

# Turtle Rock Newsletter

The Best Place on Palmer Ranch

August, 2020

Congratulations to our winner

**Carol Baker**



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Carol found the hidden word 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 it appears the Board of Governors meeting will likely be held via video conference for quite a while as it seems social distancing will continue. The link for the video conference and a call in phone number will be provided when the email invitation is sent.

Turtle Rock Association, working with other communities, has formed the **Palmer Ranch Residents Council** composed of the surrounding Association presidents and one additional Board member. Turtle Rock's representatives are **myself and Jodi Cunnison**. The purpose of the Council is to create a unified opposition to the proposed development at the NW corner of Palmer Ranch Parkway and Honore. I will keep you posted as to what actions you can take to assist in the future.

### July Board of Governors Meeting

The actions taken at the July Board of Governors meeting :

Approved the **Landscape Committee** recommendations to replant the corners at the north entrance and Sable Lake and increase the budget for the annual December lighting around the palms.

Approved the **Pond Committee** recommendations to add Susan Mercer to the Pond Committee and to have aquatic plants installed in the pond along Turtle Rock Blvd behind Somerset.

Approved committee meeting minutes from ARC, Communication, Landscape, Mailbox Task Force and Pond.

The Board of Governors discussed the following items at the July meeting:

The **Access Control Task Force** has created a comprehensive analysis of two alternatives for improving our current community access. The Board directed an eblast be sent with links to the analysis. All residents are asked to please review the analysis and provide your feedback and selection of which option you prefer. Talk to your neighbors so everyone's input can be obtained. The Board will use your input in our final determination of what actions to take.

The board discussed the proposed development at the corner of Palmer Ranch Parkway and Honore. The Council, discussed above, believes an attorney's or other expert's advice is necessary to better prepare to oppose the development. To obtain direction from a land use/zoning expert will require the allocation of funds. The Board will finalize this discussion at the August Board meeting.

**Submitted by Russ Gill**



# Report From The Treasurer



## Period Ending June 2020

	Actual	Budget
<b>Income</b>		
Total Receipts	\$111,457	\$111,634
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
General and Administrative	\$30,322	\$32,902
Common Grounds	\$14,216*	\$15,936
Access Control	\$20,299	\$21,617
Facilities Maintenance	\$24,561^	\$13,820
Utilities	\$ 6,537	\$ 7,325

\*No expenses were incurred for Mulch and Turf Maintenance

^Wetlands Maintenance expense was over budget due to a Quarterly Maintenance billing

### Reserve Expenses

Contribution	\$20,035	\$20,035
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No direct expenses were incurred in June 2020

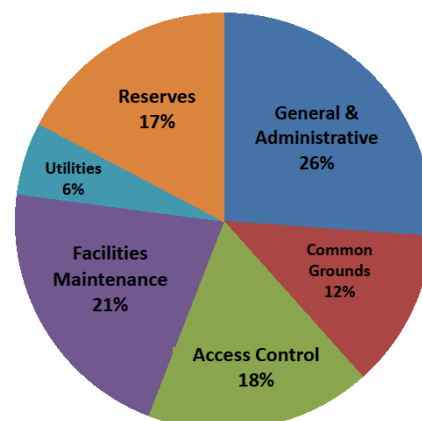
### Assessments

Total Collected \$101,067

Total Outstanding \$13,284 (Previous Month \$18,160)

**Submitted by John M Burke**

JUNE 2020 EXPENSE BREAKDOWN



## Manager's Message



August is here, and so is the afternoon thunderstorm pattern. This is the time of year to make sure that your rain sensors on your irrigation system are working properly. There is a lot of standing water around the edges of homes in the community. This not only makes it hard for you and your neighbor's lawn people to cut, it also promotes mosquitos and other unwanted pests, and causes problems with the stormwater retention ponds. Excess runoff, plant matter and fertilizer cause algae bloom. The heat and heavy thunderstorms also cause a phenomenon called Pond Turnovers.

Probably the least understood but most commonly reputed cause of an oxygen depletion is a pond turnover. As ponds warm in the spring they become stratified or layered, with warm water on the surface and cooler water below. This temperature stratification also leads to an oxygen stratification, with the warm surface water containing dissolved oxygen (and fish) while the deeper, cool water becomes depleted of oxygen because of decomposition and lack of sunlight for photosynthesis. This is particularly true in deep ponds (greater than 8 feet). In fact, the deeper the pond the more likely a turnover can occur. The problem arises when this stratification is broken down quickly, causing the two layers to mix or "turnover." The turnover mixes the oxygen rich surface water with the deep oxygen depleted water. The dissolved oxygen concentration in the mix can be too low to support life in the pond. Both fish and plankton can die from low dissolved oxygen following a turnover. A turnover takes place only if the surface water is cooled quickly so that it is close to the temperature of the deep water, allowing them to mix. Thus, a turnover can happen if a cold rain and wind cools the surface water. Usually this happens during thunderstorms. Many people confuse a turnover with an algae die-off; externally they can look very similar but without a cold rain and wind there can be no turnover.

The lighting is up and the fence on the tennis and basketball courts should be finished by now. The catawampus parking lot lights, and the resurfacing are scheduled for next week.

As always please e-mail or call me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

**Ed Olson**

**Vice President/LCAM**

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# **Landscape and Grounds Committee**



The Committee met on June 24<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. Shane from Bloomings was there, along with Ed Olson and Russ Gill. Shane was given the revised version of the updated Bloomings contract for him to review.

Due to Covid 19, Bloomings work schedule has been delayed. Shane confirmed that the trimming of the palms and the spreading of the mulch would occur during the beginning of July. Also the fill in of the hedge along TR Blvd will take place as soon as possible, as will the trimming of low hanging branches along TR Blvd.

Bloomings is to submit a landscape plan for the north and south guard house, and the median inside the north entry. Also Bloomings is to provide a proposal for replacing the hedge along the far north end along Somerset. There is currently about 200-300 feet of old dying hedge which needs to be removed and replaced.

The Committee confirmed the previous plan to replant at the SW and NW corners of Sabal Lake. Bloomings quote to have this done was \$1728 and this expense was approved at the July Board meeting.

The Committee continues to research acoustical companies to address the sound issue in the community center.

As Rebecca's Cleaning Chores and More has now moved, the Committee hired JC Reflection Cleaning LLC to clean the pool area, community center and guard houses.

The Committee is investigating the cost of pruning the oak trees along TR Blvd, along with installing some benches around the community center.

As a final matter, the December holiday lighting provided by Trimmers was discussed. It was decided that a uniform wrapping of lights around 18 palm trees at both entrances of Turtle Rock would provide the most impact and look the prettiest. The extra cost of doing this design would be \$1700. This cost was approved at the July Board meeting.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer!

Jodi Cunnison



# Architectural Review Committee (ARC)



This past month has resulted in the busiest month experienced by the ARC in several years as we had 39 applications for improvements. Since many residents have been staying at home more, homeowners have taken the opportunity to engage in home and property improvements. Of the 39 applications, many have been hurricane-season related. Eleven were for new windows, doors, and shutters. And as roofs have aged past their useful life, 7 new roof applications were received. Generators have also been more noticeable as the ARC has received 2 applications for them in each of the last several months.

You may have noticed that mulch has been applied throughout the common areas within Turtle Rock. It has improved the look of the community immensely. Bloomings, our landscape company, uses dark brown pine bark mulch, but mulch of any variety is so beneficial. Not only does it look nice, but it keeps the weeds down and also keeps moisture in the beds which helps plants. The ARC suggests, and our Turtle Rock Owners' Manual requires, that your landscape beds have adequate mulch. This would be a good time to apply about 2" of mulch if you haven't done so already this season.

Bloomings has trimmed the palm trees along Turtle Rock Blvd. Now would be a good time to trim your palms as well. Remember that most palms will drop their fronds naturally, but the ever-popular pygmy date palms and other varieties will not. These need to be trimmed about three times a year, and hurricane season is a good time to check to avoid excessive debris should we get a storm.

We continue our operations during the Covid-19 epidemic, as we practice social distancing, wear masks, and take separate vehicles for our drive-around inspections. Thank you, Committee members. Finally, the ARC wants to remind you about our schedule, and also that expedited applications are only for emergency repairs.

**Curt Gilroy, Chairperson**

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



While there has been some easing of restaurant guidelines for diners, we are not yet ready to resume Men's Club monthly luncheons. We are, however, interested in your suggestions of restaurants you would like the Club to book for a luncheon meeting. Email your suggestions to [turtlerock-mensclub@gmail.com](mailto:turtlerock-mensclub@gmail.com)

We wish the following a Happy August Birthday! If I have missed anyone, email me and I will update the TRMC website.

**Irv Broh, Michael Geramanis, Aaron King,**



If you know of someone who may be interested in joining the Men's Club, please have them contact me and I will be glad to assist them in the process of joining. During these trying times, that process can be accomplished virtually. The Club meets once a month, usually on the third Wednesday, at a fine Sarasota restaurant.

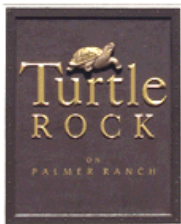
**Stay safe and help one another!**

**Submitted by:**

**Ken Rosemann**

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

The Turtle Rock Women's Club is currently pausing their monthly luncheons due to the Corona Virus and hope to resume them sometime this fall. There are a few social events going on by zoom or other means.

Please reach out to us at [TurtleRockWomensClub@gmail.com](mailto:TurtleRockWomensClub@gmail.com) to find out more.

We published this fun list of museum tours in our last newsletter and wanted to share with the community. Enjoy!

## **Virtual Tours**

During these unprecedented times we have been challenged to find ways to stay sane. The following is a list of virtual tours which allow us the opportunity to "visit" without leaving the comfort, convenience and safety of home. **Local Tours:**

Selby Gardens - <https://selby.org/bringing-selby-gardens-to-you/>

Mote Marine Manatee Exhibit - <https://mote.org/exhibits/details/manatees>

Mote Marine Otter Exhibit - <https://mote.org/exhibits/details/otters-and-their-waters>

Siesta Beach - <https://www.earthcam.com/usa/florida/sarasota/?cam=siestabeach>

**The following list from Good Housekeeping offers virtual tours of museums from all around the globe:**

**Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum:** The works of Pablo Picasso, Piet Mondrian, Jeff Koons, and Franz Marc are just some of the 625 artists whose work are a part of the Guggenheim's [Collection Online](#).

**Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History:** Move at your own pace through the 360-degree room-by-room tour of [every exhibit in the museum](#).

**Van Gogh Museum:** You can get up close and personal with the impressionist painter's most famous work thanks to [Google Arts & Culture](#).

**Getty Museum:** Los Angeles's premiere gallery has [two virtual tours](#), including "Eat, Drink, and Be Merry," which is a closer look at food in the Middle Ages and Renaissance.

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## ***Turtle Rock Women's Club cont'd...***

**The Vatican Museum:** The Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica, and Raphael's Room, are just some of the sites you can see on the [Vatican's virtual tour](#).

**Thyssen-Bornemisza Museum:** Madrid's must-see art museum has the works of some of the continent's most celebrated artists like Rembrandt and Dali [available online](#).

**Georgia O'Keeffe Museum:** [Six virtual exhibits](#) are available online from this museum named for the "Mother of American modernism."

**National Museum of Anthropology, Mexico City:** Dive into the pre-Hispanic history of Mexico with [23 exhibit rooms full](#) of Mayan artifacts.

**British Museum, London:** The Rosetta Stone and Egyptian mummies are just a couple of things that you're able to see on a [virtual tour](#) of the museum.

**NASA:** Both Virginia's [Langley Research Center](#) and Ohio's [Glenn Research Center](#) offer online tours for free. Also, you can try some "augmented reality experiences" via [The Space Center Houston's app](#).

**National Women's History Museum:** Have a late International Women's Day celebration with [online exhibits](#) and [oral histories](#) from the Virginia museum.

**Metropolitan Museum of Art:** Though the Met Gala was cancelled this year, you can still have a peak at the The Costume Institute Conversation Lab, which is one of the institution's [26 online exhibits](#).

**High Museum of Art, Atlanta:** This museum's popular online exhibits include "[Civil Rights Photography](#)" — photos that capture moments of social protest like the Freedom Rides and Rosa Park's arrest.

**Detroit Institute of Arts:** Mexican art icon Frida Kahlo is the focal point of two of the four available [online exhibits](#).

**Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam:** The Golden Age of Dutch art is highlighted in this museum which includes the work of [Vermeer and Rembrandt](#).

**National Museum of the United States Air Force:** You can't take a ride in Franklin D. Roosevelt's presidential airplane, but you can check it out, in addition to other military weapons and aircraft, online in the Air Force's [official museum](#).

**MoMA (The Museum of Modern Art):** New York's extensive collection is available for [view online](#).

**Museum of Fine Arts, Boston:** The [16 virtual exhibits](#) include a special section on 21st Century Designer Fashion.

**Submitted by Susan Neisler**

# Traveling in the time of Covid-19

*Our spring trip by car to Iowa was done after consulting friends who gave us some helpful hints. We packed all our food in coolers and ate at rest areas (after spraying the table and benches with bleach) or in our hotel rooms. Rest areas were clean and well monitored. We found hotels to be well-cleaned and nearly vacant. Some hotels provided a Jimmy Dean style egg and sausage muffin to heat in our room's microwave while others provided no food. Some states had outdoor dining only which was well spaced. More people were wearing face masks on our return trip. We always wore masks when outside the car. We found that some grocery stores allow you to bring your own bags into the store and others do not.*

In Iowa we were mostly with family and a very few friends who were also keeping themselves mostly at home. Most of our socializing was outside. We did drive to a lake resort in MN to visit with our son's family. All restaurants in MN had only outside dining. We were able to fix several of our own meals and picnic outside.



Brown-eyed Susans and Coneflower in our wild-flower garden



Doug replaced a hydraulic hose on our small John Deere tractor.



It wasn't all work on the farm. Friend Alan kept Doug company fishing on our pond.



We visited with Doug's dad, Neal, twice. He is 100 years old and just finished reading Doris Kerns Goodwin's book Leadership in Turbulent Times.



Grandson, Neal "Little Bit" Smith, climbing a pile of wood at the lake.

**Submitted by Janet Smith**

## What are you doing???



The rain put a damper on Donna's art work this past month.



## Have You Seen Our Sandhill Crane Family??



Our Sandhill Crane family is healthy and growing fast. The Colts are almost as tall as their parents, but have not fully developed the red area on their head. They are very graceful and inquisitive, so please be careful when you see them crossing or walking down the street.





## Turtle Rock Author Publishes Her Fourth Book

Our own Grace “Sam” Sammon, of Park Shore Lane, released her fourth book and first novel, called The Eves, in June. The book tells the stories of several diverse, interesting, and sometimes ditzy women, who call themselves the Eves, and the main character, Jessica, who herself has a complex history to tell. The elderly women are living their final years on a farm atop the cliffs of Chesapeake Bay, and Jessica’s interactions with them are at times funny, sad, intense, but always meaningful. The book takes us to three continents as the reader discovers more about the truths and the lies of Jessica’s life. The Eves describes wonderful and painful connections between generations of families, among friends, and among all people in a community.

I really enjoyed reading The Eves, in fact I couldn’t put it down! It is a book that has something for everyone, young or elderly. The plot twists and turns and the ending is very unexpected. Grace has written a fabulous page-turner that will leave you wanting more.

The Eves is available to purchase wherever fine books are sold, or to borrow from the Gulf Gate Library or the Turtle Rock Community Center Library.

Grace would be happy to visit with book clubs in person or virtually. Her interview on SNN can be viewed at <https://bit.ly/SammonOnSnn>.

**Submitted by Charlotte Jones**

## 3~4 Spacious Local Parks

*These are times when it's safer to be outdoors. Fortunately we in Sarasota have great weather and lots of outdoor places to visit. Here are three local parks you may not have visited in a while. The buildings may not be open, but there is plenty of space to hike, admire the local flora and fauna, and enjoy. Take your camera – you'll find lots to photograph at each of these charming parks.*

### **The Celery Fields**

6893 Palmer Blvd, Sarasota, A 300 acre wetlands site on the Great Florida Birding Trail, with an observation mound, trails, and boardwalks out into the ponds to get a closer look at the birds.

During season the Audubon chapter provided naturalists in the morning to help you identify the birds you see.



### **Red Bug Slough**

5200 S. Beneva Rd, Sarasota A 72-acre, wooded preserve offering trails, a butterfly garden, and a small lake with a fishing dock. Lots of cool wooded paths to enjoy on a hot day. This park is a surprise to people who haven't visited.

### **Rothenbach Park**

8650 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota. Five miles of trails to wander or bicycle, plus a playground and great wildlife viewing. Another surprise to those who are new to the area, this park is built on a former landfill, and has become a feature people seek out for relaxation.



**Submitted by Paula Griffin**



# The Turtle Rock Library is open !



**Edie Wolf has listed some great book selections for 2020 and beyond. Many thanks to those who read them and provided their critique.**

**All the Stars in the Heavens** by Adriana Trigiani (historical novel) 447 pp. This spectacular novel is based on the true story of twenty-one year old Loretta Young, an ambitious starlet struggling to survive in 1930s Hollywood. She meets Clark Gable, thirty-four and married, when they are filming *The Call of the Wild*. Pious Sister Alda Ducci becomes Miss Young's assistant and remains with her for decades. The book is brimming with both real and fictional characters and gives us an exciting look at the Golden Age of American movie making. (Sharon Newman)



**American Dirt** by Janine Cummins (novel) 400 pp. *American Dirt* tells the story of a Mexican woman, Lydia Quixano Perez, who had to leave her life in Mexico when her journalist husband was killed by a member of the drug cartel after he wrote a tell-all exposé. She and her son Luca flee Acapulco as undocumented immigrants. They, along with other migrants, escape by train on a treacherous journey to the United States. This novel is controversial in that Latino writers say the author uses stereotypes and exploits the suffering of Mexican immigrants. Oprah selected it for her book club. Both she and Stephen King called it "extraordinary". (Mary Beth Cordier, Sharon Newman, Brigitte Ortiz)

**The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek** by Kim Michele Richardson (novel) 308 pp. Set during the Great Depression, the story of Kentuckian Cussy Mary Carter is spell-binding. Though born with a genetic condition that causes her skin to have a blue tint leading to her being a societal outcast, Cussy is determined to serve her fellow citizens in the back hills. She doggedly brings them books that entertain and enlighten them, much like a bookmobile. Despite all obstacles, with only her mule Junia as her companion on her lonely and sometimes dangerous journeys, Cussy perseveres. Her skin condition is real, as is FDR's Kentucky Pack Horse Library Project, both of which form the basis of this fascinating tale of prejudice, unconditional love, and courage. (Allison Derr, Janet Smith)

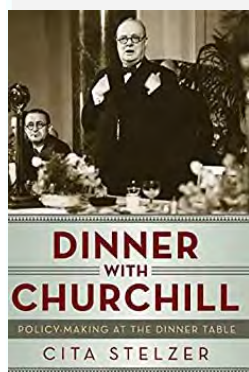


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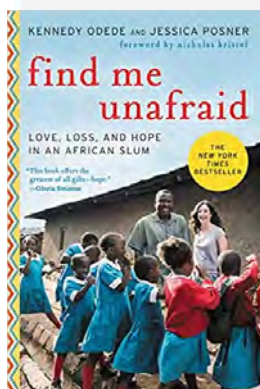


**Child of the Forest** by Jack L. Grossman and James Buchanan (biography) 256pp. This book is a true story based on the life of Charlene Perlmutter Schiff. Escaping the Horochow ghetto at 12 years old, “Musia” Perlmutter was alone, starving, freezing at times, and running and hiding for her life. She sought refuge in the forest while Holocaust death camps sat nearby. The heroine shows extraordinary courage and perseverance in order to stay alive and away from the enemy all around her in this hard to put down page turner. (Sally Arnet)



**Dinner With Churchill** by Cita Stelzer (biography) 279pp. This book invites readers to dinner with Winston Churchill and his political guests in the years surrounding WWII. For Churchill, dinners were about more than good food, excellent champagnes, and Havana cigars. He took the opportunity to use the table both as a stage on which to display his brilliant conversational talents and as an intimate setting in which to glean gossip and diplomatic insights and to argue for the many policies he espoused over his long political career. The author draws on previously untapped material, diaries of guests, and a wide variety of other sources to describe some of the key dinners at which Churchill presided before, during, and after World War II. (Gretchen Cudini)

**The Dutch House** by Ann Patchett (novel) 352pp. This book tells the moving story of two siblings through five decades, who go from poverty to wealth and back to poverty, their attachment to an iconic house and a past that will not let them go. This is a dark fairy tale about inheritance, love and forgiveness. (Teresa Duncan)



**Find Me Unafraid: Love, Loss and Hope in an African Slum** by Kennedy Odede and Jessica Posner (autobiography) 272pp. This is a love story between two people from completely different backgrounds who began a movement to change the lives of vulnerable girls and the poor in Kibera. Jess and Kennedy founded Kibera's first tuition-free school for girls. They continue their work to connect essential services like health care, clean water and economic empowerment programs. The story is about a fight against poverty and hopelessness and reminds the reader of the power of young people to deeply impact the

**Submitted by Edith Wolf**

# Palmer Ranch Report

Excerpt from the June 2020 Newsletter

## Sue's Grounds Corner

Because we've gotten several inquiries about Spatterdock (Lily Pads) within Palmer Ranch waterways, Sue's Corner is dedicated to informing our members on the benefits of this aquatic plant. Spatterdock has a yellow "ball-shaped" flower and large heart-shaped leaves that often stick up above the surface of the water; they are not weeds. Spatterdock provides shade within the water column. The shade prevents algae bloom which leads to decreased dissolved oxygen levels in the water and die-offs of fish and other species. It's the sun penetrating the water that creates the algae. The sun heats up the water surface, which in turn spurs the growth of algae.



Spatterdock shields the water from the heat of the sun, thus preventing the growth of algae and subsequently the use of chemicals to kill the algae. Besides being pleasing to this writer's eye, Spatterdock does a great deal to maintain the well-being of the ponds they inhabit. Spatterdock is beneficial to our wildlife as it provides a stable surface and protection for successful fish spawning, protection for turtles, frogs, ducks and various species of birds, all of which are susceptible to predators such as alligators, water snakes, hawks and eagles. Please keep in mind that Spatterdock only blooms from April till December, when the water in our ponds and lakes is very hot from the constant sun. Mother Nature knows best how to protect our most essential resources.

***Do you want to hear about the news on Palmer Ranch first hand? If so, simply visit our website: [www.PalmerRanch.net](http://www.PalmerRanch.net). At the bottom of the home page, simply click on 'Sign Up For Our Newsletter.'***



## *Armchair Travel: Spiritual Places*

*For this month's Armchair Traveling, I invite you to look into two powerfully spiritual places in Asia. Both figure largely in my Favorite Memories File.*

### **Borobudur**

I had never heard of Borobudur, but my cruise through Indonesia and then Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam, included Java, and an excursion to what I learned is the largest Buddhist temple in the world. A shrine and a place for Buddhist pilgrimages, it likely dates from around 800 A.D., and took an estimated 75 years to construct. But for centuries it was hidden under layers of volcanic ash and relentless jungle growth.

The story, I think, is fascinating. Governor-General Thomas Stamford Raffles (the British administrator of Singapore from 1811-1816) heard about a big monument deep in the jungle and sent an engineer to investigate. Subsequently, trees were cut down, vegetation was cleared, and huge amounts of earth were carted away. By 1835 the entire complex was visible.

Imagine...this immense structure, with all of its carvings and statues of Buddha, hidden in a tropical jungle for centuries!



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### **Angkor Wat**



For years I had dreamed of seeing Angkor Wat. It is even more awe-inspiring than I imagined—I think every visitor is likely to feel the overwhelming sense of ancient spirituality. It is one of the Seven Wonders of the World, the most ancient Wonder, and the largest religious monument in the world (402 acres). A temple complex dating back to the early 12th century, a “city” grew around it. The jungle reclaimed everything but the temple itself.

Angkor Wat is located in Cambodia, about 5 miles north of Siem Reap. On my ship excursion (we were bused to Siem Reap and overnighted there), we were taken in tuk tuks, motorized rickshaws, some are attached to bicycles, to Angkor Wat.

Centuries ago there was a 15 foot wall surrounded by a wide moat that protected the city, the temple, and the residents. To visit the temple today, you cross a bridge over the moat. The jungle claimed almost all of the wall. The temple, however, was never completely abandoned. It has been in continual use as a Buddhist temple and now as a tourist site since—imagine!—the 12th century.

Tourists can tour much of the temple, seeing the walls covered with bas-reliefs, representing deities for Hindus and Buddhists. Angkor Wat was designed as a Hindu temple but in less than a century became a Buddhist site.

One of my favorite memories of this amazing place is getting back to my tuk tuk a little before everyone else finished the tour (my bad knee was acting up), and as I rested there, three young Cambodians (tuk tuk drivers) came close. One could speak English, having learned it from a missionary. I had kicked off my sandals, and they stared and pointed at my bare feet and polished toenails. One asked me if it was okay, I nodded, and he reached out a finger and touched my ankle. They had never seen toe nail polish. And they were very curious about me. Was I married? Children? Where in the USA did I come from? We chatted until it was time to leave. Picturing them talking to me continues to make me smile.

**Diane Glynn—Reporter**



# Mailbox Task Force Report



The Task Force presented a recommendation to the Board of Governors at their July 7th meeting. We hope you listened in or participated via Zoom teleconference. The recommendation presented a marketing and communication plan to inform all Turtle Rock homeowners of the steps moving forward to install new mailboxes. The recommendation was approved by the Board of Governors so we can now move to the next step.

**A second all-important recommendation regarding the replacement of the mailboxes and posts will be presented to the Board at the August 4th meeting. Please call in via telephone or participate via Zoom. It is very important that you attend this meeting in order to be informed about this project and others being considered by the Board. The Board wants your participation and support and wants to keep you informed.**

If you haven't yet looked at the proposed mailboxes on display in the Community Center, please do so. And again, please spread the word to your neighbors and let them know how you feel about the importance of this upgrade. We will all benefit.

**Submitted by Roberta Maloney**



**Attention High School Students!**

**The Turtle Rock Mailbox Task Force needs your help!**

**Earn volunteer service hours by helping our neighborhood committee with an important project.**

**They need creative high school students to assist with their marketing campaign. If interested, please email your name and phone number to Patty Fleming at : [pflemingcp@hotmail.com](mailto:pflemingcp@hotmail.com)**

## **Possible, Impossible, Pandemic Activities**

**Sumo Wrestling Class** - social distancing suggested

**Advanced No Contact Hugging Lessons**

**National Adopt-A-Florida Alligator Day** -  
*Free Leash Today Only!*

**Inaugural Turtle Rock Pond Swimming  
Relay Race**

*Watch out for gators and snakes!*

**Facemask Masquerade Party**

Tickets are \$20/each based on attendance of 200

*Please note that only 4 people can attend due to social distancing  
requirements, so tickets will be \$1,000/ea this year.*

**Toilet Paper Stacking Tournament,**  
*Double Elimination!*

**Special Event** we will hold a dance party in the  
Community Center. *Reminder - due to CDC restrictions, there will  
not be live music, no touching, singing, talking, eating, or breathing.*  
*Oh, also no dancing.*

***Have fun!***

# Congratulations to Carol Baker who was last month's winner.

Find the outlandishly inappropriate word in one of our many articles and send your guess 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.

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](mailto:communications@myturtlerock.com).*

**THANKS for getting involved!**

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