

Turtle Rock Newsletter

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Congratulations to our first winner!

Fred Howe

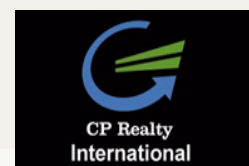


Fred found the secret word hidden in the December Newsletter and his name was drawn to receive a \$25 gift card to Publix, donated by Claude Pierre.

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



A Letter from the President

On behalf of the Board I would like to wish every one a happy and healthy New Year.

This month's meeting will be my last as the Board president as well as member at large. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving all of you over these past three years. I've gained so much respect for the many homeowners that give of their time to serve on the Board, various committees and task forces.

The Board was extremely busy in 2019 working on various projects and 2020 will be the same. We have three task forces reporting at the January 7th meeting. The gate-house, pond and mailbox task forces will be giving updates. In the case of the gate-house task force please see the article by Ken Rosemann, chairman of the task force on page 5. They will be making specific recommendations to the Board. Please try to attend this meeting.

I recently had a homeowner write to me saying he didn't know how to provide feedback to the Board. If you are like him, just as I wrote him please call or write Ed Olson our Community Association Manager or any of the Board members if you have an issue you'd like addressed. Of course, the best way is to attend a Board meeting.

The annual HOA meeting is on February 4th. As of this writing we have only one applicant for the two openings on the Board for 2020. Therefore, there is no need for a meet and greet in January. Ed Olson will preside over the meeting and our one new board member will be installed and the Board will vote on new officers.

My number one goal as President was to see greater adherence to speed limits and stop signs. While I continue to see speeders and residents ignoring stop signs there has been a significant decrease in both with the addition of the stop signs at Sabal Lake and Timber Chase. And finally, it is state law that residents have the right of way in the crosswalks. Please slow down and let pedestrians cross when standing at the corners where there are crosswalks.

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Report From The Treasurer



For the period ending November 2019:

	Actual	Budget
Total Receipts	\$106,477	\$106,566

Expenses

General and Admin	\$ 29,420	\$ 32,966
Common Grounds	\$ 12,604 *	\$ 15,232
Access Control	\$ 19,993	\$ 20,725
Facilities Maintenance	\$ 8,680 **	\$ 13,325
Utilities	\$ 7,865	\$ 7,325

* No expense incurred for Mulch, Shoreline Maintenance, or Tree/Shrub Trimming

** No erinaceous expense incurred for Wetlands Maintenance

Reserve Contribution \$16,992

Reserve Expenses:

American Gas Lamp Works deposit for 3 lamps and posts \$2,109

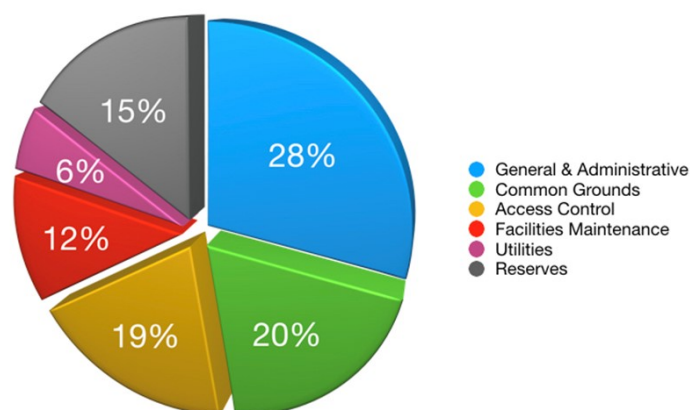
Howell Concrete deposit for installation of sidewalk section at S entrance \$1,400

Total Assessments Collected \$101,067

Total Assessments Outstanding \$26,334 (previous month was \$34,467)

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

Turtle Rock YTD Expenses



Submitted by David Tarlton

Manager's Message



Christmas and New Year's Eve have come and gone, and I want to keep you updated on things that are coming up at Turtle Rock.

First, I want to say thank you to the Board of Governors, the committees and the task forces. They have all worked extremely hard over the last year and have accomplished a lot. Thank you!

The Annual Members Meeting notice will be mailed out soon. Please send in your proxy right away, even if you plan on attending. This will ensure that a quorum will be reached, and the association can hold the meeting.

You should have received your new coupon book for the 2020 assessments. If not, please call the management office so we can reorder one for you. Don't forget the first quarter payment is due today.

Compliance around the community seems to be improving, however there are still a lot of dirty roofs, sidewalks and driveways. Please be proactive. I have also been receiving more calls about people not picking up after their pets. This shows a blatant disregard for your community and neighbors. Please don't be that person! Turtle Rock provides bags and waste stations around the community for everyone's convenience.

Remember the Turtle Rock Owner's Manual is there to answer almost any question you can think of about the dos and don'ts here at Turtle Rock. You can find this and other information at www.myturtlerock.com.

We are planning for the upcoming Trash to Treasure garage sale and the Chemical Collection Day. These have been scheduled for February 15th for the garage sale, and ten days later on the 25th for the chemical collection day. We are still looking for a couple of volunteers to help with the organization of these two popular events.

Please e-mail or call me with any questions or concerns. Thank you,

Ed Olson –Vice President / LCAM Sunstate Management
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Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

Mailbox Task Force

Check back in February for our next report.

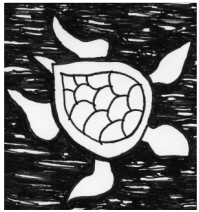
Access Control Task Force

At last May's Board meeting, the Board of Governors asked that a Task Force be developed to address issues regarding monitoring non-resident vehicular access at the North and South gates. This was the result of resident complaints regarding visitors being allowed through the gates without proper vetting.

The Task Force's primary goal was to focus on finding a process that would automate the documentation of vehicles and their operators without causing unnecessary visitor delays in entering or traffic backups.

Over the last seven months, Task Force members visited several other communities to review their process and procedure for documenting visitors entering their communities. In addition, meetings were held with Allied Universal, who supplies our gate attendants, and security companies to look at the latest gate access technology and how it could assist our attendants in automating the capture of visitor information. An important part of this process was to review the equipment that is currently in place. Were the cameras, software, gates, bar codes, etc., of the quality necessary for providing a higher level of security? The Task Force concluded that our current technology and equipment is neither capable of capturing the information we're looking for nor can it eliminate manual transcription by the attendants. At the January Board meeting, the Task Force will summarize its findings and make a recommendation on the direction it thinks will better serve the Turtle Rock community.

Submitted by Ken Rosemann



Turtle Rock Academy Lecture Series

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

You've probably passed Historic Spanish Point on US 41 many times. The schoolhouse which serves as the visitor center is the prominent entrance to the 30 acre site which was established in the 1970s. It is self-funded and the first place in Sarasota County put on the National Register. Darrell Ayers, the deputy director of Spanish Point, took Turtle Rockers on a whirl-wind tour of what is available at this amazing venue.



The site has several middens or trash heaps from the ancient people who lived there from 5,000 years ago. In addition, 429 bodies have been found lying on their sides in a fetal position. These remains were shipped to the University of Florida where they found that all the females were related, but the men were not. It indicates that this culture was matriarchal. It is hoped that the remains will be returned to their burial place in the future.

John Webb homesteaded the Point. He grew lemons, limes, oranges and citron. He build a packing house to prepare his produce for shipment. This building has been rebuilt on the original site.. Webb's Resort was the first B & B in Sarasota. For \$35 you could enjoy a week in paradise. His son-in-law built the Gupthal House from hard yellow pine. It too has been restored. Bertha Palmer, who came later, built her house north of the Gupthal House where The Oaks is now located. It was burned as a training exercise for firefighters. Gupthal built many boat and sailing ships. Boats are still built there today.

Another attraction at Spanish Point is the Sunken Gardens built by Bertha Palmer. Many weddings have been held here. Palmer bought over 100,000 acres at \$75/acre in the early 1900's. The same land was worth \$1800/acre when she died in 1918. The actual point has been overgrown with foliage for many years. Spanish Point is trying to uncover this area and encourage archeologists to come to investigate the long-buried structures.

Spanish Point provides many opportunities for Floridians and snowbirds alike. They work with 3rd and 4th graders who study archeology in their schools. On New Year's Eve there will be a family friendly party. March 15th is the car show. Dog Day is another popular event as well as the Fairy House competition. During the summer there are several camps for many ages. Volunteers are always needed to organize and help with these activities. This is a great place to take visitors to show them a little of the history of Florida.

Submitted by Janet Smith

Turtle Rock Academy Lecture Series...cont'd



Upcoming Programs:

January 9th It's All About Bees

Alma Johnson of Sarasota Honey Company will be here to talk about the health benefits of bees and how to attract them to your garden. Her company also hires differently abled persons to process and package various products made from honey.

February 13th The Architecture of Guy Peterson

This well-known Sarasota architect will share some of his designs and talk about his contemporary style. Peterson has designed over 200 structures in SW Florida.



March 12th Making Films

Laurence Siegel, producer of narrative, short and documentary films which use dance as a theme, will share how he develops and produces his films. Laurence is a member of Gallery 44, a Centre for Contemporary Photography and serves on the board of directors of Tarragon Theatre in Toronto.

**Programs are presented at 2:00 in
The Community Center**

Submitted by Janet Smith

Landscape Committee Report



The Landscaping and Grounds Committee met on November 20th. Joan Howe, Curt Gilroy, Kathrin Harris, Kathy Wells, Diane Geramanis, Ed Olson, Shane Battle from Bloomings and Iwere in attendance.

We went through the monthly maintenance check list with Shane Battle. Many of the items have been completed and are being monitored on an ongoing basis. Bloomings is to fill in the bare spots in the Awabuki hedge along Central Sarasota Parkway and to also trim it in December. In addition, it was emphasized with Bloomings that any dead branches on community property are not to be thrown into the preserve, but rather picked up and hauled away. The Committee also requested that Bloomings replace the patches of dying hedge along TR Blvd just north of Sweetmeadow Circle.

I hope that everyone has noticed the good job that Bloomings did trimming around the small pond in the vicinity of the butterfly garden. It looks so much better! Bloomings will be mulching around the butterfly garden later this month. Further work on the enhancement of the butterfly garden is on hold until the spring of 2020, pending future planting and maintenance plans.



Joan Howe and Diane Geramanis presented several options regarding replacing the worn-out community pool furniture, which is at the end of its useful life. The Committee went through the different options and selected a quote from Florida Furniture and Patio to have all of the lounges, chairs and tables replaced. All of the chairs and lounges will have mesh fabric, as opposed to strapping, and the tables will have a solid color polymer surface.

The Committee felt that these choices were more durable and would have a cleaner look. The Board of Governors approved the funds necessary to replace the community pool furniture at the December Board meeting, so keep your eyes open for a new look at our community pool. Also, once we have our new pool furniture delivered, all of the old furniture will be up for grabs by Turtle Rock residents on a first come first served basis. A notice will be sent out to everyone at the time that our new furniture is delivered. (continued in page 9)

Landscape Committee Report...cont'd

The Committee has also been working on replacing the warped and buckling floors in our Community Center. There is a concern that the floors, in their present condition, pose a tripping hazard. Quotes were obtained for the installation of durable water-resistant vinyl throughout the community center and installing carpet (for sound dampening purposes) in Ed Olson's office. The bathrooms would not be included as the tile is in good condition. The Committee selected a quote prepared by Chappie's Carpet and Floors Inc. and the funding for the new flooring was requested at the December Board of Governors meeting. Questions came up at the Board meeting regarding the durability of the new flooring, so further research is being done by the Committee to answer these concerns.

Submitted by Jodi Cunnison

Turtle Rock Families Group

Turtle Rock Holiday Lights Trolley

Happy New Year!! What a wonderful turn out we had at our Annual Holiday Light Trolley! It was so nice to see everyone! This year has been a wonderful year of celebrations and socializing with our Turtle Rock Neighbors. We sure do have the best neighborhood. See you at our next gathering in 2020!



Turtle Rock Men's Club



ROLL UP, ROLL UP for the ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING of the Turtle Rock Men's Club!

It will be held at 12:00 noon on Wednesday 15th of January 2020 in a private room at the "Super Buffet Sushi and Grill" at 5471 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, FL 34232.

The Super Buffet is located in the northeast corner of the junction of Honore Avenue and Fruitville Road. To get there, go north on Honore, cross Fruitville Rd. and turn right into the Sarasota Crossings strip mall.

This is your opportunity to become a member of the Men's Club for the low annual fee of only \$20. As a welcome/welcome back gift, the Super Buffet lunch will be FREE to all paid up 2020 members.

A major purpose of the meeting is to introduce and confirm the Turtle Rock Men's Club Board for the coming year. The proposed 2020 Board comprises three current Board members returning for another year in office, John Adams, Doug Cordier and Claude Pierre; plus three new Board members, Fred Howe, Bill Kozlowski and Ken Rosemann.

The meeting is also an open forum for members to make suggestions regarding all aspects of the Club. Please come and make your voice heard on what you feel the Club should be adding or changing as we move into the new year.

Club Secretary Jim Cerny will contact current Club members shortly to ascertain attendance but, as it is a buffet, there will be no menu selections to make. All Turtle Rock men are encouraged to attend the meeting and join the Club but we do ask that they should phone Jim Cerny in advance to let him know they are coming. Jim's number is (941) 926-7888.

Submitted by Keith Jones



Turtle Rock Women's Club



It's true, the Turtle Rock Women's Club has fun monthly luncheons but know also has several ongoing activities that members enjoy. We have book clubs, tennis, bowling, bridge, mahjong, knitting, bunco, and water exercise classes. Each of these activities is led by volunteer members of our club and held on a regular basis. These activities provide additional opportunities to not only meet more of your neighbors but to have more fun because there's something for everyone!

Our December luncheon is always a highlight of the year, held at The Oaks Club. The decor, the food, the location and the friendships were all celebrated in festive fashion.

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 turtlerock-womensclub@gmail.com.

Submitted by Susan Neisler



Egg Decorating Class

In The Ukrainian Tradition

Have you ever seen these beautiful eggs displayed? Perhaps you own a few? Maybe you've seen them in museums? The ancient method of wax resist and water dye is easy to learn, and supplies are minimal. Learn how to create these beautiful works of art and carry on this tradition.

Class forming:

Saturday, MARCH 14

1:00 until 3:00-Community Center

The class is free but supplies are \$15.00.

(You will have supplies to decorate several dozen eggs)

Pre-registration is required.

To register or for questions call or text :

Judy at 412 848-0950

Registration closes Feb. 29

Register soon as class size is limited!



Trip Tips, if you travel to ...



My sister DeAnna and I went to Tuscany in September. We booked with Just You, a tour company based in the United Kingdom. It's exclusively for solo travelers (everyone has their own room in 4-star hotels) and the price is very reasonable. For our tour, there were 30 of us—two from Scotland, two from Canada, two from the USA, and 24 from England. The guides we had were wonderful—one from Just You, and one a local expert who added so much to our knowledge and enjoyment.

The tour was 8 days. We stayed in one hotel for the entire trip, so no unpacking and packing. We traveled around with our guides in a luxurious tour bus.

Tip: We opted to go a few days early and met up with the rest of the group when they arrived. But we won't do that again! We were dragging our suitcases over cobblestones, trying to figure out where to go...it was exhausting. When we joined the tour group, everything was taken care of for us. We were relaxed, comfortable, and able to fully enjoy all we experienced, with no stress!

(Continued on next page...)

Photos: Siena, Tuscan countryside.



Trip Tips contd...

We visited Lucca, Pisa, Florence, San Gimignano, and Siena. Among my favorite activities and sites are:

The cooking classes: we had one in a farmhouse and one in a castle; we learned how to make pasta, we had a wine tasting, and we ate and ate!

The funicular ride to a charming hilltop town.

In Pisa, the visit to a museum with restored frescoes that had been severely damaged during WWII (many were still being restored and we saw the process); and seeing the famous tower.

Beautiful San Gimignano, with all its towers, and Siena, with its huge square where the Palio medieval horse races are held twice each year

Favorite experiences:

The incredibly beautiful, distinctive Tuscany countryside.

Local wines and local olive oils—unbelievably delicious!

The gelato: what can I say? I was on a gelato hunt each day of the tour.

Tip: If you go to Italy, eat gelato every chance you get! But look for the real “stuff”—small shops where the gelato is made daily.



Janice and Gelato

We enjoyed this tour enormously. The people we were with were all very pleasant; the tour guides were excellent. Accommodations were comfortable. Food was amazing. And the tour cost was moderate, so we could splurge on bringing home souvenirs and small containers of local olive oil. We're going to take another Just You tour next year—to Prague, Vienna, and Budapest!

Janice Druckman as told to Diane Glynn—Reporter

Turtle Rock January

Events

January 1– Newsletter is sent to all

January 7-Board of Governors Meeting

January 8– Turtle Rock Women's club
luncheon Stoneybrook 11:30

January 9-"It's all about Bees" 2:00

Turtle Rock Academy

January 15-Turtle Rock Men's Club lunch
and Business Meeting-Noon

January 15-Deadline to submit Newsletter
articles for February

UPCOMING IN FEBRUARY

February 4– HOA Meeting

February 13-"Architecture" TR Academy

February 15– Garage Sale

February 25– Chemical Collection

Many thanks to **Grace Sammon** for her lovely email and great suggestion to post the TR schedule on our brand new notice boards located along the Boulevard. We will also devote a page in the Newsletter with important upcoming dates of happenings in Turtle Rock. Feel free to print out the Calendar Page and add it to your personal calendar of interesting events.



Judy Bentz, Editor

The Communications Commitee

New Years Resolution

My new year's resolution is ...

to start buying lottery tickets at a luckier store.

I will do less laundry and use more deodorant.

I will think of a password other than "password."

Something that goes in one year and out the other.

To rediscover the difference between wants and needs. May I have
all I need and want all I have.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2020!

Fred Howe was our very first winner...Congratulations Fred!

Would you like to win a \$25.00 gift card to Publix???

What's the catch??? No catch!

Just locate the secret word hidden somewhere in this Newsletter, then send the word and the page and article you found it in to : **Communications@myturtlerock.com**.

Your name will be entered into a drawing to receive
the \$25.00 gift card,

(Sponsored this month by Jodi Cunnison)

Winner will be announced in the next Newsletter issue.

To find the secret word simply read each page carefully and when you notice an entirely inappropriate word, that doesn't belong in the article then you've located the answer.

One entry per email please.

Good luck!

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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