




# Turtle Talk

## October 2022

### IAN WREAKS HAVOC

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TURTLE TALK proof readers check articles for errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar, and sentence structure.

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

Our community has lost some history with the destruction of five huge oak trees (possibly



Grand trees) within our gates that were over 100 years old. Two are in the Community Center picnic area, one behind Nice Way, one in Savannah off Hanging Moss, and a particularly large

and formerly beautiful one on a Watermark Lane homeowner property along TR Blvd sidewalk. Surely there are more that we are not yet aware of, and dozens of other trees and limbs have come down or are in need of removal. The Board and management are actively seeking vendors who can offer fair prices and start clean-up work relatively soon.

The Association was fortunate to not have experienced damage to any buildings or other structures, unlike many homeowners who suffered pool cage or other damages. Many trees and palms on homeowner properties also came down, leaving those affected with an overwhelming clean-up effort.

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# IAN Havoc, Continued

## Clean-up Efforts and Expectations

For those of you who have had tree damage with limbs, branches, palm fronds, and leaves, the Association urges you to cut the debris up in accord with yard waste protocol for pick up by Waste Management on our regular collection day (Wednesday). While WM did not get around to yard waste pickup last week, they will get to us over time. Debris can be placed in containers and bags, and branches and fronds tied up in a bundle not to exceed 4'. Each of these should not weigh more than 40 pounds. Try to be responsible citizens of Turtle Rock and do this not only for the appearance of your property, but for the community as a whole. Also, leaving debris on your lawn will eventually kill the grass, and you will need to replace the turf.

Of course, some homeowners have large branches and logs which Waste Management will not take. Although the county will eventually pick up this debris, it could take weeks. Our area is relatively low in priority and, furthermore, we live on private roadways – a lower priority still than county roads. As a result, many homeowners are paying for the removal of their heavy debris.

Our landscape contractor, Bloomings, has done an excellent job with the initial clearing of Turtle Rock Boulevard and the sidewalk right after the storm. Now, the Association is soliciting and obtaining bids from tree companies to deal with the many trees that have fallen on common property and within the preserves. This will be a significant expenditure for Turtle Rock into the tens of thousands of dollars.

For those of you who live on a pond, be sure to pick up any debris from the hurricane that washed up on your shore. Remember that you are responsible for cutting and clearing your turf grass up to the Low Maintenance Zone at the shoreline. For those abutting a preserve, remember that you may vertically cut any branches or fronds that hang onto your property, but you cannot throw any debris into the preserve.



Many ponds rose 1-2 feet above normal levels and deposited debris up to 6+ feet onto shore

Also, a tree that falls from the preserve onto your property (and we have several of these) is not your responsibility, but that of Turtle Rock.

We thank Larry Mullen for his continual work on our common grounds, and we thank the many homeowner volunteers for their assistance as well. Returning our grounds to their former glory will not happen overnight as recovery will take a while for us all.

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### *Neighbors helping Neighbors*

Mike and Diane Geramanis of Sabal Lake Circle have a whole-house generator. When Ian stripped all of Sabal Lake, and many other streets, of power for four+ days, early Thursday morning they set up this charging station for neighbors. Located right under their front loggia, they made sure everyone they saw knew they were welcome to charge their phones. They were lifesavers!





# BoG BRIEF

## Actions from the last Board Meeting

In lieu of a President's Message, this column will highlight discussion and actions of the prior Board meetings. BOG stands of **Board of Governors**.

The September Board meeting lasted over three hours! All Board members were present for the meeting, and over 20 community members joined either in person or via Zoom. The ability to participate in Board meetings without being physically present is one benefit of the Covid pandemic— this community will surely continue to offer this choice. Working people or busy families can choose to join by Zoom and simply observe, or also offer comment before and after Board business.

Management announcements:

- ◇ Our manager of 3 months, Lisa, did not work out and is no longer with Sunstate;
- ◇ Sidewalk repair needs are still being bid;
- ◇ The fountain in our southernmost pond is still requiring unknown repairs to function;
- ◇ The nature trail footbridge repairs are in limbo after the departure of the contractor;
- ◇ The pool is not available after dusk because the county requires us to conduct a lumens test of the pool light, and it has proved difficult to find a vendor to conduct this test;
- ◇ Six units were fined for violations and sent to the Hearing Panel for determination of validity.

Committee or other Reports:

- ◇ The Traffic Safety TF: obtained several bids for stop-bar striping for two new stop signs; the Board approved the lowest bid of \$900.
- ◇ Declaration Rewrite TF: has sent an initial draft of requested modifications to the attorney for comment. This nearly 30-yr-old outdated document needs to be either extended "as is" by the Board, or amended and accepted by the membership via a 66% vote (this

means 504 owners need to provide a YES vote).

- ◇ Honore Border TF: three members not along the border were added to the Task Force by the Board, now allowing the group to meet to begin finding solutions to the sight and sound issues along our eastern border.
- ◇ Landscape: several new planting projects, paid for by Operating Budget funds for plants replacements, were requested and approved by the Board.
- ◇ Communications: reported a successful Families Club Labor Day cookout gathering at the CC. Questions regarding the speed cameras were noted.
- ◇ Traffic Safety and ARC: additional members were added to the groups.

Our IT pro, Joe Holme, offered statistics regarding the first 40+ days of speed camera operation. The Board had many questions and requested additional information as to how assurance was made that the license plate information from speeding vehicles matched the owners of those vehicles. For now, the Board is not convinced that the database in our gate access system is sufficiently reliable to begin the violation process, and is considering a trial roll-out to test the integrity of the data. No decisions have been made.

Two other discussion topics brought on a vote of the Board:

- ◇ Alligator Policy: a revised procedure to deal with removal of aggressive alligators was approved by the Board. This prevents trappers from coming to TR to simply remove any alligator, and targets only those exhibiting aggressive behavior.
- ◇ Food Trucks: the Board approved licensed/insured Food Trucks for events sponsored by Men's/Womens/Families Clubs.

The October Board meeting has been postponed until Oct 18— please join in!

# CAM CORNER

A message from your New Manager— Julia Cain

Greetings Turtle Rock!

I am your new property manager representing Sunstate Management Group. I am a Florida native, having grown up in Miami. I graduated from Florida State with a BS in Finance, and earned a Juris Doctorate from Vermont Law School. I practiced law in Massachusetts for many years. While in Massachusetts, I participated in the Pan Mass Challenge, bike-riding 88 miles for the Dana-Farber Cancer charity that it supports.

In 2017, I moved to Sarasota, and absolutely love it here. I have met many homeowners in Turtle Rock already, and look forward to meeting more of you in my office in the Community Center.

**Julia Cain, LCAM**  
**Sunstate Association**  
**Management Group**



## Architectural Review Committee

By Curt Gilroy, Chair

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) had another busy month in September, visiting over 20 residences that had applications for home and landscape improvements. The ARC applauds homeowners in Turtle Rock for improving and upgrading their properties as they certainly enhance not only their properties, but the overall look of our community.

With the onslaught of Hurricane Ian 11 days ago, however, the improvements for many homeowners have been compromised. Residents have ex-

perienced damage to lanai cages, downed trees, and had beds disturbed and shrubs uprooted. Rest assured that the ARC will work with all homeowners who need to re-examine their landscape and other exterior aspects of their homes. The ARC will try to expedite repair and replacement applications to the extent it can. If homeowners lost one or more trees on their property, we ask you to take an inventory of remaining trees and decide whether you have the minimum required count. Remember that each property has its requirements for trees; check the *Turtle Rock Owners' Manual* for the number required for your property. If you do not have the minimum required, you will be asked to replace a tree, but the ARC is here to help.



## NO RECYCLE PICK-UP until 10-19



Waste Management will NOT resume recycling pick-up until the week of October 17! Please bring your containers back in. No recyclables outside of the bin will be collected, either, so please save your overflow for future weeks. Thank you.





# Treasurer's Report

By: Kathrin Harris



## Year-To-Date Ending:

August 31, 2022

	Actual	Budget
Assessments and other income	\$ 1,029,717	\$ 1,020,891
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>		
General and Administrative	\$ 266,302	\$ 268,980
Common Grounds	131,059	141,255 *
Access Control/Gatehouse	213,531	209,857 **
Facilities Maintenance	71,594	98,267 ***
Utilities	50,040	49,397

\* Several still anticipated this year

\*\* Access, Repair/Maint. & IT over by \$5557

\*\*\* Waterway Maintenance moved to reserve expense; addtl payments in pipeline

<b>Reserves:</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Assessments:</b> Outstanding HOA Fees—
Contribution	\$ 246,078	\$ 246,078	(0-90 days) \$12,430
Expense: FF&E: \$9895 for office golf cart			( 91+ days) \$ 3,408
			Total \$15,838

A note regarding the efforts of the 2023 Budget Workgroup, consisting of Curt Gilroy (Asst. Treasurer), Grace Boehm (Secretary), Larry Winer (former Treasurer), and myself.

We have received bids from our major vendors for next year's annual contract amounts. These are Allied (gate attendants), Sunstate (management), Bloomings (landscaping), Cross-creek (wetlands and waterways), and insurance premiums. We have also received an updated Reserve study, and Palmer Ranch just approved the 2023 budget, thus determining their dues. Apart from Palmer Ranch Master Association fees, all costs have gone up significantly. Sunstate's head accountant drafted an initial budget from which to begin deliberation.

The budget workgroup has met for many hours mulling over, in particular, the reserve study, since this is the single largest line item driving our dues, and has seen the largest increase. Last year, we added \$369K to the reserves, this year, the study calls for a whopping \$513K addition—a 39% increase! We have invested in many im-

provements in the community (e.g., mailboxes, etc.). These were paid for from funds the Association held in the reserve accounts. In addition to replenishing the funds that were used to fund those improvements, we now need to also reserve for their eventual replacement. However, the members of the budget work group have evaluated various specific capital improvements and suggested several funding shifts, which will allow us to spread some of the required additions over the next years, rather than making up all deficiencies in a single year.

Additional major cost factors experiencing an increase include insurance—up 25%, management—up over 20%, gate attendants—up over 13%, and Bloomings—up over 10%. Other costs are also rising at alarming rates.

The October Board meeting has been pushed back to the 18th. The Board plans to host a budget workshop, open to all residents in person or via Zoom, preceding the Board meeting, from 2:00 to 3:30pm on the 18th in the Community Center.



CALLING ALL residents in Turtle Rock  
for a FUN gathering on October 15  
Jointly Sponsored by the Families' Group,  
Men's Club, and Women's Club

# Oktoberfest

Saturday,  
**October 15**

4-8 pm

TR Community Center

**\*\*Rain or Shine\*\***

Come celebrate the arrival of fall in grand Bavarian style!

***Bratwurst and hot dogs, complete with  
sauerkraut and condiments are provided.***

Beer and water will be supplied.  
BYOB if you prefer something other than beer or water.

*Please bring a dish to share.*

A donation of \$5 per adult is suggested. Children eat free.



*Children games and activities offered.*

Co-sponsored by the TR Women's and Men's Club and the  
TR Young Families Group



# Natural Assets Committee

## Turtle Rock Community Assoc., Inc. Alligator Policy

Alligators are an important part of Florida's landscape and play a valuable role in the ecology of our state's wetlands. Alligators are federally protected by the Endangered Species Act as a Threatened species and as a Federally-designated Threatened species by Florida's Endangered and Threatened Species Rule. Alligators are predators and help keep other aquatic animal populations in balance. It is important to ensure that people and alligators can continue to co-exist. We want residents to consider Turtle Rock's alligators as wildlife to be admired and respected.

In Florida, serious injuries from alligators are rare. Nevertheless, living safely with alligators relies on taking common-sense precautions:

- Don't feed them. It is illegal to do so. Feeding them can cause them to lose their natural fear of people.
- Don't walk the edge of ponds when you can avoid it, and do not bring small children or dogs to ponds' edges. Keep pets on a leash.
- Leave the alligators alone. Watch for alligators relaxing nearby and give them plenty of space. Don't swim or wade in the ponds.
- Know that alligators are mostly active between dusk and dawn and during mating season, typically April-June in Florida.

When residents ask to have an alligator removed, they are typically asked if the alligator is being aggressive. Generally, a non-aggressive alligator can be left in peace. If an alligator is "removed", then in accordance with Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission ("FWC") guidelines, it is sold for its meat and hide – it is not simply relocated. (For more information see FWC, Alligator Management Program, [MyFWC.com/Alligator](http://MyFWC.com/Alligator)).

Management will use the following procedure regarding removal of alligators from Turtle Rock:

1. Any resident who believes an alligator poses a threat to people or pets should call the Turtle Rock Management office (Certified Association Manager or "CAM").
2. The CAM will make an assessment of whether the alligator is aggressive and a threat to people or pets. The CAM will explain to the resi-



dent Turtle Rock's general policy to co-exist with alligators, and that the alligator will eventually be killed if removed. Alligators less than 4 feet in length are not considered a threat and will not be removed.

3. If the CAM determines that the alligator is a threat and should be removed, the CAM will contact the FWC Nuisance Alligator Hotline and request a permit for the removal of the aggressive alligator.
4. Per FWC rules, FWC will issue the permit directly to an alligator trapper, specifying the number of alligators that the trapper may harvest on that permit, and the trapper will advise the CAM that the permit has been issued.
5. The permit will not be modified during the period it is in effect to increase the number of alligators to be harvested, unless the CAM has received complaints regarding additional alligators and agrees that the increase is appropriate. Under no circumstances will the number of alligators authorized by the permit exceed the number of alligators determined by the CAM to be aggressive based on a complaint or complaints made by Turtle Rock residents. The CAM will take care to assure that multiple complaints do not relate to the same alligator before adding any alligators to the permit.
6. The trapper will be admitted to Turtle Rock

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## Natural Assets Committee Alligator Policy, Continued

on a permit-by-permit basis to remove the aggressive alligator.

7. The CAM will request that the trapper keep the CAM informed of the progress of any alligator removal.

With respect to each complaint for which a permit is requested from FWC, the CAM will keep a record of the date of the complaint, the name and address of the complainant, details regarding the complaint, the number of alligators which the permit allows to be removed, and the date that the removal has been completed.

Turtle Rock will withdraw from and will not participate in the FWC Targeted Harvest Area program. That program provides the trapper with more discretion to remove alligators than is permitted by this policy.

*-Adopted at the Board of Governors Meeting  
9/06/2022*

*Article by the Natural Assets Committee*

*Image: Lounging alligator by Don Robear*

*Logo created by Barry Domenick, Turtle Rock Resident*

## Traffic Safety Task Force

Did you know that October is National Pedestrian Safety Month? The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV) joins the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

in reminding drivers and pedestrians that staying safe is a shared responsibility. The Turtle Rock Traffic Safety Task Force would like to offer the following tips for pedestrians when they are walking in our community:

- ♦ Always walk on sidewalks whenever they are available. If one isn't available, walk on the shoulder on the left side of the road facing traffic approaching from the opposite direction, FL Statute Sec. 316.130. Please do not walk in the bike lane because it is for our bicyclists' safety.
- ♦ Always pay attention and keep alert. Don't wear headphones or text while walking.
- ♦ Always cross the street using a crosswalk or at an intersection.
- ♦ Always wear bright colored clothing and carry a flashlight when walking at night.

Homeowners can assist with pedestrian safety by



trimming encroaching tree and shrub branches that overhang the sidewalk, refraining from parking vehicles over the sidewalk, and adjusting sprinkler heads so irrigation water does not overspray onto the walkways.

Drivers in Turtle Rock must always watch for pedestrians everywhere, remember to yield to pedestrians at the crosswalks and, most importantly, abide by the 25 mph speed limit. Slower speeds save lives. According to the NHTSA, the chances of a pedestrian surviving a crash rapidly decrease when the vehicle speed is above 30 mph.

Bicyclists are reminded to always ride in the bike lane or, if there is no bike lane available, ride on the side of the street with traffic so pedestrians can safely use the sidewalks! According to FL Statute, Sec. 316.2065, and the Turtle Rock Owners' Manual, Section IV, C, bicycles are considered motor vehicles and must obey the same traffic laws.

If we all work together, Turtle Rock can be a safe and healthy place to live and play!



# From the WEST Corner of...

By: Steve West



**Halloween's** origins date back to the ancient Celtic festival of *Samhain* (pronounced sow-in). The Celts, who lived 2,000 years ago, mostly in the area that is now Ireland, the United Kingdom and northern France, celebrated their new year on November 1.

This day marked the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning of the dark, cold winter, a time of year that was often associated with human death. Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became blurred. On the night of October 31 they celebrated Samhain, when it was believed that the ghosts of the dead returned to earth.



In addition to causing trouble and damaging crops, Celts thought that the presence of the otherworldly spirits made it easier for the Druids, or Celtic priests, to make predictions about the future. For a people entirely dependent on the volatile natural world, these prophecies were an important source of comfort during the long, dark winter.

To commemorate the event, Druids built huge sacred bonfires, where the people gathered to burn crops and animals as sacrifices to the Celtic deities. During the celebration, the Celts wore costumes, typically consisting of animal heads and skins, and attempted to tell each other's fortunes.

When the celebration was over, they re-lit their hearth fires, which they had extinguished earlier that evening, from the sacred bonfire to help protect them during the coming winter.

In colonial New England, the celebration of Halloween was extremely rare because of the rigid Protestant belief systems there. Halloween was much more common in Maryland and the southern colonies, where Halloween festivities also featured the telling of ghost stories and mischief-making of all kinds. By the middle of the 19th century, annual autumn festivities were common, but Halloween was not yet celebrated everywhere in the country.

By the 1900s, the focus had shifted from a religious holiday to a more communal celebration. "Guising" was actually a practice dating back to the middle ages, when the poor would go around asking for food or money. Borrowing from the English and Irish traditions, children adopted the practice of guising and would dress up in costumes, but there are only isolated references to children actually going door to door asking for food or money during Halloween. Instead, parties were held and had a more festive atmosphere with colorful costumes. The frightening and superstitious aspects of Halloween had diminished somewhat, and Halloween in America began slowly shedding some of the old European traditions in favor of more light-hearted celebrations as it is today.

*Did you know...*

- More people are buying costumes for their pets. Americans spent \$490 million on costumes for their pets in 2019—more than double what they spent in 2010.
- One quarter of all the candy sold annually in the U.S. is purchased for Halloween.



WELCOME to the  
Neighborhood!



# Welcome New Neighbors!

By: Steve West

Fellow Turtle Rockers, say “hello” to JR and Susan Birkenmaier! Our new neighbors come to us from Naperville, IL, just outside of Chicago, but most recently out of the Smokey Mountains of Tennessee. They are, however, well acquainted with Turtle Rock as Susan’s parents are just around the corner from them and long time residents of our neighborhood. Hence, the questions of why Florida, why Sarasota, and why Turtle Rock can be answered in three words: Mom and Dad.

But they admit their attraction goes beyond family. Susan is already secretary for our Women’s Club and both share an appreciation for the various activities offered here.

Susan worked in the education system for most of her life, and JR for the city of Naperville driving big rigs, plowing snow in the winter, and taking construction projects

through the warmer months. Both are retired now. Married thirty-one years, their two boys and two girls are grown and long since left their nest residing in Illinois and Missouri.



JR is a Navy veteran who served his country proud in Viet Nam cruising up and down the Da Nang in a riverboat from 1967 though 72. Now he cruises in his Corvette down Turtle Rock Blvd. at 24 m.p.h!

Both Susan and JR love to travel and will soon begin their next adventure to Ireland and Scotland this Fall.

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Please welcome Bob Izzo and Lisa Cunningham! Our new neighbors come to us from Chi Town after almost twenty years vacationing here to avoid the brutality of winters next to Lake Michigan. They will maintain their residence in suburban Chicago as grandkids continue to increase among their five children, but plan to spend much of their time here in Turtle Rock. Their focus had always been on Palmer Ranch with its prime location and proximity to the beach, and it took several lost bids to finally settle with us in Turtle Rock. Why here? Lisa especially enjoys the local culture and the atmosphere of more a “family town” than a resort town.

Lisa continues her work in the banking industry while Bob spends all the time he can attempting to put that little white ball into

the cup with as little amount of strokes and cuss words as possible. Together they enjoy their exercise programs of weight training and yoga.

Lisa is especially happy that her daughter will soon marry and have in-laws living right here in Siesta Key thus giving her two reasons to visit and maybe someday live in Sarasota!



When asked about anything they would like to add, Lisa summed it up with what most, if not all of us, might say, “It’s all about family.”

A grand warm welcome to Susan & JR and Bob & Lisa!  
We are so happy you chose Turtle Rock for your new home.



# Communications Committee

By: Diane Geramanis, Co-Chair

## TROM TRIVIA!!

For all newer residents, **TROM** is the acronym for the Turtle Rock Owners Manual. This manual may be found on the Turtle Rock website — [www.myturtlerock.com](http://www.myturtlerock.com). It contains the rules and regulations which all owners must follow. We suggest all owners—newer and longer term residents—read this thoroughly.

- Do you know there are many committees and task forces in Turtle Rock? If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity to help Turtle Rock keep looking like a wonderful community in which to live, you may want to consider coming to observe one of these meetings in order to decide if you would be interested in a certain committee or task force. In next month's newsletter, we plan to publish a listing of each of the above and when they meet. They all meet in the Community Center near the South Gate.
- The rule for putting out your trash/recycle/yard waste receptacles is not putting them out prior to 12 noon the day before pickup. They must be removed prior to 10 pm on the day of pickup. If anyone needs a recycle container, Waste Management provides these free of charge. The phone number for this purpose is 941-493-4100. Also, you should distance your regular garbage can and blue recycle container by separating them on opposite sides of your driveway. This is a request from Waste Management. Yard waste must be containerized or bound into bundles of no longer than four feet, not exceeding 40 pounds. The vast amounts of debris resulting from the recent hurricane will eventually be picked up by the county, but this can take several months. Sadly, your grass will die beneath the debris pile. If you are at all able to "chip away" at this pile by bundling or placing into containers over the next weeks, this would be much appreciated by your neighbors. Or perhaps you can ask your yard maintenance company to take it.

We plan to make this a regular column to highlight a couple points in the TROM each month.

## USEFUL TIPS

Handy information and hacks provided by your neighbors

Dry clean hangers—

Did you know that our blue recycle bin is NOT the right place to recycle them? They jam equipment in the recycling plant, and have a plastic coating that must be separated from the metal. Instead, take them back to your drycleaner when you drop off your next load! Often they are reusable, which is better than recycling. If not, dry cleaners take them in big loads for processing.

The same is true for plastic bags— these do not go into the blue bin. Collect them and drop them into the proper container at any grocery store.

Microwave cleaner—

Easily remove baked-on food or spills by adding a slice of lemon to a half-filled cup of water. Boil water for a minute, then leave door closed 10 minutes to allow steam to loosen mess. Then wipe up the mess.

If you have tips you'd like to share, send them to [letstalkturtlerock@gmail.com](mailto:letstalkturtlerock@gmail.com).

face to the sky  
warm rain flows  
and I'm six again



# Around the Rock

By: Kathrin Harris, Turtle Talk Editor



## Irrigation Valves— Do YOU know where yours is located?



Last week, a neighbor who had an oak tree removed because it was threatening driveway and foundation, had the unfortunate experience that the stump grinder found the main irrigation line that runs from the shut-off valve close to the street to the solenoids...the line that gushes out many hundreds of gallons per minute of reclaimed water when compromised. The tree company was in a bind to get the water shut off, and I called our Maintenance Manager, Larry Mullen, to help find the

valve. While he knew exactly where to look, it was buried under 5" tree roots, and he was forced to shut off the main valve to the entire street first. This in itself was an unpleasant task, but finding the homeowner's valve proved even more difficult. The valve box had not been opened in decades, and after carefully cutting away giant tree roots, they found that roots encircled the actual shut-off valve also. It took three men over 2 hours to get the valve freed to allow it to be physically turned off. The mud was unreal!

The moral: PLEASE know where your shut-off is located, and make sure it is accessible! Search for it by looking on the concrete curb for the letter R (for reclaimed). Sometimes it is close to W (water meter) or S (sewage clean-out), and sometimes all by itself, but typically close to the property line vs. in the middle. From there, it should be roughly 5-6 feet from the edge of the curb. Often sod has grown over the cover. While Larry *kindly* helped in this instance, and has been asked in dozens of situations to do the same, the valves are actually located on homeowner property and are our responsibility, not the association's. Thank you, Larry, for taking care of TR residents!

Turtle Rock has caring and entrepreneurial kids!

Some weeks ago, a group of friends got together and set up in the front yard along Sweetmeadow Circle to help children battling cancer. They made ice tea and bracelets, and offered toys and candy for sale to earn money to benefit pediatric cancer patients. September was Pediatric Cancer Awareness month.





# Young Families' Group

By: Jennifer Wick



## *Save the Dates*

10 - 15 - 22 OKTOBERFEST! 4-8 pm

10 - 29 - 22 Trunk or Treat 4-6 pm

11 - 19 - 22 Friendsgiving 4-6 pm

12 - 4 - 22 Holiday Craft Sale 2-4 pm

12 - 17 - 22 23rd ANNUAL  
Holiday Trolley 6-10 pm

We hope to conduct a raffle soon to raise money for the group, and are asking for donations/sponsors for some items to raffle off, possibly during the Holiday Crafts creations & sale!

Please email me at [jenwick0303@gmail.com](mailto:jenwick0303@gmail.com)



# Turtle Rock Women's Club



TR Women's Club Events and Activities Water Aerobics-Having Fun and Staying Fit The Turtle Rock Women's Club sponsors a water aerobics exercise group that meets year round at the Community Pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.. Bring a pool noodle and aquatic dumbbells if you have them. We're always glad to have new women join in for fun and exercise. If you have questions or would like to join, please contact Mary Ann Gates at 941-927-5367 or Liz Spyrisson (email [espyrisson@gmail.com](mailto:espyrisson@gmail.com)) or 941-587-2596. This is one of the many social activities offered to TRWC members. If you haven't already joined the TR Women's Club, please contact Karen Lyon at [karenlyon812@gmail.com](mailto:karenlyon812@gmail.com) or 410-236-1574 for information on membership.



## Turtle Rock Men's Club

SAVE THE DATE

November 16<sup>th</sup> Luncheon

**Miguel's Restaurant**

6631 Midnight Pass Road

This luncheon will be sponsored by Marc Wolff, President/Branch Manager  
Southern Trust Financial Planning

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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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## October Birthdays

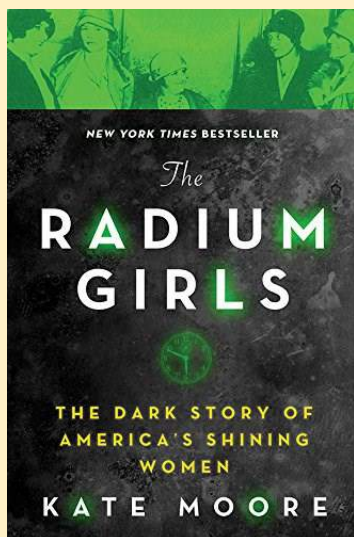
We wish the following a **Happy Birthday!** If I have missed anyone, email me and I will update the TRMC website.

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

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.



# Turtle Rock Library Feature Book of the Month



## **The Radium Girls—**

### **The Dark Story of America's Shining Women**

By Kate Moore (biography) 496pp

The newly discovered element of radium makes gleaming headlines across the nation in the dark years of WWI as the fresh face of beauty, and wonder drug of the medical community. The women who worked in radium-dial factories in the US used to paint the numbers on the faces of watch dials, becoming covered from head to toe, with many even ingesting the chemical, which caused them to glow, lighting up the night like industrial fireflies. Slowly they began to fall ill with mysterious symptoms such as wounds that would not heal and bones that deteriorated. Although there seemed to be no one on their side as they attempted to sue companies for their illnesses, eventually the women set the standard for workers' rights in the United States in the 20th century. Their courage and tenacity led to life-changing regulations, research into nuclear bombing, and ultimately saved hundreds of thousands of lives...

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