

Turtle Rock Newsletter

The Best Place on Palmer Ranch

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You're
Invited

To Turtle Rock Annual Halloween Party!

Sat. October 26th,

5-8 pm

More information on page 11.



A Letter from the President

With October comes the beginning of the return of our “snowbirds”. That means more traffic on our roads here in Turtle Rock. A pretty consistent theme in my letters this year has been about speeding and the running of stop signs. Please obey our speed limit of 25MPH and make a full stop at all our stop signs. And remember pedestrians have the right of way in the crosswalks(we have crosswalks at almost every intersection along Turtle Rock Blvd.)

At our board meeting tonight, the board will nominate and vote on Russ Gill to replace Kevin Klein who resigned earlier this year. We’ll also be appointing a board member to head our nominating committee for 2020 board members. We will have two open board seats to fill so please let the nominating committee know if you are interested.

Now that we have the new street signs up the board will be looking at replacing the mailboxes and posts. We will be assigning a board member tonight to head a mailbox task force. If you are interested in serving on the task force, please let the board know.

It appears everyone has adjusted to the new stop signs at Turtle Rock Blvd and Sabal Lake Dr. By the time you all receive this we should have installed a set of stop signs at Turtle Rock Blvd and Timber Chase. I’m hoping the additional stop signs will reduce the speeding considerably. The board held off doing the raised pavers. But if the stop signs don’t work, we’ll have to reconsider the raised pavers as well as cameras along Turtle Rock Blvd.

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Report From The Treasurer



For the period ending August 2019:

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Receipts	\$106,481	\$106,566

Expenses

General and Admin	\$ 27,606	\$ 32,966
Common Grounds	\$ 11,873*	\$ 15,232
Access Control	\$ 19,462	\$ 20,725
Facilities Maintenance	\$ 6,098**	\$ 13,325
Utilities	\$ 7,661	\$ 7,325

* No Turf Maintenance, Mulch, or Tree Trimming expense in August

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

Reserve Contribution \$16,992

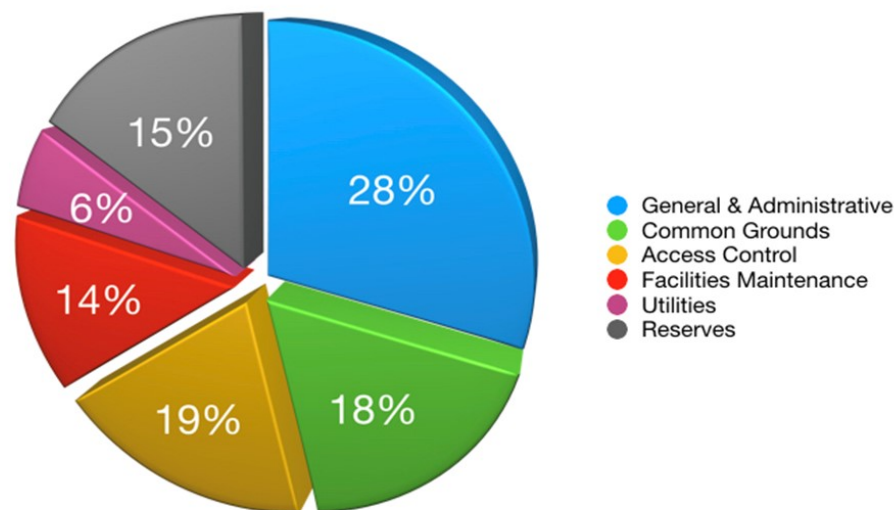
Reserve expense included \$855 was made for the balance due on replacement of windows in the pool house building and \$8,825 for painting of the clubhouse, pool gates/fence, and guard houses.

Total Assessments Collected \$101,067

Total Assessments Outstanding \$14,722 (previous month was \$33,861)

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

Turtle Rock YTD Expenses



Submitted by David Tarlton

Manager's Message



October is here. The temperature and humidity are finally starting to fall, and the weather is beautiful. This time of year always reminds us why we live in Sarasota, Florida.

The management office has been getting a large number of calls asking about the water pressure. This is an ongoing problem, not only in Turtle Rock, but in all of Palmer Ranch. This is due to the increase in demand. At the Palmer Ranch meeting last week, Jodi Cunnison, the Board liaison to Palmer Ranch, received information about a county project installing a new 16-inch water main on Palmer Ranch Parkway between McIntosh and Turtle Rock Blvd for the reclaimed water. This pipeline will provide increased pressure and flow and is due to start before the end of the year.

(More information will be included in next month's Newsletter)

The new street signs are up and look great! I want to assure everyone on Timber Chase Way, Meadow Rush Loop and Little Brook Court that your street sign is in production and will be installed soon.

There are still large deposits of lawn clippings being blown into the ponds. Remember to 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 feeds the ponds with excess nutrients which promotes algae growth. Remember, the ponds are the filtration system for the storm water runoff. Let's not make their job more difficult.

A lot of people have come in to get new mailboxes and flags. 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)



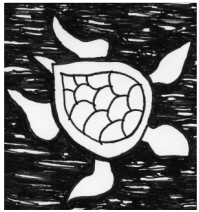
With the aging of our community, the welcome return of the “snow birds,” and a continuing number of new home renovations, the ARC remains busy assisting residents with external home improvements. On average we review between 15 and 30 applications each month for improvements, in addition to approvals for work completed for already-approved projects. This month, we have 18 new applications including replacements of windows and doors, tree removals and landscape revisions, gutter replacements, driveway and walkway installations, and roof and gutter installations.

It is always the ARC’s goal to work directly with homeowners to both approve their plans and keep the overall look of the Turtle Rock community consistent and of high quality. Recently, we worked closely with several homeowners that had chosen a home paint color palette that would not quite meet an acceptable look for the community. While we admit that this is sometimes a subjective decision, times change, color “looks” come and go, and there is always the consideration of what are the home colors adjacent, and across the street, from the applicant’s home. Several visits, good discussions, and a broader color palette quickly led to positive outcomes and approved applications for the homeowners. It should be noted that both the Somerset and Savannah communities within Turtle Rock have their own Architectural Review Committee or person. Applications are sent to them and are sent on to the general Turtle Rock ARC which has overarching authority for all exterior changes to a property.

My thanks go to both the Somerset and Savannah Communities for their collaboration, and to the general ARC for their hard work and thoughtful time. The current membership consists of Margaret Borrows, Becky Cox, Deirdre Cronin, Carolyn Gossman, and Jim Vaughan. We also rely on the historical knowledge of the past ARC Chair, Christa Friedlander for her good counsel.

As always, we look forward, together, to working with homeowners in maintaining and improving the look of our community.

Submitted by Curt Gilroy



Turtle Rock Academy Lecture Series

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

The Neurology of Cannabis October 10th

Dr. Daniel P. Stein

“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 14th –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 24th year. Amy has toured in Spain, Ireland, Scotland and the Baltic countries. Lee and Amy will present a program about life in song.



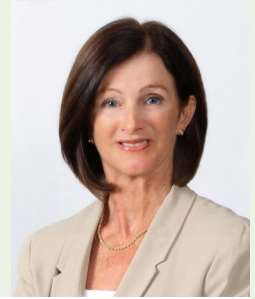
Holiday Time at Historic Spanish Point

December 12th 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.



Submitted by Janet Smith

Landscape Committee Report



Happy Fall to everyone. Let's hope that some of this hot weather subsides and even more importantly that hurricanes steer clear of Sarasota! The Committee met on September 4th at the Community Center. Shane Battles from Bloomings was away on holidays so wasn't in attendance.

The Committee reviewed the ongoing projects and noted that the screens for the sliding glass doors at the Guard houses still need to be installed and that the community pool still needs some tending to. The pool kitchen cabinets need to be painted and the new knobs need to be installed. Also, the pool bathrooms need to be repainted a more subdued blue. The new faucets in the pool bathrooms and guard house bathrooms will be installed, along with the new water tank for the pool shower and kitchen.

Ed Olson, our property manager, confirmed that he was getting another quote for the sidewalk along Central Sarasota Parkway, along with another quote for the tennis court resurfacing.

The nature trails in Turtle Rock have been trimmed back but we are still in need of some trail signage. Clearing will begin in October in the butterfly garden, but quotes are still needed regarding further improvements to the garden. The Committee hopes to have this organized by the next October meeting.

Other projects that the Committee is investigating include installing some more benches throughout the community to allow our members places to relax and enjoy Turtle Rock's natural beauty. Also, the Committee is investigating the possibility of planting more trees along Turtle Rock Blvd.

Submitted by Jodi Cunnison

Turtle Rock Stories ...

the history of Turtle Rock as told by it's residents.

Finding our lot in Turtle Rock turned out to be all about the deer.

When Wayne retired in 1997, we had been visiting Sarasota twice a year, and often visited the model homes that were being built in Palmer Ranch. When the first models opened in Turtle Rock in 1994, we saw “model row” on Park Shore. In 1995 it was Sweetmeadow, in 1996 Meadow Rush Loop, 1997 Deerbrook, and finally in 1998, the last models were built on both sides of Sabal Lake. We had looked all over the county, but nothing was quite as perfect as Turtle Rock, and we kept circling back here.

By then, most lots opened for sale had been sold, and we wanted a certain view. When a particular Wetherington model home interested us, the sales associate told us that the final section of Turtle Rock (Sabal Lake) would “soon” be available for sale. The developer (Palmer Ranch Development) was taking deposits, and the county was expected to complete platting the lots in late summer. We took a drive up the Boulevard to a sandy roadway with sandy lots defined by wooden stakes. There we found our slice of paradise, looking south onto Deerbrook Circle where four homes were in the process of being built. I was busy taking pictures, and Wayne was walking around the sandy lots. When he saw deer tracks on one of the lots, the decision was made. It had to be that one. We drove to the community center/sales center and signed a contract that afternoon.

We had to wait three months to close, but this was fine, because we were able to use the time to design changes to the standard floor plan. When we moved into the house in spring 1998, there was construction going on all around us, which our children, ages two and four at that time, found absolutely exciting. We consider ourselves lucky to live in such a wonderful community filled with preserves, wetlands, ponds, lovely homes, and friendly neighbors. We plan to get very old here.

Kathrin and Wayne Harris, Sabal Lake Circle



Photograph by Kathrin Harris, June 1997

Turtle Rock Men's Club



The Men's Club rounded out its Summer Lunch series with a very enjoyable repast in the unusual setting of **Suncoast Technical College's Bistro 502**. It was a pleasure to meet the young students of the Culinary School and we all agreed that the food they prepared and served to us was delicious.

Our next lunch is at noon on Wednesday October 16th.

Chef Doug Cordier has selected the upstairs room at Turtles Restaurant on Siesta Key. It is located at 8875 Midnight Pass Road. Cross the Stickney Point Road bridge and turn left. After two or three miles you will see a straw roofed Tiki style building on your left. This is the Turtle Beach Grill and it is NOT the lunch location. Turtles Restaurant is the next building on the left, set back from the road behind a long car-park. The Guest Speaker will be our very own Club member Doug Smith. Doug is a long time volunteer at Mote Marine and will tell us all about his interesting work on "Farming Fish at Mote Aquaculture Park"

11:00am till 1:00pm on Thursday October 24th,

We have planned an exciting joint excursion with the Turtle Rock Women's Club on the "LeBarge Dolphin and Manatee Watch Cruise" around Sarasota Bay. Registration was requested by September 27th to see if we would have a sufficiently large group to charter the boat just for Turtle Rock. As it turned out we didn't, but we got a good response. Our intrepid group of around 48 people will have a lot of fun on this very enjoyable cruise.

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

Submitted by Keith Jones



Turtle Rock Women's Club

September was another fun month for the Turtle Rock Women's Club. We enjoyed a delicious lunch at Mattison's on 41 while celebrating **Grace Cooney** and all her help over the years.



October is shaping up to be a busy month as we join events with the Turtle Rock Men's Club and venture around Sarasota Bay on

LeBarge Tropical Cruise on October 24.

Also happening in October is our always popular

Cocktail Party on Saturday, October 12.

This is an open party and a great opportunity for anyone considering joining our group to meet members and experience first hand the fun we have!

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.

Submitted by Susan Neisler and Jan Merchant



**You're
Invited**

**Cookout, Buffet of side dishes and dessert table!
Games Room & Dance Party! Face Painting!**

To Turtle Rock's Annual Halloween Party

WHEN: Saturday, October 26, 5-8 pm

WHERE: Turtle Rock Community Center

WHO: All Turtle Rock Residents

Come Join us in some Pre- Halloween Fun! We will be serving
Hamburgers and Hotdogs! **Please either donate a side item/
dessert or \$10 donation from your family.**

**Please RSVP to Courtney Knowles at 8576 Great Meadow Dr.
by Oct. 18th. Return this form filled out with either a side dish
you are bringing or the \$10 donation to my mailbox in an
envelope.**

**BRING your FAMILY decorated pumpkin for a chance to win a
prize**

Name:_____ **#attending:**_____

Side item bringing_____

Or \$10 enclosed

Trip Tips, if you travel to ..

Angela Pierre....

Every summer Claude, our daughter Sabrina, and I go to Paris to visit Claude's mother. We typically spend a couple of weeks in that beautiful city and then take off to explore other places.

This summer started by taking the train from Paris, across the Channel, to London, for five days.

London:

We stayed in the Soho area, which has lots of restaurants, a vibrant nightlife, and is close to nearly everything we wanted to see. In fact, we walked everywhere, and had only to call Uber once, to take us to the Tower of London. We then returned to Paris for a few days before flying to our next destination.



Tip: Ideally, go to a city that has many attractions, good places to stay, and lots of great restaurants. Use it as your base. Spend a couple of days exploring, and then take day trips. This way you unpack only once—and you don't pack again until you are heading home.

Biarritz:

We chose Biarritz as the base for our exploration of the Basque region in southwest France. We arrived by plane from Paris. Biarritz is a seaside resort, renowned for surfing. It's a beautiful place in the summer, charming, lots of young people, and very lively, but extremely quiet in the winter when many restaurants and businesses close.



Tip: We prefer to stay in apartments (or small houses) instead of hotels. We use Airbnb or vacation-rentals.com. Once we're in our "base" city, we rent a car. Be sure to request an automatic transmission if you don't want to shift gears. And, be sure to ask about parking when you reserve your apartment, house, or hotel. Many places do not have parking and you will be stuck looking for a space on the street. You can download an app that will expedite your paying for parking.

Trip Tips, if you travel to ... cont'd

Day trips:

Saint-Jean-de-Luz is about 15 minutes by car from Biarritz. It is a small charming town. We spent a half day there.

San Sebastian is across the border in Spain—there is no border crossing, just a sign letting you know you are now in Spain. There was lots to see here, and we spent a full day exploring.

Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port is about one hour (by car) southeast of Biarritz. It is here, at the tomb of the apostle St. James, that the Caminio de Santiago (network of pilgrim routes stretching across Europe) culminates. You'll see lots of pilgrims, as well as backpackers who have been in the mountains and on trails communing with Nature.

Sare is where you can get Le Train de la Rhune—a 25-minute train ride to the top of the La Rhune Mountain in the Pyrenees, for a stunning panoramic view of the Basque coast bordering the Atlantic Ocean.



Special foods of this region:

Basque country is known for its **jambon de Bayonne**, a delicately flavored, low salt ham that is cut very thin. It's similar to Italian prosciutto. It's also known for **Espelette pepper**, a lightly spiced pepper, similar to hot paprika but with a more subtle mix of smoke and sweetness. You see dried and hanging on walls as decorations, as well as finding it in a great many Basque recipes, where it typically replaces black pepper.

We loved this trip. Think about Basque when you visit France!





SECOND ANNUAL PALMER RANCH ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR

Date / Time: Wednesday, Nov. 6th – 9am to Noon

Location: Covenant Life Church, 8490 McIntosh Rd.

Interested in finding out more information about our environment without attending yet another seminar? If so, our Second Annual Environmental Fair is just for you! The Palmer Ranch Natural Assets Committee has put together a list of participants who'll be on hand for you to speak to directly. Stay for the entire time or simply come in for a few minutes...it's up to you! Some of our participants include: UF/IFAS Extension Service, Sarasota County Neighborhood Environmental Stewardship Team, Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club, Oscar Scherer State Park, Sarasota Bay Estuary Program, Sarasota Bay Watch, Florida Fish & Wildlife, Butterfly Garden, Renewable Energy 100 and Florida House.

SAVE THE DATE

**Wednesday, Nov. 6th
9am to NOON**

Free Event!

Trade Show Setting

**No Formal
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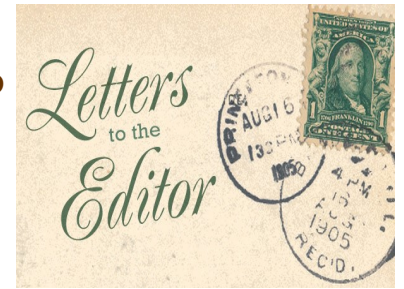
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Dear Editor,

I think it would be nice if Turtle Rock had some people who could welcome those new to Turtle Rock -- is there a chance this could happen?

Mr. Hospitality



Dear Mr. Hospitality,

We think this is a great idea too! It would be wonderful if some Turtle Rock residents would welcome people, answer their questions about the community, and provide information. There are many things that could make TR even better -- it just takes someone to volunteer to help. Even just one or two hours a month can make a huge difference to our community and to our new neighbors moving in. How about I make a note of your name and if any of our readers think it would be fun to welcome those new to Turtle Rock, or to help in other ways, I will put them in touch with you?! Thank you for your question and your idea! Do you think anyone else will be willing to help?

The 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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