



Turtle Rock Newsletter

The Best Place on Palmer Ranch
March, 2020



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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.

Congratulations to our winner Candy Danaher!!



Candy found the word
"flocculent" in the
manager's report and her
name was drawn to receive
a \$25 gift card to Publix,
donated by:



**Full Service Pool
Maintenance**

**Owned and operated
by TR Residents**



A Letter from the President

My name is Russ Gill and at the February annual Association meeting, I was honored to be elected President of the Turtle Rock Homeowner's Association. Before moving to Turtle Rock in April 2015, my wife, Jo, and I lived in a condo association on Longboat Key where I was a Board member for 5 years. We moved to Florida from Michigan where we worked for the regional telephone company. I retired in 1998 from the phone company and worked part time as a technology consultant until 2010.

I would like to thank Bob Oram for his service to the Turtle Rock community as a board member and as President of the Board. Bob left the HOA in great shape. He did not shy away from challenges and left large shoes to fill. One area Bob worked hard to resolve is the speeding on Turtle Rock streets and the running stop signs. I intend to pick up that mantle and continue efforts to improve driver compliance for the safety of the entire community.

This year we are also continuing committee activities which began under Bob's leadership. We will be moving forward addressing our ponds and modernizing the access control systems used for our community. At the March Association Board meeting, March 3 at 6:00, the Pond Committee will be making their recommendation for Board approval. Additionally, at the March meeting we expect to have a discussion on the proposal for the new mailboxes.

Please watch the Turtle Rock website, the bulletin boards, the Newsletter and Email blasts from Sunstate concerning meetings where these and other important topics will be discussed outside of the Turtle Rock Board meetings. Again thank you for the opportunity to serve our great community.

Submitted by Russ Gill



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**Turtle Rock Community Association, Inc.
Board of Governors Roster**

President -**Russ Gill**

Vice President-**David Bryan**

Secretary-**Jodi Cunnison**

Treasurer-**John Burke**

Assistant Treasurer-**David Tarlton**

Governor at Large-**Deirdre Cronin**

Governor at Large-**Bryan Dailey**

**The Board meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. at the
Turtle Rock Community Center**



Report From The Treasurer



Period Ending January 2020

	Actual	Budget
Income		
Total Receipts	\$112,657	\$111,635

Operating Expenses

General and Administrative	\$34,708	\$32,902
Common Grounds	\$12,577	\$15,936
Access Control	\$19,676	\$21,617
Facilities Maintenance*	\$ 6,812	\$13,820
Utilities	\$ 5,589	\$ 7,325

* No expenses were incurred for Mulch, Tree/Shrub Trimming, or Wetlands Maintenance

Reserve Expenses

Contribution	\$20,035	\$20,035
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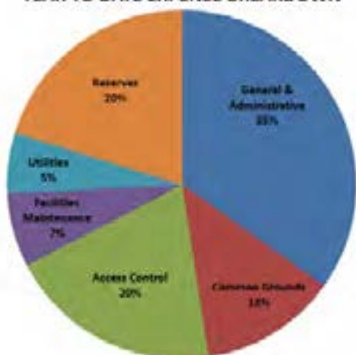
No direct expenses were incurred in January

Assessments

Total Collected \$101,067

Total Outstanding \$36,089 (Previous Month \$21,598)

YEAR TO DATE EXPENSE BREAKDOWN



Submitted by John M. Burke

Manager's Message



With March here, there are a lot of things going on in the community. The Board and all of the Task Forces and Committees are working hard to keep Turtle Rock the best place to live in Palmer Ranch.

The Annual Members Meeting was held on the 4th of February. A big thank you to everyone who participated, and to those who were able to attend. Welcome to Deirdre Cronin and Bryan Dailey, your newest Board members. Along with the new President, Russ Gill, new Vice President, David Bryan, Secretary, Jodi Cunnison, new Treasurer, John Burke and new Assistant Treasurer David Tarlton, this should be a busy year. Thank you, Bob Oram, last year's President, for your dedication, service and guidance.

We had the third blood drive here in Turtle Rock with the Suncoast Blood Bank. Sue with the Blood Bank said it was a real success. We hope to have another one in April and hope everyone will contribute. Trivia fact: 1 unit of blood will save 3 lives.

Remember the Turtle Rock Owner's Manual is there to answer almost any question you can think of about the do's and don'ts here at Turtle Rock. You can find this and other information at myturtlerock.com. It states in the TROM that garage doors must be kept closed except for ingress and egress. This is important for numerous reasons, the most being your security. Even though this is a gated community, and Turtle Rock does everything possible to discourage theft or vandalism, everyone must be diligent to make sure your home is secure. Also please lock your cars.

The Trash to Treasure garage sale and the **Chemical Collection Day** were both huge successes. These two events have been scheduled in February for a number of years and there are a large number of homeowners who participate in them. We are still looking for a couple of volunteers to help with the organization of these two popular events. Without volunteers these two events may not be scheduled next year.

NEXT BOARD MEETING MARCH 3 AT 6:00 (New Time)

Ed Olson –Vice President / LCAM Sunstate Management

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Past President of the Board of Governors, Bob Oram, was recognized for his service to Turtle Rock with a beautiful crystal plaque.

New Board of Governors' Members

Hello Fellow Turtle Rockers!

For those who don't know me, I am Deirdre Gage Cronin, your newly appointed Governor at Large.

I am happily retired from 42 years of nursing and also the US Navy. I grew up in Upstate NY and the Republic of Panama. In November of 2018 I moved to 8119 Nice Way from Greenville, South Carolina. This was my 20th and hopefully my last move. Obviously, I love to travel! I look forward to meeting more of my neighbors.



Bryan Dailey has lived in Turtle Rock for about 5 years on Far Oak Circle with his wife and 3 boys who are in elementary school. He lives here year-round but works for Cornell University in New York as a technical advisor.

Landscape and Grounds Committee



The Committee met on January 29th with Shane from Bloomings and Ed Olson. We discussed several on- going projects and also discussed future proposed projects.

Shane noted that the pruning of shrubs along Turtle Rock Blvd is being done. Dying shrubs will be removed and replaced with 3 gallon specimens as needed. Also, nine Awabuki viburnum shrubs along Central Sarasota Parkway will be replaced. Weed control in landscape beds and turf is ongoing. The trimming of palms is scheduled for March. The new 'shady lady' olive tree that was planted at the Sabal Lake bridge west has suffered cold damage. If the tree doesn't survive Bloomings will replace it at their cost. Shane also confirmed that in the winter months, during the weeks that mowing is not being done, leaf blowing, weed killing, palm frond pick up, etc is being conducted.

The Committee and Shane also discussed the need for additional plantings at the Guard Houses and entry mediums. Shane is putting together a proposal. This will include the addition of bougainvilleas at the south entrance.

It was suggested that two applications of mulch over the course of the year would help maintain the beauty of our Turtle Rock community. At present, mulching is done by Bloomings once a year in March, after the oak leaves have fallen. The concern is that during the summer months much of the mulch gets washed away. It was pointed out that the Palmer Ranch Master Association does its main mulching in the fall and then does another 'top dressing' application in the spring. Shane will provide a quote to have this done for Turtle Rock.

Irrigation issues were discussed. The lack of water pressure on days other than Tuesdays and Thursdays is causing serious drought conditions in Turtle Rock. Once the spring growth season begins this will become a serious issue. Shane highly recommended the application of Hydretain to assist in moisture retention. The Committee agreed with him and will be asking for Board of Governor approval to have up to two applications of Hydretain applied by Bloomings. Ed Olson confirmed that there are sufficient funds in the 2020 budget to accommodate this.

During the second half of the meeting, the Committee discussed issues that were not related to Bloomings. Specifically, the benches at the butterfly garden and tennis courts need cleaning up, the large oak tree along Central Sarasota Pkwy needs to be removed, as does the magnolia tree at the SW entrance to Turtle Rock.

The tennis court resurfacing project is awaiting details regarding a final bid. Ed Olson is obtaining another bid to have the Community Center flooring replaced. The new Community pool furniture should be arriving in mid to late February. Once the exact delivery date is known, an announcement will be made to the residents of Turtle Rock and the existing furniture may be taken by the residents at will. Any leftover furniture will be thrown away. Lastly, the edging along the bike rack pavers is beginning to crumble and Ed Olson will obtain a quote to repair this.

Happy Spring!

Submitted by Jodi Cunnison

Architectural Review Committee (ARC)



The ARC experienced a very heavy workload for February as we had 26 new applications for exterior improvements to homes and landscapes – some with multiple requests. Exterior painting and changes to landscapes seemed to dominate this month.

As the ARC members drive around the community, we have noticed a number of driveways that have been painted. Homeowners need to be reminded that painting a driveway is not an acceptable solution to driveway improvement or renovation. The Turtle Rock Owners' Manual (TROM) states that "... any changes to driveways must be approved by the ARC," and the manual specifically states that "the painting or staining of driveways and paths is prohibited." "Permitted driveway surfaces include [only] concrete, bricks, and pavers."

The TROM also states that "All driveways must be free of cracks and trip hazards" Most of our driveways are now 20 to 25 years old and, if still in their original concrete state, are showing signs of wear as cracks appear. In addition, some sections of concrete driveways have actually shifted which causes trip hazards for which homeowners could be responsible. Many homeowners have chosen to renovate their driveways with pavers or brick. Although more expensive than a new concrete poured driveway, its beauty speaks for itself, and it also enhances the resale value of the property.

Again, the ARC applauds the community for wanting to renovate, repair, and beautify their homes and landscapes. And ARC members always stand ready to assist homeowners as they contemplate new projects.

We ask that homeowners follow the rules in the Turtle Rock Owners' Manual and submit applications in a timely fashion so that we can best serve you and the community at large.

Submitted by Curt Gilroy

Mailbox Task Force

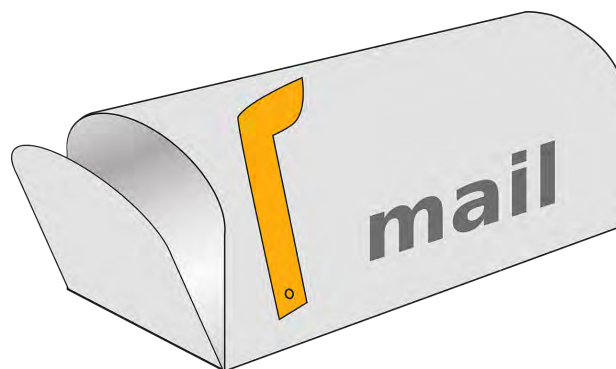


The Mailbox Task Force has met twice since the last newsletter. We have discussed many options for mailbox replacement, focusing on what is in the best long-term interest of the community and at the least cost to both the Association and the homeowner. Currently the cost to replace the wooden mailbox post averages \$275. While the aluminum mailbox on display (both inside and outside the clubhouse) will cost more, we can get a lower price if we buy in bulk. The aluminum mailbox will not require the maintenance the wooden poles require, and are considerably more attractive.

We have identified an option in which we can replace the existing mailboxes with the aluminum post and box at an attractive cost to the homeowner. Please watch for an email blast that will be sent out to all homeowners next week providing more details regarding this option. We hope to hold an information session regarding the mailboxes in March.

In the meantime, please send any comments or questions to communications@myturtlerock.com.

Submitted by Roberta Maloney



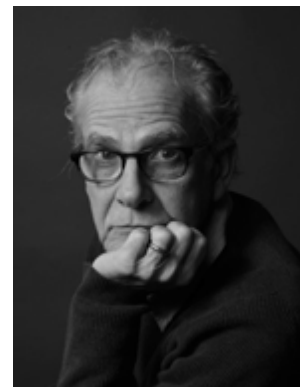


Turtle Rock Academy Lecture Series

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

Storytelling Through Dance to Film

Those attending the February TR Academy got an inside look at the process of film-making presented by Laurence Siegel. Starting with the story of his maternal great-grandmother's and grandmother's immigration to Canada in 1928, Siegel created a short documentary which told the story through dance. This film was 6 years in the making.



Siegel said every film is made 5 times. Film number one is in the creator's mind. Film number two is the script which is more defined. Film number three is the storyboard which is very specific. Film number four is the one you shoot and film number five is the edited version. His film started with 39 hours of tape and ended up as a 30 minute film. In addition to editing, music was created, sound effects were added and color was corrected.

Siegel worked closely with his choreographer to create movements that told the story of his family's experience in a mud road village 60 kilometers southwest of Kiev. Cassocks raided the village killing and raping. Making the decision to leave was stepping off a cliff into a world they believed could only be better than what they were living through. Siegel showed video of early attempts to find the dance movements that would convey this story and how these movements developed over the 6 years of the project.

In addition to dancers, Siegel had to find sets like an old train station and outdoors areas for the flashback sequences. Musicians, editors, costumes and make-up, lighting, sound technicians, videographers and housing were just some of the elements Siegel had to coordinate. All of this required money of course. Siegel made his film for \$130,000 with many donations and selective use of personnel. It was quite a process.

His film has been entered in 19 film festivals and now has a distributor. If it wins recognition, "Tribute/Promise" may be seen on screens across the world.

Submitted by Janet Smith

Turtle Rock Academy Lecture Series...cont'd

Upcoming Programs:

March 12

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.

April



David Samec, the Deputy Director of the Sarasota Art Museum, will present a program detailing the creation of Sarasota's newest museum and what it has to offer. Mr. Samec has been the Chief of Facilities Management at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. and before that spent 20 years in the United States Army.

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

Submitted by Janet Smith

Turtle Rock Men's Club



The Turtle Rock Men's and Women's Club would like to invite you,
on a first come, first serve basis, to:

World Champion

WASHINGTON NATIONALS

VS

BALTIMORE ORIOLES

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Game starts at 1:05 p.m.

We have reserved 40 seats for our group!

**Reserved Grandstand seats are in the shade between home and
1st base in Section 207.**

Cost: \$26.00 per person.

**Location: ED SMITH STADIUM-2700 12TH STREET, SARASOTA,
FL 34237 Phone: 941-893-6300**

Registration: Please make checks payable to John Adams for the
total amount due. The checks can be dropped off or mailed to
John Adams at 8247 Nice Way. There will be a box under the front
portico for your convenience.

Arrangements will be made for you to pick up your tickets at a lat-
er date.

Registration Deadline: March 9, 2020

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Turtle Rock Men's Club



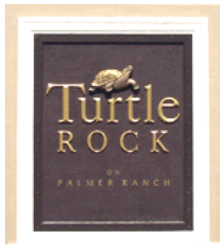
**The Turtle Rock Men's Club
will meet for lunch at
12:00 noon on Wednesday,
March 18, 2020,
in a private room at Mellow Mushroom,
6727 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota 34231.**

If you haven't been to **Mellow Mushroom**, you're in for a treat. Mellow Mushroom opened in Atlanta Georgia in 1974 when two college students from Georgia Tech, later joined by a third from University of Georgia, founded a business that reflected their eccentric philosophies. To date, the chain has over two-hundred locations across disambiguate twenty states. As soon as the menu offering is finalized, an invitation will be sent out to all members. Club members are encouraged to bring guests, and Turtle Rock men who are not yet Club members are also welcomed to attend, however, all guests and non-members must pay for their lunches.

The Men's Club is also sponsoring a baseball game at Ed Smith Stadium between the Orioles and the World Champion Washington Nationals. Forty tickets have been purchased and are available on a first come, first serve basis. The game is on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at 1:05 p.m.

See flyer on previous page for details.

Submitted by Ken Rosemann



Turtle Rock Women's Club

Are you curious about the Turtle Rock Women's Club but not sure you're ready to join?

Perhaps you'll consider joining after you read about the fun we've had in February.

This is the perfect opportunity to meet some of your neighbors AND have fun!

MIX AND MINGLE



Love was in the air at our first Mix and Mingle of the season on February 8 hosted by Mary Beth Cordier, Emily Miller and Carol Royce. This is a quarterly event, hosted by our members and guaranteed a good time for members and guests alike.

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

Turtle Rock Young Families Group

**Luck of the Irish to you all and
Happy MARCH!**



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Coming up we hope to have an egg hunt for our families and our first of many Family Game Nights! I will send out information in the near future. Hope to see many of our families at these events.

Our Valentine's Day surprise, sponsored by the lovely Carol Scott, went wonderfully! I hope you all enjoyed your beautiful flowers from your children! I know they loved making them for you!

Have a great week and hope to see you soon!

Courtney Knowles

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Check out our beautiful new Pool Furniture....



**Thanks to our
Landscape and
Grounds Committee!**

Trip Tips, if you travel to ...

Europe

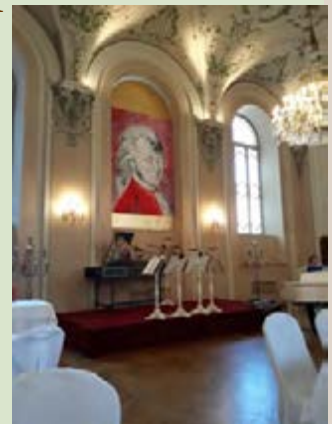
Nearly everyone has a travel “bucket list”, and we, Keith and Charlotte Jones, are no exception. For many years a European river cruise was at the very top of our list. Finally, we did it! We booked the 15 day **Viking Grand European Tour cruise**, from Budapest to Amsterdam. We used the Viking travel service, but it’s a good idea to get your travel agent involved too, especially for the air portion of the trip. And be sure to make your ship and airline reservations early!

Castle in Slovakia on the River Danube



Viking has 69 “Longships”, so called because they are 135 meters long (443 feet) and skinny. The 95 cabins are adequate, and all have a decent size balcony. We arrived in Budapest in late June 2019, enjoyed 2 days there, then slowly meandered on the Danube, Main, and Rhine rivers, going through 67 locks during the cruise. In Hungary, we bought tins of sweet paprika to take back as gifts. It’s very relaxing to float down the river, watching the scenery, then dock at a town or city and walk around or take a coach to see the sights.

We took an excursion every day, many included in the price of the trip, and they were very interesting and informative. Hint: if you don’t take excursions, bring several good books, because there’s nothing to do on the ship during the day! Some of our favorite places were Vienna, where we learned a lot of history and loved Mozart and Strauss music; Rothenberg, unchanged from medieval times; Cologne where we bought perfume and drank beer; and the Netherlands with its iconic windmills and fabulous cheese.



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Mozart

Trip Tips contd...

One of the best things about a river cruise as compared to an ocean cruise, is how small the ships are. Viking Longships carry only 190 passengers, so you meet many of them in the dining rooms, on excursions, or at the evening entertainment. We made friends from all over the world! While on the ship, we celebrated our 42nd wedding anniversary with several of our new best friends!



**Happy Anniversary
Charlotte and Keith**



**Castle and vineyards on the
Rhine River**

There is no perfect time to go on a European river cruise. Depending on the time of year and the weather, the rivers can be high or low. High levels mean it's hard for the ships to get under the bridges, and low levels mean the ships can't get near the dock so passengers have to be tendered to the shore and then bussed to the next stop. When we went last June the water level was a bit high but ok. However, Europe was experiencing the hottest summer on record and when we were in Munich it was 99 degrees! We were glad to get back to the air conditioned ship!

No matter when you go, it will be an unforgettable and enjoyable experience.
We had a great time!

Submitted and written by Charlotte and Keith Jones

Turtle Rock March

Events

March 1-New Newsletter

March 3– Board of Governors
Meeting Time 6:00

March 4– Women’s Club

March 8– Spring Forward

March 12– Academy Presentation
“The Architecture of Guy Peterson”

March 17-Baseball Game

March 18– Men’s Club

Letter From the Editor

Wow!

Last month over 30 readers sent in their guesses for the “Hidden Word” contest. The word was flocculent which means something “Fuzzy” and was hidden in the Manager’s Report! Sorry Ed! Remember the hidden word will not be a misspelled word, or a grammatical error. We try our best to eliminate those in proofreading, thanks to Charlotte Jones. Read each article carefully and find the WORD that doesn’t make sense in the article or in the sentence.

**You too can be the winner of a
\$25.00 gift certificate.**

Many thanks to Mira Mar Pool Care for donating our prize this month.

Good Luck, Judy Bentz, Editor

*In Response to Mr. Speed Racer down TR
Boulevard.*

NO we cannot ticket the Cranes for
walking across the street.

JUST SLOW DOWN.

Those beautiful birds were here first and we
want to keep them safe!



Congratulations to Candy who was last month's winner.

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 Mira Mar Pool Care.

The 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!

Committee Members and Newsletter Staff

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

Staff Writers: 3~4 Places to Visit—Paula Griffin, Trips Tips— Diane Glynn

Board Liaison: David Tarlton

Proofreader: Charlotte Jones

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