manager's Message

September is here, and school is back in session. Please keep that in mind when you are driving throughout the community, especially around the community center and bus stops in Turtle Rock.



**Please remember, 25 MPH means 25 MPH and Stop means Stop!**

The new street signs are up and look great! Thank you to everyone who has called, e-mailed or stopped by the community center to let me know how beautiful they are. By now everyone has seen the new stop signs at Turtle Rock Blvd. and the north end of Sabal Lake Circle. Please be mindful of them and stop completely at all stop signs.

It is also the rainy season which means that the grass is growing rapidly, making the amount of grass clippings increase. Please instruct your lawn maintenance people not to blow the clippings into the ponds or the storm drains that lead into the ponds. Not only does it wash up to the edge of the ponds in huge clumps, rots and smells awful, it also feeds the ponds with excess nutrients which promote algae growth. Remember, the ponds are the filtration system for the storm water runoff. Let's not make their job more difficult.

In last month's newsletter I wrote about mailboxes and the need to clean or replace them. Please take a look at your mailbox flag. If it is faded, (not red) please stop by the community center and pick one up for a dollar.

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)

From Curt Gilroy

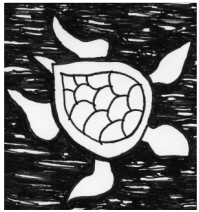
The rainy season is clearly upon us and we have all experienced its effects to varying degrees. We certainly needed the rain as our drought this spring and early summer took its toll on lawns, trees, and lakes. However, the rains, of late, have been too much of a good thing. Rain cancellations of outside activities are minor compared to the effect the rain can have on our roofs. The ARC has received an inordinate number of requests for roof replacements over the last several months due in part to our aging homes, and exacerbated by the recent heavy rains. Leaking roofs seem to be on the rise, and the Sammon/Gilroy residence has been no exception!

There is a regular monthly cycle for all ARC requests. Whenever possible, however, the ARC will entertain and expedite requests for emergency roof replacements.

Now is a good time to direct your attention to the Turtle Rock Owners' Manual (TROM) available on line at [www.myturtlerock.com](http://www.myturtlerock.com). The TROM outlines the regulations we each have agreed to by being homeowners in the Turtle Rock community. The landscape section outlines that almost any change made to the exterior of your home, such as painting, driveway replacement, changes to windows, significant changes to existing landscape beds, and tree removal must be applied for in advance and approved by the ARC before any work is started. Even dead trees must have ARC approval before they are removed. Work done outside the TROM requirements and limitations can be subject to fines and costly adjustments to non-approved changes, something all homeowners will wish to avoid.

The purpose of these TROM rules and regulations is to ensure that our Turtle Rock community remains a most desirable and beautiful place to live for everyone. And again, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me or any other members of the ARC. We are happy to assist.





# 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**

# Turtle Rock Stories

*The history of Turtle Rock told by its residents.*

**Turtle Rock Stories.** Do you have a story about something that happened here in Turtle Rock? We'd like to hear it! We're going to start collecting stories about people, places and times of Turtle Rock, and we'll publish them in this newsletter periodically. Each story will be short, one page, (300-400 words), and if you've got a picture to accompany it, that's great too. We'd like to include dates so we can begin to see a history of Turtle Rock through its stories. Don't love to write? No worries. Just email us. We'll call you, ask you to tell us the story, and we'll write it for you. (Stories may be edited for length and style.) What does a story look like, you ask? Here's a sample:

**Turtle joins the party.** *One afternoon in 2014, we were sitting in the family room with friends, when there was a tapping on the front door. We weren't sure what it was, but it persisted. Since we were both occupied at the moment, a woman who was visiting us went to answer the door. No one. She turned to come back to the gathering.*

*But just as she turned away, the tapping happened again. She opened the door to see a snapping turtle the size of a serving platter. This turtle was big; it could have weighed 30 pounds. And it wanted in. Or perhaps had lost its way on a trip between ponds, although that isn't as interesting a theory. Our friend is strong and she decided to help it out. She picked up by its sides (a potentially dangerous thing to do since they have long necks and might reach around to snap at you) and she carried it around to the side of the house. When she put it down, it just sat there.*



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*She watched for a couple of minutes, then she picked it up again, brave or crazy soul that she is, and carried it a bit closer to the pond behind the house. This time when she put it down it made a decision. It took off running for the water, and was out of sight in a few seconds. (From Fred and Ethel Resident, Timber Chase Way)*

There. That's three paragraphs, 230 words. So what about your stories? How did you find Turtle Rock? Who did you meet? What has happened that was "SO Turtle Rock?" We can't wait to hear.

# Landscape Committee Report



The Landscaping and Grounds Committee met on July 24<sup>th</sup> and reviewed ongoing progress with Shane Battle from Bloomings.

Bloomings is getting caught up on the community area trimming, including the clubhouse entries, the boulevard outside walls, the Fakahatchee and the Palmettos at the clubhouse. Lake beds are being trimmed. The Awabuki hedge along Central Sarasota Boulevard will also be attended to.

Weed control is ongoing. The damaged turf caused by the earlier drought has largely recovered. As a final note, the tree branches along Turtle Rock Boulevard that have been pushed lower due to the heavy rain, will be trimmed back.

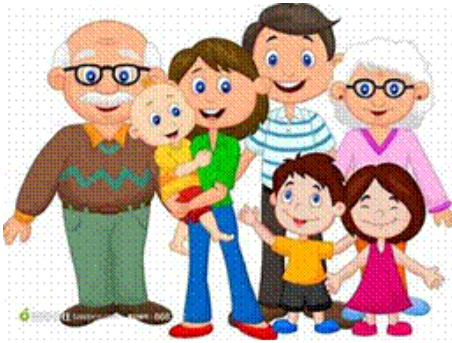


The butterfly garden was also discussed. Clearing of the site where the garden is located will begin in October, followed by the installation of various plantings. This will be a lovely improvement to what is already there. The butterfly garden has not been maintained over the last few years and the future improvements will add greatly to the garden.

The painting of the interior of the community center, guard houses and community pool house have been completed. The spotlights in the pool house have been installed and the sliding glass doors of the guard houses have been repaired.

Submitted by Jodi Cunnison





## *Young Families Group*

Hi! My name is Courtney Knowles and I have lived in Turtle Rock for 4 years having moved here from Jacksonville by way of Tampa. I am excited to be taking over our Turtle Rock Young Families Group! I live here with my husband Mike, our three daughters, Emily, Katie and Lauren, and 2 ferrets and a dog! I am a newly retired teacher loving being able to stay home to raise our kids, and Mike is a Civil Engineer with a local Engineering firm. We live on Great Meadow Dr. and have become very close with our surrounding neighbors and others in this great community!



The Young Families Group plans some great family events this year, starting with our Halloween Party! A few things to look forward to are our annual Halloween Party and Cook Out, and Christmas Trolley Ride Sing-a-long and Social.

We are also thinking of starting a Facebook page for communications, monthly/bi-monthly Movie on the Lawn, Food Truck Friday, gathering for cornhole and other lawn games. If you are interested in helping with any of these activities, have ideas for activities, or just want to comment about something, please call or email me. We are sure to have bigger/better gatherings with more minds. I look forward to celebrating and gathering with our fellow Turtle Rock residents this year and years to come!

**Courtney Knowles, 904-305-8243, [cortny1996@aol.com](mailto:cortny1996@aol.com)**

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



The Turtle Rock Men's Club is saddened to note the passing of our good friend and past Club Secretary Ron Green on August 11th. Ron will be long remembered for his warm good humor, and for his many contributions to the Men's Club and the Turtle Rock community in general.

To round out our Summer Lunch series Chef Doug Cordier has arranged a lunch at the cookery school of Suncoast Technical College at 11:30am on Wednesday September 18<sup>th</sup>. The college is the large building at the northwest corner of the junction of Beneva and Proctor. Club Secretary, Jim Cerny, will be contacting members shortly to facilitate sign up for this lunch.

On Thursday October 24<sup>th</sup>, we have planned a joint excursion with the Turtle Rock Women's Club on the "LeBarge Dolphin and Manatee Watch Cruise" around Sarasota bay. A flyer with complete details on this exciting cruise was sent to all members of the Men's Club and the Women's Club in late August. Registration is requested by September 27<sup>th</sup> to ensure that everyone has a firm booking on the boat. Members of either club who did not receive the flyer or who would like more information should phone Keith Jones on (941) 922-4575.

Finally, if you are not a member of the Men's Club but would like to attend a lunch to get to know us prior to committing to join, phone Jim Cerny on (941) 926-7888.

Submitted by Keith Jones



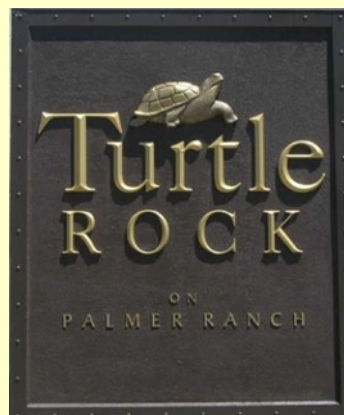
## ***Turtle Rock Women's Club***

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 [turtlerockwomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:turtlerockwomensclub@gmail.com).

As summer is wrapping up and many of our seasonal friends return, the activities to choose from are plentiful. Big Cat Habitat tour, LeBarge Tropical Cruise, and a guided tour of the Sarasota National Cemetery are just some examples of the fun!

We also offer monthly luncheons as an opportunity to gather and enjoy cuisine from local restaurants as well as learn a thing or two from speakers on topics such as recycling programs, the Legacy Trail extension and Southeast Guide Dogs.

On-going activities that we offer include mahjong, bunco, bridge and crafts and book groups and an array of exercise classes including golf, tennis, aqua aerobics, aqua Zumba and bowling.



**Submitted by Jan Merchant**

# 3 Places 4 You To Visit

In this periodic series of articles, we'll explore some of the great features of our area, 3 each time, and hope you will find some new places to visit. Coming up: 3~4 Art, and 3~4 Day Trips. This month: **3~4 Quirky Restaurants**

## JR's Old Packing House Café

**987 S. Packinghouse Rd., Sarasota (941-371-9358)**

Located in a former packinghouse in the celery district, this funky place is often described as “old Florida” or a “quintessential dive.” Take your pick. But do visit, and take your out-of-town friends to enjoy Cuban and American specialties like basa (a grouper cousin), Cuban sandwiches, and more. It's just a hop from the Celery Fields Audubon Nature Center, so make it a twofer—visit the Celery Fields in the morning to see birds, and have lunch at the Packinghouse. Music most evenings.



## Linger Lodge 7205 85th St Ct E, Bradenton (941-755-2757)

People call this place on the Braden River “colorful.” Colorful is just the beginning. Al Roker called it one of the “weirdest restaurants in America.” The random taxidermy hanging from ceilings and walls and the road kill menu make it a fun place to go with buddies who aren't afraid of a menu containing gator and frog legs. It's weird, true, but the food is good, and the riverside setting is peaceful.



## Bob's Train, 2211 Fruitville Rd., Sarasota (941-221-

5643)

Yup, it's a train. Or four cars of one, at least. And it's full, really FULL, of circus photos and memorabilia. And you'll probably meet Bob, who likes to give tours and talk circus when he's not cooking or working on the restoration of John Ringling's personal car, JomaR. Circus folks have a weekly reunion there. It's a hoot, and the food's not bad either. Burgers a specialty. There's Sunday brunch. Check their website for hours and directions, which are a bit tricky.



**Paula Yardley Griffin. Ideas for places? Email [pygriff@gmail.com](mailto:pygriff@gmail.com)**



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

## *Lake Louise and Banff*

It's been a number of years since I've been there, but some things just don't change—like the breathtaking beauty of Lake Louise and Banff in the Canadian Rockies. I've been twice and want to go back. Both times, I flew into Calgary, stayed overnight there and rented a car for the drive to Lake Louise.

I love **The Post Hotel**, a lodge-like, picturesque hotel near Lake Louise. On my first trip, with 2 women friends, we also spent one night at the luxurious **Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise**—right on Lake Louise. It's pricey, beautiful, and has a great afternoon tea, but, frankly, I prefer The Post.



Lake Louise is even more beautiful than all the photos you see, and it has plenty for you to do while there. I was going to hike to the Lake Agnes Tea House, but grizzlies were out that day and when I saw a steaming huge pile of poop in the middle of the trail, I headed back to the lake shore. The second time I visited, with my husband, hiking was not on the agenda!

While Lake Louise is amazing, my favorite is **Lake Moraine**. And not to be missed—**Icefield Parkway** with a visit to the **Victoria Glacier**—and, of course, **Banff**, a picturesque town with plenty of restaurants and shops. If you or your family are hikers, you might also get on the **Tunnel Mountain Trail**, when you're in Banff. It's a moderately easy hike, about 2 hours roundtrip.

Both times I visited this gorgeous area, I also stayed in the **Rimrock Resort Hotel**, a lovely hotel nestled in the mountains (so on the first trip, I stayed at The Post, The Chateau, and Rimrock; trip 2, The Post and Rimrock). Rimrock Resort Hotel is close to the **Sulphur Mountain gondola** with stunning views and a somewhat challenging hiking trail (typically 2 hour hikes up with innumerable switchbacks). I saw a number of young kids on the trail, including a 10 year old girl who ended up climbing with me. I took the gondola down, but of course it goes both ways—no need to hike. The time I hiked up, I was catching my breath on the rocks at the summit when a mountain goat came up to me and licked my arms! On my second visit, we took the gondola both ways; my mountain hiking days had passed!

Best time to go: unless you're into winter sports, I'd suggest June, when the crowds will be a little less. Weather can be iffy in September.

*Submitted by Dianne Glynn*



**Dear Editor,**

*Thank you for keeping it fresh. I've enjoyed reading the various columns that have been turning up in the newsletter. Reports keep us informed, and I appreciate them, but the same old reports time after time wouldn't be as much fun to read. So, "Looking good!"*

*Happy Reader*



Dear Happy Reader,

Thank you so much for your comments. We love “keeping it fresh,” as you call it, and we can only do that because lots of our neighbors contribute ideas and information. So keep it up, friends!

**The Editor**

### **The Communication Committee**

***The committee is always looking for writers and photographers. If you have a knack for writing, have ideas for a 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!**

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