



# Turtle Rock Newsletter

*The Best Place on Palmer Ranch*

**October 2021**

## President's Message

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**The author of each article is responsible for the factual accuracy.**

### Greetings Turtle Rock:

Good things are continuing in our community:

The Mailbox Taskforce reports that the mailbox replacement project resumed in September and is scheduled for completion by September 30.

The Natural Assets Committee reports that a large floating island of invasive vegetation has been removed from pond 19 (off Far Oak Circle), along with invasive plants removed from littoral shelves and replaced with new aquatic plants. Restoration of the Sabal Lake Pond has begun and is scheduled to be completed in October. Once completed, aquatic plants will be installed along the shoreline.

The Finance Committee has begun the 2022 budget process. The committee's goal is to present a budget to the Board that does not require an

increase in dues in 2022.

The Communications committee has initiated an effort to provide vol-

unteer assistance in the Clubhouse. The volunteers will be part time, and they will welcome residents and assist the Community Manager with routine duties. The program will start in November.

The Finance Committee, Traffic Safety Task Force, and TROM (Turtle Rock Owners' Manual) Rewrite Task Force are continuing to work with Sunstate Management on revisions that improve compliance with Turtle Rock rules and regulations. TROM wording is being revised to be clearer and more specific. The compliance inspection procedure and frequency are being revised, along with the compli-



**David Bryan**

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# Management Report

By Bob Kresnik, Sunstate



**In the month of August**, the ARC committee approved 34 of 36 improvement requests. They do most of the inspections on a Saturday. These Turtle Rock residents are volunteers, giving their time because they care about our community. The guidelines the committee follows are based on initial developer criteria required for all Turtle Rock homes, evolving over the years out of care for the community. This effort has kept Turtle Rock looking good, which is something owners can be proud of when guests visit.

This volunteer position has its challenges. The members are required to make some choices that upset some owners, but it's all in the effort to keep your community looking good. When you make your request to the ARC committee, try not to schedule your work until you have an approval. Advise your contractor that the work is subject to ARC approval. If you do schedule your work before you have an approval, and you are informed that your request has been delayed because of questions or concerns the ARC committee has, please don't be disrespectful to these volunteers. Remember they are providing this service for you and the community.

**What is an estoppel?** It's a request the association receives when a home is being sold. The request is ordered either by an attorney, a title company, or a private individual if the home is sold For Sale By Owner (FSBO). The report discloses to the parties in the transaction how much the assessment is, when it's due, if there are any current delinquencies, special assessment activity, any outstanding fines, and if there are any exterior violations. This request must be provided within 10 days of receiving the request or the allowable fee charged is denied by the state.

On average, this request is received 15 or less days before the closing date. With the number of sales in Sarasota County, there are many requests received each month. When an estoppel request is received, the estoppel report is worked on by management. Time is of the essence, and we are required by law to satisfy the request within the 10-day time frame. It is difficult to satisfy many of these requests because of when the request is received—we often need more time, and even an additional 5 days would help. *You* can influence when these requests are made when selling your home by instructing your agent, attorney, or title company to make the estoppel request a minimum of three weeks before the projected closing date. This will reduce the stress on the overall system, especially when the law requires us to report the roof needs to be power washed, and you—the owner—are unable to find someone on short notice to satisfy this requirement.

**Who is watching your home?** There are many reasons that you may not be residing in your Turtle Rock home. Whether on vacation, gone for the season, or renting out your home, please be sure we know who to contact in case an emergency. Does management have your or your property manager's current contact information? Is a neighbor or friend watching your home? Whatever your scenario may be, contact information is important!

I will continue to update you in the monthly newsletter and with periodic Flash Emails.

**Bob Kresnik, CAM**

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**Sunstate Management**

**communitymanager@myturtlerock.com**



# Mailbox Update

By Roberta Maloney



Installation began again in late August and excellent progress has been made to date. As of this writing, only the Savannah subdivision awaits completion, and we anticipate that the project will be finalized by the end of the first week in October.

Consensus is that the mailboxes have greatly improved the beauty of Turtle Rock. Please do your part in keeping up the appearance by protecting your mailbox from water and trimming damage. And remember, if you see a scratch or other need for touchup paint, please contact our Property



Manager. All maintenance and repairs, other than routine cleaning, will be handled by Turtle Rock.

Several residents have reported that they had trouble opening their mailbox. Do not pull from the top of the box, but rather insert your fingers in the cup shaped piece in the front. Pull towards you and, if necessary, give a good tug. Some of the magnets are quite strong.

The Mailbox Taskforce thanks all residents for their patience and cooperation in this effort. We are pleased with the results and hope you are also.

Please send any comments or questions to [communications@myturtlerock.com](mailto:communications@myturtlerock.com).

## President's Message, Continued

ance violation notification and fining process. The objective is to keep the Turtle Rock community property uniformly well-kept and beautiful and thereby protect our property values.

### September Board Actions

The Board approved the FIRM's (Finance, Investments, Risk Management Committee) proposal for \$28,781 (reserve funds available) to have *Artistic Concrete* repair sidewalk defects (displacement of 1/4" or more, cracks, gaps, holes etc.) throughout Turtle Rock.

The Board approved a proposal from the Somerset Board to reduce the speed limit along Nice Way from 25 MPH to 15 MPH, including the purchase and installation of two new 15 MPH speed limit signs.

A company called *The Communication Consulting Group* made a presentation to the Board

that included a recommendation to accept a 10 year contract with Comcast that would give Turtle Rock a onetime lump sum payment of \$96,645.00. The contract only requires Turtle Rock to name Comcast as the preferred cable, internet and telephone provider. Frontier and Comcast would continue to be available to residents, and there would be no price increase and no requirement for residents that use Frontier to switch to Comcast. The Board will vote on the recommendation during the October Board meeting.

### Next Board of Governors meeting:

**October 5, 2021 at 6:30 pm in the clubhouse with limited seating available. The meeting will also be accessible via ZOOM. Log in link and a call-in phone number will be provided by email. Please plan to attend.**



# Treasurer's Report

By Robert Oram



**YTD Ending August 1, 2021**

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Assessments and other income	\$978,342.83	\$ 975,657.33
<b>Operating Expenses*</b>		
General and Administrative	\$ 252,648.76	\$ 274,493.35
Common Grounds	125,888.23	143,655.34
Access Control/Gatehouse	174,037.50	180,390.67
Facilities Maintenance	114,725.61	129,166.68
Utilities	50,213.38	55,333.34

\*Actuals are lower because several maintenance and other expenditures have been deferred to later in the year.

## Reserve Expenses

Contribution	\$ 192,618.00	\$ 192,618.00
Site Improvements	- 192,704.43**	
Furn. Fixtures & Equip.	-21,218.46	

\*\* \$48,729 went to Cross Creek Environmental

## Assessments

Outstanding HOA Fees	\$ 5,903.68 (1-90 days)
	<u>4,993.12</u> (90+ days)
Total	\$ 10,886.80





# SPOTLIGHT on RESIDENTS

By Grace Sammon



## They Had Me At Hello!



Just as long-time residents Ray and Beverly Broth are getting ready to leave Turtle Rock, I had the opportunity to sit down and talk with them about their time in our community and the legacy they leave behind. My goal was simply to meet with them for “a few minutes,” to get some reflections, and write a nice story. I wanted to recognize the years that Ray had served as our community photographer, was active in the Men’s Club, and attended countless Board of Governor meetings, always with a thank you to the Board for working at a thankless job. I wanted to learn more about Beverly and her involvement as well. What resulted, however, were a delightful set of meetings – uncovering material fit for a novel. In short, to modify the movie clip and song title, “they had me at ‘hello.’”

Suffice it to say, Ray and Beverly have stories! Married for 70 years, they met when he was 13 and she was 11 and a half. He likes to say she was his Bar Mitzvah present. They met on a day-trip to Bear Mountain in New York’s Hudson Valley. She poked him in the back of his knees so she could get a better view. The rest, as they say, is history. But, what a history! Ray and Beverly dated. They dated in groups, and Ray will tell you there were three “Beverlys” — tall Beverly, short Beverly, and “just right” Beverly. He went off to the Marines. She got a job in the jewelry district and acquired, sad-to-say for Ray, a taste for fine jewelry. While she was on a vacation in the Catskills “necking” with a boy, an announcement came over the loud speaker notifying her she had a long-distance phone call. She took the call. It was Ray asking her to marry him. She went back to the boy and said “no more kissing, I just got engaged.”

Ray is 92 now, Beverly 90 just this past week. Seventy years of marriage, four daughters, wonderful grandchildren, newspaper and magazine articles at the ready, and a home filled with great art and a dining room table that easily holds 24, speaks volumes about a life filled with hard work, ingenuity, and family.

Most in our community will know Ray as the man with the camera in his hand. He comes by that honestly after decades in the business. He worked his way up from being a stock boy to the president of the camera store in New York that was the first to bring in Canon cameras to the United States. While Ray and Beverly had separate careers at different points in their marriage, the two joined forces and managed stores together. Here in Sarasota, they ran the largest camera store in the state of Florida. This accomplishment came about through invention and ingenuity. As the fami-

## SPOTLIGHT on RESIDENTS, Continued

ly grew and daughters married husbands, there was always a way to improve and expand the family business.

“Sarasota Camera” grew from 1,200 square feet, to 5,000, and ultimately 13,000 square feet with 21 employees. This accomplishment, and the quality of the services, earned the Broths a spot in the Photographic Trade News (PTN) “Hall of Fame.” Ray ran the business, Beverly kept the books, and it was a family affair. While the store has shifted over time, the Broth legacy is still evident in “Art and Frame of Sarasota,”



on the Tamiami Trail, up by Sarasota High School. The store is still owned by their daughter, Donna, and her husband.

The Broths’ first home in the Sarasota area was out on Long Boat Key. They have been involved in the community for 46 years and are “Patron Number 8” of the Sarasota Opera. Ray proudly carries his original “Sarasota Opera Life-Long Member” card in his wallet. Ray and Beverly believe in being involved and giving back. They helped start not only the opera, but the *Artist Series*.

They have been residents of Turtle Rock for 24 years. Ray designed their home in the Savannah community. Beverly volunteered for the Women’s Club and other community functions. Ray helped manage the Savannah community’s grounds for many years, and was active in the Men’s Club.

In the telling of their stories, we discovered that it is very likely that Ray sold camera equipment to my Uncle Charlie in the camera department of the store he owned, and my mother managed, back in the 1940s. We talked about how I learned how to develop film in the family darkroom. Remember PTN where Ray was recognized in the Hall of Fame? Well, my brother worked there, and Ray and I resurrect-

ed shared names and experiences together. While I was raised Catholic, I raised my own children in an Orthodox Jewish community, so we shared the experiences of the High Holidays, just passed for Jewish people.

I asked them a few questions, and their answers were simple and pure—

*What do you both love most about*

*Turtle Rock:* “the abundant natural beauty everywhere you look.”

*What makes for a happy and successful marriage:* “guts, ‘yes, dear,’ and learning to just get over it.”

*And, what words do you want to leave behind for us here in Turtle Rock:* “In life, be like a Boy Scout or Girl Scout, be warm and friendly, be kind, be courteous.”

I went to meet with the Broths to do a kind thing, to write a story that recognized that their being here for 24 years matters. It does indeed! However, believe me, the gift of this article is not to the Broths, it is to me for just a few hours spent listening, finding areas where our lives surprisingly connected and overlapped, learning about our community history, and being able to share the gift of their story.

There is a Yiddish word, “beshert.” It means “destiny.” It was beshert that Ray and Beverly would meet on that boat ride to Bear Mountain. Moreover, I am ever so grateful that it was beshert that we would meet to hear their story. Ray and Beverly Broth will be moving locally soon, like Boy Scouts and Girl scouts, they are leaving Turtle Rock better than they found it. We wish them a successful relocation, contentment in their new community, and continued happiness together!

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Do YOU have a Turtle Rock Story to tell?

Please email us and tell us about it!!

**Communications@myturtlerock.com**

# Young Families' Group

By: Jennifer Wick



*Trunk or Treat* was so much fun last year, we thought we should do it again! Come join us for a fun filled evening!



**JOIN US FOR**

## **TURTLE ROCK TRUNK OR TREAT**

Turtle Rock Community Center Parking Lot  
Saturday, October 30  
5:00—7:00 pm

Costume contest  
Trunk contest  
Fun Crafts for everyone!

**RSVP [Turtlerockfamilies@gmail.com](mailto:Turtlerockfamilies@gmail.com)**

**PLEASE BRING WRAPPED CANDY TO HAND OUT**



JOIN US AT THE TURTLE ROCK PLAYGROUND FOR

## **KONA ICE**

October 1 @ 4:00pm  
Sponsored by THEWICKTEAM  
Jennifer and John Wick at KWClassicgroup

Please email if you or someone you know would like to sponsor decorations, contest awards, or crafts for Trunk or Treat. Thanks



# ARC Report

By Curt Gilroy, Chair



With 36 applications for home and landscape improvements this month, August was one of the busiest months experienced by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). Homeowners have been taking an interest in enhancing the look of their properties for the betterment of not only their homes, but of Turtle Rock in general. These improvements benefit us all as property values continue to rise and the desire for owning in Turtle Rock means properties sell quickly.

In addition to reviewing ARC applications, the committee members are here to assist homeowners in considering any aspect of exterior home improvement. Even if there is no immediate need to enhance a property, the ARC is available to consult with homeowners about possible future improvements.

Of the 36 applications for the month, the ARC reviewed eight for tree removal and replacement. This is understandable as many of our beautiful oak trees have grown too large for our properties. The ARC has been recommending homeowners consider replacing their oaks with a Black Olive (Shady Lady), a very attractive substitute without the invasive root structure. In addition, there were five applications for new roofs, seven for exterior painting, and five for replacing or painting the lanai cage – with nearly all switching from the typical white cage to shades of bronze which blend so much better with the surrounding landscape. The remaining applications included new hurricane windows and doors, gutters, other landscaping enhancements, and driveway and walkway pavers – a significant contributor to one's home value.

Like landscaping and house paint, driveways are another major statement of a home's curb appeal and are a reflection of the aesthetic beauty of the property as well as Turtle Rock as a whole. As the recent eblast and mailed letter regarding driveways pointed out, permitted driveway and walkway surfaces *may only* be concrete, stamped-concrete, pavers, or bricks. Resin or concrete overlays are prohibited, as are painting and staining of driveways. Any change to driveway and walkway surfaces must be approved by the ARC. All driveways and walkways must be maintained in good condition with the surface free of dirt, grime, stains, or mold; neatly edged and free of weeds in the joints; and free of excessive wear, fading, cracks, chips, and trip hazards.

Over the decades, some driveways and walkways in Turtle Rock have been painted, stained, or textured with an overlay, despite that this treatment is against our rules. These surfaces must be maintained like other driveways, and the ARC will work with homeowners to ensure the surfaces meet standards that are outlined in the President's message.

Each homeowner is responsible for regular cleaning, maintenance, repair, and replacement of the driveway and walkway, including the driveway alignment with the sidewalk. Finally, the ARC wishes to thank all homeowners for continuing efforts they make in maintaining and upgrading their properties to enhance the beauty of Turtle Rock.





# Natural Assets Committee

By: Michelle van Schouwen, Secretary NAC



## Flood Prevention – How Our Retention Pond System Works

Turtle Rock actively manages its retention pond system to minimize the danger of flooding from heavy summer rains and storms. We have 31 connected retention ponds, along with a network of weirs, outfall boxes, mitered ends, catch basins, wetlands, and swales that, together, allow the community to ward off the worst of what summer rains can bring, and keep the pond water flowing during the long dry season. Here's a quick look at how key components of our water management system work:

**Retention ponds:** Our 31 ponds collect and filter stormwater runoff as well as providing habitat for fish, birds, turtles, alligators, and other freshwater life. These ponds fill “to the brim” in summer, and have lower water levels during extended dry spells, usually winter.



**Wetlands:** Especially during the rainy season, the wetlands supplement the ponds in holding and filtering water. Like the ponds, they provide inviting homes for native birds, fish, and wildlife. Sarasota County is an active steward of the wetlands, with the goal of preserving them

in as near to a “native-natural” state as possible.

**Swales:** The sometimes-wet grassy “dip” between your yard and the neighbors’ is a deliberate design feature. During heavy rains, the swales direct excess water toward ponds and streets, rather than toward homes. This is why Turtle Rock does not allow homeowners to add new plantings within the swales, or to otherwise block the flow of water toward the streets and ponds.

**Water flow devices:** To manage the flow of water into or out of a particular pond, the system includes several types of engineered devices:

**Weirs** handle water restriction or release depending on the water level in the ponds. They have a notch or opening to control water flow amount and direction. Weirs are located in certain channels through which pond water flows.



**Outfall boxes** allow water to drain out of ponds when it reaches a certain level. In some cases, outfall boxes are used where two ponds or a pond and wetlands connect, and where water drains into the two creeks that take excess filtered water out of our ponds to Little Sarasota Bay.

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# Natural Assets Committee, continued

**Mitered ends** are the ends of drain pipes cut or mitered on an angle. Most of our mitered ends carry water from street drain inlets to retention ponds, while a few connect ponds to each other.



**Catch basins** are boxes located in swales, sometimes with funnel drains, to capture and send water to the retention pond network.



**Street drains** send water from streets into ponds. Many people wrongly assume that these drains connect to our sewer system— they do not! Everything that goes down here is sent directly into our ponds, it is

therefore important *not* to blow grass clippings or allow other debris, especially chemicals such as bleach or paint thinners to go down there.

All of these system elements, from ponds to catch basins, require ongoing vigilance to keep them working well.

The weirs, outfall boxes, mitered ends, catch basins, and street drains must all be kept in good working order, which requires regular inspection, cleaning, and periodic repair or replacement.

We need to minimize erosion. This is a chief purpose of the low maintenance zones (LMZs) along pond shores, as well as the shoreline restoration projects and the native plants along littoral shelves. We must keep the pond water as clean as possible, especially since much of it ends up in Little Sarasota Bay and then the Gulf. Many tactics, including the LMZs and native plants, support this effort.

With water quality in mind, the Natural Assets Committee urges residents to avoid overwatering, particularly in side yards and driveways. Overwatering results in reclaimed water unnecessarily flowing into drains and ponds, adding excessive nitrogen and phosphorus to the ponds, damaging their health. Residents should water just enough so that the moisture is absorbed into the ground. Watering is not necessary in the rainy season.

In addition, we strive to minimize fertilizer and other undesirable runoff as well as grass clippings in the ponds. We work to keep the wetlands as pristine as possible (with the added responsibility to remove invasive plants where needed).

The Natural Assets Committee preserves and enhances our critical water management system. We recognize that it offers not only practical but also great aesthetic value for the community. Healthy retention ponds graced by wildlife and natural plantings are an enviable asset for our homes and neighborhoods, and we're grateful to contribute to their function and wellbeing – and to our community's quality of life.

*Images courtesy Melody Barackman*

Article by Michelle van Schouwen, Secretary,  
Natural Assets Committee

Logo Created by Barry Domenick, Turtle Rock  
Resident



# Around The Rock

By Kathrin Harris, TR News Editor



## More Shoreline Restoration

Have you seen the crews working tirelessly along the Sabal Lake Circle in the past weeks? Our vendor, Crosscreek, has spent weeks here.



First, they cut the tall growth along the edge, then hammered in spikes every 3 feet. Then they are ready for the geotubes, made of Kevlar textile, that

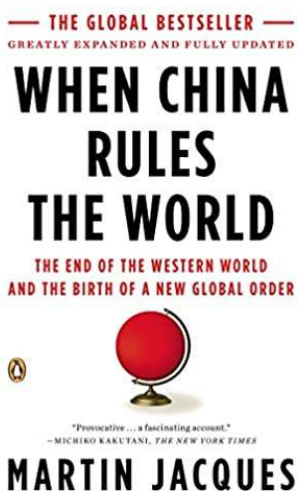
line the edge of the pond. The tubes are filled with sediments taken from the pond using hydraulic mini dredges. It works similarly to pumping sand onto our beaches when they are renourished. The filled tubes form a contoured natural barrier along the original shoreline.

After completion all the way around the lake, native grasses and plants can be planted over the geotubes and a new “low maintenance zone” can be established.



At least the water was still warm...but watch out for alligators and water moccasins! ◆

## Turtle Rock Library Feature Book of the Month



### When China Rules the World: The End of the Western World and the Birth of a New Global Order

by Martin Jacques    435 pp, 2009, nonfiction.  
Revised edition, 2012, is 830 pp.

By drawing heavily on Chinese history, Jacques reveals a mistaken belief that China is becoming more like the West. He explores how an increasingly powerful China is focusing on social, cultural, financial, economic, and political ideas and practices. First published in 2009 to widespread critical acclaim and controversy, this book has been revised and expanded with a new afterword.



# Turtle Rock Women's Club

By Jean Contillo



Please join us on **October 30** from **6-9 pm** at the  
Turtle Rock Community Center for our  
**Halloween Mix and Mingle!**

Bring your partner, your own beverage (whatever you enjoy) and an appetizer or dessert to share. Costumes are not required, but prizes will be awarded in several categories, so show us your creativity!

All are welcome to join in the fun!

Volunteers are needed for set-up and clean-up.

Please contact Emily Miller at [emillah3@gmail.com](mailto:emillah3@gmail.com) if you can help.

*Halloween Mix & Mingle*



**Remember** — our monthly luncheons are held on the first Wednesday of the month and reservation details and menus are found in the TRWC newsletter. Be sure to check it out for all club news, events and ongoing activities. Not getting our newsletter? Please email us at [turtlerockwomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:turtlerockwomensclub@gmail.com) to check your membership status.





# Turtle Rock Women's Club

*September 23 SUNSET  
at Siesta Key*



Nearly twenty Turtle Rockers brought their chairs, beverages, and munchies to enjoy what turned out to be a stunning sunset at Siesta Key beach. A grand time was had by all! These gatherings are organized every few months and are open to all TRWC members and guests! Join us next time!





# Turtle Rock Men's Club

By: Ken Rosemann

The Men's Club enjoyed a wonderful September luncheon at Turtles on Little Sarasota Bay. Since we are still experiencing lower attendance than we would like, we will skip the October luncheon and resume meeting in November. Be sure to check the Turtle Rock newsletter for updates.

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## Calling All Golfers!

The Men's Club has been playing golf every Thursday morning at Serenoa Golf Club for over twenty years. If you are interested in a fun outing with your neighbors, send an email to [TRMCGolf@gmail.com](mailto:TRMCGolf@gmail.com).

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## Happy Halloween!

**Please drive safely and watch out for our little Ghosts and Goblins as they gather treats.**

## October is National Pumpkin Month

They're great for carving contests and Halloween decorations. But, they're also good for your health. Pumpkins are full of vitamins and minerals. They contain a decent amount of potassium that helps control blood pressure and support heart health. Consuming more potassium helps your body remove the primary element that raises blood pressure, sodium. Potassium also lowers the tension in your blood vessel walls to lower blood pressure further. Pumpkins are rich in powerful antioxidants, so they're really good for your health. Beta-carotene alone has many benefits including lowering the risk of asthma, heart disease, certain cancers, and degenerative eye diseases. It's even known to delay aging and body degeneration. So, yes, these cute, funny looking Halloween decorations are also good for your health.

## New Community Feature — The Welcome Desk!

The Communications Committee is seeking volunteers from our community who would be willing to "staff" the "Welcome Desk" in the Club House a few hours a week. The details of the job are still to be developed with the team and management. Basically, they are looking for someone who will welcome people to the Center, give out forms, answer basic questions, make copies, and allow the manager to get out on the property and meet with vendors and others uninterrupted during the time volunteers are present. Of course, Bob Kresnick, our new manager, will also be available to all residents and owners. If you have been missing your corner office, want to be a welcoming greeter in the community, or are looking for a way to really help out in the day-to-day life of Turtle Rock, contact Grace Sammon at [gmsammon@gmail.com](mailto:gmsammon@gmail.com) or Kathrin Harris at [kathrin2020@verizon.net](mailto:kathrin2020@verizon.net).



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We wish the following a  
**Happy October Birthday!**

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

**John Adams, Roger Carnes, Jim Maloney**

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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 will be glad to assist them in the process of joining.

# Communications Committee

Angela Hilton Calvo & Grace Sammon

## Welcome Desk – November Start!!



The Communications Committee is excited to announce that the “Welcome Desk” is going to start in November, thanks to our new manager, Bob Kresnik! He sees many benefits in more community involvement, especially at the Community Center. Creating a “Welcome Desk” will allow Bob the opportunity to be available to residents, and also to get out on property for compliance reviews and to meet with vendors. At the moment the “job description” includes being a greeter, compiling materials, welcoming guests and new residents with “welcome materials,” taking messages and more.

We have a few volunteers already, and are hoping for more. All residents are eligible, and we welcome you to contact Grace Sammon at [gmsammon@gmail.com](mailto:gmsammon@gmail.com). We have discussed many possibilities as this volunteer job unfolds, including student internships, which would gain volunteer hours credited by schools. Think about what you would like our Community Center to become, how you can help, how you can support our management team, then contact Grace.



Angela Hilton Calvo, Chair      Grace Sammon, Secretary



You may remember that the Board of Governors approved the creation of a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) several months ago. These teams are a critical first line of support to communities when a disaster threatens or strikes. Unfortunately, we have not yet been able to field a team. However, if you are interested in being part of a training that can help you and our community in times of emergency, please consider signing up for the upcoming Sarasota CERT training.

The CERT BASIC Course at State College of Florida (Lakewood Ranch) is now available for registration. Interested members can visit Sarasota’s CERT website to learn more at <https://www.scgov.net/government/emergency-services/community-emergency-response-teams-cert>



## Over There!

Are you a veteran? Do you know a member in our community who served? The Turtle Rock Communications Committee would like to feature our veterans and thank them for their service in the November issue. Please forward the veteran’s name, Service and years of service to [TR.CommunicationsCommittee@gmail.com](mailto:TR.CommunicationsCommittee@gmail.com) by 15 October. Photos, and other information are also welcome and will be used as space allows. Thank you, in advance, for your service.



# Landscape & Grounds

By Kathrin Harris, Secretary



Several landscaping revitalization projects which were approved by the Board some months ago are finally beginning to take shape! Bloomings had a difficult time getting these off the ground for many reasons, including lack of material availability, torrential rains, and an outbreak of Covid among their staff, necessitating two crews of 15 men to quarantine for 14 days!

During September, the crews did accomplish the following:



- ◆ Replacing the annuals in both the “bullnoses” at each entrance. Looking a bit small, but they’ll fill in quickly, matching Palmer Ranch bullnoses.



- ◆ Starting the relandscaping of our south gatehouse median



- ◆ Relandscaping of the east and west sides of our south entrance



More planting projects are on the horizon, and we hope Bloomings encounters no further setbacks in getting these accomplished.

Additionally, the annual palm trimming (all 473 Cabbage Palms along the Boulevard, and possibly some others) is scheduled to take place in November. After that messy work is complete, the annual mulching will take place, hopefully to be complete prior to the Holidays.

The Committee is also looking into long-term solutions to address sight and sound issues all along our eastern border at Honore. Much of this nearly 2-mile stretch is overgrown with vines and weeds that are choking out desirable shrubs and trees, but when the vines lose their leaves in winter, it leaves the area bare. This hopeful project promises to be expensive and completed in phases if approved. ◆





## Chalk Art

Art By:  
Donna Wolfson



He misunderstood when  
she said it was "Labor Day"

## The Communications Committee

The committee is always interested in input from the community. 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!

### Committee Members and Newsletter Staff

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