

# Turtle Rock Newsletter

The Best Place on Palmer Ranch

May, 2020

Congratulations to our winner

Becky Cox



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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.

Becky found the word "lethologica" in the April Newsletter and her name was drawn to receive a \$25 gift card to Publix, donated by:



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## A Letter from the President

As I write this message the May Board of Governors meeting will likely be held via conference call (the call in phone number will be provided when the email invitation is sent). Again the only business to be transacted will be essential HOA business. Please keep abreast of the COVID-19 conditions by following the CDC and Florida Department of Health websites.

I walk the neighborhood multiple times per week and I would like to thank and commend our residents for following the CDC guideline for social distancing. Based on all of the data from the various authorities this seems to be working in stemming the transmission of the virus.

### **April Board of Governors Meeting.**

Since the Board of Governors meetings will only address essential services during the State of Emergency, the actions at the April meeting were very limited. The only action taken was to approve the charter for the new Pond Committee. Please go to the Turtle Rock website, under Community Association, to read the charter.

The Board of Governors recognizes Turtle Rock residents may be stressed by the current situation, so until we exit these State of Emergency the Board of Governors does not intend to change any operations other than to comply with Federal, State and local authorities' directives. Additionally, during these times with schools and businesses closed, are there more people living in your house? Do you have more vehicles than you have room to park or a pickup truck that won't fit in the garage? Please contact Ed and advise him of your situation so we don't issue a parking violation.

**Since becoming President in February, I have had many calls, meetings and/or emails with owners. If you hear something or you wish to discuss something about living in Turtle Rock please contact Ed or myself, we are both listed in the directory.**

**Recently there were rumors posted on Nextdoor about the Access Control Project. Since some of the rumors were not factual they only tend to hurt everyone and cause anxiety among residents, so let's talk instead of posting rumors on social media. Ed and I are always available to discuss Turtle Rock activities.**

**We will not be able to solve all issues, but having the facts can provide everyone a common basis for discussions.**

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## Letter from the President cont'd...

During March there was a car stolen overnight in Turtle Rock. So please, if you leave your car in the driveway overnight, remove all valuables, lock the car and set the alarm.



### **HELP our Turtle Rock committees need HELP**

**Communication Committee** has decreased to only 3 members plus the Board liaison. This is not a large enough team to keep the monthly newsletter afloat. This team is in critical need of additional residents to actively participate in the development of the newsletters. If you would like to join please contact Dave Tarlton at [assistanttreasurer@myturtlerock.com](mailto:assistanttreasurer@myturtlerock.com)

**Pond Committee** was just formed and there are 3 members plus the Board liaison. This vital activity will need more members to be able to fulfill their charter. If you would like to join please contact Dave Bryan at [VP@myturtlerock.com](mailto:VP@myturtlerock.com)

**Traffic and Safety Task Force** was just formed and has not met. If you are interested in helping formulate a plan to reduce the speed on Turtle Rock streets and get more people to stop at stop signs please contact Deirdre Cronin at [Governor1@myturtlerock.com](mailto:Governor1@myturtlerock.com)

**Submitted by Russ Gill**



# Report From The Treasurer



Period Ending March 2020

	Actual	Budget
Income		
Total Receipts	\$111,898	\$111,634
Operating Expenses		
General and Administrative	\$31,893	\$32,902
Common Grounds	\$12,366*	\$15,936
Access Control	\$19,432	\$21,617
Facilities Maintenance	\$ 7,707**	\$13,820
Utilities	\$ 5,437	\$ 7,325
*No expenses were incurred for Mulch and Tree/Shrub Trimming		
**Reduced expense was incurred for Wetlands Maintenance		

## Reserve Expenses

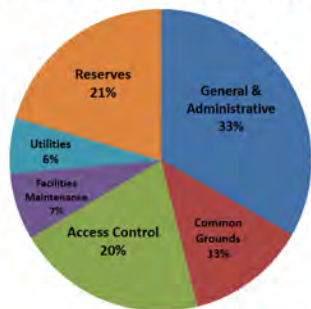
Contribution	\$20,035	\$20,035
Florida Furniture & Patio New Pool Deck Furniture		\$535

## Assessments

Total Collected	\$101,067
Total Outstanding	\$14,630 (Previous Month \$27,717)

Submitted by John M Burke

YEAR TO DATE EXPENSE BREAKDOWN



## Manager's Message



May is here, and at the time of this writing, there is a light at the end of the tunnel. I hope everyone is doing well and of course staying safe. These are trying times for everyone, so please be patient, thoughtful and kind. Management is providing all of the services needed without the walk-in traffic. Please call me any time.

With the Community Center, pool, tennis courts, basketball courts and exercise equipment all closed, we ask that everyone adheres to this and hopefully they will be opening soon.

The first virtual Board of Governors' meeting went well with about 30 people attending by conference call. As of this writing, May's meeting will be held the same way. It is my hope that more people will take this opportunity to get involved.

There has been some talk about trying to amend the Turtle Rock documents to allow pickup trucks to be parked in the driveway. Until this happens, no trucks are allowed to be parked on the driveway at any time and is a violation of the Turtle Rock Owners' Manual. As I drive around the community it seems like a growing number of homeowners have forgotten this rule. If there is an extenuating circumstance, please contact my office and we will discuss options.

**These excerpts are right out of the Turtle Rock Owners' Manual.**

### **Trucks:**

Any vehicle that was designed with an open cargo bed (whether covered or not); Any vehicle that was manufactured as a chassis designed for a payload capacity of one ton or more regardless of the style of box or body attached to the chassis; Any vehicle registered as a truck with the Department of Motor Vehicles.

### **Vehicle Parking, repairs, and storage:**

No trucks, commercial vans, unlicensed vehicles, boats, campers, trailers, mobile homes, motor homes, or other such vehicles may be parked at any time upon any portion of a lot unless parked within a garage and totally out of view. This restriction does not prohibit the temporary parking of commercial vehicles making deliveries, or while used in connection with providing services to any residence.

As always please e-mail or call me with any questions or concerns, thank you!

**Ed Olson—Vice President / LCAM**

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## NEW COLORS ON NICE WAY

The Somerset at Turtle Rock homeowner's association has started to paint the exteriors of all 66 homes on Nice Way, a project that is expected to continue for the next several months. Somerset places a portion of the homeowners' quarterly fees in reserve to fund the painting project, which occurs every eight to ten years.

The Somerset association, in partnership with the Turtle Rock Architectural Review Committee, has offered residents an expanded color palette to choose from by adding approximately a dozen new colors for the first time. This provides homeowners the choice of staying with more "traditional" colors, or exploring "today's" colors. Traditional or today, the colors have been selected for their ability to harmoniously blend within the neighborhood.

Many of us are walking or bicycling more within the community during these times of "safer at home" orders. Please feel free to add Nice Way to your route to watch the progress of the painting. Please note, however, as a "No Thru Street", cars are discouraged.

**Submitted by the Somerset Paint Committee**



## We want to thank our readers!

The Communications Committee has been tracking the number of readers of the Turtle Rock newsletter for a year. We are happy to report that we just reached our highest audience. This is your newsletter and it is our goal to keep it fresh, informative and fun. We are always looking for new contributors, photographers and members for our committee. Thank you for reading, participating in our contests and sending in interesting features. We couldn't bring this newsletter to our community without the help of our amazing residents. A special thank you to our editor Judy Bentz who works so hard to create this newsletter each month.

**You Rock!**

**In a 1915 interview Mrs. Bertha Palmer said,**

***"I have found my one talent if I have any at Sarasota Bay. It is to watch beautiful things grow and see flowers blossom as I plant them."*** Indeed her gardens have now become her gift to visitors today.

## Architectural Review Committee (ARC)



For those of you who do not know, the Turtle Rock Architectural Review Committee (ARC) is composed of five volunteer residents who review owners' requests for making exterior improvements to our properties.

The Committee is composed of your neighbors Becky Cox, Jim Vaughan, Margaret Borrows, Chuck Barackman, and Curt Gilroy. The Committee seeks to ensure that changes will be consistent with Turtle Rock's standards and promote an overall harmonious appearance within our community.

In the first quarter of 2020, the ARC approved a total of 81 requests by means of visiting each property. Are you curious about what improvements your neighbors are making? Here is a summary of the most popular ones:

**New Doors and/or Windows – (14 requests).** In addition to windows, this category includes garage doors and lanai sliders. In every instance, homeowners have elected to upgrade to hurricane-resistant materials, which also provide increased sound insulation.

**New Paint – (14 requests).** New paint is well-recognized as the quickest way to improve a home's appearance. New paint not only restores weathered surfaces, but offers an opportunity to update to "today's" colors. Furthermore, the ARC also coordinated with the Somerset Association to approve the repainting of all 66 homes on Nice Way including a variety of new colors – for a total of 80 homes.

**Tree Removal/Replacement – (10 requests).** Turtle Rock is blessed with an abundance of mature trees and shrubbery, not only in our preserves but on our individual properties. Unfortunately, trees can sometimes cause problems when planted too close to homes or driveways. And a few, such as Brazilian Peppers, are invasive and should be removed. The ARC can recommend replacement trees that are more suitable for restricted size areas, such as Crepe Myrtle and Ligustrum, as well as Black Olive for larger areas.

But there are many varieties from which to choose.

**New Roofs – (8 requests).** As our community matures, replacement roofs will become more common. Roofs may be the most expensive maintenance issue a Florida homeowner (with a tile roof) will undertake. Hopefully, recent improvements in roof underlayment will extend their service life.

**Pavers – (6 requests).** The variegated colors and textures of paver driveways and walkways are a welcome change from the typical bland concrete. Care must be taken in selecting pavers that blend harmoniously with a home's roof and paint. Pavers actually add significant value to the home.

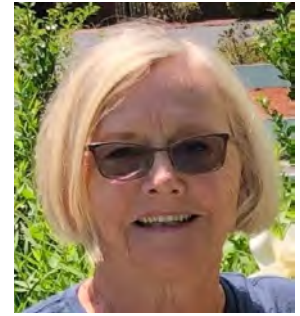
**Landscape Refresh – (6 requests).** Mature landscape beds can easily be refreshed with the addition of new, more colorful plantings to replace the older ones.

**Painted Lanai Cage – (5 requests).** The "trendiest" request the ARC has noticed recently is the repainting of white lanai cages with a deep bronze. The deep bronze (almost black) color makes lanai cages much less visible when viewing ponds, preserves, or other backgrounds.

The ARC is encouraged that so many Turtle Rock homeowners are making individual investments that contribute to the overall enhancement of our community and to their own property values. Recent events may delay improvements, but where there is a will, there is a way. Stay healthy everyone.

**Submitted by Curt Gilroy**

## Mailbox Task Force



As everyone is aware, the Mailbox Task Force has been unable to meet because of the restrictions we are all living under today. We have not forgotten about this important project and we hope you haven't either.

As I have been riding my bike and walking the neighborhoods of Turtle Rock, I take particular notice of the mailboxes that line our beautiful streets. Many of them are in sad shape. Take a look and see if you don't agree. This is because management has suspended the compliance notifications to homeowners, telling homeowners of our plan to replace all of the mailboxes this year. Now that it looks like this will not happen this year, many posts have deteriorated and are badly in need of attention. I would estimate that 75% of the posts and/or boxes should be replaced. As the association rules exist today, the cost to the homeowner to comply with regulations is around \$295. The Task Force suggests that owners should inexpensively repair and/or paint dilapidated posts in anticipation of the eventual replacement with the metal variety. Please, if nothing else, check your box and post to see if it might benefit from a simple cleaning and/or painting.

Remember, the proposal of the Task Force was to update the Association's restrictive covenants to transfer ownership of the mailboxes to the Homeowners' Association, which will then assume all maintenance. Such an endeavor will require a YES vote from no less than 506 Turtle Rock homeowners, so we will need your help to adopt this modification.



The new mailboxes will be black for Turtle Rock and Somerset and white for Savannah, matching the new street signs and street lights. The posts have a premium, superdurable thermoset polyester powdercoat finish for long life and superior UV durability. The top and base (solid cover) of the post matches the street signs and is very attractive. The post will be surrounded by a concrete donut to protect it from landscaping equipment. The mailbox itself is rust free cast aluminum with a gold flag. The easy to read house number plaque has gold numbers and hangs off the post below the mailbox.

Again, the Task Force would like to point out the advantages to the homeowners in having attractive, uniform, low maintenance mailboxes:

\*There will be no more compliance regulations for your mailbox (which will be owned by Turtle Rock)

\*It will greatly improve the appearance of our community, and therefore increase your home value.

**Submitted by Roberta Maloney**



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



We hope everyone is well and continuing to abide by the CDC's recommended guidelines. If you are in need of assistance, don't hesitate to email us at, [turtlerockmensclub@gmail.com](mailto:turtlerockmensclub@gmail.com) or contact me directly. We're all in this together and must do whatever is necessary to help each other through these trying times.

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On a happier note, let's join in wishing the following a

**Happy May Birthday!**

Tom Bass, David Bryan, Jim Cerny, Alfred Guaspari, David Riccio, Tom Stumpek, Joe Thilman, Bill Tiffan, and Tom Wentz

If I've missed anyone, email me and I will update the TRMC website.

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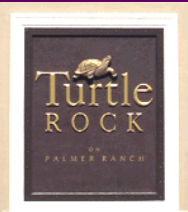
If you know of someone who may be interested in joining the Men's Club, please have them contact me and I'll be glad to assist them in the process of joining. The Club meets once a month, usually on the third Wednesday, at a fine Sarasota restaurant. When we are again able to hold luncheons, Mellow Mushroom, Apollonia, Chianti, and the Grasshopper are just a few of the restaurants being considered for future meetings.

Stay safe and help one another!

Submitted by:

Ken Rosemann

[kenrosemann1231@gmail.com](mailto:kenrosemann1231@gmail.com)



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

### **A message from Turtle Rock Women's Club President...**

The Turtle Rock Women's Club (TRWC) board is following the CDC guidelines and will cancel our activities until further notice.

When it is safe to gather again we will resume our activities and post notices of them.

In the meantime, let's band together and help each other through this. If anyone needs any help of any kind, please email us at [turtlerockwomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:turtlerockwomensclub@gmail.com) or call me, Cean at 941-266-2460.

We would be happy to shop for you, run errands or just provide a friendly face if you are alone. We look forward to gathering again when this is over.

Submitted by Cean Cerny



## What are you doing???

I think it is a great idea to share what is keeping our sanity and some sort of normalcy during this virus situation!!!! **We are doing a number of things that were on the “back burner” so to speak and some that just seem to be the thing to do.** I have been keeping up with the walk that I enjoyed doing; out of the house and then down Central Sarasota to McIntosh light and back. I used to do this twice a week to mix up my Y visits and now I **am doing it 6 days and finding I am enjoying the walk just as much.** Also I’m happy to have that bench on Central Sarasota to take a break and give a text, call or email to many family members and friends! **As they say, “this too will pass”.** Ally

ALICE BROUSSEAU

**Janet Smith is keeping up with her daily walks in Turtle Rock, and keeping track of some of our bird friends. Here are some Mockingbird pictures of a baby who still has “ear feathers” or down.**



Some people are meeting in their driveways with each other. They bring a chair and maintain a socially acceptable distance from each other. Adult beverages are also involved (but not required) in this activity.

Some are using the “face time” option on their phones to keep in touch with relatives now more than ever!

I’ve seen other people talk to each other thru their glass patio door or window. Crossword puzzles, jigsaw puzzles, crafts, painting, wood working, card games, board games and reading are also great ways to pass the time in isolation.

**Darn I miss the library don’t you?**

## **Keith Jones likes to keep himself busy with word games, here's one he sent to confuse us all.**

### **Facts**

There are five houses, each with a front door of a different color, and inhabited by men of different nationalities who smoke different brands of pipe tobacco and have different pets and drinks.

The Englishman lives in the house with the red door.

The Spaniard owns the dog.

Coffee is drunk in the house with the green door.

The Ukrainian drinks tea.

The house with the green door is immediately to the right (your right) of the house with the ivory door.

The Medium Cut smoker owns snails.

Spun Cut is smoked in the house with the yellow door.

Milk is drunk in the middle house.

The Norwegian lives in the first house on the left.

The man who smokes Mixture lives in the house next to the man with the fox.

Spun Cut is smoked in the house next to the house where the horse is kept.

The Flake smoker drinks orange juice.

The Japanese smokes Rough Cut.

The Norwegian lives next to the house with the blue door.

### **Questions**

**Who owns the zebra?**

**Who drinks water?**

Email your answers to [JudyIbentz@yahoo.com](mailto:JudyIbentz@yahoo.com) to be entered in a drawing to win the \$25 gift certificate thanks to **Mira Mar Pool Care.**

# Turtle Rock Young Families

## Happy May Everyone!

It was so nice seeing all of the families join in the family scavenger hunt. If you have not joined the Facebook group Turtle Kids Rock, please do so. This is where I post the spur of the moment events that we do.



Congratulations to the Tarlton Family who won the scavenger hunt and a \$50 gift card for a local restaurant's curb side pick-up. Thanks CP International Realty for your generous donation and always supporting our community.

Let's continue the quarantine fun with a bear hunt. Place a bear in your front most window for all of our young residents to find while getting some exercise with their family. It can be exercise and fun. We will keep this up until the end of our quarantine.

Thanks again to our sponsor, neighbor and friend, Claude Pierre, for your continued support!

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# It's a Turtle Rock Bear Hunt!

Let's help our kids, friends, and neighbors have fun, get some exercise, and maintain social distance! Let's go on a bear hunt!

Let's have bears in lots of windows, or hanging from trees, on stakes in the garden, or wherever you like.

**The more bears the better!**

Then Turtle Rockers can go scouting for bears all over the development.

Want a map to record where you saw bears? Copy the map page from your Turtle Rock Directory and mark all your bear sightings!



**If you have a bear or other toy animal, or you can make some out of cardboard or paper, place them in the front window of your house, or even better, outside.**



**Which street will have the most bears? We'll let you know in a Turtle Rock newsletter.**

# Palmer Ranch Natural Assets Committee Report

## **Q: What happens to the water in our ponds?**

**A:** Most of it flows into Little Sarasota Bay and, eventually, the Gulf of Mexico.

All of Palmer Ranch's lakes and ponds are a part of a connected, man-made stormwater management system that is designed to help prevent flooding and maintain the Bay's water quality.

Most of it evaporates—about 74%.

The remainder flows into the Bay. Almost 35% of the water in the Bay is from direct runoff.

Our stormwater runoff flows into two creeks: Catfish Creek, which enters Little Sarasota Bay near Vamo, and South Creek, which flows through Oscar Scherer State Park and empties into the Bay south of Blackburn Bridge. We're part of the Little Sarasota Bay watershed—one of seven watersheds in Sarasota County.

A few facts about our watershed:

It's 44 square miles, with 36 named lakes and ponds and eight named creeks and canals feeding into Little Sarasota Bay.

It's home to oysters, manatees, sea turtles, dolphins, many species of fish, waterfowl, hawks, bald eagles, osprey, and much more.

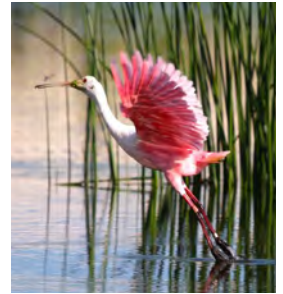
It has a healthy population of sea grass—nurseries of the ocean that support fish and shellfish and serve as food for manatees and sea turtles.

Its creeks contain too little dissolved oxygen and too much nitrogen and phosphorous.

Catfish Creek carries the largest amount of water in our watershed, and almost half the pollution load.

The two creeks our stormwater ponds drain into—Catfish Creek and South Creek—do not currently meet Florida water quality standards.

From fertilizing to applying pesticides to picking up pet waste (or not), many things we do every day affect our watershed. To learn more, visit: the Sarasota County Water Atlas at <https://www.sarasota.wateratlas.usf.edu> and enter "Little Sarasota Bay watershed" in the site's search bar.



*Written by the Palmer Ranch Natural Assets Committee, a resident group dedicated to maintaining and improving our water, preserves, and common areas.*

Photo caption: Roseate spoonbill, Sarasota County Credit: Mark Vance

**Submitted by Joe Polidoro, a member of the PR Natural Assets Committee**



## Turtle Rock Stories ...

### Turtle Rock has a Screever

A what? A screever is a chalk artist, someone who uses their talent to draw what are necessarily temporary works of art, because sun and weather will fade them or wash them away. But our artist knows that, and in fact washes her paintings away herself. So if you want to see one of the lovely works of art done by Donna Wolfson (5250 Far Oak Circle), you must visit the sidewalk in front of her house between Saturday afternoon, when she completes her masterpiece of the week, and Friday evening when she washes it away to prepare for the next painting.

Donna didn't have formal art training. As sailors, she and her husband Barry traveled throughout the Caribbean, and were attracted to the vibrant culture, music, cuisine, and art. She painted a wall mural for a local fitness club, and refinished an old cocktail table for their family room with an abstract Haitian design. Donna's sidewalk art began in March, to provide a smile to her neighbors in this stressful time. It has "drawn" a LOT of interest from kids and adults alike. She enjoys the fun people have coming by to visit her sidewalk, and says she is grateful for the gifts of chalk people have left by her mailbox, because a painting this size takes a lot of chalk. She likes to say, "Color outside the lines, use the full box, and always bring unexpected joy to someone's life."

You never know what next week's subject will be. You might have predicted that the theme around Easter weekend would include a bunny, but the mermaid? the toucan? What will it be next week? We'll have to visit to find out.



Submitted by Paula Griffin



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

*By Diane Glynn*

*With travel suspended, you may think about future trips, new places to explore or favorite places to re-visit. One of my favorite cities is Nice, France. There's so much to see and do there, it's incredibly beautiful, and there are fabulous day trips along the coast and up into the mountain villages*

*I refer you to the vast number of excellent tour guides for details about the tourist sites; what I most want to share with you are the sites I re-visit time after time and places I discovered—often by happenstance. To the best of my knowledge (and by verifying with Google), they all continue to exist. I learned to check on this after my last visit to Paris, when I was dismayed to find some of my haunts had disappeared. I had to remind myself I had been going to these places—at least smiling as I walked past them—for more than 50 years, so it should not be such a surprise that some closed!*

## **Nice, France:**

Hotel: It's pricey, but unforgettable and marvelous: the Negresco, on the Bay of Angels. Even if you don't stay there, stop by and visit: see the huge Baccarat crystal chandelier and the Picasso paintings in the foyer; have breakfast, lunch or dinner at the Carousel Restaurant on the corner of the hotel—with its merry-go-round décor. (see photo)



## **What to see and do:**

\*The Old city (Vieux Nice) – walk all around!

\*Cours Salaya: flower market, flea market, restaurants (on the edge of the Old City)



\*Take the little train, you'll see it alongside the beach across the street from the Negresco Hotel; it takes you up into the hills for a beautiful view of the city and coastline

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## *Trip Tips contd...*

\*Visit Moulin Alziari, 318 Boulevard de la Madeleine, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 1-5 p.m., no charge, demonstrations of olive oil made using an ancient stone press; tastings of what is considered by gourmets as one of the best olive oils in the world. Note: Years ago, I visited the original mill, which has since moved into new quarters, where you would visit. At that time, when we arrived at the door, the first thing we saw was a huge mound of olive pits, which the olive oil maker used as fuel; he toasted bread for us (over the olive pit fire), and brushed the bread with freshly pressed Alziari olive oil, made from a centuries-old grinding stone. He had the softest hands—he said his wife loved them—from handling olive oil all day every day. One of my favorite memories.

### **Shops:**

\*Alziari, 14 rue St. Francois de Paule, for the best olive, olive wood souvenirs, barrels of olives (get some to munch on); in the shops next door, all kinds of great tablecloths and other table linens with Provence themed fabric. Tip: bring home a can of the olive oil; the can itself is so artistic, I followed the example of locals and, when I'd finished the olive oil, I removed the top of the can and used the can as a flower vase.

\*Henri Auer, 7 rue St. Francois de Paule, great gift shop for south of France candy and chocolate

\*Aux Parfums de Grasse, 10 rue Ste. Gaetan, for very small bottles of perfume, all flower essences (great souvenirs) – this “shop” is usually a table set up outside at this address in the Old City

### **Food:**

\*Lou Pistou, 4 rue Raoul Bosio

\*La Pizza cresci, 34 rue Massena ,pedestrian mall, has excellent eggplant parm, as well as pizzas.

\*La Petite Maison, more high end restaurant, very well known, great reputation; likely to need a reservation; 11 rue Ste. Francois de Paule

\*You can't go wrong with getting a sandwich from one of the stands: the French bread with cheese, ham, whatever—so good!



# *Trip Tips cont'd...*

\*\*\*\*\*Don't miss: Fenocchio's in Place Rossetti, Old Nice (Vieux Nice) for the best gelato in Nice—and some say, the world!



## **Day trips:**

\*Cannes: take a bus from the airport, or the train

\*Monte Carlo: Rent a car, or ask the hotel to arrange for a driver, or see if the hotel has a tour (consider going to a spa there, in addition to seeing the casinos, shops, and changing of the guard).

\*On the way to Monte Carlo, stop at Eze and visit the Fragonard perfume factory, for some exclusive lovely floral scents (available in small hand-luggage size containers; see photo, display is next to coffee cup, to show size)



\*Rent a car or hire a driver for a truly memorable day in the maritime Alps. Visit beautiful St. Paul de Vence and dine at the famous La Colombe d'Or; it was much-loved by Picasso and Matisse, among other artists, many of whom would stay at its boutique hotel rent-free in exchange for paintings; it's like dining in a gallery, with great food. On the way there, or after lunch, visit Gordon, Tourrettes (City of Violets), and Pont du Loup (see photo), where I had a house one summer across the street from a fabulous Mediterranean candy factory, Confiserie Florian (great souvenirs!).



**Submitted by Diane Glynn**



Janet Smith was kind enough in sending in some updated pictures of the Sandhill Crane family. The parents and their colts are doing well and growing quickly.

Thanks Janet for keeping the Newsletter Readers informed.



What a difference a few months make!

A few months ago did we ever????



Think we would be talking about a Pandemic outside of a Science Fiction book or movie?

Know what “Social Distancing” was?

Worry about our “Toilet Paper” supply?

Did you ever imagine it could be used as currency?

Know what PPE stands for?

Realize we would not be hugging people.

Think we would have to go to two or three stores to find milk, eggs or chicken?

Come to know that our tickets for a favorite play, opera or symphony performance would be of no use to us.

Realize that our Passover or Easter celebrations would be strangely different this year?

Know what ZOOM is and how to use it?

That gas would cost \$1.67 a gallon, but there would be no place to go.

Think we would miss the sound of highway traffic?

Think you would hear kids say that they are so bored they just want to go back to school?

Think that someone would be issued a citation for playing with their child on the play-ground?

Mall and Outlet parking lots would be completely vacant?

Everyone would be required to wear a face mask in public?

*I could never have imagined all those things, and now I can't imagine ever taking my loved ones and my freedom for granted.*



**Congratulations to Becky who was last month's winner.**

Are you missing out on the 25\$ Publix gift card ?

Well we're **changing** it up this month!

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