




Turtle Talk

September 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 August 31 board meeting, the Board approved the funding for: (1) trimming of all palms on community common property, and (2) soft washing of the community building roofs.

Also, the status of the Honore Border Task Force was discussed. The Honore TF has obtained two bids to install pitch apples along the border, and they have requested bids from other suppliers. The project will require the removal of some existing vegetation, installation of new irrigation, and planting the pitch apples. As the bidding progresses, we will keep you informed as this will represent a large expense for the association.

Our transition to Civix is moving along according to the transition plan. Civix is

building the initial owner records in their software system: ApFolio. In September they will begin building the association's financial records.

Over the last couple of months, the Gate Access Task Force has been reviewing the gate entry processes. One area that stood out as an issue is that the Allied gate attendants do not consistently ask visitors to present a picture ID. This has caused a few issues, and we need to improve this entry process. To streamline this process, I'm asking all residents to please advise your guests and vendors to be prepared to show picture ID when entering Turtle Rock. The goal is to keep Turtle Rock safe and ensure we know who is entering the community. It is also very helpful if you register

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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

your guests and vendors through the gate access system. You can register your guests and vendors either online with gateaccess.net, <https://gateaccess.net/Login.aspx>, or the mobile application *GateAccess*. This helps keep accurate information in the gate access system, and simplifies the process for the gate attendants to verify guests and vendors when entering Turtle Rock.

The September 28 Board meeting will start an hour early, at 5:30pm, in order to discuss the 2024 draft budget, which will be approved at the October Board meeting. A letter will be sent to all owners with the draft in early October. ♦

Save the Date!

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



**PLEASE
ADHERE TO
OUR SPEED
LIMITS**

CAM CORNER

By: Nanette Thomas, Community Association Manager



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Ken Rosemann, Chair of the Gate Access TF, and I are working with the Allied gate attendants at the North and South Gates on the procedures of guests and vendors entering Turtle Rock. Per the existing Post orders for Allied, picture ID is required for guests and vendors entering.

We ask that you advise your guests and vendors to be prepared to show picture ID at the gates. The goal is to keep Turtle Rock as safe as possible, and verifying IDs will help with that. Please also add your guests and ven-

dors to your guest list using the gate access website:

<https://gateaccess.net/Login.aspx>.

It's also available via mobile app. The Community Code is TR, the ID is your registered phone number, and the PW is your 4-digit code. This helps to keep accurate information in the ABDI system, and expedites the attendants' ability to verify guests who enter Turtle Rock.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the office or by email. ♦



Treasurer's Report

By: Kathrin Harris



Year-To-Date Ending:

July, 2023

	Actual	Budget	Diff
Income: Assessments and other	\$ 1,000,317	\$ 994,440	\$ 5,877
Expenses:			
General and Administrative	\$ 246,396	\$ 262,836	(\$16,440)
Common Grounds	142,359	142,479	(\$ 120)
Access Control/Gatehouse	214,175	210,000	\$ 4,175
Facilities Maintenance	104,524	90,781	\$ 13,743
Utilities	49,354	51,993	(\$ 2,639)
Reserves Contribution *	236,352	236,352	
Total Expenses y-t-d	\$ 993,161	\$ 994,441	(\$ 1,281)
Net Income y-t-d			\$ 7,158

* Reserve expenses: total paid y-t-d \$97,273

In July: \$4960.80 for paver repair down payment; \$10998 2nd geothermal pool heater

Assessments: Outstanding HOA Fees— (3rd Qtr dues became payable in July)

(0-90 days) \$ 23,276

(91+ days) \$ 12,185

Total \$ 35,461 — \$21,345 more than prior month 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.

TR FAMILIES

LABOR DAY COOKOUT

SEPTEMBER 4TH
12-4 PM

HOTDOGS AND HAMBURGERS PROVIDED
PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE

\$5 DONATION PER
ADULT RECOMMENDED

TR COMMUNITY CENTER
AND POOL

— **IMPORTANT** —

POOL ACCESS CODE HAS CHANGED!

The Code to gain access to the Pool Building was changed effective

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

The new code is: 3423

Please do not share this code with your vendors, contractors, garbage collectors, landscapers etc.
The pool building access code is intended for Turtle Rock Residents ONLY.

Thank you

Oktoberfest

**Saturday October 14th
4-8 pm**

TR Community Center

****Rain or Shine****

Come celebrate the arrival of fall in grand
Bavarian style!

Bratwurst, Hot Dogs.

Sauerkraut, and condiments are provided

Beer and water will be supplied—

BYOB if you prefer something other than beer or water.

If you wish, bring a dish to share.

A donation of \$5+ per adult is requested.

Children eat free.

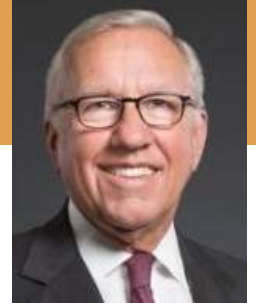
Children games and activities offered.

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



Gate Access Task Force

By: Robert Oram, TF member



As a result of the Gate Access article in the July newsletter, we have received three requests from residents to join the Task Force. With the addition of Speed Control to the Gate Access Task Force's responsibility, the task force will prepare a new Charter for the Board to act on. The goal of the task force will be to review, revise, and expand upon the work of the previous Task Force with the objective of having the speed control process up and running. The Revised Charter will also change the number of Task Force members to a minimum of seven plus the Board Liaison. The Board approved Larry Winer in July as an addition to the Gate Access Task Force.

The following actions were taken since our July newsletter article:

1. The Gate Attendant Request for Proposal was reviewed. A couple of minor changes were recommended and approved. That document is now ready to be sent out.
2. The Post Orders are in the process of being revised. A final copy will be included in the RFP.
3. Evaluate the need to have a gate attendant at the North gate overnight. A request was made for statistics on the number of non-

resident vehicles entering Turtle Rock. Our IT team was asked to run traffic counts from 9 pm to 6 am on the following dates, January 1 - 31, February 1 - 28, March 1 - 31, and June 1 - 30, 2023, resulting in the following counts:

- January averaged 16 vehicles per evening over the 9 hour period
- February averaged 14 vehicles
- March averaged 16 vehicles
- June averaged 20 vehicles

NOTE: the averages from midnight to 6am are only four (4) per month!

The Task Force concluded that, based on the study, we need to look at the cost of a gate attendant vs. having a virtual attendant cover over night hours. The Task Force will look at the cost of manning both the North and the South gates from 7 am to 7 pm and using a virtual attendant to cover 7 pm to 7 am.

We will update the community as the Task Force considers any additional improvements. Meanwhile, please don't hesitate to contact us with your questions. ♦



A pipe constantly under pressure burst, draining thousands of gallons before being shut off.

IRRIGATION —

What's YOUR responsibility?

If you have an uncontrolled leak or a zone won't shut off, you need to contact your irrigation company. If you do not have one, or they are unable to respond quickly, call the companies listed below that will provide the necessary EMERGENCY services **within 24 hrs for emergencies** (can't turn water off, etc.). Please inform the company you are a Turtle Rock resident with an emergency. If other services are needed, you can contact the below companies for an appointment. These companies will directly bill you for their services. The agreed upon billing amount is \$150 trip charge including the first hour at your home. You will also be charged for any parts or materials they may need to fix your irrigation issue.

Company Phone Numbers: JT's Irrigation Specialist 941-302-9246
American Irrigation 941-587-2027, Adler Irrigation 941-348-6912

Architectural Review Committee

By Roberta Maloney, Chair



Your Architectural Review Committee (ARC) is a group of six Turtle Rock residents, who **volunteer their time and effort** to make sure all residents follow the rules and guidelines specified in the Turtle Rock Owners' Manual (TROM) when making any exterior modifications to their homes. Remember, **homeowners cannot make any changes to their home exteriors -- like taking down trees or painting the exterior, etc. -- without prior approval from the ARC.** Please help us by being familiar with the contents of the TROM.

The Committee meets once a month to review and make a ruling on requests. Due date for submission (turned in or emailed to the *Community Association Manager*) is the **15th** of each month. However, **Somerset** and **Savannah** residents must first submit requests to their *ARC representative*, who will then pass it on to the Community Manager after their approval. The Committee normally meets on the third Saturday of the month to visit the homes and discuss the applications. Please make sure your request is accompanied by items 1 thru 5 where required as specified on the application. This will prevent your request from being TABLED due to incompleteness. We try to approve the TABLED requests before the next inspection date, but cannot always accomplish this due to availability of ARC members or the complexity of the reason for not approving.

ARC meeting dates for the remainder of 2023 are: September 23, October 21, November 18 and December 16. Please submit your requests as early as possible as the Committee has preparation to do before our meeting date, but definitely by the 15th of each month.

Any changes made to your request after the inspection date may require another inspection during the next cycle, or a resubmission of the request, or both. In this case the homeowner will have to wait until the next inspection cycle.

Exceptions are made for **emergency situations only**. Your contractor's availability or materials availability are NOT an emergency. Only situations which require attention due to actual

or immediate potential property damage, or issues of personal safety, will be considered emergencies.

We have streamlined the application and approval processes by eliminating snail-mail letters of approval and notification of work completed. Results of the monthly inspection/approval are listed on the Turtle Rock website under Community Association, ARC Results:

<https://www.myturtlerock.com/community-assoc/arc-results/>

They are listed by month within the year. If an application appears on the website as TABLED, the status will not be updated until the next month (or later).

The Committee will automatically inspect a homeowner's property six months after the date of the approval. You can help us accelerate this process by emailing the Community Manager (communitymanager@myturtlerock.com) when the work is complete and you are ready for a Final Approval. The year 2023 has been very active for the Committee and homeowners. Some statistics:

221 applications received

(Year-to-date thru August cycle)

210	Approved
3	Withdrawn
4	Denied for violations of TROM
4	Tabled for further consideration
New Roof applications	64
House Painting	27
Remove tree(s)	27
Landscaping	26
Replace windows/doors	24
Gutters	10
Generator	7
Lanai Cage	6
Solar Panels	4

The ARC is here to help homeowners with any landscaping and other exterior changes to your home. If you have questions, contact any member of the ARC committee. We would be delighted to help.



Spotlight on TR Neighbors

Ivan & Sharon Gould

Story by Ivan Gould

Sharon and Ivan moved to Sweetmeadow Cir in 2017. Five years ago, they embarked on an exhilarating journey when they decided to learn to waltz for a 60th Anniversary trip with parents. Little did they know that this newfound passion would transform (or take over) their lives.

With lots of practice and determination, Sharon and Ivan started competing as an Amateur Couple in American Smooth and Rhythm – Waltz, Tango, Foxtrot, Viennese Waltz, Cha Cha, Rhumba, Swing, Bolero and Mambo. Harder than it sounds, and if anything goes wrong, there is no professional partner to help put it right. Over the last 3 years, they have taken part in Regional, National and World Championship events. At



their first World event, they took eleven titles, including Cabaret, Solo, and Nine Dance Amateur Couple Champions, and have won numerous National Titles.

They also competed at the renowned Ohio Star Ball and the Millennium DanceSport Championship, where they were successful both as an Amateur Couple, and also dancing Pro-Am with



professional partners. They appreciate all the support and guidance they get from Fred Astaire Dance Studios Sarasota where they take lessons, and from their coaches who are always (brutally) honest with them.

They are looking forward to attending the United States Dance Championship in September and then will be performing at the Van Wezel on October 14th in a show choreographed by Louis Van Amstel from Dancing with the Stars.

Beyond these accomplishments, Sharon and Ivan enjoy helping other Amateur Couples understand the challenges and joy that dancing together brings. It is not always (or even seldom) easy – but that is part of the excitement and drive. Ivan has discovered that rhinestones have a place in his wardrobe – and that as the leader almost everything is his fault. Sharon, on the other hand, has discovered the 4am hair and make-up sessions to be ready to hit the competition floor by 7am and that she does (to quote Ginger Rogers) ‘Everything he does – but backwards and in heels’.



Together they have discovered another way to be true partners – on the dancefloor as they are in life – it just takes understanding, commitment, good communication, a sense of humor, hard work, plus a lot of love.

If any Newsletter readers would like tickets for the Van Wezel event on **Oct 14**, please reach out to Ivan at 941 323 9655 – tickets are \$35 each.



Natural Assets Committee

By: Michelle van Schouwen, Secretary NAC



Trail markers...and a potential tactic to manage summer pond algae

Nature trail markers are installed!

Navigating the one-and-a-half-mile Turtle Trail is now a breeze, with 13 new directional markers strategically placed along the path. The markers show you which way to go when you must make a choice, and also displays the distances to the community center (CC) and Palmer Ranch Parkway (PRP).



Some cool morning, please take a self-guided stroll through Turtle Rock's peaceful nature trail. Remember to stay hydrated! Consider using insect repellent (or wearing long pants and long sleeves) to avoid mosquito bites.



Pond dye may slow algae and submerged weeds in small ponds.

Custom blue and black pond dyes (among other colors) are used around Florida and the nation as an ecological, safe way to inhibit the growth of algae and submerged pond weeds. The dye does this by reducing the UV rays that penetrate the water, thus slowing photosynthesis for algae and underwater plants.

Turtle Rock and the NAC are conducting a no-cost, short trial that involves adding dye to three smaller ponds that currently have algae issues, namely ponds 9, 10, and 11. The dye will not significantly change the water color. The use of dye may allow Turtle Rock's pond vendor to use less chemical to control algae in those ponds during the hot summer months.



What the dye won't do is 1) make ponds less attractive or 2) harm wildlife or desirable aquatic plants. Also, it lasts only about a month. It can be replenished, assuming the results are satisfactory. If not, it is simple to end the trial.

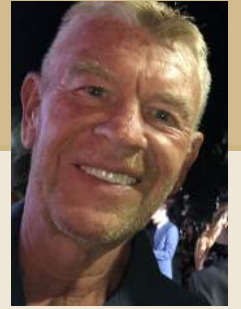
Turtle Rock, its ponds vendor, and the NAC will monitor the results of this brief trial to determine if this tactic may be of value to the community.

Photo of trail markers courtesy AZ Contreras.

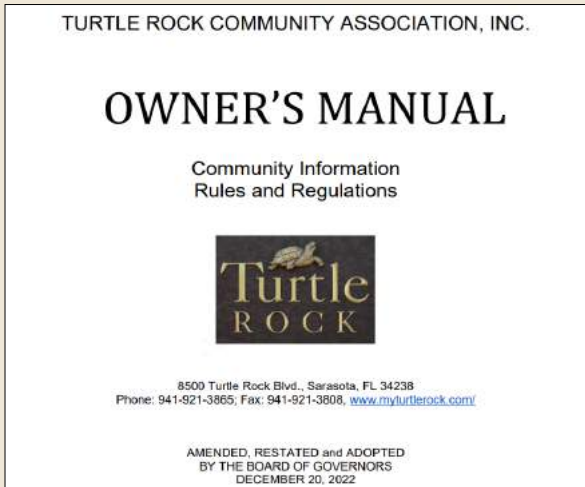
Logo created by Barry Domenick, Turtle Rock Resident

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. True or False?
When approved by the appropriate committee, one of several ways to communicate with my fellow TR neighbors is to put a one-time flyer in their mailbox.
2. True or False?
I like the "fresh air" drying method to dry my bed sheets and some other things, so I can run clothes lines across my lanai to dry my things.
3. True or False?
I can fly my drone in TR as long as it remains over my property.

Find answers in the TROM on the Turtle Rock website (under Documents tab), or look on page 13.

YARD WASTE: New County Regulations

Since **May 1**, *plastic bags* are **not** accepted for yard waste at the curb. This helps support Sarasota County's commitment to environmental stewardship. To those residents in Turtle Rock still using plastic, kindly switch to alternates, which 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 have no longer been accepted since May 1.

Since May 1, yard waste in plastic bags has been 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!



From the WEST Corner of...

By: Steve West, Resident Columnist



What are the world's most popular surnames?

It's a big question, to be honest. Naming conventions vary across the globe. Folks in some countries, such as Mongolia, don't have surnames at all. In other places, like Hungary, the so-called "last name" comes first. Meanwhile, in Russia and elsewhere, the spelling and pronunciation of a name may depend on your gender. And sometimes a surname can change with each passing generation, as in Iceland.

All of this complicates tracking the world's most common surnames. The task is made even more challenging by the fact that if we were to simply stick to raw totals, this list of the top 100 would contain only names from China or the Indian subcontinent. (After all, those regions are home to one-third of the world's population.) So let's look at a few we do know and start in reverse order:

Johnson (3.1 million) This surname owes its popularity to the New Testament. The given name John is one of the most popular in the Christian world, and for good reason—The Bible is chock full of beloved Johns: John the Apostle, John the Baptist, and John the Evangelist to name a few. The spread of Christianity helped make John one of the most popular first names in the western world. When patronymic surnames became popular in the middle ages, Johnson would become an obvious frontrunner. (And it hasn't looked back. It's now the second most common surname in the United States.)

Smith (4.5 million) Anglo-Saxon in origin, Smith harks back to the word smite, which means to "strike with a hammer." In medieval Eu-

rope, professional smiths (blacksmiths, goldsmiths, coppersmiths, and more) were among the most skilled and respected citizens in a community. Eventually, occupational names like "Tim the Smith" were shortened. Today, Smith is the most common surname in English-speaking countries UK, US, Canada, and Australia.

Rodriguez (9.2 million) For Spanish surnames, the suffix -ez means "son of." The surname Rodriguez, for example, merely means "Son of Rodrigo." It derives from the old Germanic name Hrodric, which loosely means "powerful ruler." Back in the day, anybody in the Rodriguez clan could claim that he or she was related to a political bigwig.

Gonzalez (9.8 million) In the 5th century, the Visigoths settled in modern Spain and imported a distinct Germanic language, called Gothic. The name Gonzalez, meaning "son of Gonzalo," roots back to the Gothic tongue. It's believed the name Gonzalo may trace back to the old Gothic word for "battle" or "battlefield." Others suggest it refers to the Gothic words for "war hall" or "castle." (The Gonzalez family crest is an imposing castle tower.)

Kim (18.8 million) From 57 B.C.E. up until the year 935, most of the Korean peninsula was called the kingdom of Silla. In the fourth



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From the WEST Corner of... Continued

century, the 17th ruler of Silla, Naemul, established a hereditary monarchy that would maintain control of the throne for an impressive five centuries. These people called themselves Kim. The name was fit for a King: The word means “gold.” Today, approximately one in every five South Koreans are called Kim.

Nguyen (24.6 million) About 2,100 years ago, China conquered present-day Vietnam. At the time, the Vietnamese didn’t have surnames, which was a problem for the Chinese, who wanted to keep track of their new vassals. So they started handing out surnames. Likely some mid-level Chinese bureaucrat, in seeking to figure out who actually lived in his newly conquered Vietnamese territory, simply decided that everyone living there would be named Ru-an—which became Nguyen. Today, up to 40% of Vietnam’s population bears the name.

Ahmed (25.7 million) As common a first name as it is a last name, Ahmed and its variants is easily one of the most well-known names on the planet. Extremely popular in Pakistan and east Africa—especially the small island nation of Comoros—the word means “To thank or praise” or, more specifically, “thanks

to God.” The name appears in the Koran, in which Jesus foretells that “an apostle ... shall come after me, and whose name shall be Ahmed.”

Singh (35.7 million) Derived from the Sanskrit word “lion,” Singh is common among North Indian Hindus. And like Kaur, it’s also the name-of-choice for male Sikhs. In fact, the surnames Kaur and Singh are so widespread that immigration officials have complained that it’s too difficult to process paperwork from Sikhs. For 10 years, Canada addressed the problem by telling Sikhs to change their last names before applying to immigrate. According to the policy, “the name ‘Kaur’ or ‘Singh’ is not sufficient for the purpose of immigration to Canada.”

Wang (107 million) The surname Wang used to be a handy way to show off your family’s political connections. It’s represented by the Chinese character for “King” or “Monarch.” The name’s popularity in China grew over millennia as various ruling clans and dynasties used it to highlight their pedigree and inheritance. Today, it doesn’t carry much political clout, since it is the most common surname in the world, shared by a whopping 1 in 65 people!



And now that we have an idea about names, what about

Ol’ Blue Eyes...

Between 6,000 and 10,000 years ago, all humans had brown eyes, until a single genetic mutation caused one human to be born without the usual brown-black melanin pigment that colors irises brown. Irises without this pigment experience what’s known as the Tyndall effect (yes, the same reason

why the sky is blue). Because of blue’s short wavelength, that spectrum of light is reflected most by the fibers in the iris, causing eyes to take on a bluish color even though there is no blue pigment present at all. Today about 10% of the world’s population has blue eyes, though that number is skewed heavily by northern Europeans. In Finland and Estonia, for example, 89% of people have blue eyes — the highest percentage in the world. The U.S. comes in much lower at around 27%.





Turtle Rock Men's Club

MARK your CALENDARS:

September 20 — luncheon: Madfish Grill
4059 Cattlemen Rd.

October 14 — Octoberfest at Comm. Center



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.



SEPTEMBER Birthdays

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

Bob Arnet, Ron Contillo, Ron Knox, Marc Pohl, Doug Smith, James Vaughn

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.

For men and women !

School is not the only thing to resume in September — Game Night resumes on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 7-9 pm at the Community Center

Held every second Tuesday of the month, Game Night is a pleasant 2 hours of playing games with others who enjoy playing games too. There's no set plan for what game is played, it randomly unfolds based on a consensus of those present.

Bring a game you'd care to play, or join a game on hand. Teach your game or learn a new one. It's all up to you to decide as the choices come along that night. There is no cost to play. Food is not part of the evening, but you're welcome to bring a beverage and snack to enjoy. Come solo, come with a friend, husband, wife or partner, with or without a game. Come play! Contact coordinator Joan Miller: joanmiller272@gmail.com



TROM Trivia Answers from Quiz:

1. FALSE. Federal Law prohibits the distribution of any material other than those specifically processed through the U.S. Postal Service. (TROM III, 9.)
2. TRUE. Clothes drying is permitted only inside the lanai. (TROM II, 7.)
3. FALSE. Private use of Drones are prohibited within TR. (TROM II, 11.)

Name Our Turtle Rock Ponds!!

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

Proposed names received to date:

The Serpentine
(#3 and/or connected ponds)

The Serenity Pond (#7)

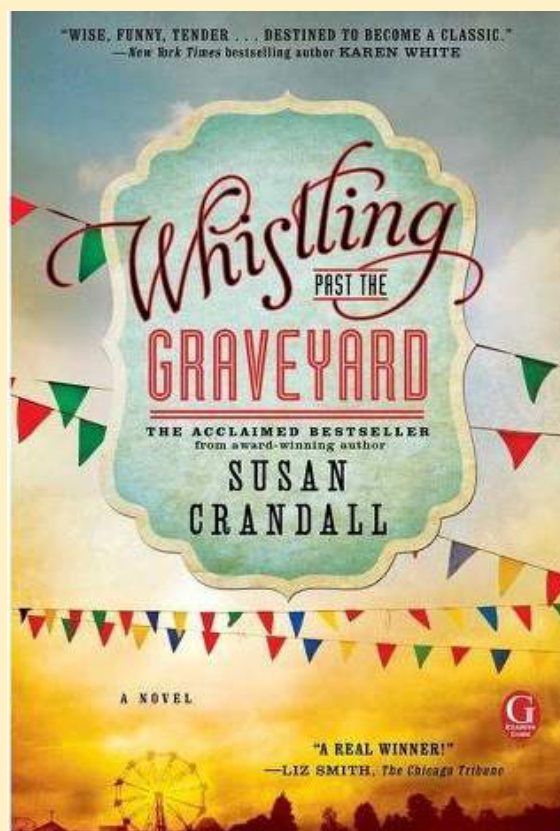
Great Blue Heron Pond OR
Sandhill Crane Pond (#18)

Little Turtle Pond (#24)

Limpkin Pond (#25)



Turtle Rock Library Feature Book of the Month



Whistling Past the Graveyard

By Susan Crandall (historical novel) 300 pp

In 1960's Mississippi, nine-year-old Starla runs away from her strict grandmother with whom she has been living to find her mother. Her destination is Nashville, where her mother went to become a famous singer, abandoning Starla when she was three. Not very far down the road she meets Eula, a black woman traveling alone with a white baby, who wants to help her.

This begins a "Huck Finn" adventure of two very different people who care for and challenge each other as the quest to find Starla's mother becomes a path that will lead to new understanding and heal them both. Starla sees for the first time life as it really is—as she reaches for a dream of how it could one day be.

"Whistling past the graveyard," that's what Daddy called it when you did something to keep your mind off your most worstest fear...

The Newsletter Team

The Communications 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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Assembling an EMERGENCY Preparedness Kit

The following information is adapted from the Turtle Rock Owner's Manual, Appendix L, pages 60-61 TR Owner's Manual 2022-12-20 v1.pdf (myturtlerock.com)

In most cases, the weather and utility emergencies we might face can be best met by taking early steps to assemble a Preparedness Kit. While the most critical items must be assembled when a storm is imminent, there are things you can do now to be prepared for long term self-sufficiency.

At the beginning of storm season (officially started June 1), it is helpful to put together items that may be useful during a storm or aftermath. With luck you'll never have to use these items, but if you do, you'll be glad to have these items on hand. Here is a list of household items you can assemble long before an emergency event:

- Extra batteries for electronics
- Charcoal, matches, or extra propane and grill.
- Non-electric can opener
- Fire extinguisher (small canister, ABC type)
- Instant tire sealer
- Whistle and/or distress flag
- Plastic tarp and screening
- Tools such as duct tape, chainsaws, shovels, hammers, nails, and rope
- Water purification kit— tablets, chlorine (plain), and iodine
- Clean-up supplies (mop, buckets, towels, disinfectant)
- Plastic trash bags
- Paper towels
- Cash
- Copies of:
 - *Insurance policies and account numbers, names of agents and phone numbers
 - *Property inventories, photographs or video of your home and garage contents (vital if property needs to be replaced)
 - *Photos of family members and pets for identification

For personal care, it's helpful to have these items assembled:

- Updated list of all family and pet medications and dosages
- Dr. and pharmacy phone numbers
- First aid book and kit
- Sunblock/sunscreen
- Bug repellent
- Sanitizer
- Garbage can or bucket with tight-fitting lid and kitty litter (for emergency toilet)
- Toilet paper, pre-moistened towelettes or baby wipes

In the event you need to replace your identification, copies of the following documents may be required:

- ◊ Driver's license
- ◊ Bank statements
- ◊ Utility bills with account numbers and contact phone numbers
- ◊ Front and back of credit cards
- ◊ Passport
- ◊ Business and professional licenses
- ◊ Birth and marriage certificates

For medical care you may need copies of the following:

- ◊ Social Security Card
- ◊ Medical and insurance cards
- ◊ Living Wills, Health Care Proxies, wills, powers of attorney
- ◊ For pets, copies of current license, rabies, and other vaccinations.

Keeping an electronic copy is also a good idea in the event paper copies are inaccessible or destroyed.

In the event of an emergency, you may be on your own, without utilities, for several days. Immediately before an emergency event you will need to devote your time to pull together critical perishable and time sensitive items. So, while assembling a kit may seem like a big task, if done early, preparedness can bring peace of mind.

RESIDENTS: Please complete this form if you have not provided or confirmed your contact **and** vehicle information to management in the past year! With a change to a new management company, your cooperation will assure our records are accurate!! Also on website: Community Association tab, drop-down Menu FORMS, first link — <https://www.myturtlerock.com/community-assoc/forms/>

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