




Turtle Talk

June/July 2023

President's Message

By: Russ Gill, Board President



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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.

At the May 25 Board of Governor's meeting, the Board approved:

1. Adding/renewing markers on the Turtle Nature Trail.
2. Removal of littoral plants from ponds 1 and 22 that have overrun the ponds and replanting them in other ponds in need of littoral plantings.
3. Replacement of the second pool heater. Earlier this year we replaced the first pool heater, both were/are 13 years old.
4. Plant shrubs at the serenity garden (formerly called the butterfly garden).
5. Refresh the plantings at the north entrance, east side.

As our community has aged, the frequency of irrigation system problems has increased. Over the years, our maintenance person, Larry, has been providing a service to homeowners by locating and turning off stuck irrigation valves. This has now become a significant burden on the maintenance team— a task that is a homeowner, not Association, responsibility. You should have already received the notice via email that Turtle Rock will no longer be provid-

ing this service. We have made arrangements with a few irrigation companies to provide this service to homeowners. They will come to your home and provide whatever service is needed to locate and repair the faulty irrigation system within 24 hours. If the irrigation system problem is part of the homeowner's irrigation system, then the company will directly bill the homeowner. Your responsibility begins with the main shut-off valve typically located roughly five feet within the street or sidewalk side of your property.

I was recently asked about Turtle Rock's annual budget, so I've included a high level view of the annual budget. Turtle Rock's annual budget is approximately \$1,705,000, and the major annual budget items are (all figures are rounded):

1. Reserve funding at \$405,000
2. Gate Access at \$360,000
3. Sunstate Management, maintenance personnel, Website maintenance at \$202,000
4. Landscape Maintenance (mow-

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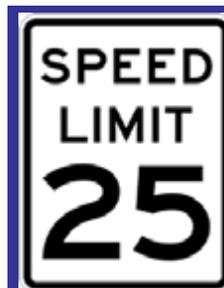
***Board meetings will be held the LAST
Thursday of each month starting at
6:30pm during 2023.***

President's Message, Continued

- ing, trimming, mulch, HOA irrigation maintenance, tree trimming, etc.) at \$220,000
5. Palmer Ranch Master Association fees at \$127,000
 6. Pond and wetland maintenance at \$100,000
 7. Utilities at \$90,000
 8. Other items – Insurance, Office and Technology, Legal, Income Taxes, Facilities Maintenance + many smaller items at \$210,000.

On May 26, Turtle Rock hosted the third Friday with a food truck at the Community Center. The vendors have said it was successful from their side and would like to continue providing the service. From the Turtle Rock perspective, when I have been at the community center, there has been a steady line of neighbors ordering food. The fourth food truck arrived a bit late on June 9, and several hungry residents patiently waited over an hour. June 16 and will be the Maine Line Lobster Truck. Additional food trucks have been scheduled and can be found on the Turtle Rock Website – upcoming events.

One thing we ask you to consider: when you enjoy your dinner around the community center area, please take your food trash home with you. Anything you leave in the cans on the grounds causes nasty odors and offers critters an enticing dig through our trashcans all weekend before the smelly mess can be removed. Thank you for your cooperation, and we hope you continue to enjoy good food and camaraderie on Food Truck Fridays!



**PLEASE
ADHERE TO
OUR SPEED
LIMITS**

CAM CORNER

By: Nanette Thomas, Community Association Manager



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The new irrigation policy, effective June 1, has been rolled out. The information was sent out as an email and informs owners of their responsibility in the case of an irrigation issue. Please review and contact the office with any questions.

The **2023 Owner Directory** is now on the website. There will not be a hard copy, but this is printable from the website (found in the Residents Only section). Thank you so much Patty Fleming for all of your time and dedication to this project! Contact info is shown only for those owners who returned a Database & Directory Update and opted in to share contact in-

fo. If you wish to be listed, please return the update sheet (see last page of this newsletter) to me.

If your home backs up to a waterway, please remind your landscaper to not blow the grass into the water and do not trim the LMZ (within 3ft of the water's edge). These issues have come to light this past month.

Check out the new pool bathrooms, and updating that is going on around the community. AZ and Larry have been staying very busy.

We hope you are enjoying "Friday Night Food Trucks," the dates and vendors are listed on the website. ♦



Treasurer's Report

By: Kathrin Harris



Year-To-Date Ending:

April 30, 2023

	Actual	Budget	Diff
Income: Assessments and other	\$ 576,536	\$ 568,252	\$ 8,284
Expenses:			
General and Administrative	\$ 141,399	\$ 150,192	(\$ 8,793)
Common Grounds	81,243	81,416	(\$ 174)
Access Control/Gatehouse	124,424	120,000	\$ 4,424
Facilities Maintenance	52,290	51,875	\$ 415
Utilities	28,265	19,720	(\$ 1,445)
Reserves Contribution *	135,058	135,058	
Totals	\$ 562,679	\$ 568,251	
Net Income for month			\$ 13,857

* Reserve expenses: \$ 21,570 — Payment for repair/painting of three trail footbridges

Assessments: Outstanding HOA Fees—

(0-30 days) \$ 22,846

(31+ days) \$ 11,627

Total \$ 34,473 — \$22,165 more than prior month (end of first quarter) total

For more detailed monthly and annual financial information, dating back to 2015, please visit our website'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.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

By: Susan Birkenmaier and Jim Cerny, Emergency Communications Subcommittee

EMERGENCY AT TURTLE ROCK

Hold onto your hats and get ready neighbors – it's hurricane season again! What do you need to know for the big blow? It's time NOW to get ready, don't wait to the last minute to prepare.

The Turtle Rock Owner's Manual (TROM) document, Appendix K, has detailed information on residential preparedness for major weather events. Also, check out <https://www.myturtlerock.com/resources/> for a link to the ABC-7 2023 hurricane website. It has a HUGE amount of information such as news on evacuations, sheltering-in-place, emergency kits, and tools to keep you safe during a storm.

Why is this important?

If you plan to shelter-in-place you need to be self-sufficient during a major event. Emergency services (fire and paramedics) will not be allowed on the road when winds are over forty-five miles per hour. Utilities may be out for days; roads may be blocked; and stores and gas stations may be closed for extended periods. Shelters may fill quickly; personal space is *very* limited and not private. Pets and special needs may not be accommodated at all shelters.

What can I do now to be ready?

- Publix and the Sarasota library provide free documents on hurricane preparedness information from Sarasota County and other organizations. Stop by for a copy.
- Tell your neighbors your plans – are you staying or leaving? – and how to get in touch.
- Have someone able to enter your home if you are not there to check it out.
- Do you have pets to consider? Learn about pet preparedness.
- How about medications or special needs?

Make sure you have enough on hand.

- Be ready! Prepare for an electrical outage and no phones or internet. Don't forget chargers, a car phone charger, flashlights and batteries, or a plug-in nightlight that becomes a flashlight when the electricity goes off. It's always charged and ready to use.
- Invest in an emergency hand-crank radio to keep you connected with important news and updates.
- Store water for drinking and sanitation purposes.
- Consider a portable generator, but they must be outside your home when running for respiratory safety.
- New roofs are stronger in a hurricane and will reduce your homeowner's insurance cost.
- Have cash on hand as banks may be closed, and ATM's, gas pumps and cash registers may not be operational during a power failure.

Now is the time! The Turtle Rock Board of Governors continues to look at additional emergency communication options for Turtle Rock residents, so expect some more information in the future. Be prepared, but don't be scared. Your neighbors are your best resource! Why not exchange information with them now? It will make all the difference later!

Resources:

Resident preparedness: Turtle Rock Owner's Manual (TROM) document in Appendix K (Located under the Community Association tab-documents).

<https://www.myturtlerock.com/files/documents/TR%20Owners%20Manual%202022-12-20%20v1.pdf>

Regional preparedness information from abc-7 media: Turtle Rock website (myturtlerock.com), then click on "Resources", and then "Hurricane Guide"). <https://abc-7.com/weather/hurricane-guide/2023>.

Emergency alerts: Sign up on the Sarasota County website at <https://member.everbridge.net/index/453003085613852#/signup>

Around The Rock

By Kathrin Harris, Turtle Talk Editor



Recent Riverview High School graduates from Turtle Rock



Many years ago, TR News Editor Ron Green liked to feature as many Turtle Rock graduating high school seniors as he could find. Ron took great pains to solicit input from TR parents and get pictures and info on our grads. This year, two proud families sent in photos of their grads, pictured here. I'm hoping for more input— we have all summer to celebrate the accomplishments of our HS seniors! Please send pics and further details to letstalkturtlerock@gmail.com so they can also be acknowledged!!

Photo above: Evan (no cap) and Zach (with cap) Rubin with parents Alec & Dana, of Redbriar Court, along with aunts, uncles, and grandmother. Both grads will attend FAU Florida Atlantic in Boca Raton in August. Photo on right: Cole McOmber with parents Tom & Melissa, of Ridgelake Place. Cole will attend the University of Tampa in the fall.

Save the Date...



Saturday,
October 14, 2023,
4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

*Details to follow in
the coming months*



Natural Assets Committee

By: Michelle van Schouwen, Secretary NAC



Birds and Turtle Rock: Biodiversity at Work

The wealth of bird species we enjoy at Turtle Rock is a source of enjoyment for many residents.

The Natural Assets Committee (NAC) continually learns about the characteristics that create both overall healthy ponds for the community and habitat for birds and other wildlife. Right now, NAC is augmenting its knowledge about aquatic birds in particular, using the many educational resources available locally and nationally.

Turtle Rock birders cautiously estimate having spotted at least 43 species of aquatic birds in recent months (out of the 50 listed by [University of Florida's Lakewatch Aquatic Bird Survey](#)).

Among these, different species do best in very specific environs. For examples, wood ducks do best with large areas of vegetative cover such as buttonbush. Small herons and other waders like dense vegetation to forage in, while large waders can walk in deeper water. Ospreys and bald eagles hunt over open water. Underwater vegetation is valuable in forcing their prey closer to the water surface.



Purple gallinule, coots, common moorhens, and rails need native water lilies for food, cover, and nesting. In turn, they eat the flowers, leaves, and tubers of invasive hyacinth and hydrilla, contributing to pond health.

For NAC, understanding the aquatic and other birds we have at Turtle Rock is yet another as-

pect of stewardship for the ponds, wetlands, and buffers that make our community a desirable place to live.



Article by Michelle van Schouwen, Secretary, Natural Assets Committee with special thanks to Nancy Tomb, Natural Assets Committee. Photos courtesy Nancy Tomb: juvenile green heron on mud flat; egrets, spoonbills, and mixed herons in group; and black crowned night heron in tree.

Logo created by Barry Domenick, Turtle Rock Resident



Natural Assets Committee

By: Melody Barackman, NAC Chair



Exploring Turtle Trail

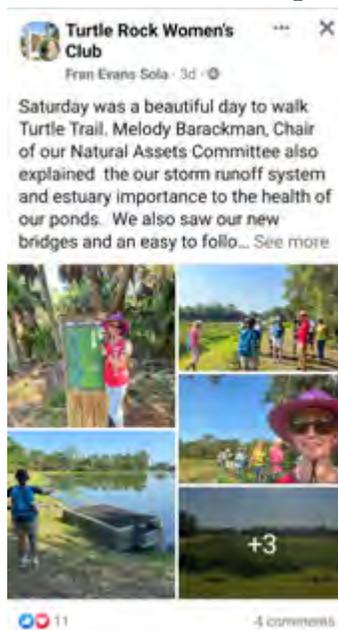
For the first three Saturdays in May, the Natural Assets Committee (NAC) led nature walks through the newly revitalized, 1.5-mile nature trail in Turtle Rock, now known as Turtle Trail. A total of 50 residents traversed the entire trail from the trailhead behind the Community Center to its exit point on Palmer Ranch Parkway, and several even made the round trip via the trail back to the Community Center.

What residents had to say...

Thank you so much for leading and organizing the Turtle Trail walk today, and more importantly for volunteering to serve on this crucially important committee! — Doug L.

Thank you so very much for organizing and leading our Turtle Trail walk this morning. It was a great recreational and educational experience. The work that the Natural Assets Committee and Turtle Rock have done on this path is truly amazing. We are truly fortunate to have this trail to explore and enjoy. — Barbara L.

Saturday was a beautiful day to walk Turtle Trail. Our Natural Assets Committee explained our stormwater runoff system and estuary importance to the health of our ponds. We also saw our new bridges and an easy-to-follow trail, not to mention one of our at-home alligators. — Fran S. *Editor's Note: Fran even posted pics of her adventure on the TRWC Facebook page!* →



What the Committee had to say...

It was so wonderful to see 50 of our residents come out to explore this beautiful trail. We hope more residents will take advantage of this amazing amenity we have here in Turtle Rock. It is great for exercise, walking or jogging, plus there is a wide variety of wildlife and natural Florida vegetation to observe. The preserve flanking the trail is home to an abundance of Cabbage Palms, also known as Sabal Palms. There are many mature Live Oaks and tall Southern Florida Slash Pine trees. While meandering the trail along several ponds, it is not uncommon to see Egrets, Anhingas, Moorhens, Little Blue and Great Blue Herons, as well as turtles and the occasional alligator sunning themselves near the shorelines.

The Board has just approved funding to procure and place trail markers throughout the trail to ensure walkers know their location and can easily find their way to the entry and exit points of the trail. Once installation is complete, the committee hopes many more residents will routinely enjoy the pleasures of exploring Turtle Trail.



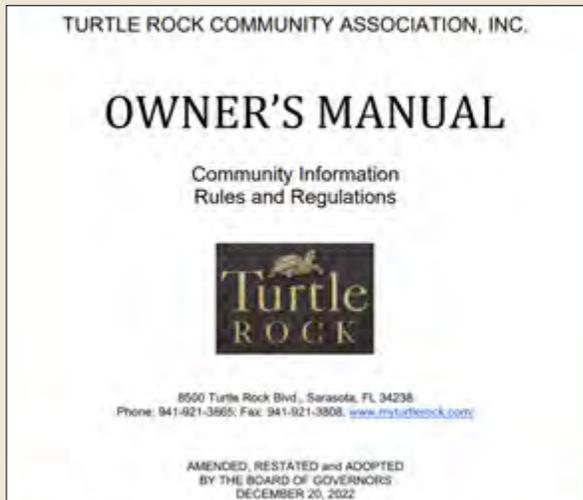
Turtle resting alongside Turtle Trail Bridge #2; more photos next page.

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. Here are this month's:



1. The T/R Association has four primary forms of communication. Can you name them?
2. My irrigation system has a problem. Water is shooting up from the ground for about ten feet. The best solution is to report it to T/R maintenance so they can at least shut down the system. True or False?
3. Here's an easy one: how many retention ponds do we have in T/R?

If you want to investigate before cheating and looking on pg 14, the answers can be found in the online TROM:

<https://www.myturtlerock.com/files/documents/TR%20Owners%20Manual%202022-12-20%20v1.pdf>

YARD WASTE: New County Regulations

Beginning **May 1**, *plastic bags* are **not** accepted for yard waste at the curb. The County Commission in November eliminated the option to accept yard waste in plastic bags for processing at the county landfill. This helps support Sarasota County's commitment to environmental stewardship.



Alternates include **paper bags, reusable containers, or bundling** (max 3 feet in length, tied into bundles no more than 40 lbs each) for curbside disposal

Yard waste in plastic bags will receive an informational tag with a reminder that plastic bags are no longer be accepted since May 1.

After May 1, yard waste in plastic bags will be tagged and left at the curb, requiring residents to place the yard waste material in paper bags, reusable containers, or bundles for collection on the next regularly scheduled collection day.



Reusable containers, paper bags, or tied bundles **ONLY** as of May 1 for yard waste!





Natural Assets Committee

By: Melody Barackman, NAC Chair



Exploring Turtle Trail, Continued



Trailwalker groups from (top to bottom)

May 6

May 13

May 20



The newly installed trail map at the south entrance of trail.

History of our Calendar

By: Steve West



The first organized Roman calendar is said to have originated under the reign of Romulus, some 15 years after Rome's foundation in 753 BCE.

This calendar consisted of 10 months — Martius, Aprilius, Maius, Iunius, Quintilis, Sextilis, September, October, November, and December — with 30 or 31 days each, for a total of 304 days. That explains the name for December (*decem* is ten in Latin). Once the additional January and February months were added, it got bounced back to twelfth place.

This is well short of the established solar year of approximately 365.25 days. However, the Romans tackled that problem by essentially ignoring the 60-plus cold-weather days that were useless for farming purposes and going to war. In fact, March (or Martius) was named after Mars, the god of war, as it was the first month the soldiers could battle and not freeze to death.

In an attempt to establish a year based on the 12 lunar cycles, Pompilius tacked on the new months of Ianuarius and Februarius to the end of the calendar. He also tinkered with some of the existing months, as even numbers were considered unlucky, and assigned each one a length of 29 or 31 days.

Of course, 12 months of odd numbers added up to an even number, which meant that one month would have to change to keep the entire year from being unlucky. Likely due to its placement at the end of the calendar, Februarius not only wound up with the even number but became 28 days to make the total year approximately 354 days.

The Roman calendar received another overhaul after the rise of Julius Caesar, who consulted with top mathematicians and astronomers to clean up the mess left by the centuries-long, haphazard application of Mercedonius.

The result was what became known as the Julian calendar, which did away with the unlucky-number superstition and established the now-accepted lengths of the 12 months.

Februarius, which had moved with Ianuarius to the front of the calendar a few centuries earlier, remained at 28 days. It was also designated as a month of purification ceremonies. However, it was chosen again as a point of intercalation, only this time it was an extra day added every four years to bring the calendar closer to the true cosmic timetable at 365.25 days.

For all of its carefully calculated changes, the Julian calendar remained problematic for a few more years.

Again, this was a matter of human application, as pontifices counted the leap day — an extra day added to the calendar every four years to ensure the calendar stayed aligned with the Earth's rotation around the sun — every three years by mistake. Fortunately, Augustus Caesar solved this problem within a few decades by decreeing an end to intercalation until the calendar was up to speed.

While the rest of the world slowly shifted to the Gregorian calendar from that point forward, it remained true to the guidelines shaped over hundreds of years by the Roman timekeepers, and included the unusual designations assigned solely to the lonely month of February.



More Natural Beauty Around Us



Clockwise from bottom left: Sabal Lake's Ginny Cheatham, birder and amateur photographer, caught this image of a an egret about to take off; a group of aquatic birds including a roseate spoonbill, four egrets, and two great blue herons enjoying one of the TR ponds; Neal Tishman of DBC captured a great blue heron wading through Pond #4 (along Deerbrook Cir) at dusk; a giant snapping turtle scooped up by Joe Cooper of Aquatic Conservation (does all preserve and pond maintenance for Palmer Ranch Master Assoc) at a recent clean-up effort on PR.





Turtle Rock Academy Lectures



Rick Piccolo

Over 50 residents attended the May 18 presentation of Rick Piccolo, CEO of the SQR Intl Airport, listening to him detail future plans of expansion.

This presentation concluded the spring 2023 Academy series. After several years of successful programs, the committee has decided to retire. Many thanks to Academy Chair Bette Blitzer Mills and Academy volunteers, Kathie Myerburg and Grace Sammon.

The community is therefore seeking people willing to lead this initiative. This entails coming up with ideas for subjects, then finding speakers that can inform and entertain about the subjects, and coordinating schedules with them. Typically, there are 3-4 fall sessions, and another 3-5 spring sessions. Please email letstalkturtlerock@gmail.com for more information.



Bette Blitzer Mills

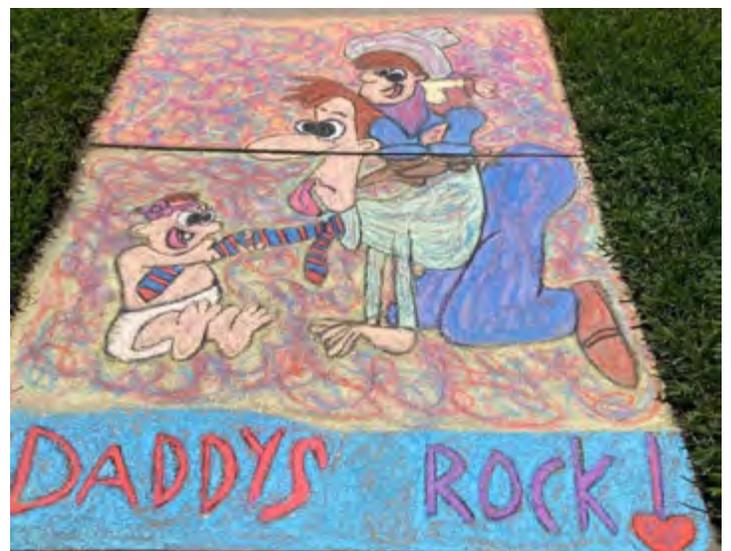


Chalk Art

Art By: Donna Wolfson



Happy (belated) Mother's Day and Happy Father's Day!





Sunset Gathering – June 23 6:30 pm @ Siesta Key Beach

Join neighbors and friends to watch the sunset at Siesta Key Beach. TRWC's flag will be flying on the beach to the right of the green (north) lifeguard station. Use the mesh path to get there.

Bring a chair, beverages, snacks, and whatever else you would like.

Questions email Mbcordier@aol.com or call Mary Beth Cordier 313-300-3403.

Women Welcoming Women Group

The TRWC offers a program to support new members called **Women Welcoming Women (WWW)**. New members are paired with a current member of the TRWC to welcome the new member, provide support in meeting other members, attending TRWC events, and provide information about the TRWC's many events and ongoing activities. To date, we've had great success with our partnerships and we look forward to welcoming any new or returning member. If you are interested in joining the TRWC, please click on the following link TRWC New Member Sign Up – <https://www.myturtlerock.com/clubs/womens-club/trwc-new-member-sign-up/> or email turtlerockwomensclub@gmail.com for more information.

A NEW KIND OF CLEANUP!



Have you checked out the myturtlerock.com website recently? We have started a phased website improvement project with the goals of correcting typos and spelling mistakes, making sure the information on the community's website is current, consistent and accurate, streamlining forms, making sure information is consistent across the website, enhancing the information available, and improving usability.

The first phase, which is complete, cleaned up the website. We took out old references to Covid restrictions, removed information that hadn't been updated or verified in the last ninety days, and updated outdated information where new information was available. Some new information was added on the Resources page, hurricane information was updated, and more work was put into the calendar to make it reflect what is really happening in the community. Finally, links were added to several pages to make it easier to access the TROM, forms, and other information by simply clicking a link instead of having to try to figure

out where the information is.

The next phase will include adding the recently compiled directory, adding a page for Association and Community policies, and working on getting forms simplified and consistent.

The last phase of the project will make the website more interactive so residents can access and update information themselves right on the website, and continuing to make usability improvements to increase residents' ability to quickly and easily access resources and accomplish tasks without having to make phone calls or send emails. Don't worry – the current ways of accessing community resources (calling, emailing, or stopping by the community center) aren't going away – we are introducing more options for residents who prefer self-service.

Big thanks to everyone who helped, and if you are using the website and find any problems or incorrect information, please let us know – you can email communitymanager@myturtlerock.com or secretary@myturtlerock.com and we will look into it!



Turtle Rock Men's Club

Members were very pleased with their first ever visit to The New Italian Grill for May's luncheon. The restaurant's new décor and owners, along with an updated menu, have earned a return visit in the future.

Save the dates!

The **June 21st** luncheon at Hob Nob will include a tour of the Siesta Key Rum Distillery. Additional information regarding this event will be emailed to members.

The **September 20th** luncheon will be held at the Madfish Grill.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the Oktoberfest community wide celebration on the 14th hosted by the Men's and Women's Clubs and the Young Families' Group.

Summer Luncheon Hiatus

Because many of our Members return North for the summer, formal luncheons will be suspended until September. The Board, however, will be meeting for an informal luncheon in July and August and will invite Members to join them. Further information will be sent out closer to each luncheon.

If you know of someone who may be interested in joining the Men's Club, please have them call or text Bill Kozlowski at 630-373-7829 or turtlerockmensclub@gmail.com.

Food Truck Schedule

Mark your calendar for these Food Truck visits:

June 16th – 3:30–7 pm

The Maine Line – enjoy specialty foods from Maine, especially their lobster roll

June 23rd – 4–7pm

German Cuisine (2nd visit, they promise not to run low on offerings this time)

June 30th – 4–7 pm

Willy-Yums Hot Dogs

Weekly Golf Outing



SERENOA GOLF CLUB

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.



June Birthdays

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

Jack Cox, Doug Lind, Denny Miller, Richard Miller, Lou Schwartz

TROM Trivia Answers from Quiz:

- There are five methods we communicate with homeowners:
 - The Turtle Rock website
 - E-blast alerts if you are registered for email communication
 - An electronic newsletter sent via e-blast and posted on the TR website
 - the bulletin boards at each entrance
 - An annual directory with homeowners addresses and contact info. The newest version was recently posted to the TR website under the *Residents Only* tab!
- Homeowners have always been responsible for their irrigation system starting at the main shut-off valve located roughly 4-5 feet inside their property line. Additionally, as of June 1st, 2023, the association maintenance personnel will no longer be assisting homeowners with this problem.
- Turtle Rock has **31** numbered ponds! We're still seeking ideas for naming them (see pg 15)

Name Our Turtle Rock Ponds!!

Initiative by the Natural Assets Committee to find meaningful names

“Name the ponds” initiative – share your pond name idea

Natural Assets has received some great recommendations for pond names, and has many more ponds awaiting your Suggestions!

Proposals received to date:

The Serpentine (#3 and/or connected ponds)

The Serenity Pond (#7)

Great Blue Heron Pond OR Sandhill Crane Pond (#18)

Little Turtle Pond (#24)

Limpkin Pond (#25)

Do you have ideas to name a favorite pond? Natural features, wildlife, or native plants may provide inspiration. Please email me at mmvanschouwen@gmail.com, or reach out to any member of the Natural Assets Committee with suggested names.



Shown here is the view of the Serenity Pond with the new plantings that were about to be placed in the ground. The new bench makes for more comfortable enjoyment of this tranquil and shady spot.

Turtle Rock Library Feature Book of the Month



Valentine

By Elizabeth Wetmore (novel) 320 pp

Set in 1976, this is a gripping tale of racism and conflict in a small Texas oil town. Glorinda Ramirez, a Mexican teenager, gets into the wrong car at the wrong time and sets off different problems for all the people involved. She is viciously raped and beaten by a brooding oil-slick cowboy, and the small town of Odessa must decide where the law lies and who they believe. Narrated by five women, *Valentine* is the story of how they survive amidst the 1970s violence, poverty, and racism that surrounds them. Despite their wounds, each of these women—whether victims or bystanders, young or old, lost or found, directly connected to the violence or not—are sunbaked strong and have been fighting for their lives as long as they can remember. Desperation, loneliness, and fear abound in this novel, but so too does care, compassion, and hope. This is the author's debut novel, showcasing compelling character descriptions that shed light on the conditions at that time, and the discrimination which still exists today.

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
or scan & email to pflamingcp@hotmail.com**