

Turtle Rock Newsletter

The Best Place on Palmer Ranch April 2021

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Mel Warren

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A Letter from the President

Greetings Turtle Rock:

Time is flying! It seems like I wrote the last President's letter yesterday. Even though time is passing, progress on planned improvements for Turtle Rock have been slowed by the impact of COVID. Here is the latest update on our progress:

The Access Control project is partially installed but full implementation is waiting on installation of some computer modules that are needed for the license plate reader. The new system that lets residents control their own guest list from a computer or cell phone has been installed. Implementation along with instructions should happen by early April.

The Pond Committee reports that shoreline restoration and planting of aquatic plants where needed is planned to start by the end of March.

The Mailbox Committee reports that the mailbox posts are on the way and they anticipate the new mailbox installations should start in the first half of April in Savannah with Turtle Rock following in May.

Ed Olson reported that the concrete pads for the new park benches along Turtle Rock Blvd. will be installed by the end of March, followed by the bench installation.

Thanks to Lew Lyon we have the procedures in place and the pool furniture out for use.

The Pond committee has taken on a project to improve the condition of our nature trail that runs along the west side of Turtle Rock. The trail needs improved routine maintenance, better signage, and several bridges to be repaired and painted. The nature trail is a unique and valuable asset that more residents should know about and use.

The Board approved spending up to \$1,100.00 to install two concrete pads for two additional park benches that are being donated by residents.

The Board approved the Turtle Rock insurance renewal which included moving our D&O insurance from Cincinnati to Philadelphia. The move resulted in a significant reduction our annual premium.

Committee Liaisons were appointed: Finance Committee – Bob Oram,
ARC Committee – Deirdre Cronin, Landscape Committee – Lew Lyon
Ponds Committee – David Bryan, Communications Committee – Patrick Murphy.

April 6, 2021 at 6:30 pm is the next Board of Governors meeting. Please attend on ZOOM. Log-in and a call-in phone number will be provided by email.

Submitted by David Bryan



Report From The Treasurer



Period Ending February 28, 2021

| | Actual | Budget |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Income | | |
| Assessments and other income | \$122,392.93 | \$121,957.16 |
| Operating Expenses | | |
| General and Administrative | 29,154.91 | 34,311.70 |
| Common Grounds | 2,413.28* | 17,956.93 |
| Access Control/Gatehouse | 20,524.02 | 22,548.84 |
| Facilities Maintenance | 17,880.77** | 16,145.86 |
| Utilities | 5,301.65 | 6,916.68 |

^{*}Reflects moving \$11,825 for mulch to 2020.

Reserve Expenses

| Contribution | \$24,077.25 | \$24,077.25 |
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| Site Improvements | -6,024.50 | |
| Furn. Fixtures & Equip. | -6,069.70 | |

Assessments

Outstanding HOA Fees \$18,593,12(\$16,075.25 30 days or longer and \$2,517 90 days)

Submitted by Bob Oram, Treasurer

^{**}Reflects two payments of \$5,283.34 for wetlands maintenance. Also \$1330 budgeted but no facilities maintenance expense.

Manager's Message

April is here, and the first quarter of the year is already in the books. Please make sure your second quarter assessments have been sent in. We had two events here at the Community Center that were very successful. I want to give a big shout-out to Alex Apap Bologna for hosting the Sarasota Blood Bank blood drive here at Turtle Rock. Alex, a resident here at Turtle Rock, is a student at Riverview High School and is taking part in the International Baccalaureate program. He volunteers for the Suncoast Blood Bank, so this community service project for Alex will also save many lives. They set a new record here at Turtle Rock with 20 donations. WAY TO GO!

We also had OnSpot Dermatologist here at the Community Center. They were able to fill all of their appointment slots.

It has been 1 year since the pandemic forced us to close everything down. A lot has happened over the last year including a record number of ARC applications from owners making improvements to their homes and yards. That being said, I am also seeing a lot of homes that are in violation of the **Turtle Rock Owners' Manual**. Dirty roofs, driveways and sidewalks are frequent violations. The vendors I have spoken to say these violations can easily be taken care of all at the same time and for a small charge, they will even clean the curb.

When it comes to landscaping, I can tell that a lot of you needed to get out of the house. Your yards look great! On the other hand, there are some yards that look like your land-scape company is still on lockdown. Overgrown shrubs, excessive weeds in the beds and no mulch are the most common. Then there are trellises, lounges, fake animals, and pots all over. The owners' manual explains, in detail, what and where things can and cannot be placed. Please take a few minutes and assess all of these things around your home. The compliance department will be doing that as well.

Last but most important, speeding and not stopping at stop signs are still big problems around the community. This is the number one complaint I hear.

Please slow down and please stop.

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

Thank you,

Ed Olson

Vice President/LCAM Sunstate Management 941-870-9855 edward@sunstatemanagement.com

Landscape and Grounds Committee

The Committee met on March 10th with Shane Battle from Bloomings. Also in attendance was a recently elected Board of Governors member, Lew Lyons, who will be the new Board Liaison for the Landscape Committee. Welcome Lew!



Shane went through his report, which included the following:

The second leaf cleanup along the Blvd has occurred. Several olive trees have been I planted just north of the south gate along the Blvd and flowers have been planted around the community center. Cleanup behind the tennis courts has been done and Bloomings will be planting copperleaf plants between the tennis courts and the community pool. Top choice (ant bait), weed control, fertility and plant growth regulator will be applied by Blooming shortly. Replanting of the beds on the island inside the north gate has been completed. The Awabuki hedge along Central Sarasota Pkwy is an ongoing project and Bloomings will continue to remove dead material and inva-Isive species, along with keeping the hedge trimmed. Shane also presented the Committee with an estimate to remove the wax myrtle hedge at the northeast corner of the southern loop of Sabal Lake Circle and replace it with either Viburnum or Arboricola. He also provided a plan to remove the oleander and different pockets of de-I clining Pittosporum inside the south entrance wall and replace it with an assortment of plantings. In addition, Shane presented a plan to have both the east and west sides of the beds just outside the south gate improved as the current landscaping there is getting tired. Lew is to present this plan to the Board for approval at the next Board of Governors meeting.

New park benches will soon be installed along Turtle Rock Blvd. There will be 5 benches in total. Two of our Turtle Rock families have donated a bench in honor of a loved one. Please enjoy these beautiful new benches.

There was diegetic discussion about the cleanliness of the community pool wash-rooms. Sadly, some people are misusing them. Signage will be posted reminding people to treat these washrooms as if they were your own. The community pool furniture is out for residents to use. Please remember not to use any chemicals on this new furniture as the finish could be destroyed. ONLY USE THE PROVIDED SPRAY TO CLEAN THE POOL FURNITURE. A sign will also be posted to this effect. Other issues still to be resolved is the erosion along the sidewalk at Meadow Rush Loop and the Blvd, remaining tennis court repairs, repainting of Turtle Rock entrance signs, and the possible addition of extra message boards.

Happy Spring Everyone! Submitted by Jodi Cunnison

Communications Committee

The Welcome Team and the Muffin Man

The Communications Committee welcomes new Board of Governors liason Patrick Murphy. We also offer our thanks to David Tarlton who served as the first liaison and was a founding member of the Communications Committee. Big thanks also to Patricia Tarlton for serving as Chair and Secretary of the Committee since it began. We are glad that both David and Patricia will stay on the committee, as will also our Newsletter editor Judy Bentz. Judy is an unsung hero in this work and we all appreciate her work.

Angela Hilton Calvo (941-780-3462) will now serve as Chair of the Committee and Grace Sammon is Secretary. The other Board appointed members are Steve West and Emily Miller. If you would like to join the Committee please contact Angela. We would love to have you!

Our key work right now, in addition to the newsletter, is continuing to gather contact information from residents. Patty Fleming has done an amazing job in gathering information. Thank you, Patty! The contact information is critical not only for this newsletter but for all regular and emergency communications. Please ask your neighbors if they are receiving the newsletter and if they are not, please have them contact the Management Office.

Our other key focus is establishing new welcoming practices for our community. Emily Miller (856-906-0379) and Judy Bentz (412-848-0950) are working on establishing "welcome basket" items. If you are interested in working with them or contributing, please contact them.

Grace is working with the Board and Management to create an "electronic welcome basket" at www.myturtlerock.com" where an array of important information will be available including a quick guide and community information sheet.

If you are new to our community, or know of someone who is, please contact one of us. All our numbers are in the directory. We would like to personally welcome our new neighbors.

Which brings us to "The Muffin Man." Thanks to our Welcome Team member Steve West! He set a high bar when he made homemade muffins and walked them across the street to welcome his new neighbors The Boehm's. What a great reminder of days gone by, and hopefully to return soon.

Submitted by Grace Sammon

Architectural Review Committee (ARC)



NEW ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC) FORMS

Effective April 15, 2021 By Chuck Barackman

- The Turtle Rock Board of Governors has approved two new forms for requesting ARC approval for exterior modifications. The two new forms, one for painting and the second for all other changes, appear in this newsletter. They replace the single form used previously.
- The new forms delineate more specifically the information needed for the ARC to consider and approve requests. Our hope is that by providing these requirements on the forms, the need for follow-up communications and site visits with residents will be greatly reduced. That in turn will allow quicker consideration and approval of requests.
- Please start using the new forms for your requests immediately. The Board has asked Ed Olson, our Community Association Manager, to Email copies of the new forms to all residents. In addition to appearing in this newsletter, the new forms are also available on myturtlerock.com (under the "Community Association" heading).
- The old ARC form will still be accepted until April 15, 2021. After then, only the new forms will be accepted for consideration. As always, we look forward to collaborating with our residents to maintain and improve our Turtle Rock neighborhood.

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TURTLE ROCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

8500 Turtle Rock Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238

OFFICE: 941-921-3865 FAX: 941-921-3808 E-MAIL: communitymanager@myturtlerock.com

REQUEST FOR ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC) PAINTING APPROVAL

The undersigned homeowner seeks approval of the ARC to paint the following:

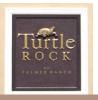
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TURTLE ROCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. 8500 Turtle Rock Blvd., Sarasota, Fl. 34238 OFFICE: 941-921-3865 FAX: 941-921-3808 E-MAIL: community manager@ myturtlerock.com REQUEST FOR ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC) STRUCTURAL ALTERATION, ADDITION, OR LANDSCAPING APPROVAL

The undersigned homeowner seeks approval of the ARC for the following:

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| 1. | A SITE PLAN to property line | | | sting structures, showing proposed location in rela | tion |
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| 3. | | | ce showing the location appearance, size and co | of proposed gutters, windows or doors, as well as nor. | nan- |
| 4. | SAMPLES of | proposed roof | tiles, pavers or landscap | e curbing left outside the residence for ARC review | v. |
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Turtle Rock Women's Club

The Turtle Rock Women's Club had a very successful Zoom luncheon in March, featuring Kathryn Chelsey who portrayed Bertha Honore Palmer. We enjoyed learning more about this amazing woman's life and times. It was wonderful to see so many members from near and far (even Scotland!) at this virtual event. Our next Zoom luncheon will be on Wednesday, April 7 from 11:30am-12:30pm. We will have a speaker from Selah Freedom. Further details will be in the TRWC April newsletter.

BEACH SUNSETS

On February 26, a group of Turtle Rock residents came out for our Sunset Gathering at Turtle Beach. The weather was perfect, the sunset excellent and the full moon rose shortly after sunset.





Plan to join us at our next socially distant event on at 7pm Friday, April 23 at Caspersen Beach in Venice. The sunset is at 7:48pm and the address is 4100 Harbor Drive, Venice, FL 34293. As always, bring something to sit on and whatever snacks and beverages you want. Come early to participate in the Best Beach Picnic Competition! A prize will be given for the most creative, elaborate or fanciest picnic setup. (Think table, tablecloths, napkins, beverages, hors d'oeuvres, etc.) We'll set up at 6:30pm with judging at 7pm.

There's free parking, clean restrooms and easy beach access. We'll meet on the beach – look for the new TRWC flag. No reservations required -- just show up!

Please contact Karen Howe at kmhoweoo1@yahoo.com or 315-632-2247 for more information.

If you'd like more information on membership or activities, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at TurtleRockWomensClub@gmail.com to find out more.

Submitted by Jean Contillo

Turtle Rock Men's Club



We are still without a date as to when we will resume meetings and luncheons.



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

Tim Derr, Val Dolorico, Barry Domenick



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

Mailbox Task Force Report

Installation of the new mailboxes is still anticipated to begin in April. Your task force has been tracking the progress of the shipment of the posts on a "slow boat from China". Last sighting was in the Mediterranean in Malta. We expect the ship to dock in Miami before April 1st. Check out the Turtle Rock website for the latest news.



Installation will begin in Savannah in April, followed by the rest of Turtle Rock in early May, beginning in the south end – Park Shore, Great Meadow, and Far Oak Circle – and proceeding north.

Now is the time to think about removing all landscaping and hardscaping within a 3.5 ft. radius surrounding your post. You should have received a flyer attached to your mailbox explaining what is required and whom to ask if you have any issues or questions.

Disposal of landscaping and hardscaping waste will be handled by Waste Management.

Pavers, bricks, stones and similar are considered "construction debris" by Waste Management. Each household is entitled to put at the end of the driveway for weekly pick-up four 32 gallon containers of debris weighing no more than 40 pounds each. Yard waste should be cut and bagged (40 pounds maximum) or bundled in 4 foot long bundles of 40 pounds maximum.



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Mailbox Task Force Report contd

Task Force members will work with individual residents to determine what preparation is required and when it needs to be completed. Task Force members will later be checking with homeowners to see if the site is ready and if not, let them know that the landscaper (Bloomings) will perform the preparation and charge the homeowner for the work.

Please contact the task force member listed for your street with questions:

All streets within Savannah - Patty Fleming

Benchmark Ct – Kathy Wells

Brooksbend – Kathy Wells

Deerbrook Circle – Bob Oram

Far Oak Circle – Curt Gilroy

Glade Fern Ct – Kathy Wells

Great Meadow – Curt Gilroy

Hanging Moss outside Savannah – Kathy Wells

Little Brook Ct – Harry Hopes

Meadow Rush Loop – Bob Oram

Nice Way – Roberta Maloney

Park Shore – Curt Gilroy

Redbriar Ct – Kathy Wells

Ridgelake Pl – Kathy Wells

Sabal Lake Circle – Kathrin Harris

Sweetmeadow Circle – Kathy Wells

Timber Chase (except cul-de-sac) –

Harry Hopes

Timber Chase cul-de-sac – Kathy Wells

Treesdale Ct – Kathy Wells

Watermark – Jodi Cunnison

Wildflower Ct – Harry Hopes

Submitted by Roberta Maloney

Drawing on previous page by Turtle Rock artist Barry Domenick

Bird Notes:

Black Vultures: Part of Mother Nature's Clean Up Crew

Flying in the sky or sitting in groups in a tree or feeding on road kill, Vultures are not very photogenic, but they do clean up dead animals that could spread disease. Vulture comes from the Latin word "vulturus" which means "tearer" which describes how they eat their prey. We have the Black and Turkey Vultures in Florida. The Turkey Vulture has a wide range in the United States. We have some residential Turkey Vultures and some migrants during the



winter. The Black Vulture is commonly found in the southeast although its range is expanding, perhaps due to climate change.

The Black Vulture is about 25 inches in length with a wingspan of 52 to 66 inches. Adults are black with gray and black flecked wrinkled skin on their heads, an ivory bill and whitish legs. Juvenile birds are also black with wrinkled skin on their heads that becomes more prominent as they mature which takes two to three years. Black Vultures have white rectangular patches at their wing tips and short, wedge-shaped tails. They fly with several short wing flaps and short periods of gliding with their wings in a V formation often rocking back and forth. They don't have a call because they lack a syrinx or voice box, but they can grunt and hiss.

Black Vultures usually lay 2 pale gray-green eggs with brown blotches which take from 32 to 41 days to hatch. Both parents feed the chicks until their first flight 75 to 80 days later. Nesting sites are on the ground in a thicket or in a hollow log several feet above the ground. They do not make a nest, but lay their eggs on leaves and twigs.

Food sources are carrion, but they also eat eggs of other birds, turtles, lizards, young of other birds, coconuts and rotting vegetables or other garbage. Black Vul-

tures have been known to attack and eat newborn calves.

Fun Fact: Vultures defecate on their own legs, using the evaporation of the water in their feces and urine to cool themselves. This is called urohidrosis.



Submitted by Janet Smith

More Bird Notes





Has anyone noticed the two new colts that were born to our local Sand Hill Crane family? Please watch for them crossing the road.



A dog walks into a butcher shop with a purse strapped around his neck. He walks up to the meat case and calmly sits there until it's his turn to be helped. A man, who was already in the butcher shop, finished his purchase and noticed the dog. The butcher leaned over the counter and asked the dog what it wanted today. The dog put its paw on the glass case in front of the ground beef, and the butcher said, "How many pounds?"

The dog barked twice, so the butcher made a package of two pounds ground beef. He then said, "Anything else?"

The dog pointed to the pork chops, and the butcher said, "How many?"
The dog barked four times, and the butcher made up a package of four pork chops.
The dog then walked around behind the counter, so the butcher could get at the purse. The butcher took out the appropriate amount of money and tied two packages of meat around the dog's neck.

The man, who had been watching all of this, decided to follow the dog. It walked for several blocks and then walked up to a house and began to scratch at the door to be let in. As the owner opened the door, the man said to the owner, "That's a really smart dog you have there."

The owner said, "He's not really all that smart. This is the second time this week he forgot his key."

Donna Wolfson...



Still working hard to put a smile on our face. Thanks Donna!



Batter up



Top of the mornin' to ya!



One down one to go...



The future March Madness

From Around the Rock...



We heard that quite a few of our neighbors spruced up their homes during 2020. Did you do some projects? Do you have some interesting stories about the projects you did? If so, we'd like to hear about it. Please email Paula Griffin (paulasrq@gmail.com) or Judy Bentz (judylbentz@yahoo.com). We can't wait to hear from you.

Upsy Daisy

A reminder that one word in the English language that can be a noun, verb, adjective, adverb and preposition. UP. Read until the end ... you'll laugh.

This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is 'UP.' It is listed in the dictionary as an [adv.], [prep.], [adj.], [n] or [v]. It's easy to understand UP, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake UP?

At a meeting, why does a topic come UP? Why do we speak UP, and why are the officers UP for election and why is it UP to the secretary to write UP a report? We call UP our friends, brighten UP a room, polish UP the silver, warm UP the leftovers and clean UP the kitchen. We lock UP the house and fix UP the old car. At other times, this little word has real special meaning. People stir UP trouble, line UP for tickets, work UP an appetite, and think UP excuses.

To be dressed is one thing but to be dressed UP is special. And this UP is confusing: A drain must be opened UP because it is stopped UP.

We open UP a store in the morning but we close it UP at night. We seem to be pretty mixed UP about UP! To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of UP, look UP the word UP in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes UP almost 1/4 of the page and can add UP to about thirty definitions.

If you are UP to it, you might try building UP a list of the many ways UP is used. It will take UP a lot of your time, but if you don't give UP, you may wind UP with a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding UP. When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing UP. When it rains, the earth soaks it UP. When it does not rain for awhile, things dry UP.

One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it UP, for now . . . my time is UP!

Congratulations to Mel Warren.

She found the word "bourdon" on page 14 which means a low pitch stop in an organ.

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