



Turtle Rock Newsletter

The Best Place on Palmer Ranch
November 2021

President's Message

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and sentence structure.**

The author of each article

Greetings Turtle Rock:

Good things are continuing in our community:

First, I wish to congratulate Angela Hilton on being appointed to fill the open Board of Governors seat. The appointment runs until the 2023 election. Angela is very well qualified, and is eager to help as the Board works to maintain Turtle Rock as the most desirable community on Palmer Ranch. Please join me in congratulating Angela!

The Mailbox Taskforce reports that the mailbox project is essentially complete, except for one replacement on Sabal Lake Circle, some minor touch ups, and sod installation. Thank you to the Mailbox Committee, and especially Kathy Wells for an exceptional job of overseeing the project.

The Natural Assets Commit-

tee reports that the pond shoreline restoration work is continuing with work in

progress on pond 13 (Sabal Lake). Pond 13 is scheduled to be completed by the end of November. The pond restoration project is budgeted and scheduled to be completed over a 4-year period. The ponds with the most severe erosion are being completed first.

The Finance Committee is continuing to work through the 2022 budget process. The committee is working to present a budget to the Board that does not require an increase in quarterly dues.

The Communications committee has initiated a program to provide volunteer assistance



David Bryan

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President's Message, Continued

in the Clubhouse. The volunteers will be part time, and they will welcome residents and assist the Community Manager with routine duties starting on November 1. Another committee initiative spearheaded by Grace Sammon is to have a ceremony to honor our veterans on November 4. Please see the expanded article saluting Veterans on page ___ of this newsletter. If all goes as planned, this will be an amazing event. Thank you, Grace!

A group of Women's Club members, spearheaded by Paula Griffin, have proposed a weekly drop-in at the Turtle Rock Community Center. The idea is for interested residents to gather at the Clubhouse with their own beverage and or snack on Mondays from 10:00 am to 11:30 am to meet and visit with other residents. Watch for further details and the start date of this great initiative.

October Board Actions

- ♦ Tabled the vote to accept 10-year contract Comcast Contract that would pay Turtle Rock onetime lump sum payment of \$96,645, as there were only four Governors present, and additional questions need to be addressed.
- ♦ Approved the appointment of Bette Blitzer as chair of the Turtle Rock Academy.
- ♦ Appointed Angela Hilton to fill the vacant Board seat until the 2023 annual election.

November 2, 2021 at 6:30 pm is the next Board of Governors meeting. The meeting will be held in the clubhouse and limited seating will be available. The meeting will also be available on ZOOM. Log in and a call-in phone number will be provided by email. Please plan to attend.



Palmer Ranch is still growing! The original developer of Palmer Ranch, Hugh Culverhouse, still owns plenty of land that is, and can still become, a part of our DRI— Development of Regional Impact. All of us have seen the recent clearing of the NE corner of Honore and Central Sarasota Parkway. Always zoned commercial, this parcel will soon be home to a Publix supermarket, a public storage facility, and some smaller business entities. In the meantime, the NW corner of Palmer Ranch Pkwy and Honore received approval from the Board of County Commissioners in November 2020 to proceed with a 250+ unit apartment complex, possible only through a series of deviations from the county's development code for maximum density and set-backs. In other words, more units will be placed closer to the road than normally allowed in the county. This will greatly alter the beauty of this green corner and negatively affect traffic flow in the intersection. Sadly, the best efforts of Palmer Ranch and other county residents fell on deaf ears last year.

Yet another high-density apartment complex is now in the planning stage (same developer: Spanos Corporation) on the corner of Northridge and Honore— next to the Publix. Again, the developer needs to obtain deviations from the county's codes to make it “worth his while” to develop the small plot of land with apartments. The county Planning Commission granted unanimous approval for the developer to proceed with this high-density complex, and it will head to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for final approval soon. If this is something you are not in favor of, YOU can make your voice heard before the BCC makes a final decision. We will keep TR residents posted regarding when and how they can share their opinions with the BCC.

Management Report

By Bob Kresnik, Sunstate



Fall is upon us!

Temperatures are slowly decreasing; grass growth has slowed to a snail's pace, and the Sarasota population is receiving its seasonal increase.

Many changes take place this time of year.



Change has provided an opportunity for Turtle Rock Association to find a better means of communication. The U.S. Postal service is a dinosaur that continuously is increasing prices and providing worse service each

year. One of the promising tools of today's ever-changing environment is the email. There is basically zero cost, and delivery of your message happens in a flash.

We view email as a great communication tool which can be a savings to both the Turtle Rock bottom line, and a time saver to residents. We have been requesting residents to forward their emails to the office. As of today, we may have 60% of the residents' email addresses on file. There are many messages that we could send to residents via email that would be informative and beneficial to them.

Presently there are three requests we have of our residents:

First: when you leave your Turtle Rock home, or seasonally come to Turtle Rock, please provide, in advance, the street address where we can send required snail mail notices.

Second: we can use your updated home and

cellular phone number.

Third: please provide us with your email address for instant communication.

Our goal is to provide a better form of updating the residents on important issues that come up. This would include any type of emergency notice, notifications pertaining to your home, notices about the Turtle Rock site, and time sensitive notices. This information would be provided to the group that welcomes all new residents to Turtle Rock.

We will not pass your information on for any type of sales or advertisement. This is strictly for the benefit of Turtle Rock residents, management communication, and the community.

If you are reading this newsletter, it most likely reached you via email. If you know a neighbor or friend within Turtle Rock who does not receive it, their name is surely not on our distribution list. Please suggest to them that they contact me in the office (phone call is fine) to share their email address so I can get it into our database.

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving and great start to the holiday season.

Bob Kresnik, CAM

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Sunstate Management

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Treasurer's Report

By Robert Oram



Year-To-Date Ending September 30, 2021

	Actual	Budget
Assessments and other income	\$1,100,680.14	\$1,1097,614.50
Operating Expenses*		
General and Administrative	\$ 287,462.54	\$ 308,805.00
Common Grounds	151,642.81*	161,612/25
Access Control/Gatehouse	205,799.95*	202,939.50
Facilities Maintenance	126,910.60	145,312.50
Utilities	54,222.14	62,250.00

*Overages in September were from Gate Attendants (3 Allied payments) and South Entry Landscaping.

Reserve Expenses

Contribution	\$ 216,695.25	\$ 216,695.25
Site Improvements	- 192,704.43	
Furn. Fixtures & Equip.	-21,218.46	

Assessments

Outstanding HOA Fees	\$ 209.49 (1-90 days)
	<u>7,300.02</u> (90+ days)
Total	\$ 7,514.51

HONORING Our VETERANS

By: Steve West



How Veterans Day Came About

Although it originally had another name, Veterans Day started over 100 years ago with the end of World War I. The official end of WWI came with the *Treaty of Versailles*, signed on June 28, 1919; however, the armistice date of **November 11, 1918**, remained in the public imagination as the date that marked the end of the conflict.

One year later, in November 1919, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. The day's observation included parades and public gatherings, as well as a brief pause in business and school activities at 11 a.m.

On November 11, 1921, an unidentified American soldier killed in the war was buried at Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C. On the same day the previous year, unidentified soldiers were laid to rest at Westminster Abbey in London and at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

On June 4, 1926, Congress passed a resolution that the "recurring anniversary of November 11, 1918 should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer, as well as exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations," and that the president should issue an annual proclamation calling for the observance of Armistice Day. It was made an official U.S. holiday in 1938.

In 1954, after the horrors of WWII prompted lobbying efforts by veterans' service organizations, the 83rd U.S. Congress amended the 1938 act that had made Armistice Day a holiday, striking the word "Armistice" in favor of "Veterans." President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the legislation on June 1, 1954. From then on, November 11 became a day to honor American veterans of *all* wars.

Great Britain, France, Australia and Canada also commemorate the veterans of World War I and II on or near November 11th: Canada has Remembrance Day, while Britain has Remembrance Sunday (the second Sunday of November).

In the United States, an official wreath-laying ceremony is held each Veterans Day at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery, while parades and other celebrations are held in states around the country.

Turtle Rock honors its Veterans by displaying flags on our entrance pergolas, a practice that has been done for 12 years by our extraordinary Maintenance Man, Larry Mullen. In the next pages, we honor Turtle Rock veterans who contacted us to let us know they served, highlight a few who were brave enough to share a photo and some information about their service, and share a special letter received from the Secretary of Defense thanking specifically Turtle Rock veterans for their service. All of us are humbled by your service to this country and the freedoms we enjoy today in the United States because of your sacrifice.





Over the last few months, the Communications Committee has reached out through the newsletter, asked friends and neighbors, and culled through past newsletter editions in order to recognize and celebrate our veterans. The entire Turtle Rock Community thanks *each of you* for your service to country. You have brought great credit to your Service, the United States, and our Turtle Rock Community. We apologize that the list below is not exhaustive of all who served, and we also know that some of those honored have passed, and our collective thanks goes to their spouses who remain. Please let us know if we have omitted your name.

Lois Agrinick, Navy
Robert Arnet, Army
Brian Aspden, Air Force
Steve Baron, Marine Corps
Tom Bass, Air Force
Irwin Broh, Army
Ray Broth, Marine Corps
David Bryan, Air Force
James Cerny, IL National Guard
Terry Cooney, Army
Gene Crites, Air Force
Deirdre Cronin, Army
Neil DeLorenzo, Army
Len Friedlander, Air Force
Jonathan Gordon, Army
Barry Gorski, Marine Corps
Bob Guthrie, Army
Gerry Hailey, Army
Wayne Harris, Army
Chuck Hendrickson, Navy
Dr. Washington Hill, Medical Corps
Beth Hope, Marine Corps
Dan Hruska, Army
Fredric Jarrett, Army

Ken Johnson, Army
David Keenan, Marine Corps
Ronald Knox, Air Force
Chuck Koontz, Army
William Ludwig, Navy
William Mills, Army Reserves
Bruce Monson,
Harry Nelson, Army
John O'Hehir, Navy
Ronald Paddock, Air Force
Gabe Pataky, Marine Corps
Hank Peppard, Army National Guard
Roger Procopio, Air Force
Paul Ratzlaff, Army
Tom Rowe, Armored Cavalry
John Sabin, Army
Charles E. Sanders III, Air Force
Bill Sayers, Army
Lou Schwartz, Army
Craig Walsh, Army
Maurice Weisman, Army
Martin Wolf, Army
James Vaughn, Army

Thank you!

HONORING Our VETERANS



William (Bill) Ludwig

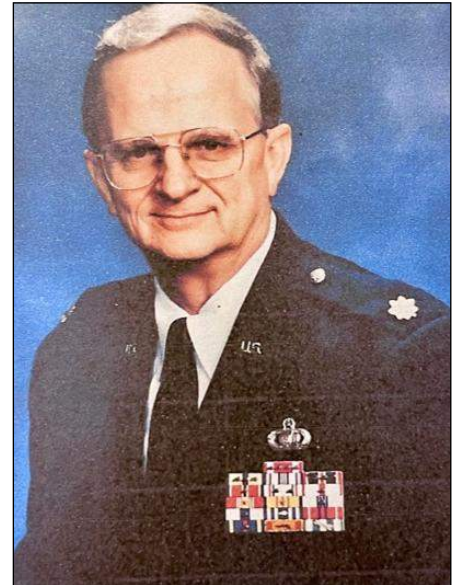
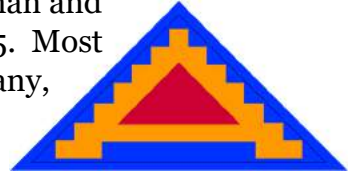
Park Shore Lane since 1995

Served honorably in the US Navy for four years during the Korean War. He attained the rank of Gunners Mate 2nd Class. He has numerous medals from some of the campaigns in the Far East.

Irwin (Irv) Broh

Deerbrook Circle since 1997

Served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1958, starting as an enlisted man and rising from private to E5. Most of his tour was in Germany, stationed at 7th Army headquarters near Stuttgart for 18 months. Irv is proud of his service and especially honors those who were in combat.



Ronald (Ron) Knox

Nice Way since 1998

Served 30 years in the Air Force, 1969 to 1999, in 18 locations around the world, including California, the Pentagon, Hawaii, Germany, South Korea, Guam, and Thailand. He spent 4 years on the Inspector General Team responsible for inspecting all Air Force Bases in the Pacific Theater. His greatest achievement came in 1983, when he received the Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award as the number one Junior Officer in the Air Force.



Robert (Bob) Arnet

Meadow Rush Loop since 2016

LTC (Ret) Bob Arnet, US Army, integrated with Russian Soldiers in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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Jonathan (Jon) C. Gordon

Deerbrook Circle since 1997

Received his commission through the ROTC Program at U of Florida in 1966. Began active duty in 1969 as a member of the US Army's Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG). Retired in 1998 as a Colonel. Overseas tours included Vietnam (1970-1971), Germany (1980-1984), Korea (1990-1993). Final assignment was as Senior Judge, US Army Court of Criminal Appeals. Of local interest: Attended Riverview Jr-Sr High School in the *first* year of the school's existence, 1958-59.

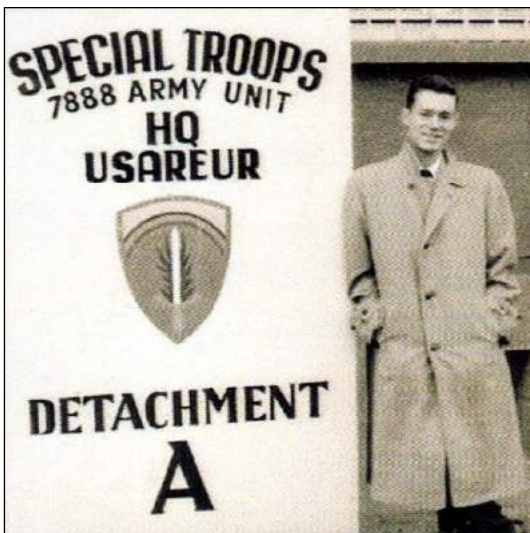


Gabe Pataky

Sabal Lake Circle since 2008

Served in the Marine Corps (USMC), Lance Corporal (LcPL for short) and spent over a year in Vietnam at the ripe old age of 19 and 20

as a machine gunner on a helicopter.



Maurice (Mike) Weisman

Sabal Lake Circle since 1998
Army Specialist served in Heidelberg, Germany at USAREUR Headquarters



William (Bill) Sayers

Deerbrook Circle
Pictured here as Sergeant. Spent two years with the Army from 1966 to 1968. At 19, he did a one-year tour in Vietnam, assigned to the 9th Infantry Division Mobile Riverine Force. He was awarded two Purple Hearts and Army Commendation for Valor.

HONORING Our VETERANS



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11/1/2021

To Members of the Turtle Rock Community
c/o Dr. Curtis L. Gilroy
8561 Park Shore Lane
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To the Veterans of Turtle Rock:

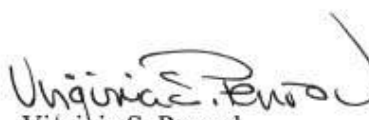
It has come to this Office's attention that your collective contribution to Military Service is significant and worthy of recognition. Your service spans seven decades, multiple conflicts, and blankets the globe with specific service in Korea, Viet Nam, the Gulf Wars, Afghanistan, and the Falkland's, among others. You have served in remote locations and here at home and in all branches of our military. You are women and men and have been medical and intelligence specialists, airmen and gunners, enlisted members and officers, and served in the active force and the reserve component. The sacrifices you and your families made is never forgotten and always appreciated by this Office.

Many of you continue to serve your Country and your communities through involvement in various organizations. This service is also appreciated as it continues to exemplify the code of ethics and honor that our military embraces.

In appreciation for your dedication and service, I wish to congratulate and thank each of you. In recognition of your collective service, I will be presenting you with a flag of the United States of America that will be flown over The Pentagon on Veterans Day 2021 in honor of the veterans of the Turtle Rock Community. You bring great credit to yourselves, your Service, and the United States of America.

As an Air Force officer (retired), and on behalf of this Office and a grateful nation, I thank you for all that you have given to this great country.

Sincerely,


Virginia S. Penrod
Acting



Natural Assets Committee

By: Michelle van Schouwen, Secretary NAC



Did You Know? Cool Facts about Our Ponds and Preserves

- Turtle Rock was once a cow pasture. All of our stormwater retention ponds are human-made, even the most natural-looking among them.
- Turtle Rock is one of only three original Palmer Ranch communities that had reclaimed sprinkler water infrastructure installed. This was originally envisioned as a golf course community. The golf course plan was scrapped, but Turtle Rock residents benefit from access to reclaimed sprinkler water, yielding tens of thousands in yearly savings.



coots, common gallinule, ibis, roseate spoonbills, sandhill cranes, wood storks, anhingas,

egrets, limpkins, night herons, vultures, owls, a range of songbirds, ospreys, and bald eagles.

- Not least, we have two lovely mallards basking near the gateway bridge to the nature



trail. (These are “faux ducks,” markers for pipes serving the community pool’s geothermal heating system.)

- Fish include bluegills, largemouth bass, and other game fish. Frogs, turtles, snakes, and alligators also call the ponds home.
- Our low-maintenance grass buffer zones (LMZs) and aquatic plants improve the wildlife habitat.

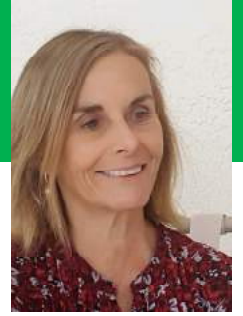


- Kayaking and canoeing are permitted on the ponds. But no swimming or wading!
- Fishing is permitted in the ponds. Be sure to ask permission from neighbors whose properties you cross or use.
- The ponds are not particularly deep – depth toward the center of ponds ranges from seven to eight feet for most, to about ten feet for larger ponds on the east side of the property.
- Our retention ponds comprise stormwater, and lots of it. Florida averages 54 inches of rainfall a year (compared to 38 inches in the USA overall). About 60 percent of this rain falls between June and September, putting the ponds to the test.
- Water runoff from residential, agricultural, and industrial areas is considered to be one of the main pollutants in Florida. Well-managed stormwater ponds reduce the chemical and mineral content of runoff, and let us be better stewards of our streams, bays and Gulf.

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Landscape & Grounds

By Michelle van Schouwen



Editor's Note: The Committee did meet with Bloomings this month, yet the main topic of discussion was the ongoing drought conditions and temporary lack of pressure on our reclaimed irrigation system. New and established plantings, as well as turf in spots, are looking droopy. As global warming continues to change the norm of our weather patterns, the dependence upon irrigation water becomes stronger. Below are some tips about irrigation that you should become familiar with and practice.

How-To Guide for Your Lawn Irrigation System

When we arrived home from summer travel, getting our sprinkler system up and running for fall presented challenges, including, 1) zones were not spraying water out at all and, 2) once that was resolved, zones refused to turn off. *Fun!* Perhaps we are not alone in experiencing occasional frustration and confusion over some of the rules, functions, and foibles of our irrigation systems.

First, the basics:

- ♦ Turtle Rock uses reclaimed water for irrigation. This is great for preserving potable water for the community, and it saves homeowners money, too. It presents a few challenges (see Troubleshooting, below).
- ♦ Turtle Rock currently permits homeowners to irrigate once or twice a week. If you water once a week, you may want to set your system to 20-30 minutes per zone. For twice a week (which some homeowners like to do during the winter dry season) 10-15 minutes per zone is ample.
- ♦ Exceptions to the current, dry season maximum-two-days-a-week schedule include needs for specific new or otherwise thirsty plants and watering after permitted fertilization (see [permitted dates and limitations for fertilization](#)).



- ♦ During the rainy months, the Association and Natural Assets Committee advise that you generally don't need to water the entire lawn at all. (Not watering during wet times helps our ponds, streams, Gulf, and your lawn stay healthy, so thank you!)
- ♦ Our St. Augustine grasses are healthiest when they get "some but not too much" water, so up to twice a week in the dry season and not at all in summer is plenty. [University of Florida IFAS](#) advises, "Overwatering will harm long-term turf health because it greatly increases disease susceptibility and thatch buildup and leads to a shorter root system, which reduces the turf's overall stress tolerance and ability to survive with less water. Additionally, overwatering promotes the growth of certain weed species such as dollarweed and sedges."
- ♦ We are required to have working rain sensors. In the real world, these sometimes fail, so if you know yours is unreliable, turn your scheduled watering off when rain is coming. Ask your irrigation company to repair or replace the sensor.
- ♦ To prevent overspray onto other properties or into gutters or streets, and to minimize

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Natural Assets Committee, continued

- Turtle Rock ponds and preserves occupy at least 50 percent of our Association's total land area.
- Our nature trail is approximately 1.4 miles long and is currently in the process of improvement. Residents may walk in the nature trail and preserves, but must "leave no trace!"



- Our preserves are home to many Florida native plants and trees; including live oaks,

piners, saw palmetto, cabbage and other palms, and wild coffee; and many wildflowers, ranging from showy purple passionflower to an array of tiny blooms (learn more at www.south-florida-plant-guide.com/native-plants-of-florida.html). Bring a camera next time you stroll!



Logo Created by Barry Domenick,
Turtle Rock Resident

Images credits: Dancing sandhill crane, Grace Sammon and Curt Gilroy; coreopsis along the nature trail, Don Robear and Michelle van chowen; purple passionflower and gateway bridge to nature trail, Michelle van Schouwen.

Landscape & Grounds, continued

browned-out areas in lawns, keep your system operating properly. Some repairs are easy for the DIY homeowner (for example, replacing sprinkler heads for optimal performance, or digging out a small area of turf around a buried head). Having a good irrigation company on call is always a benefit.

Next, troubleshooting:

- ♦ Reclaimed water may contain some algae, shell fragments, and other small debris. This can clog up the filter that many streetside reclaimed water supplies include. Periodically, clean (or have your irrigation service clean) your streetside filter. (See image for unscrewing the filter, always with the water supply off.) Plain water will likely do the job.
- ♦ When a zone won't shut off, turning off your

sensor isn't typically the answer. It's the (often hard-to-find) solenoid for that zone. These are in your lawn, and they can get stuck in the open position. Again, debris may be the culprit. Finding and fixing these solenoids is best left to professionals, but in the meantime, turning off the water at your streetside supply will stop the flow to all zones and prevent flooding.

- ♦ If the street supply breaks and starts spurt-ing water, call the management office right away.
- ♦ To learn more about landscape irrigation rules and guidelines, check out Sarasota County [regulations](#) and [Turtle Rock Owner's Manual](#).

Image credits: Streetside supply filter unit (two images), streetside supply, and sprinkler in use; Don Robear and Michelle van Schouwen.

ARC Report

By Curt Gilroy, Chair



The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) continues to be extremely busy with 33 new applications for home and landscape improvements in October. Since the beginning of the year, the ARC has averaged about 30 applications each month.

This past month was dominated by new roofs – one-third of the total number of applications. Painting (14) and landscape (7) applications accounted for another 21. The remainder comprised applications for new gutters, windows, and driveway renewals.



Perhaps the most subjective of home improvements is exterior painting. The colors chosen for a home can make a huge difference in the overall look. The ARC takes a holistic view of the curb appeal of the property when looking at painting applications. House colors come in and go out of fashion, and we strive to balance the preferences of homeowners – after all, it is your home – with how well the colors blend with the tile roof, driveway pavers

(if relevant), and landscaping, as well as the overall look of the community.

Typically, a home will have two or three colors that are aesthetically desirable. The trim color must *not* be the same color as used on the body of the home. However, because many homeowners today prefer a more neutral look to their homes, they may choose a trim color slightly lighter or darker than the house color – providing depth to the color palette. This trend, of which the ARC approves, can result in a very architectural and aesthetic appeal.

While Turtle Rock has no specific color palette, none of us want to see anything extreme.

On the other hand, the Somerset and Savannah communities within



Turtle Rock have specific exterior paint colors to be used by homeowners there, and have an application process in place specific to their communities.

Finally, the ARC wishes to thank all homeowners for their patience in working with the ARC as we strive together to maintain and upgrade their properties to enhance the beauty of Turtle Rock.

Important Dates to Remember:

Deadline for new submissions: **November 15** Monthly meeting: **November 20**



Clearing the way for more development??

Article by Kathrin Harris, member of the PRMPOA Advisory Committee



You may have noticed recent brush removal along the south side of Palmer Ranch Parkway West, close to Beneva Rd. This is, in fact, Palmer Ranch Master Association clearing invasive vegetation from the roughly 14-acre property that the Master Association owns, where once a community center was planned, yet never built. Instead, the PR Board of Trustees approved the creation of a nature preserve for all Palmer Ranch residents to enjoy!

The idea is to lay an access drive to a small parking area right across from Mira Lago's south entrance. The access and parking area will be made of permeable materials providing a solid surface for vehicles (including handicapped parking), while allowing rainwater to drain. The small retention pond will host a little dock, reachable via a crushed shell path, from which one can do a little fishing. And there will be a meandering path through the entire area that will also have information signs about the flora

and fauna that can be observed. The photo above was taken the end of October after a majority of the clearing of invasive growth has been cut and mostly removed or mulched. Next year, when rainy season begins, native vegetation will be planted. Below is an aerial photo looking south showing the proposed parking area, some paths, and fishing pier.



Young Families' Group

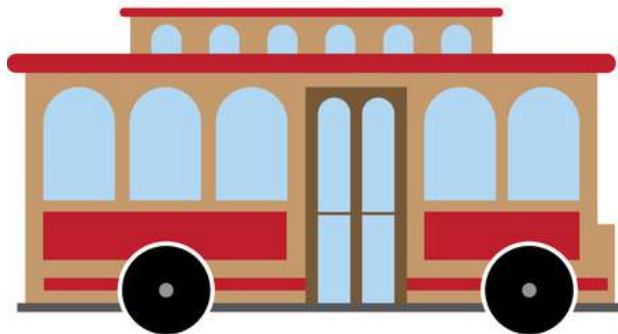
By: Jennifer Wick



SAVE THE DATE:

21st Annual Turtle Rock Trolley Ride

12-11-21

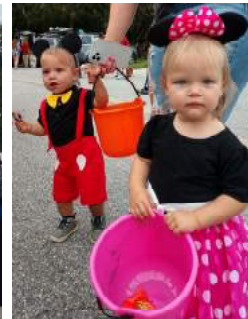


Watch for email information soon!



Trunk or Treat this past weekend was a HUGE event!!

Over 150 Turtle Rock residents— families of all ages— packed the Community Center Parking lot Saturday afternoon



More Trunk or Treat Photos.

THANKS to all who participated to make this SO much fun!



Around The Rock

By Kathrin Harris, TR News Editor

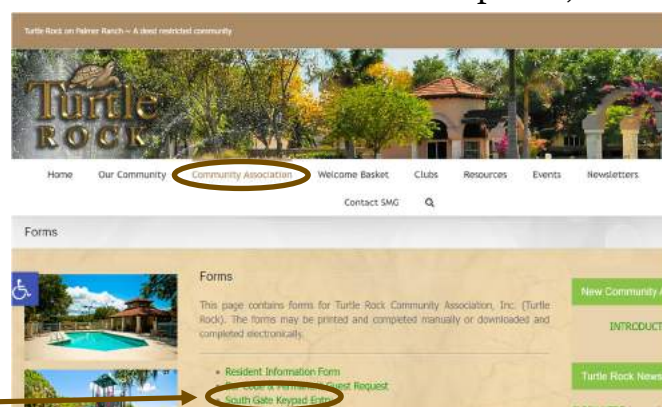


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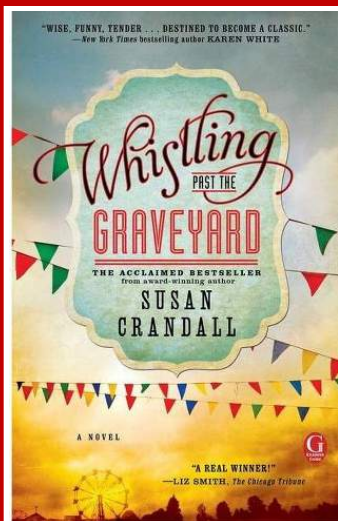
Those of us who have been here for decades remember a time before we had a gate attendant 24/7 and needed the help of a call box to alert us of visitors and allow them entry. Guess what...this system has remained viable and is still active, and now BETTER than ever! It exists at both gates, but typically will be most useful at the south gate once the attendant has left for the evening.

You can provide TWO phone numbers per home (a landline and cell, two cells, whatever), and each will get its own unique code that visitors use on the keypad to dial you up. Visitors will enter one of the two given codes provided by the owner. The code will ring the corresponding phone number. Owner will answer the phone and be able to talk to the visitor via the keypad intercom. If owner desires to provide entry into TR, the number 6 should be entered on the owner's phone, which in turn will raise the South Gate.

If you've been here a while and still have the phone number (likely a land line) that was originally registered, you can still use this code. If you have forgotten it, would like to add another number, or if you need to register for the first time (as surely most of the owners will), the Keypad Code form is posted to our website (myturtlerock.com) under the heading "Community Information," drop-down menu "Forms."



Turtle Rock Library Feature Book of the Month



Whistling Past the Graveyard

by Susan Crandall (historical novel) 300pp.

In 1960's Mississippi, nine-year-old Starla runs away from the grandmother with whom she has been living to find her mother in Nashville. Not very far down the road she meets Eula, a lonely black woman, who wants to help her. Thus begins a "Huck Finn" adventure of two very different people who care for and challenge each other as the quest to find Starla's mother becomes a path that will lead to new understanding and heal them both.



Turtle Rock Women's Club

By Jean Contillo



The TRWC enjoyed our October luncheon at Apollonia, a new venue for us, with 47 ladies in attendance. Our luncheon schedule for 2022 will soon be finalized, and you don't want to miss out on all fun. Look in our monthly newsletter for more info.



Sunset at Turtle Beach

The TRWC is sponsoring an activity for members and spouses (guests are welcome).

Join us on **Sunday, November 7 at 5pm** as we continue our friendly social-distancing get-togethers at Turtle beach. We will be gathering on the beach within sight of the entrance. Look for the TRWC Flag marking our location.

Sunset is at 5:42pm. Arrive early (5:00pm) and secure a good spot to watch the sunset and visit (safely) with your friends and neighbors. Bring a chair or towel to sit on, your camera and a snack or beverage if you like. No reservations needed. Just show up. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions, email kmhowe001@yahoo.com.



Turtle Rock Men's Club

By: Ken Rosemann

SAVE THE DATE - November 17th
Men's Club Luncheon at Madfish Grill



Calling All Golfers!

Join your neighbors for a round of golf at Serenoa Golf Club each Thursday morning. Send an email to TRMCGolf@gmail.com for more information.



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.



Mailbox Replacement — THANK YOU!

Turtle Rock thanks the Mailbox Task Force

A project almost four years in the making concluded its work last week. The last of the new mailboxes has been installed, adjustments have been made where necessary, and the community has a fresh and polished look all due to the exhaustive efforts of the Mail Box Task Force.

The groundwork for the Task Force was laid by Curt Gilroy at the same time as the new street signs project began. Curt continued to work with the Board and the Community attorney on easements, setbacks, ownership, and funding. The result was that mailboxes are now owned and maintained by the Association at no cost to owners.



The Task Force was led by Kathy Wells, who brilliantly coordinated all the efforts, personally walked the community to ensure the quality of the installation, wrote up-date E-blasts, and fielded all the questions and concerns. Each member of the Task Force (pictured here from left: Jodi Cunnison, Kathy Wells, Curt Gilroy, Patty Fleming, Kathrin Harris, Robert Oram, Roberta Maloney, Harry Hopes; not pictured: David Bryan) walked their section of the community, coordinated with neighbors, and monitored progress.

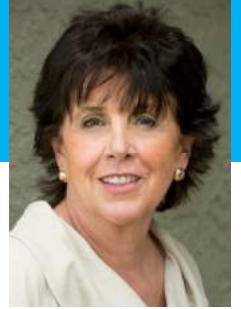
Roberta Maloney kept us all up-dated with her E-blasts and monthly newsletter updates. Roberta was also responsible for enlisting the talents of Barry and Sharan Domenick, who created the Turtle Rock Mailbox Logo we have come to recognize and enjoy, and for which we are grateful.

This was a very “hands-on” Task Force. Members, including the Board members on the Task Force, came to know, and work closely with the contractor — ASAP Mailboxes. Jim Cahill, Owner, and the brother installers, Aaron and Matt St. Pierre (pictured right) were diligent and dedicated. Covid, world-wide shipping challenges, and a barge stuck in the Suez Cannel slowed the installation, but the result is fabulous. It’s rare that a project impacts every resident and the community as a whole. This one did, and the entire community is grateful for the Task Force’s efforts. Well done, Task Force — thank you!



Communications Committee

By: Grace Sammon, Secretary



Communications Committee Needs YOU!

It's not too late to join the Welcome Desk Team – or for that matter, the Communications Committee! We are 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 still be available to residents, but also be out on property for compliance reviews and time 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. The Communications Committee as a whole takes the lead on the newsletter, spearheads the Welcome Team that welcomes new members to the community, and assists groups and the Board in communications. We meet at the Community Center once a month and there is lots to do! Come join us! The next meeting is THIS Wednesday, 3 November at 1:00 pm.



Name That Newsletter Contest!

The Turtle Rock Newsletter has taken lots of twists and turns over the years — from a time when it was a paper production and hand-delivered to each home, to the electronic version we know today. It has become our primary communication to HOA members, and it allows us to stay connected even when residents are out of town. In celebration of the new newsletter design, the Communications Committee is launching a **contest** where YOU get to name the newsletter. E-mail your suggestion to tr.communicationscommittee@gmail.com by December first and the Communication Committee will choose the winner at its December meeting. The winner will be awarded a pair of Tervis Tumblers and bragging rights!

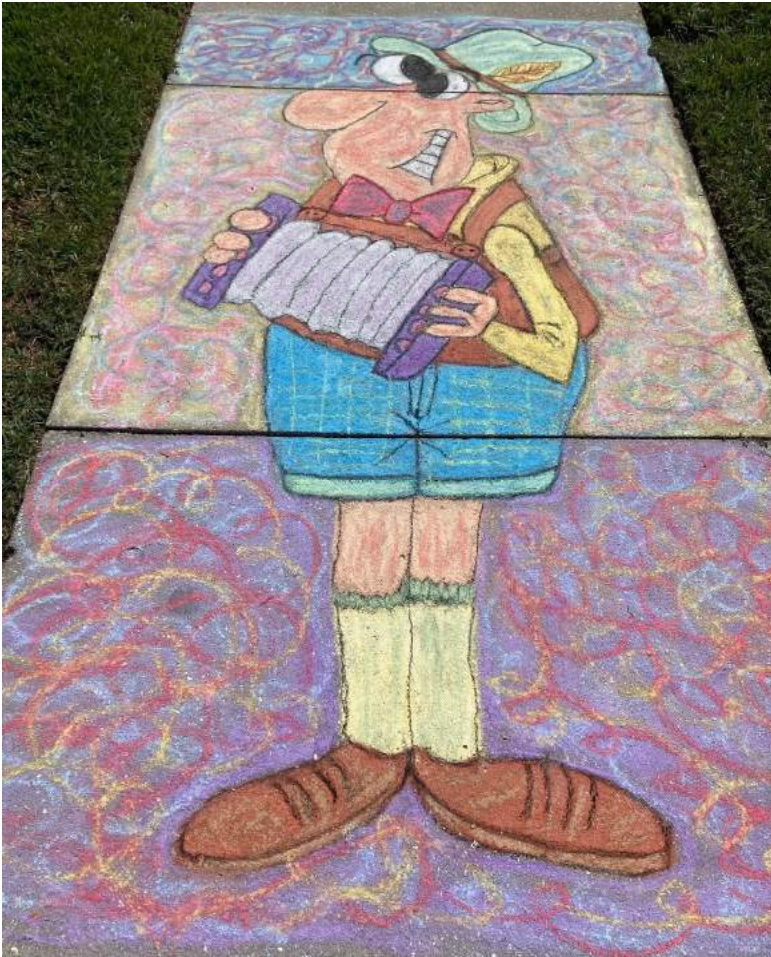
Quotable Quotes

There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow man;
true nobility is being superior to your former self. — *W.L. Sheldon*

Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see. — *Mark Twain*

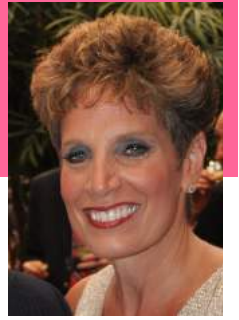
There are two ways to live: you can live as if nothing is a miracle;
you can live as if everything is a miracle. — *Albert Einstein*

Strong minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events,
weak minds discuss people. — *Socrates*



Chalk Art

Art By:
Donna Wolfson



Octoberfest

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.

**Send comments, suggestions and articles for consideration to:
tr.communicationscommittee@gmail.com**

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

THANKS for getting involved!

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Grace Sammon, Secretary

Kathrin Harris, Newsletter Editor

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