




Turtle Talk

March 2023

President's Message

By: Russ Gill, Board President



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

Hello, my name is Russ Gill. I'm honored to have been selected by the community to be on the Board of Governors and by my fellow Board members who elected me to be the association President for 2023.

One of my main goals for the year is to improve the communications between the Board and the community. One of the changes you will see immediately is the monthly Board agenda, which you receive via email. All items the Board will vote upon, that will spend association funds, will be listed so you will know where your money is being spent. Also, in these monthly newsletters there will be articles keeping you apprised of what is happening with each task force.

This looks to be a very busy year. Turtle Rock has several active committees— Architectural Review Committee, Hearing Panel, Communication Committee, Landscape/Building/Grounds Committee, Natural Assets Committee, and the FIRRM (financial review) Committee.

There are also two task forces established in 2022 that are carrying over into 2023. These are: Declaration Rewrite Task Force and Gate Access Task Force. Additionally, we are establishing an Honore Border Task Force. A brief explanation of each task force follows. If you would like to join any of these task forces, please contact Nanette or Alvina at the community center.

Declaration Rewrite Task Force – Florida State law requires a review of the founding documents for every HOA at least every 30 years. Turtle Rock's Declaration of Protective Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions was signed March 22, 1994. Therefore, they must be either renewed by the Board without changes, or rewritten and approved by the entire community — before March 22, 2024. The task force intends to rewrite the declaration, removing all references to the developer.

Gate Access Task Force – This

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Board meetings will be held the LAST Thursday of each month starting at 6:30pm during 2023, except the February meeting, which takes place on **March 2**.

President's Message, Continued

task force will review the current vendor's performance and the current service delivery model. They will also review other vendors who can provide similar services at the same or better level of service and costs. As part of the evaluation the task force will investigate alternative delivery models for gate access. The cost of our current gate access is a little over 20% of our annual dues.

Honore Border Task Force – This task force will be reviewing options to better shield Turtle Rock homes from the traffic and noise along Honore. The existing landscape is inadequate to provide the desired sound and visual buffer now that Honore has become a major road.

Board meeting days have been changed to THURSDAYS— the last of each month in the norm. ♦



Please adhere to the posted speed limit of 25 mph and remind your visitors, vendors, and contractors to drive the speed limit as well. Thank you for doing your part to keep Turtle Rock a safe place to live and play.

CAM CORNER

By: Nanette Thomas, Community Association Manager



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The Annual Members Meeting was held on February 7, 2023. Welcome Russ Gill and Philip Grayton to the Board.



Tracy Smith of the Palmer Ranch Master Association started the evening with an informative question and answer session, in regards to what the Master Association does and services provided. Thank you to everyone that participated.



Above: Turtle Rock residents listen to Palmer Ranch manager Tracy Smith. Below: Election Committee members Ken Rosemann and Dodie Neuhauser are joined by Board secretary Grace Boehm (center) counting ballots.



In other news:

I hope that everyone was able to see the fountain on Valentine's Day, it was RED!!!! So Pretty! Larry has the remote to change the colors, so keep an eye out on holidays and special occasions for different colors in the fountain. The repairs of the nature trail bridges are scheduled to begin on March 17. *The next Board meeting is scheduled for **March 2 at 6:30 pm** in the Community Center and via Zoom.*



Above: caught on camera— Nanette climbs the 20-foot ladder Larry maneuvered into place to finally remove the icicle lights from both gatehouse top tier roofs! The community thanks you, Nanette!



Treasurer's Report

By: Kathrin Harris



Year-To-Date Ending:

January 31, 2023

	Actual	Budget	Diff
Income: Assessments and other	\$ 152,011	\$ 142,063	\$ 9,948
Expenses:			
General and Administrative	\$ 38,137	\$ 37,548	+\$ 589 *
Common Grounds	16,750	20,354	(\$ 3,604)
Access Control/Gatehouse	27,317	30,000	(\$ 2,683)
Facilities Maintenance	5,994	12,969	(\$ 6,975)
Utilities	6,726	7,428	(\$ 702)
Reserves Contribution **	33,765	33,765	
Totals	\$ 128,689	\$ 142,063	\$ 23,322 NET income

* Overage due to annual mailing and office expense

** Reserve expenses: \$8076 — remaining 50% payment on south entrance pond fountain
\$3429 — Compressor for one pool heater

Assessments: Outstanding HOA Fees—

(0-90 days) \$17,920 (32 homeowners have not paid January dues)

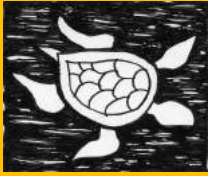
(91+ days) \$ 8,036

Total \$25,956

For more detailed monthly and annual financial information, dating back to 2015, please visit our web-site's Resident Only page: <https://www.myturtlerock.com/community-assoc/residents-only-v2/>
This is a password protected section; please email letstalkturtlerock@gmail.com, and request the PW by providing your name and TR address.



There is an unpleasant increase in pet waste littering areas along our sidewalks. One resident found a messy pile right on their freshly power-washed driveway! Imagine how annoyed you would be! And it's important to scoop the poop as it can spread disease to the surrounding wildlife as well as to our pets and, in some cases, can be transmitted to humans. **PLEASE have the courtesy of picking up after your dog!**



Turtle Rock Academy Lectures

By: Bette Blitzer Mills, Chair

2023 SEASON — all programs at 2pm



March 9

*Harold Mitchell,
President & CEO*

The Elling Eide Center

A surprise treasure just three miles from Turtle Rock is the 72 acre estate of the late (2012) Elling O. Eide. Mr. Eide, a world class collector of books and art on Chinese and Asian history and culture, turned his estate into a beautiful, tranquil place for visiting scholars who shared his passion, opening the extensive library only to them.

The Elling Eide Center and Research Library is now open to the public, offering walking tours of the grounds and stunning residence which is also home to the library. Mr. Mitchell will recount the fascinating history of the Eide Center and the Eide Family. Prepare to be engrossed in the amazing story.



April 27

*Frederick Piccolo,
CEO*

Sarasota International Airport

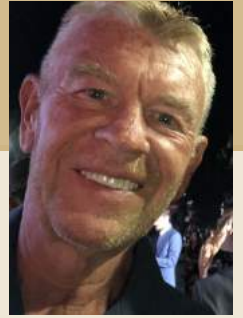
Frederick Piccolo, President and CEO of the Sarasota Bradenton International Airport, will bring us up to date on all the transformations and improvements constantly taking place at our rapidly growing airport.

Mr. Piccolo has been the President and CEO of our airport since 1995, and has over 49 years of experience in the aviation industry. This will be a chance to hear an insider's view of the many changes at SRQ. A Q & A session will follow his presentation.



T.R.O.M. TRIVIA

By: Steve West



Editor's Note: The **Turtle Rock Owner's Manual** provides the rules we choose to live by. Each month, *Turtle Talk* contributor Steve West picks random subjects to quiz readers about. Last month, I erroneously credited Steve Jones with this content, for which I wish to apologize.

TURTLE ROCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

OWNER'S MANUAL

Community Information
Rules and Regulations



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AMENDED, RESTATED and ADOPTED
BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
DECEMBER 20, 2022

Supersedes all other Rules, Regulations, Architectural Review Committee Guidelines, and similar documents previous to the effective date. The Owner's Manual is subject to periodic change. To assure you are referencing the most current version of this document, and for optimal access to linked resources, please see the online Owner's Manual at www.myturtlerock.com/.

This month's questions:

1. True or False:

There are two maintenance-free subdivisions within the T/R Community— Savannah and Somerset. They are not exempt, and any exterior improvements they wish to pursue will begin by submitting the request for approval to the ARC.

2. There are 3 ways to contact the Entrance Gates at each end of T/R. Can you name them?

3. The T/R website has a link named "Residents Only" Do you know the password for access?

If you want to investigate before cheating and looking on pg 12, the answers can be found in the online TROM:

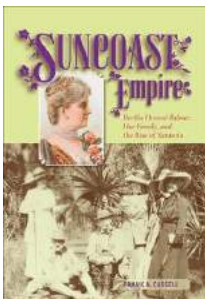
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Turtle Rock Academy – February program recap

John McCarthy, VP of Historic Spanish Point and formerly Sarasota County Parks Director, was a smashing success last month. Addressing a full house, John spoke about the history of the region as preserved, and taught about, at Selby

by Gardens' Spanish Point. The Academy offered a copy of "Suncoast Empire"— a history of the Palmer Family influence in Sarasota— for raffle, and Terry Barker of Meadow Rush Loop was delighted to win the book.



PRESERVE Areas Q & A

Reprinted from Facts compiled by Sarasota County

Turtle Rock's IDO (Incremental Development Order) **REQUIRES** the Association to care for and properly maintain—speak **LEAVE ALONE**—the over 100 acres that have been identified as Preserves within our boundaries. In the aerial to the right that shows the southern section of Turtle



Rock, one such area is visible as the circle in the bottom right corner, and the other large swatches of green surrounded by ponds and homes are also preserve. Most of the green space along our “Nature Trail” is also preserve.

Turtle Rock has an obligation to keep these areas free of invasive vegetation (overwhelmingly Brazilian Pepper), for which we hire a county-approved contractor, as well as to assure there is no “incursion” into these areas. But what, exactly, does that mean to homeowners who border such preserves? The below provides a Q&A —

1. Can residents explore the preservation areas of the natural areas in their neighborhood?

Yes. Residents are allowed to walk through the preserves for the enjoyment of these habitats. Please be aware that no chopping of trails or removal of natural litter or wildlife is allowed. Pets are allowed on a leash and must be picked up after (as throughout Turtle Rock!).

2. Can residents use herbicides on a property next to a preserve area?

No. All herbicide applications near or within a preservation or natural area must be applied by a licensed Natural Areas Wet Applicator. These licensed professionals are trained to handle these types of chemicals which can be harmful to the environment if applied in an inappropriate manner. Most chemicals bought at “big box” stores like

Home depot or Lowes are oil based, which have restrictions and are not allowed within or near natural areas (such as wetlands or mesic hammocks) that retain water. Homeowners applying herbicides adjacent to preserves may use water-based chemicals such as “Rodeo.”

3. Can residents plant within preserves?

NO! Residents may not plant within these areas! Incursions have occurred throughout the years, either on purpose or accidentally, and the Association must bear the cost of removing the plantings, replanting native vegetation, and being monitored by a professional company for up to three years. This costs ALL residents money! DON'T plant in preserves!

4. The preserve buffers (edges) are messy-looking due to layers of fallen palm fronds and vines. Can residents or the Association hire someone to clean up the litter?

No. The buffer zone must be maintained in its natural state— it is an important element for protecting interior habitats. The buffers are often pine flatwoods which create a physical barrier and provide an upland component to the ecosystem. Leaving the buffer in its natural state encourages the decomposition cycle, which is an important biological function that creates microhabitats, food sources, nesting and denning areas. Both for new development and established communities, if any activity

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PRESERVE Areas Q & A, continued

other than removal of invasive species is being considered, a plan must be sent to and approved by the county.

5. *If a tree or other vegetation from preserves encroaches onto my property, may it be trimmed?*

Yes. Except for Grand Trees, which have unique requirements, limbs may be cut vertically along the property line. It is best to check with management before proceeding with “verticutting.”

6. *How do I know if my property borders “common property” or “preserve area”?*

Many years ago, after getting “in trouble” with the county, Turtle Rock installed small white/green signs every 60-100’ along preserve borders that identify where preserve areas begin. Over the years, these signs have been compromised by lawn mowers, debris, weathering, etc. Some still exist— if you see one, you can be sure. If you don’t see one and are in doubt, please contact management and we will help find the border.

7. *What is a buffer zone?*

It is an upland portion of a preserve located adjacent to a wetland. This zone helps mitigate impacts from the adjacent development, like light, noise, pets, fertilizers, construction, among others. Such activities have the potential to impact the wetland functions. The buffer zone is considered an upland component of the preserves that are used by many wildlife species.

8. *Who determines that there should be preserves, and why?*

For Sarasota County, the protection of native habitat areas and wildlife has long been a community priority. As a result, the county has adopted standards that protect specific types of native habitats to ensure that their values and function are retained for future



Example of a tree originating in a preserve that is leaning over (encroaching) onto homeowner property. Verticutting along the property line is allowed, but no farther back than that.

generations. These standards are applied during the land development review process, and conservation/ preservation areas are established with conditions to ensure their protection. Many of these preservation and conservation areas also have specific environmental management requirements. Turtle Rock is required to manage only our buffer zones, not the actual wetlands (it was assumed that management of buffers would prevent invasive vegetation from invading wetlands). Developments prior to us, such as Prestancia, Stoneybrook, and Deer Creek, have no requirement to manage their buffers or wet-

lands. Newer developments, starting with Silver Oak and all that have come since, are required to maintain (keep invasives out) not just buffers, but the complete preserve area zones.

9. *What is the probability of a wildfire in a preserve next to your home?*

As most of the preserve areas within Turtle Rock are wetlands or mesic hammocks, areas that hold water in their soils, the possibility of a natural fire is considered LOW.

Our and most other associations throughout Palmer Ranch and the greater Sarasota county spend a great deal of your dues payments to adhere to the county requirements. We need YOUR help to prevent problems!! If your home is one of the hundreds that borders a preserve buffer, PLEASE do not conduct ANY activity outside of your property line that could harm these areas. Turtle Rock hires professionals to eradicate invasive vegetation (such as Brazilian Pepper, and others as highlighted in last month’s newsletter). If you notice these plants growing behind your property that borders a preserve, please call management so we can address this problem in the legal manner. THANK YOU!

The Truth about Spanish Moss

By: Steve West



Spanish moss, *Tillandsia usneoides*, is a flowering, epiphytic plant belonging to the Bromeliad family. This makes it related to the plant that produces pineapples, which is also a bromeliad.

Individuals frequently are concerned that Spanish moss is damaging their trees. Contrary to what many people believe, Spanish moss is not a parasite and does not injure a tree by obtaining any nourishment from it. As an epiphyte, Spanish moss lives on the tree but is independent of it. It only uses the tree for support and doesn't invade the living tissue unlike mistletoe and other parasitic plants that do.

Spanish moss gets everything it needs from sunlight, rainwater and air. Like other green plants, Spanish moss uses light in a process called photosynthesis to create its food from carbon dioxide and water. Dust in the air probably supplies some needed mineral nutrients, too.

Moss has the ability to absorb quantities of moisture into its leaves when it rains. The gray scales that cover the leaves and give this plant its characteristic appearance help with this process. They trap water underneath them when it rains, and the moisture is then gradually absorbed by the plant.

Live oaks and bald cypresses seem especially well-suited for sheltering this plant, and many of our older live oaks and bald cypresses have at least some Spanish moss in them. But Spanish moss may be seen growing in many other tree species as well as on dead trees, fences and power lines.

Because people some-

times see Spanish moss growing on a dead branch or tree, they mistakenly think the moss killed the branch or the tree, which is incorrect. The branch or tree died for other reasons, and the moss is simply growing there.

In nature, most new Spanish moss plants sprout from a seed. The tiny, greenish flowers of Spanish moss produce a seed pod that turns brown and splits open when it's mature. The seeds inside are equipped with feathery parachutes that allow them to float through the air like dandelion seeds until they lodge on a tree trunk or other suitable spot to grow. Strands and tiny pieces of moss carried to new locations by wind or birds also can grow into new plants.



In earlier times, moss had a variety of uses in upholstery. It was used to stuff everything from car cushions to horse collars, but it was mainly used in furniture manufacturing. Fresh moss was gathered and cured by wetting it down and packing it in trenches or pits in the ground, where it usually remained for six to eight months, during which the outer covering rotted off, leaving the inner strand. At the moss factory it was sorted, cleaned and baled for shipment.



Whether you appreciate its appearance or wish it would go away, remember, Spanish moss is harmless to the trees, and **is actually a native plant to Florida.** It is also native to the rest of the Southeastern states, as well as Central and South America. The Native American name for this plant translates to 'tree beard.'



Natural Assets Committee

By: Michelle van Schouwen, Secretary



Name our Ponds!

Our neighbor Village Walk recently acted on an inspiration to name its stormwater ponds, in its case after wading birds. We understand that Village Walk residents feel an increased bond with their ponds now that they have the added “personality” of names.

Turtle Rock’s Natural Assets and Landscape Committees are inspired by this idea. We will start the process of giving our 31 Turtle Rock ponds names that resonate. (We’ll still use the pond numbers as well, but expect that names will stick in our minds a lot better!)

The Landscape Committee has made a start. Pond 7 (the small pond across from Meadow

Rush Loop on Turtle Rock Boulevard) will be called The Serenity Pond. The Landscape Committee is planning a horticultural project to create a pretty, natural Florida oasis at The Serenity Pond, making a stop at its bench better than ever.

Do you have ideas to name a favorite pond? Natural features, wildlife, or native plants may provide inspiration. (Note that before Turtle Rock was developed, today’s ponds 18 and 19 and their surrounds were known as a “slough” by local people.)

Please email me at mmvanschouwen@gmail.com, or reach out to any member of the Natural Assets Committee with suggested names.



Article and image on left by Michelle van Schouwen, Secretary, Natural Assets Committee. Photos of other ponds from directory file.

Logo created by Barry Dornick, Turtle Rock Resident

The Serenity Pond



Architectural Review Committee

By: James Vaughn, ARC Member

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) continues to be extremely busy each month with an average of 30 applications for home and landscaping improvements. This is admirable and speaks volumes to the interest that homeowners have in upgrading their properties, not only for their personal enjoyment, but for the overall enhancement of property values in Turtle Rock.

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) has recently established a new way of notifying residents of the results of their application submissions to the ARC. Previously, letters were typed up and sent out by regular (snail) mail. This took up a lot of staff time and was not always received in a timely manner (not to mention the number of trees used for the paper!). Fortunately, we are now able to send this information via our Turtle

Rock (TR) website a few days after the Committee's meeting. Click the heading "Community Association," then "ARC Results" from the drop-down menu. Committee decisions are listed by the resident's address and given approval, or tabled — which may happen because of missing information or issues the ARC judges to be incompatible with the Turtle Rock rules and regulations found in the Turtle Rock Owners' Manual. Of course, the Committee is always available to further explain the basis of its decisions.

We are continually surprised to learn that some residents think the ARC rides around to "police" the community for anything out of line with their property. This is far from the truth! We are commissioned by the TR Board to review applications, assess if they meet TR Community

standards, and notify applicants that they may proceed, or not. We then keep track of each project and inspect it after completion to ensure it complies with the specifications on the application. Examining property for violations of the TROM is not within the purview of the ARC; it is the responsibility of the management company which notifies homeowners if they need to clean their driveways, power wash their roofs, trim trees, or spread mulch, for instance.

Some reminders....

- Hedges, trees, bushes cannot be planted on property lines. Setbacks are indicated on all property surveys and are attached to deeds.
- Outside air conditioners and generators must be enclosed by a hedge or wall high

enough so that they cannot be seen from the street or by neighbors.

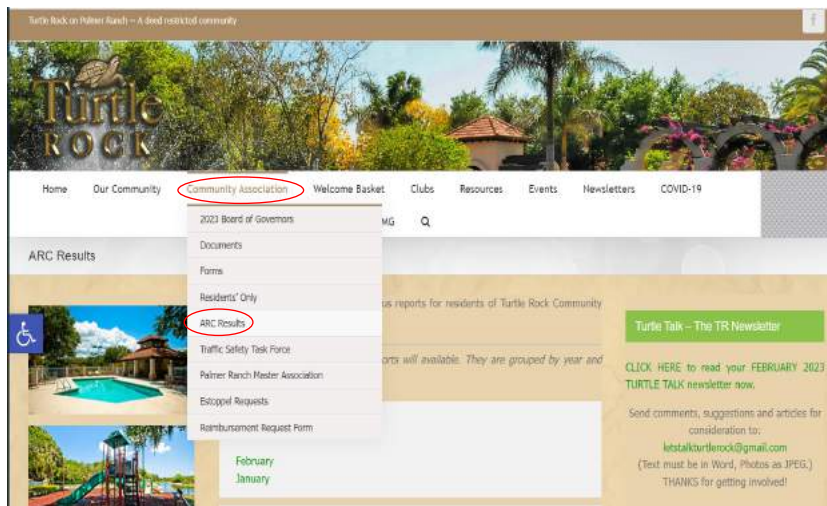
- Outside lights should be angled so as not to shine into neighbors' windows.

- Stone or lava rock "mulch" is prohibited except for small

landscaping accents.

- Tree removals generally require a replacement, but not necessarily the same type of tree.

All of this, of course, is an attempt to keep our community looking well-trimmed and beautiful. We all appreciate the amount of time and effort that goes into the care of our properties. The high resale values of our homes is just one of the many rewards of home and property improvements.



2nd Annual Somerset Cornhole Party

By: Todd Springmyer

On Saturday February 18th, Nice Way held its second annual cornhole party, hosted by Todd and Marianne Springmyer. The event

was a success — with friendly competition and plenty of good food and drink. Fun was had by all and trophies were awarded to the tournament winners Bob Mathewson and Tom Wathier.



TROM Trivia answers from Page 6

ANSWERS:

1. False. TROM, pg 42, Section VI — these subdivisions owners must first petition their respective Neighborhood Associations, and, if approved, then to ARC.
2. TROM, page 12, Section I, article E, Gate Access —
 - (a) Gates Access System via the website: www.gate/access.net
The Community code is TR, your user ID is your phone number (if you used to have a landline and never registered your cell, it will still be

your old landline number), and the password is the code from the entrance call boxes. Your manager can provide you with your 4-digit code.

This website is the fastest and most secure way to manage your guests and vendors!

(b) email to: gates@myturtlerock.com

(c) Call the North Gate or South Gate by phone. Note that this method causes delays, since the guards must find the time to listen to your message.

3. TR*34238



*Hamburgers, hot dogs and
baked beans provided.*



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

If you wish, please bring a dish to share.
*Wear your favorite Hawaiian attire,
and bring a beach chair*

A \$5+ donation per adult is requested, kids eat free

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



The TRWC offers many opportunities to gather and have an evening of fun and games.

All Turtle Rock women and men are invited to attend **Game Night** if you enjoy playing cards, or games such as the Mexican Train domino game, Scrabble, Sequence ... or bring a game you enjoy. We meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday, 7-9pm, at the Community Center. RSVP/Questions, contact *Joan or Richard Miller* at joanmiller272@gmail.com

Duplicate Bridge is played at the Community Center on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from 1-4pm. If you'd like to play, please contact *Pat Bass* at 941-923-4872.

Bunco (sorry-women only for this event) is played on the third Wednesday of each month from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Community Center. Gather at 5:30 pm and bring \$5.00 to play. Prizes are awarded from the player fees.

RSVP needed to *Donna McCarthy* at dmccarthy1014@gmail.com

If you like, stay after Bunco to play **Left, Right, Center**. Bring \$3 to play LRC., winner take all!

Also available is **Mahjong**, a fun and challenging tile game, played at the TRCC on Mondays from 1-4 pm. We will teach beginners. Regulars can set their own tables. Call *Judy Bentz* at 412-

CLASSIFIEDS and LOST & FOUND WANT—SELL— BORROW—LEND— RECYCLE

Residents: this section of Turtle Talk is available to you to place a notice free of charge!

PLEASE email

letstalkturtlerock@gmail.com to place a classified announcement.



Thanks to the efforts of several communities and Palmer Ranch, the county decided this was a necessary measure with the continued increase in the overall amount of traffic along Palmer Ranch Pkwy.

But you NEED TO PUSH THE BUTTON to make it do its job!!

Just like the flashing lights for the Legacy Trail crossing on Central Sarasota, it will not work until you activate it!



Turtle Rock Men's Club



Mark your calendar —

March 14th Mellow Mushroom

NOTE: this luncheon is on the second Tuesday instead of the third Wednesday.

Annual Membership

If you haven't already done so, send or deliver your \$20.00 annual dues to John Adams, 8247 Nice Way.

Beach Luau — see flyer page 13

The Men's Club, Women's Club, and Young Families' Group will kick off the start of Spring by sponsoring a **Beach Luau event on March 25th** at the Community Center. This event will be open to all residents. Further details including the menu will be shared with all residents within the next couple of weeks.





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 to sign up or for more information.

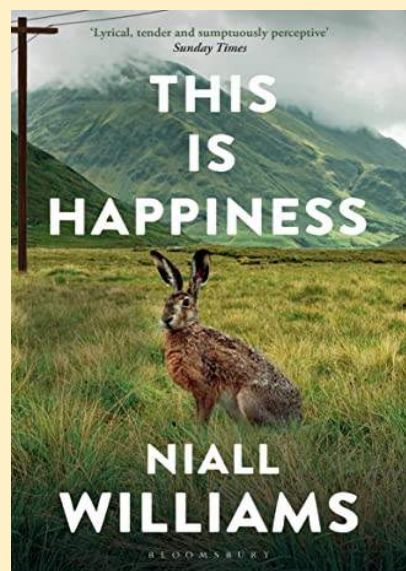


We wish the following a **Happy MARCH Birthday!** If I have missed anyone, email me and I will update the TRMC website.

**Geoff Copeland, Les Gardi, Larry Johnsen,
Craig Larson, Jim Whalen**

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 Rosemann (kenrosemann1231@gmail.com), and I will be glad to assist them in the process of joining.

Turtle Rock Library Feature Book of the Month



This is Happiness

By Niall Williams (novel) 368 pp

78 year old Noel Crowe looks back at his 17 year old self when he stayed with his grandparents in Faha, Ireland, and recounts the story about the summer he learned a great deal about life and himself. Everyone is awaiting the endlessly postponed arrival of electricity—a development that, once complete, will leave behind a world that had not changed for centuries. In true storytelling fashion, the first chapter is “It had stopped raining,” to which the reader or listener must reply, “And?...” and Williams is off and running with luscious descriptions, wonderful humor, and many mini-stories which are both delightful and heartwarming. This novel is luminous and otherworldly, and yet anchored with deep-running roots into the earthly and the everyday.

Turtle Rock Library — PUZZLES, Anyone?

By: Emily Miller

Do you love doing jigsaw puzzles? Many of your Turtle Rock neighbors share your passion. Although you may call yourself puzzlers, the official term is actually “dissectologist.” This name arose when British cartographer John Spilsbury created the first modern puzzle in 1767. He cut, or dissected, maps glued to wood into pieces so children could learn geography by putting them back together. The current term jigsaw is a misnomer, as the fret saw was actually employed to cut the shapes beginning in 1880. The popularity of jigsaw puzzles increased significantly during the Great Depression, as they were an inexpensive form of entertainment, and the complexity of designs improved. Here are some interesting facts about your puzzle:

- ♦ 1000 piece puzzles commonly have 1026 pieces, require 700 tons of force to push the puzzle die through the board, and have an average solving time of 9 hours.
- ♦ Puzzling stimulates both your logical left brain and your right creative brain.



♦ Studies have shown an increase in the brain’s dopamine release during puzzle solving, explaining the sense of well-being often described by devotees, and perhaps why some people find doing jigsaw puzzles addictive!

If you are interested in sharing jigsaw puzzles, you may drop them in our community center library.

INFORMATION about donating to the LIBRARY, managed by TRWC volunteers:

The library is now accepting **PICTURE PUZZLES!** For book donations, please remember that we only take **Fiction** and biographies due to limited space. Make sure they are newer books and in good shape. Please do not drop off really old yellow paged paperbacks, Non Fiction, or instructional books. When this happens, our volunteers have to haul them away. You can drop these off at the Goodwill Book Store on Clark road just West of McIntosh. Also, the library is off-limits when the Community Center is rented out for parties.

Chalk Art

By: Donna Wolfson



When life hands you bull...
Hang on for the ride!



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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Turtle Rock Data Base & Directory Information Update

Turtle Rock Address: _____

Secondary Address: _____

Personal Data	Resident 1	Resident 2
Last Name		
First Name		
E-mail		
Best Phone Number		
License Plate Number		
Bar Code Number:		
Emergency Contact		
Name		
Relationship		
Phone Number		

Additional household vehicles:

License Plate Number:	License Plate Number:
Bar Code Number:	Bar Code Number:

The purpose of the information listed above is to verify the accuracy of Sunstate Management's data base and to update the information for the upcoming printing of the Turtle Rock resident directory. ***Unless you choose not to be included in the directory, your name, address, phone number, and email address will be included.***

Please initial next to all information you would like to have included in the directory:

_____ Name _____ Address _____ Phone Number _____ E-Mail Address

_____ Please do not include any of my information in the directory

Signature

Date

Please return to Turtle Rock Community Center in person or by mail no later than January 20, 2023
or scan & email to pflemingcp@hotmail.com