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## President's Message



Deirdre Cronin

On May 27, the Board of Governors' **2022 Survey** went "live" for electronic and handwritten responses. The survey was announced in *Turtle Talk* and three times via the community's Constant Contact email list, was posted on the gate entry sign boards, was mailed to those homeowners for whom no email is on file, and was available in print form for handwritten responses at the Community Center. An overwhelming 512 electronic and three handwritten responses were received!

This response, even using the most conservative analytics (more than one survey per household for each household, and some possibility of redundant responders) still allows for a 34% response rate. That rate translates into a 95% certainty that we have successfully garnered the feelings of homeowners. Namely, if we gathered any random group of 100 homeowners, we would come up with the same results 95% of the time. These results are statistically significant.

The data are now being disaggregated — the separation of compiled information into smaller units to elucidate underlying trends and patterns — and otherwise codified. Additional comments were written by 214 respondents; these will be sorted by category and will further inform the Board. Eighty-three homeowners requested additional contact; while this will take time, the Board will make it a priority to follow up with each of them.

Some highlights that can be shared now are as follows:

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## President's Message, Continued from cover

- ♦ 85% of respondents live full-time in the community; 13% part-time; and 3% are landlords
- ♦ 66% of respondents have lived here over 5 years; 34% five years or less
- ♦ There is significant interest in serving on the various committees and Task Forces within our community
- ♦ In providing “star” ratings to Turtle Rock respondents provided the following:  
5 stars 53%; 4 stars 40%; 3 stars 7%, 2 stars 0.6%

Each response is important, and will help the Board to better understand the community to set a path forward. To that end, the Board is holding a two-hour “Board Workshop” on the morning of Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. A more detailed announcement will be forthcoming. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend, up to the capacity of the Community Center. It is important to note that the rules governing a Workshop are different from a Board meeting: only the Board Workshop participants may speak, others are simply observers. However, note cards will be made available to observers for comments that can be considered by the Board.

Thank you to every person who took the time to register his or her interests, concerns, and support of our community.

## How do we Compare?

As the survey results show, over half of all owners in Turtle Rock rate our community with five stars! Sure, we love our homes, but even more, most of us made a conscious decision to settle *here*, not another community within Palmer Ranch, or even elsewhere along the “Suncoast.”

So what is it about this place we love? The many natural areas, complemented by maintained landscaping, our nature trail along our western border, our amenities (modest, but functional and attractive), our attended gates, and our relatively low dues are among the reasons.

For more insight as to what makes us attractive and how we do it, please see the article and accompanying chart on pages 5-6.



## Did You Say Yes...?

The Board of Governors is very excited about how many homeowners indicated they would be willing to serve on one of the standing nine committees, or even on the Board. As few as 13 people stated they would work on Nominations, and as many as 45 indicated an interest in Buildings and Grounds. Alas, only 18 people left their contact info and which area they were interested in serving. So, if you are interested in serving on any of the following: Architectural Review Committee (ARC); Communications; Landscaping and Grounds; Natural Assets; Finance, Investments and Risk Management (FIRM); Hearing Panel; Nominations Committee; Turtle Rock Academy; or the Board of Governors, please email Grace Sammon — [gmsammon@gmail.com](mailto:gmsammon@gmail.com) — and indicate 1) your name, 2) committee or BOG interest, 3) contact information. Once we receive the information it will be included in the overall work of the Board. Many thanks for your interest!

# Management Message

By: Lisa Vignola, Sunstate Management Group, Inc (SMGI)



Greetings Turtle Rock!

My weeks here are turning into months, and I've had the pleasure of meeting so many of you. I thank you all for being so welcoming and patient with me during this time of transition.

The question I was asked most this past month was, "Are there any homes within Turtle Rock setting off fireworks that we can watch?"

The answer is, "No." For guidelines during your 4th of July and other celebrations, please refer to your TROM:

*Community Common Areas, Allowed Activity, and Restrictions 3. Fire/Fireworks:*

'No owner, tenant, household member, or guest is allowed to create any outdoor fire or health hazard. No burning of any kind is allowed outside the lanai. Use of fireworks in

Turtle Rock is prohibited, with the exception of those considered "sparklers" (such as snakes or glow worms, trick noisemakers, party poppers, and snap-pers). Turtle Rock complies with Sarasota County fireworks ordinances.'

Please enjoy safe Graduation Parties and the Independence Day weekend!

**Lisa Vignola, LCAM**

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## THE LEGACY TRAIL

Story by Kathrin Harris

### Heard of R2R ?

The circus train once traveled the railroad tracks on Turtle Rock's western border. Even as late as 1999, trains would trundle past 2-3 times a week, tooting their horns as they crossed Palmer Ranch Pkwy and Central Sarasota Pkwy, the conductors tossing lollipops to kids who stopped to wave. But then CSX and the Gulf Seminole railroad abandoned the line, leaving rails of rust and box cars on the tracks. The county decided to turn the corridor into a biking trail, connecting it from the Venice Train depot and the Venetian Bike trail to the south all the way to Culverhouse Park (off McIntosh south of Arielle). The county purchased the 12.6-mile corridor from CSX, but in 2007, a Washington attorney firm decided to challenge the right of the railroad to sell the land. CSX had no ownership right to the land,

just owning the easement that Adrian Honore granted across his land to connect Sarasota and Venice. The attorney argued that the federal government pays property owners for its use out of a Judgment Fund set up by the Treasury Department under the federal Trails Act to reimburse the property owners for the federal right-of-way.

R2R, short for Rails to Trails, turned out to be extremely beneficial to Turtle Rock! While the 2007 Board thought it was a ridiculous tort suit, we did decide to join the class action lawsuit brought before the US government on behalf of all property owners along that 12.6-mile corridor. All who participated ultimately, many years later, got large payouts when the attorney prevailed. This is one of the reasons that our association is on firm financial ground and why our dues had been unchanged for 7 years. More on how much was paid and how it was spent in next month's Turtle Talk!





# Treasurer's Report

By: Robert Oram



## Year-To-Date Ending:

May 31, 2022

	Actual	Budget
Assessments and other income	\$ 646,847*	\$ 638,057
* Comcast Contract \$9665		

## Operating Expenses\*\*:

General and Administrative	\$ 165,832	\$ 168,113
Common Grounds	76,114	88,285
Access Control/Gatehouse	136,330	131,161
Facilities Maintenance	43,633	61,417
Utilities	37,732	35,285

\*\* Expenses were \$3731 less than revenues in May

## Reserves:

Contribution	\$ 153,799	\$ 153,799
Expense: Site Improvements	10,425	
(\$7875 MES repair, \$2550 Kayak launch)		

## Assessments:

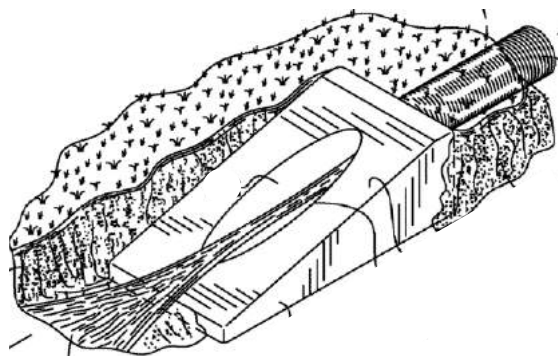
Outstanding HOA Fees	
(to 60 days)	\$ 7,449
(61+ days)	<u>3,780</u>
Total	\$ 11,229

We spent nearly \$8000 reserve funds on "MES" repair, but what does MES mean??

It stands for *Mitered End Structure* and refers to one of several types of overflow control structures within Turtle Rock waterways. One such mitered end structure is pictured here at the Community Center. It is the concrete end of an underground pipe that moves water from the boulevard and parking lot directly to this pond. The additional concrete around the end of the pipe is intended to reduce erosion at the point of entry into the pond.

There are quite a few of these structures throughout Turtle Rock, and since they are approaching 30 years old, they needed some maintenance. Good thing Turtle Rock saves for such expenses through reserves! A sketch of what lies underground is visible to the right.

A rerun of an article from last year describing our flood control structures can be seen on pgs 11-12.



# Cost of Ownership vs. Amenities

By Kathrin Harris, TR Assistant Treasurer



Do you know how LUCKY all Palmer Ranch owners are? We do not pay CDD fees! What is a CDD, you ask? It stands for **Community Development District**, and many large planned developments are created to exist as a CDD because their original developers chose to transfer the huge expense of development onto the buyers over the next 30 years in the form of a bond. All of Palmer Ranch is a notable exception, since our Development of Regional Impact (DRI) was developed by Palmer Ranch Development through an agreement with Sarasota County specified in the Master Development Order (MDO) dated 12-24-1984.

CDD fees are collected together with property taxes by the local taxing authority — such as the cities of Sarasota, Venice, North Port, or the county in unincorporated areas. These fees can range anywhere from \$875 (various communities in North Port), to over \$2500 (Skye Ranch) annually. All of Lakewood Ranch is also a CDD. These fees are on top of other monthly or quarterly dues payable to the association.

Take, for instance, the comparable community of *Edgewater* in Lakewood Ranch: similar age, attended gate, a pool (no tennis). Dues are \$180/month, and on top of this they pay a hefty \$2503 annual CDD fee. Initially, buying into a CDD community has the advantage of lower property cost, but owners pay annual fees for 30 years to come. Despite the large discrepancy between community amenities within the various Palmer Ranch communities, none of us ever had to pay CDD fees. This

makes us very attractive to buyers who consider the overall cost of ownership.

So now that we confirmed we all made a good decision to buy in Palmer Ranch, why do owners choose Turtle Rock over other communities here? Sure, sometimes you just love the house, and don't necessarily concern yourself with where it sits. But there are always other considerations, and our community is somewhere in the middle of the "included amenities" department: some Palmer Ranch developments have not a single common element (no pool, no tennis or other sports area, no clubhouse or cabana), while others have resort-style features to delight the most demanding social or sporting wish-lists. Yet such amenities come with a steep price, even if there is no CDD, since all these structures and perks cost money — not just to initially build, but of course for ongoing maintenance and ultimate replacement.

Turtle Rock owners pay dues currently identical to those of Deer Creek, with several glaring differences:

- Deer Creek estate-sized homes (not villas) have NO amenities such as clubhouse, pool, tennis, which eliminates expenses for ongoing maintenance or saving up reserves for eventual replacement;
- without a venue to serve as an office, Deer Creek has no onsite management;
- owners do not enjoy use of reclaimed irrigation water, instead, each owner had to pay to



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# Cost of Ownership vs. Amenities, Continued

drill a well and must operate and maintain it for irrigation needs;

- there is only one staffed gatehouse: the south entrance is not attended;
- Deer Creek is not required to address invasive species removal in preserve areas, which saves them tens of thousands of dollars each year.

For the dues we pay, Turtle Rock is one of the best values within Palmer Ranch in light of the amenities we offer. As comparison, the chart below shows those communities with single-family homesites within Palmer Ranch, along with an overview of dues paid and major amenities included. Note that communities with staffed gate either offer no amenities, or charge 50% to 250%

higher dues. Also, Stoneybrook and Prestancia are both golf and country club communities where members must pay additional (mandatory) membership dues to enjoy those facilities. Many thanks to Board member Grace Boehm for doing the brunt of the research for this chart.

The Board is working diligently to find cost savings where possible while maintaining our level of service. We will not be the only ones who will be forced to raise dues next year due to near unprecedented economic conditions and staffing shortages.

Notice will be made when the Board budget workshop is to take place. ◆

Community	Initial Build	Developer*	Monthly Dues	Club-house	Pool(s)	Tennis	other	Gates	Attended?
Wellington Chase	2001	Palmer Ranch Dev.	62	no	no	no	no	no	n/a
Stonebridge	1997	PR / US Homes	92	no	1	no	no	no	n/a
Huntington Pointe	1990	Palmer Ranch Dev.	100	no	no	no	no	yes	no
Stoneybrook Estates	1987	PR / US Homes	108	no	no	no	Golf&CC	yes	no
Deer Creek	1988	Palmer Ranch Dev.	160	no	no	no	no	yes	1 of 2
Turtle Rock	1994	Palmer Ranch Dev.	160	yes	1	2	yes	yes	2 of 2
Arbor Lakes	2015	Taylor Morrison	174	yes	1	no	yes	no	n/a
Silver Oak	1999	Palmer Ranch Dev.	247	no	no	no	no	yes	1 of 2
Hamptons	2000	Palmer Ranch Dev.	256	no	1	no	no	no	n/a
Isles of Sarasota	2005	DiVosta/Pulte	310	Yes	1	4	yes	no	n/a
Sandhill Preserve	2014	DiVosta/Pulte	378	yes	1	2	yes	yes	1 of 1
Legacy Estates	2016	Taylor Morrison	385	no	no	no	Esplanade	yes	no
Hammock Preserve	2018	DiVosta/Pulte	385	yes	1	2	yes	yes	?
Village Walk	2004	DiVosta/Pulte	428	yes	2	6	yes	yes	1 of 2
Cobblestone	2015	Taylor Morrison	443	yes	1	no	no	yes	no
Esplanade	2017	Taylor Morrison	472	yes	1	4	yes	yes	no
Stoneybrook Golf & CC	1989	PR / US Homes	496	mbrshp	1	4	golf plus	yes	not live
Promenade Estates	2019	DR Horton	102**	yes	1	no	yes	yes	no
Prestancia	1983	Palmer Ranch Dev.	210***	mbrshp	no	no	golf & CC	yes	2 of 2
Talon Preserve	2021	DiVosta/Pulte	n/a	Community amenities unfinished					

\* communities developed prior to 1993 do NOT need to address invasive species removal

\*\* still under developer control, dues subsidized

\*\*\* Prestancia has several communities that have additional dues; no collection for reserves





# Natural Assets Committee

## New kayak ramp awaits you!

It has been a long time coming, but Turtle Rock now has its own kayak ramp to make launching kayaks and canoes easy for residents. The ramp is located behind the community center and pool area, to the right of the bridge leading to the nature trail. A gently sloped ramp filled with small pebbles and bordered by railroad ties makes it easy to get your small boat into the water without dealing with mud or steep inclines.



ponds, waterways, preserves, and wetlands may be used by residents at their own risk with approved watercraft. Approved watercraft include canoes, kayaks, rowboats, and paddle boats. Sailboats, paddleboards, and sailboards are prohibited. The maximum length for watercraft is 16 feet. Watercraft may be powered

by an electric motor, one horsepower or less.

Please contact management or any member of the Natural Assets Cttee for more information on boating opportunities in Turtle Rock.



The pond system allows you to enjoy a long, uninterrupted expanse running alongside the western preserve, and, for ambitious boaters, even to portage your craft from one pond to another to get from the south end of Turtle Rock to the north.

### Safety and considerations:

- \* **Florida law** requires children under six years old to wear life preservers, and for all boaters to have them onboard. However, wearing your life preserver in your small craft is always wise.
- \* Follow Turtle Rock rules regarding noise and proximity to homes. You may need to travel by residences, but aside from what is required to pass by, stay 50 feet or more from houses.
- \* Alligators are generally timid, but boaters and residents should exercise good sense. Be cautious along pond edges. Do not directly approach alligators with your boat. If you see alligators together, they may be fighting or courting – stay away! And never feed alligators, because they may become too comfortable around people. More on kayaking with alligators [here](#).

### Permitted boats:

Turtle Rock Owner's Manual specifies that



*Article by Michelle van Schouwen, Secretary, Natural Assets Committee*

*Images:  
Trail and pond map by Barry Domenick,  
photographs by Donald Robear and Michelle van Schouwen*

# Nature at its Finest

By: Ginny Cheatham of Sabal Lake Circle

How often does a grandparent exclaim over a newborn, “he looks just like his father!” (Or “she looks just like her mother!”) In truth, it takes years - or decades - for human babies to begin to exhibit adult characteristics. Similarly, for birds, hatchlings do not often resemble their bird parents. The juvenile Little Blue Heron is white, not blue as the name would imply! Wood ducklings show their mother’s coloring and not their father’s vibrant plumage. According to *The Sibley Guide to Birds (2000)*, *Bald Eagles do not acquire their distinctive white heads and tail feathers until they reach the approximate age of five years. Purple Gallinule chicks are black fluff balls, unlike their colorful parents. As we know from our most-beloved neighbors, baby Sandhill Cranes lack their parents’ red spots and stature. However, baby Killdeer look much more like their parents, albeit with a single breastband, instead of the double. I wonder if the avian parents say, as we often do, “the kids are growing up too darn fast!”*



**Purple Gallinule** chick (The Celery Fields)



**Wood Ducks**  
(Red Bug Slough)



**Killdeer** (The Celery Fields). According to the Audubon volunteer, the chick was only a few days old.



**Little Blue Heron** turning blue  
(Red Bug Slough)



**Sandhill Crane** mother followed by baby (Turtle Rock)





## Turtle Rock Women's Club

Summer upcoming events are listed below:

July 6	Luncheon will not take place due to July 4 holiday
August 3	Luncheon at Chianti
September 5	Luncheon at Miguel's
October 7	Luncheon TBD
October ?	MIX & MINGLE (still looking for volunteer hostesses)



Our casual drop-in style weekly social gatherings that began five months ago are winding down as several of us escape the heat of summer or go on vacation. We are *suspending* this event until mid-October. Look for info about the start of these fun BYOB meet-ups in October's *Turtle Talk*.



## Turtle Rock Men's Club

### SUMMER BREAK

The Men's Club Luncheons will be taking a break during July and August, as many of our Members have traveled north for the summer. We will resume the luncheon business meetings beginning September 21<sup>st</sup>. Mark your calendar.

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SERENOA  
GOLF CLUB

**Weekly Golf Outing—** If you are a golfer, consider joining your neighbors for a round at Serenoa Golf Club each Thursday morning. Send an email to [TRMCGolf@gmail.com](mailto:TRMCGolf@gmail.com) to sign up or for more information.

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

**Joe Andrews, Neil DeLorenzo, Harry Hopes,  
Bill Kozlowski, Ralph Placek, David Silberstein**

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If you are a new neighbor or know of someone who may be interested in joining the Men's Club, please have them contact me, Ken Roseman ([kenrosemann1231@gmail.com](mailto:kenrosemann1231@gmail.com)), and I will be glad to assist them in the process of joining.

# Landscape & Grounds

By Jodi Cunnison



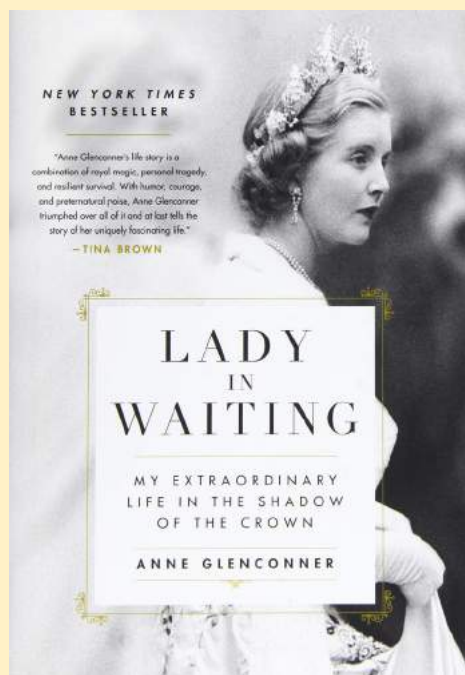
On June 8, Committee co-chairs Curt Gilroy and Joan Howe, together with member Jodi Cunnison and Board Liaison Kathrin Harris, met with Shane Battle from Bloomings. Current projects throughout the community include

- \* native plantings along the nature trail,
- \* trimming and fertilization of the four ailing magnolia trees north of Hanging Moss on the west side of Turtle Rock Blvd,
- \* adding plantings to the median just south of the 4-way stop at Sabal Lake, and
- \* adding Arboricola plants to those areas along Turtle Rock Blvd where dying portions of hedges now exist.

The Committee requested management to seek another bid for the concrete pads to be poured underneath where the new community benches will be installed. Also, the Committee continues to address how best to beautify the butterfly garden. Landscape design plans are being solicited to add plantings and reposition the large rocks that are currently randomly placed in the garden. The Committee also noted that Management will approach Stewart Fence for an update on minor tennis court repairs we have long been awaiting.

On behalf of everyone we hope that you are all having a wonderful summer!

## Turtle Rock Library Feature Book of the Month



### **Lady in Waiting: My Extraordinary Life in the Shadow of the Crown**

by Lady Anne Glenconner (memoir), 2021; 336 pp

As the daughter of an Earl, Lady Anne was unable to inherit, but from childhood, when she met and befriended the future Queen Elizabeth II and her sister Princess Margaret, she was at the center of the royal circle. She became lady-in-waiting to Princess Margaret, and shares many intimate stories of her time as Margaret's closest confidante, as well as her own stories and battle for survival. She suffered many difficulties in her life, yet carried on, travelling the world with the Royal Family. She gives unique insight into both the lives of the Royal Family and her own with wit and candor, bringing to life the dramatic, at times heart-breaking, personal story of living in a golden cage with no inheritance.



# 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.



# 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*

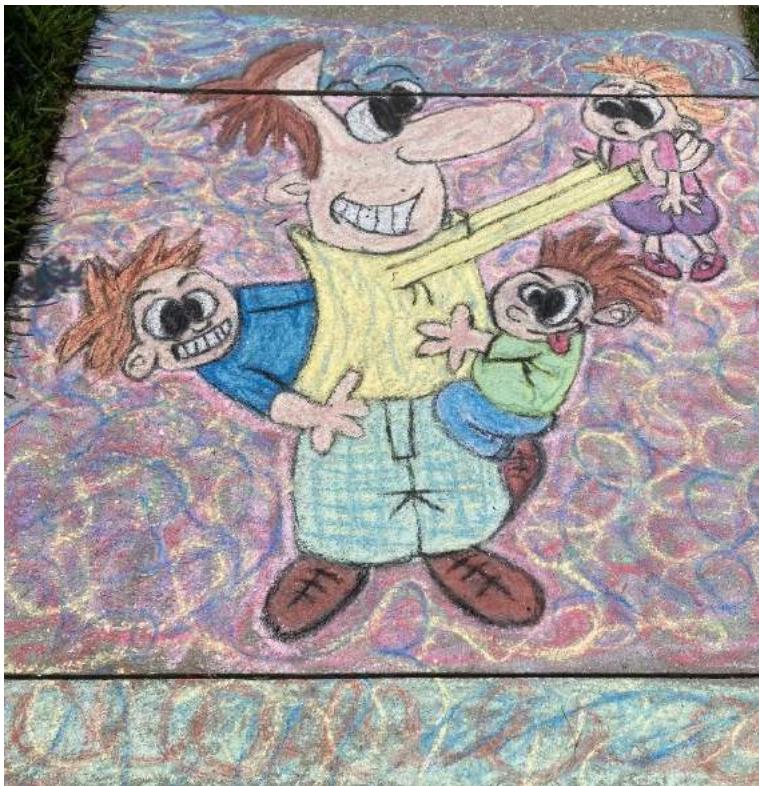
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Resident

Reprinted from October 2021 TR News

# Chalk Art

Art By: Donna Wolfson



Daddy's home!



Superhero!

## TURTLE ROCK

### CLASSIFIEDS and LOST & FOUND

WANT—SELL—BORROW—LEND— RECYCLE

Residents: this section of Turtle Talk is available for YOU to place a notice free of charge!  
PLEASE email [letstalkturtlerock@gmail.com](mailto:letstalkturtlerock@gmail.com) to place a classified announcement.



# From the WELCOME TEAM

By: Steve West



## **Are YOU our new neighbor?**

Did you recently move to Turtle Rock? Our Welcome Team tries its darndest to personally acknowledge all of our new residents, but, sometimes, our efforts fall short. If you are a relatively new arrival, we want to say,

***“Welcome to Turtle Rock!”***

Our team is ready to meet and greet you whenever your busy schedule finds the time. Questions or curiosities about anything your new neighborhood brings? We have answers! There’s even a little gift for you just to say we’re so glad you chose us to be your neighbors and friends.

Our schedule is flexible! You can contact us at: **letstalkturtlerock@gmail.com**

## **The Newsletter Team**

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.

Also, if you have a gripe or a word of praise, let’s hear it.

**Send comments, suggestions and articles for consideration to:**

**letstalkturtlerock@gmail.com**

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

THANKS for getting involved!

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