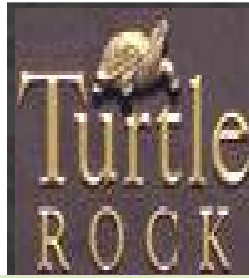


August 2025



Photo
By
Ginny Cheatham



Turtle Talk August 2025



President's Message

By: Grace Boehm, Board President

The July 2025 Turtle Rock Board of Governors meeting was held on July 31, 2025 in the community center and on Zoom. Thank you to all residents who participated.

The Board approved the replacement of the electric meter and 25 AMP box at the community center, and the installation of a 20 AMP circuit to provide a security camera at the basketball court at a cost of \$4500. The community center has experienced several brief power outages during storms and wind, which requires a visit from the IT team to reset all the computer equipment. You may have noticed the parking lot lights blinking and buzzing – this is also related to inconsistent power supply. The basketball court has been the site of some vandalism so a camera is a necessary addition. The Board also approved a request for \$28,680 to trim the extensive number of trees that have been damaged by the much taller vehicles used by the new waste removal company. Also included in that project is trimming and cleaning up damage related to last year's storms. The Landscape committee also requested, and the Board approved, \$2,418 to fill in open spots along Palmer Ranch Parkway to discourage trespassing. The Jamine ground cover at the entrances is at the end of its useful life and has become weed infested. The Board approved the request for \$2,450 to replace the dying Jasmine.

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Next Meeting will be August 28

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The Honore border task force requested approval of the irrigation contract with the Palmer Ranch Master Association. The Board authorized me to sign the agreement once the task force is satisfied with the terms. The Board also authorized me to sign an agreement with a new collections attorney. We expect that we will be engaging the law firm of Anderson, Givens and Fredericks to handle collections for delinquent resident accounts.

The Board approved an amendment to the TROM to revise the court usage policy and TROM to update them to incorporate the multi use tennis and pickleball courts. Cavanaugh and Company, Turtle Rock's audit firm, issued its report of the Association's 2024 financial audit. The report is a clean audit report, indicating that the financial statements are presented fairly and are reliable for decision-making purposes. This is the best kind of audit report a corporation can achieve. The Board unanimously accepted Cavanaugh's report.

Finally, the funding request to dye the bases for the new streetlights black was withdrawn by the Landscape committee, and the Board declined to act on a resident request to offer strength training classes to residents.

We are making good progress toward recreating the Association's financials for 2025 for turnover to Sunstate Management Group to allow a "go live" date on September 1. More details will be forthcoming as we get closer to that date.

Thank you for your engagement and attention. The next Board meeting will be August 28th at 6:30PM at the community center and on Zoom. We look forward to seeing you then!

Cam Corner

by Nanette Thomas, Community Association Manager



Speeding and disregard of stop signs have been a large part of complaints being received at the office. Please note the Turtle Rock Owner's Manual rules regarding these two items.

- The speed limit in all areas of Turtle Rock is 25 mph, with the exception of Nice Way, which has a 15-mph speed limit. These speed limits must not be exceeded.

- All stop signs and traffic control signs must be strictly observed. Non-compliance with traffic rules and regulations can result in fines. Please refer to the Turtle Rock Community Association, Inc. Compliance Policy in the Appendix for additional information.

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Turtle Rock Owner's Manual (TROM)

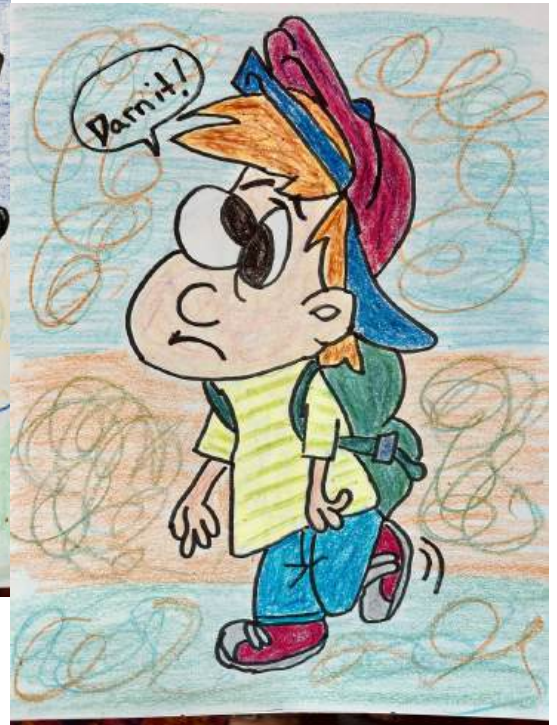
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Overnight street parking: Overnight parking, defined as between the hours of 2:00 am and 6:00 am, is not allowed on any street at any time. Violations are subject to fines.

In the event you have an overnight visitor and parking cannot be provided on your residential lot, please contact the Community Management office for a free guest pass that allows parking in the TRCC lot. Violators can be fined.

Chalk Art

Art By: Donna
Wolfson



NEW STREET LIGHT INFORMATION

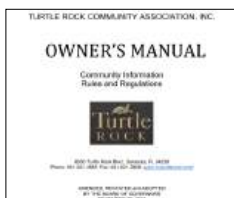
The installation of the new streetlights will begin tentatively on August 11.
Installation will begin on Turtle Rock Boulevard.

Please read the article on Page 12
For important information.

TROM Trivia August 2025

Answers on Last Page

1. The Board of Governors is the deciding line of determination when a fine and/or suspension is levied against an (alleged) offending owner, guest, or tenant. True or False?
2. The official Turtle Rock website address is: ?
3. The Community Pool is both cooled in the summer and heated in the winter. True or False?





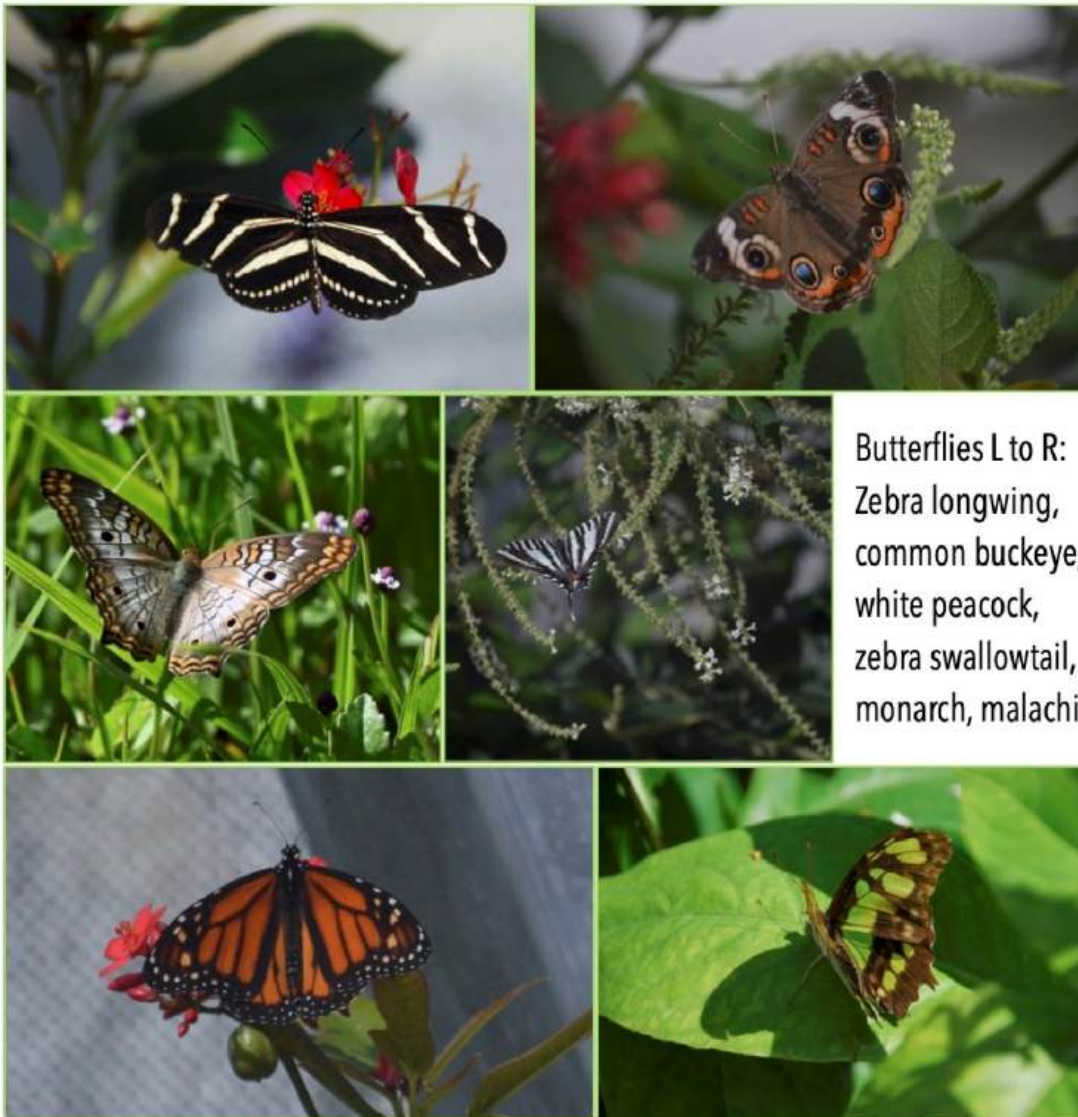
Natural Assets Committee

Michelle van Schouwen , Secretary



We can all use a bit of Serenity (Pond)

You probably drive, walk, or bike by Turtle Rock's Serenity Pond (#7) often. Serenity Pond is situated beside Turtle Rock Boulevard, across from Meadow Rush Loop. The area features plantings that attract butterflies, a Little Free Library, a communications board, and a bench. It provides a pleasant, even meditative neighborhood destination. Stop by sometime soon!



Natural Assets Committee, continued



Little Free Library at Serenity Pond – take or drop off a book!

Turtle Trail bench fundraiser

Turtle Rock is getting closer to adding a new resident-funded bench along Turtle Trail (the nature trail) for the open grassy area near bridge #3, near the halfway point of the walk.

Thanks to Christa Friedlander for her recent contribution. With \$1,030 toward the goal of \$1,800, and an anonymous donor offering to match all donations, Natural Assets Committee (NAC) welcomes contributions from interested Turtle Rock residents. Checks should be made out to Turtle Rock Community Association, Inc. with "BENCH" written in the memo. They may be mailed to or dropped off at the community center.

Article by Michelle van Schouwen, Secretary, Natural Assets Committee. Logo by Barry Domenick. All photos by Ginny Cheatham (local butterflies around Serenity Pond, Legacy Trail near Turtle Rock, and Historic Spanish Point).

From The West Corner Of...

Steve West, Resident Columinist



Napoleon Wasn't That Short

You've probably heard the phrase "Napoleon complex", which refers to the idea that small creatures — whether people or Pomeranians — often act as if they're much bigger than they really are, supposedly in an attempt to over-compensate for their lack of stature. Of course, it's also a reference to Napoleon Bonaparte, the early 19th-century French emperor who wreaked havoc on the European continent for nearly two decades. Yet French sources say Napoleon probably stood at about 5 feet, 5 inches. While that might seem somewhat short by today's standards, it was only an inch shorter than the average height of a Frenchman at the time. It's possible he even stood an inch or two taller than this estimate.

So why does history remember Napoleon as such a tiny tyrant? Turns out, it's actually an enduring piece of British propaganda. In 1803, British political cartoonist James Gillray — arguably the most influential caricaturist of his time — introduced the character "Little Boney," which portrayed Bonaparte as both diminutive and juvenile. In his cartoons, Napoleon was often seen throwing tantrums while stomping around in oversized boots, military garb, and bicorne hats. The image stuck, and the sight of a raging, pint-sized Napoleon echoed through history. Before his death in 1821, the twice-exiled Napoleon even admitted that Gillray "did more than all the armies of Europe to bring me down."



Gus Says,

*"Running feels great ,
Unless you compare it
to not running!"*

We Invite You to Join the Women's Club

The women's club is a lively social club that offers many activities including (but not limited to): Luncheons in restaurants across Sarasota, Game night, Pickleball & Tennis, Book clubs, Bunco, Trivia Night and Volunteering opportunities.

Membership fee is only \$20 per year. Residents can join at any point during the year. If you are not already a member, you're welcome to attend an activity as our guest.

Please join us at the September luncheon is being held at Miguel's. For details on attending an event, joining the club or if you have any questions, please email turtlerockwomensclub@gmail.com. We'd love to hear from you.

Below is a photo of a Sunset Happy Hour on the beach.



Turtle Rock Men's Club

By Ken Rosemann

August Newsletter

Summer Luncheon Hiatus

Because many of our members return North for the summer, a formal luncheon will not be held in August.

The Board, however, will be meeting for an informal luncheon:

August 20th, 12 pm, location to be determined

Mark Your Calendar

December 12, 2025 – Holiday Dinner Dance at Stoneybrook Golf & Country Club

Open to the entire Community

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.

August Birthdays

We wish the following a **Happy Birthday!**

If I have missed anyone,

email me and I will update the TRMC website.

Irv Broh, Charles Hansmann, Aaron King

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.

Watch Dog Alert

Have you recently received a suspicious text message

claiming your Apple ID was used to make an unauthorized purchase at an Apple Store?

Be on high alert – this is a crafty scam designed to trick you into calling fake Apple support numbers and giving away sensitive personal and financial information. In this article, we'll take an in-depth look at how this insidious "Apple Store" text scam works, what to do if you've fallen victim, and how to protect yourself.

[Apple Security Alert]

We have noticed that your Apple id was recently used at "APPLE STORE" for \$143.95, paid by Apple Pay Pre Authorization. Also some suspicious sign in request and apple pay activation request detected. That looks like suspicious to us. In order to maintain the security and privacy of your account we have placed those request on hold. If NOT you? Please Call +1 888-297-1690 to talk to an Apple Representative. Failing may lead to auto debit and charge will not be reversed. Call +1

Step 1: The Bait You receive an unsolicited text message claiming your Apple ID was used to make an unauthorized purchase, usually in the amount of around \$150-\$500 at an Apple Store. The message contains a phone number to call immediately to cancel the charge and secure your account.

Step 2: The Hook

Worried that your account has been compromised, you call the number provided, which connects you to a fake Apple support call center. The scammer on the other end, posing as an Apple representative, claims they need to verify your identity and investigate the fraudulent charge.

Step 3: The Line The scammer asks for personal details like your name, Apple ID username and password, and possibly credit card or bank account numbers to "confirm your identity."

Step 4: The Sinker

In some cases, the scammer may claim your device has been hacked and insist on establishing a remote connection to run "diagnostics" and "secure"

your account. If you allow remote access, they can install malware, spy on you, and even lock you out of the device.

The scammer will likely determine your device is "infected" and pressure you into paying for phony tech support services or security software. They may direct you to purchase gift cards or cryptocurrency and provide them the redemption codes as payment, which are impossible to recover once sent.

LANDSCAPE & GROUNDS UPDATE

Submitted by Kathrin Harris, Committee Secretary



STREETLIGHTS:

After nearly six months, our lights have finally arrived! They are stored in the PODS in the CC parking lot, and the poles are on the ground on the CC island. Please do not go near these, as they are unstable and could pose danger. They have been caution-taped off for your safety, and are under **video surveillance**.

The installer is finishing another job and will begin in Turtle Rock by August 11, sooner pending completion of the other job. Installation will begin along the Boulevard (not including the lights at and outside of the gatehouses, which are AC and will be done last). The committee has begun marking existing lights to help identify which light locations remain, and which are to be relocated:

- pink tape means lights STAY
- orange tape = lights MOVE
- short stakes have been placed where a new light will go.



Top: 40' ocean container being unloaded. Above: 210 poles stored on ground— do not climb! Right: Say goodbye to our past: the old streetlights with the crown on top are headed to the scrap yard!



TREE TRIMMING:

Be aware that extensive trimming of our oaks, both on the Blvd. and side streets, will take place in the coming weeks. The added height of the new trash trucks has necessitated this action. Additionally, some issues remaining from last year's storms will also be handled.

Nanette will send eblasts frequently to update you on the areas the installers will move next after finishing along the Blvd. The plan is to start on Far Oak and move north from there. The hope is to complete 8-10 lights per day, removing and replacing as they move along. Some of the identified locations have tree interference, so they may have been moved to the next best place, or specific tree limbs may be removed.

IRRIGATION:

And finally, the leak on the corner of Sweetmeadow & TR Blvd (south intersection) is scheduled to be fixed next week! Bloomings was mandated by the county to WAIT for the county to shut off the valve, thus the delay!



Congratulations to Stephan Lee



Stephan has celebrated his 10th year of service as a gate attendant. He has received his 10 year pin and commemorative coin. Congratulations Stephan!

TROM TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. False. A Hearing Panel has the final determination to confirm or deny fines and suspensions. (TROM: I, C, 5, h)
2. www.myturtlerock.com (TROM: I, H)
3. True. (TROM: II, D, 5)

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.

Send comments, suggestions and articles for consideration to:

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(Text must be in Word, Photos as JPEG.) THANKS for getting involved!

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