

## **Turtle Rock Newsletter**

#### The Best Place on Palmer Ranch

INSIDE this ISSUE Page		
President's Letter	2 -3	
Treasurer's Report	4	
Manager's Report	5	
Landscape and Grounds 6		
ARC Report	<b>7-8</b>	
TR Women's Club	9	
TR Men's Club	10	
What Are You Doing?	11	
Mailbox Task Force	12	
Pond Task Force	13	
Cooking	14-15	
Halloween	16	
Groaners	17	
Information	1 Q	

In 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.

#### November, 2020

## Congratulations to our winner Larry Winer



He found the hidden word and his 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

November's Board of Governors meeting Tuesday, November 3 at 6:00 pm will be held via video conference. The link for the video conference and a call in phone number was provided in a previous email invitation.

#### **October Board of Governors Meeting**

Actions approved at the October Board of Governors meeting were:

Approved the Landscape Committee recommendations to trim all of the oak trees along Turtle Rock Blvd.

Approved the **Landscape Committee** recommendations to pay for part of the landscaping of the Somerset entrance at the corner of Turtle Rock Blvd and Nice Way.

Approved the **Mailbox Task Force** recommendation to contract with ASAP Mailbox and More, Inc to remove the old mailboxes and posts, acquire and install new mailboxes and posts. The funding will be allocated from Turtle Rock's reserves.

Approved the **Pond Committee** recommendation to have aquatic plants planted in the northern ponds to help abate the erosion of the ponds.

Approved minutes from ARC, Communications, Landscape/Grounds, Ponds and 2021 Budget Committees.

Parkway and Honore. This is a general purpose apartment complex of 232 apartments. For some perspective as to what this would look like, please drive past the Sage, south on Honore at the corner of Honore and Bay Street. This is what is proposed to be built at the corner of Honore and Palmer Ranch Parkway. If we hope to have an impact on the final development we will need to have a lot of people show up, and some to speak, at the BCC meeting either in person or virtually. For the previous meetings we had very few people show up either in person or virtually. A petition is available in the Community Center for residents to sign.

I request that everyone please sign the petition.

Next page

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

# The Board of Governors discussed the following items at the September meeting:

The Access Control Task Force provided an update on the implementation of the upgraded entry system.

**The Pond Committee** provided an update on the costs of their recommendations for the restoration of our ponds. They provided an estimated cost of \$40,000 to restore the worst eroded pond and an expectation the total cost of the restoration will be approximately \$500,000. The funds will initially be allocated from existing reserves and a new pond restoration reserve asset will be established to fund the future expenses.

A **new Task Force** was created to investigate solar roof tiles, for example Tesla roof tiles. Deirdre has accepted the responsibly to be the Board liaison and establish the committee. If any resident wants to be a part of this task force, please contact Deirdre.

A discussion was held concerning the most recent activity on the proposed development at the NW corner of Honore and Palmer Ranch Parkway. The Palmer Ranch Residents Council, composed of 9 surrounding communities representing approximately 4,000 homes/units, has engaged an attorney to prepare us to file our objections to the development. The Sarasota County Board of County Commission (BCC), will on November 17, vote on the proposed development for the corner of Palmer Ranch . (See Previous Page)

#### November Board of Governors Meeting, November 3

The Board of Governors will be voting on the 2021 budget which was mailed to everyone about 2 weeks ago.

Russ Gill, TRA President



#### **Report From The Treasurer**



#### Period Ending September 30 2020

	Actual	Budget
Income		
Total Receipts	\$112,262	\$111,634
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
General and Administrative	\$30,074	\$32,902
Common Grounds	\$14,625	\$15,936
Access Control	\$20,768	\$21,617
Facilities Maintenance*	\$6,232	\$13,820
Utilities	\$ 5,134	\$ 7,325
*No armongo viag in armod for Watlanda Maintanana		

<sup>\*</sup>No expense was incurred for Wetlands Maintenance

#### **Reserve Expenses**

Contribution \$20,035 \$20,035

Absolute Flooring – Community Center Clubhouse Flooring Balance Payment \$6,878

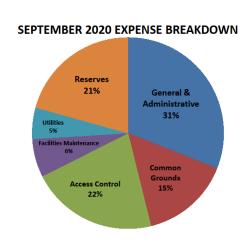
Stewart Tennis Courts - Tennis Court Refurbishment Final Payments \$20,719

Assessments

Total Collected \$101,067

Total Outstanding \$12,894

(Previous Month \$19,475)



#### **Submitted by John M Burke**

#### Manager's Message



November is here. As we hope to finish up all the Halloween candy and look forward to Thanksgiving in these strange times, remember to follow the CDC guidelines and stay safe. Please look to the Turtle Rock Owner's Manual for the guidelines on decorating for the holidays. You can find it at myturtlerock.com under documents.

For those of you who missed the last Governors meeting, you missed a lot. Mailboxes, plantings for the stormwater ponds and trimming the oak trees on Turtle Rock Blvd, were all approved by the Board of Governors.

It is that time of year again when we start to prepare for the upcoming Annual Membership Meeting. Please be on the lookout for the annual nominating letter for the Board of Governors. There will be three seats available for a three-year period. The application will be due back by the 24th of December.

The Trash to Treasure garage sale and the Chemical Collection Day were both huge successes this year. 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.

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

Thank you, Ed Olson Vice President/LCAM Sunstate Management 941-870-9855 edward@sunstatemanagement.com

#### **Landscape and Grounds Committee**

The Committee met on October 21st with Ed Olson and Shane Battle from Bloomings. Shane reported that weed killing had begun and was progressing northward through the community. Also Bloomings has been busy cleaning up debris including oak suckers and vines in hedges and the palm debris that resulted from the palm holiday light wrappings. The Awabuki hedge along Central Sarasota Parkway has been trimmed. Pest control and fertilization is to occur during the last week of October. The plans for replanting the dying shrubs at both of the southern corners of the northern intersection of Sabal Lake and Turtle Rock Blvd are underway. Shane also presented his draft design to relandscape the Turtle Rock south entrance corners, along with his design to relandscape the island just south of the north entrance. The Committee was very impressed with the proposed look and is now waiting for a price quote from Bloomings. The Elaeagnus bushes behind the northern side of Nice Way will be removed soon and replaced with viburnum. The viburnum hedge at 4810 Sweetmeadow Circle will also be repaired.

The trimming of the oak trees along Turtle Rock Blvd is slated to begin sometime in November. A letter will be sent out to all affected homeowners advising them that the tree trimmers will need temporary access to their property to trim and clean up the debris.

The sound buffering panels are now installed in the Community Center and the difference is quite noticeable. Ed Olson has requested the vendor to come back to double check that the desired decibel level has been obtained.

The tennis court project has been completed. To further enhance the tennis courts it was suggested that score boards be mounted at the end of the net poles on each of the two courts. The cost of each score board would be \$200. The Committee will seek Board of Governor approval for this expense. Another issue that was discussed was the need for additional netting/fencing behind the basketball net, as basketballs tend to go over the fence and into the pond. Stewart Tennis will be asked to provide a quote to have this done.

The holiday lights are going up on the large palms. Trimmers will have them all completed shortly. The Landscape Committee feels that some more wreaths for the guardhouses, bows for the lights along Turtle Rock Blvd and garlands are needed to complete the holiday decorations in our community. The Committee will be recommending that the Board of Governors approve this extra expense.

**Submitted by Jodi Cunnison** 

# Architectural Review Committee (ARC)



Color is a very subjective and emotional subject. It becomes most complicated when you have to choose colors for your house. The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) has been given the task of approving or rejecting house colors in our community. No easy task. There are some guidelines that help us make our decisions. First, homeowners are encouraged to pick three colors, one for the body of the house, one for the trim and one for the front door. The ARC must also approve garage door color. We recommend that the house body color be light to middle value in keeping with the original feeling of the Community. We find that a lighter version of the house color for the trim usually looks best but not always. A bold, contrasting color on the door helps to make the entrance special and a focal point.

Of course, before you decide on a color, other givens must be considered.

For instance, what is the color of the roof? This is very important. The roof and the house must be complementary and work together for a coordinated relationship. Sometimes it is pleasing when the house color is a lighter or darker version of the roof color. Additionally, if the driveway has pavers, the color of the pavers must be taken into consideration.



The ARC requires that the owners' proposed colors be painted onto the house in several places so that they can be seen in the natural light. We recommend a sample of at least one-foot square. Larger is even better. Ideally, a white undercoat insures a true, undistorted color sample. There is one more thing to consider. The TR HOA requires that you not use the same color as the houses on either side of your house or the one across the street.

Continued on Next Page...

# Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Cont'd

The ARC must approve all repainting even if it is to be the same existing colors. Why? Because paint fades, manufacturers change the names and numbers on their products, and the ARC needs documentation of every house painting for its records for future reference. Applications are available on line and from the TR office. Along with your application you must submit paint samples of the colors you intend to use stipulating the trim, body, and door color. The ARC also wants to know what color the garage door will be (usually the house or trim color)

Sometimes a resident whose house color has not been approved (and that is rare) wants to know why the same or similar color was approved on a house they have seen on another street. Good question. There are many reasons but it may have to do with the difference of the roof color, or the size of the house, or how prominent the garage door is. With these and other issues the Committee must always remember to keep the overall feeling of the neighborhood in mind.

The ARC is willing to meet with the homeowner to suggest a pleasing combination suitable for the particular situation. The ARC is working to keep our community the beautiful place that attracted us all to move here in the first place.

With your help we can do it!

James Vaughan, ASID

ARC member



## Turtle Rock Women's Club

The Turtle Rock Women's Club is trying a few fun activities for those ready to gather while maintaining safe distancing practices. Our wonderfully creative luncheon committee organized a monthly luncheon appropriately called "Lanai Lunches". Members wishing to gather volunteered their lanai for our first luncheon which

took place on October 4. We met in small groups of 4-6 people and members brought their own lunch and beverage. This is a wonderful opportunity to have lunch with neighbors, maybe get to know some new folks, and keep on having fun with Turtle Rock Women's Club. Our next luncheon will be held on November 4 if you'd like to join us. Paula Griffin has all the details so please contact her at 941-921-1847 or email pygriff@gmail.com





Another fun social-distancing event recently took place at Siesta Key beach. This event was open to all and we welcomed members, spouses and guests! We gathered at the Green Lifeguard station and members arrived in time to secure a good spot to watch the sunset and visit (safely) with friends and neighbors. Our next gathering will be held on Wednesday, November 11 and we'd love for you to join us! We'll be meeting at Nokomis Beach at 5pm at the Pavilion. Please contact 5pm Karen Howe at

kmhoweoo1@yahoo.com or 315-632-2247 for more information.

We still have some of our social activities ongoing as well, such as water aerobics at the Community Center pool, golf and book clubs. If you'd like more information, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at TurtleRockWomensClub@gmail.com to find out more.

#### Turtle Rock Men's Club





With coronavirus numbers on the rise across the country, your family may be preparing for a different kind of Thanksgiving dinner this year. Whatever your plans, we wish you hope, joy, peace, and good health this Thanksgiving!

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

#### Gene Crites, Ron Paddock, DeWitt Platt, Anthony Razzano, David Tannenholz



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.

Stay safe and help one another!

Submitted by:

Ken Rosemann



# What are you doing??? Happy Halloween







#### Still doing jigsaw puzzles??









#### **Mailbox Task Force Report**

The Mailbox Task Force has been working very hard for the past year to establish a plan to replace the deteriorating and unsightly mailboxes in Turtle Rock. It is with great pleasure and sense of accomplishment that we can now announce that we have been successful! Kudos to the members of the committee: David Bryan, Curt Gilroy, Kathrin Harris, Patti Fleming, Harry Hopes, Roberta Maloney, Bob Oram, our chairperson Kathy Wells, and our Board liaison Jodi Cunnison.

Once it was determined, through our legal counsel, that control and authority over the mail-boxes may be assumed by the Homeowners Association since the boxes are located on common property, we knew it was possible to remove the existing boxes and replace them with the upgraded ones. They will last longer, require less maintenance, be maintained by the Homeowners Association (no more compliance!), and will be more attractive and in keeping with the scheme of the community. The responsibility for the new mailboxes will be with the HOA and will be the only acceptable mailbox going forward.

At the October 6 Board of Governors meeting, the Board approved the task force's recommendation to contract the services of ASAP Mailbox Installations for the project. A contract has been signed and the materials are in the process of being ordered. We anticipate the installation will begin in the first quarter of 2021. The Board also approved the total cost of the mailboxes to be funded 100% by the Association, thus avoiding any special assessment to the homeowners!

In preparation for installation, it will be the responsibility of each homeowner to remove all landscaping and hardscaping surrounding their post. You will be given ample lead time to do this. The new posts will be surrounded by a concrete donut and new sod will be put down by the Association. No plantings will be allowed around the new posts; this will make maintenance easier and provide a uniform appearance.

We will keep all homeowners updated as to the rollout and progress of the installation. Follow the updates on myturtlerock.com and postings on the glass enclosed Notice Boards throughout the community. Periodic emails will also be sent to residents with information pertaining to the project.

**Submitted by Roberta Maloney** 



#### Turtle Rock Ponds Report

#### To Fertilize or Not to Fertilize? That is the Question...

As fall and winter approach, residents may be wondering whether to fertilize or not. The purpose of fertilizer is to provide grass with any nutrients it may be lacking. The label, N-P-K associated with fertilizer stands for Nitrogen-Phosphorus-Potassium.

Irrigation scintillating in the Turtle Rock community was designed to use reclaimed water, which contains a high concentration of nitrogen. Nitrogen, in excessive amounts, can stimulate algae growth, which then blocks sunlight penetrating to submerged aquatic vegetation. This can have an impact on the whole food chain, because submerged vegetation is a food source for a variety of creatures.

In Florida, phosphorus is also an abundant nutrient, mostly contained within sedimentary rock and in the natural soil. When released in excess, it too becomes a pollutant. High levels of phosphorus cause cattails to crowd out more desirable native plants favored by wildlife. High phosphorus concentrations in surface water also increase the growth of algae and duckweed, and ultimately changes the habitats of aquatic and non-aquatic wildlife.

Before starting a fertilizer program, perform a soil test to determine whether the lawn may be lacking in nutrients and by how much. If there is a problem with PH imbalance, pest invasion or disease, then fertilizer is not going to help.

Your landscaping company can easily perform soil testing and provide the results of its analysis. For a DIY soil test, send a soil sample to the Sarasota County UF IFAS Extension, along with a form provided on its website. Just follow the instructions described in the website. https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/sarasota/gardening-and-landscaping/ horticulture-residential/soil-test/

Soil testing can save homeowners the expense of fertilization products and related landscaping services, while over-fertilization can ruin the lawn and lead to added maintenance costs. Talk to your landscapers about minimizing fertilization and impacts of runoff. Homeowners working together with their lawn professionals can help all of us at Turtle Rock preserve the aesthetically pleasing natural surroundings of our community.

Enjoy the landscape more by fertilizing less to keep our lawns and ponds looking beautiful!

Have questions? Feel free to contact members of the Ponds Committee. Source: SFWMD and IFAS/IFU

by Susan Mercer,
Turtle Rock Ponds
Committee Member

A

Logo Created by Barry Domenick, Turtle Rock Resident

**Article Submitted by Melody Barackman** 

### Instead of Traveling...How about cooking?

#### **Garlic-Soy Chicken Stir-Fry**

This Asian dish is so good and super-fast! Once again, prep all your ingredients before cooking.



Put in large skillet: 1 tablespoon of neutral oil (canola, avocado)

#### **Bowl #1:**

1 large red pepper, sliced

1 pound of string beans (or mix string beans and sugar snap peas)

#### **Bowl #2:**

1/4 cup shallots, minced

4 garlic cloves, minced

Bowl #3: 1 rotisserie chicken, stripped from bones and cut into bite-size pieces

OR: boneless chicken thighs cut into 1-inch pieces

Bowl #4: whisk...

2 tablespoons fish sauce

1 ½ tablespoons soy sauce

1 tablespoon honey

2 teaspoons sambal oelek (chili paste)

2 teaspoons water

1 teaspoon cornstarch

Continued on Next Page

14 Submitte

#### Instead of Traveling... How about cooking? Cont'd

#### **Bowl #5:**

1/4 cup sliced scallions

½ cup unsalted dry-roasted peanuts (optional)

#### Using rotisserie chicken:

Heat oil over medium-high. Add Bowls #1 and 2: red pepper, string beans (and snap peas), shallots and garlic, stir often until crisp-tender, 5-7 minutes.

Add Bowls #3 and 4: chicken, fish sauce, etc. Cook until chicken heated through and sauce thickens, about 2 minutes.

Remove from heat, top with Bowl #5, peanuts and scallions

#### Using boneless chicken thighs:

Heat oil over medium-high. Add chicken, cook, stirring often until browned and done, 5 to 6 minutes. Remove chicken. Add another tablespoon of oil and Bowls 1 and 2, stir often until crisp-tender, 5-7 minutes. Then follow steps 2 and 3 above.

**Submitted by Diane Glynn** 

#### Halloween on Meadow Rush Loop

You don't have to guess what Dr. Jeff Hudson's favorite holiday is. You only have to look at his house in October. You should stop by Dr. Jeff and Keiko's place (7924 Meadow Rush Loop) before they take down their Halloween decorations. The decorations evolve over the month of October, adding a few elements each evening until they peak on Halloween.

Jeff's flare for Halloween decoration started a while back, when he and his brother competed to outdo each other in the space behind the family business, Hudson Chiropractic, on Route 41. The "haunted back yard" was the scene of some epic parties for patients and friends, including a good number of the local constabulary. Now Jeff limits his decorations to his home, and Keiko takes care of the office, which he says is very "tranquil" by comparison. We believe it.

Why does he do it? "Halloween is the only holiday where adults can behave like kids!," he says. "And it's not about receiving; it's about giving. I want to give the kids something that lets them have a good time. If I could put Mars Attacks on a big screen in front of the house, I would do it." We'll check with the ARC. So for a real dose of Halloween, check out the "ghoulies and ghosties, long-leggedy beasties, and things that go bump in the night" on Meadow Rush Loop, and be a kid again.

**Submitted by Paula Griffin** 









# Here are some smiles for you, or as some call them, groaners...



When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.

To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.

When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.

Age 60 might be the new 40, but for me 9:00 PM is the new midnight.

Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.

if you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?" When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?

# Congratulations to Larry Winer

#### 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.

#### **THANKS for getting involved!**

#### **Committee Members and Newsletter Staff**

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

Send comments, suggestions and articles for consideration to:

communications@myturtlerock.com

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