

# July



**Cartoon courtesy of  
Donna Wolfson**

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## President's Message

By: Grace Boehm, Board President



I apologize for the confusion at the beginning of the last Board meeting with the new microphone system. We are trying to make the Zoom experience better for residents who join the meeting remotely. We thought we had tested it and had the bugs worked out, but that wasn't the case and we reverted to the wired microphone for last night's meeting. We will perform a broader test before the next meeting.

Bank accounts have been opened at the new bank (Centennial) and most of our operating funds have been transferred to the new bank. The old bank accounts will remain open so there is no change to how you pay your quarterly dues at this time. Funds will be transferred from the old bank to the new bank as deposits are made. Some residents will have to make changes to how you pay your dues when you make payment for January dues.

The Truck Task Force, which had been working on a clear definition of a truck, reported they are at an impasse and don't expect to be able to reach an agreed upon definition of a truck. The Board voted to approve their request to be relieved of their responsibilities. Pick up truck parking restrictions will be considered at the July Board meeting.

The Board approved a proposal from the Landscape Committee to add shrubs to the center median near Sabal Lake Circle, at a cost of \$988. Another proposal from the Landscape Committee, to remove pepper trees behind Glade Fern Court, was tabled so the Landscape Committee can consider trimming the pepper trees rather than removing them.

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***Board meetings will be held the LAST  
Thursday of each month starting at  
6:30pm during 2024.***

President's Message continued.

The charter for the newly approved Pickleball Task Force was approved with minor modifications to the original scope. Kathrin Harris was appointed as the Board Liaison to that Task Force. As proposed, the Task Force has too many members, as the TROM limits the number of members to 7. Kathrin will work with the Task Force to reduce the number of members to 7. As with all Task Forces, Committees and Board meetings, the Pickleball Task Force meetings are open to all residents. So even if you aren't a voting member of a committee, you are still encouraged to attend meetings you are interested in.

HB1203 requires the Association to make certain documents available to all residents, some of which must be secured behind a username and password. AppFolio has built in security that allows each resident to have their own secure portal where these documents reside. If you need to activate your AppFolio portal, please contact Nan at [officeteam@myturtlerock.com](mailto:officeteam@myturtlerock.com).

Thank you to all of you who help keep Turtle Rock a beautiful place to call home.

# Treasurer's Report

By: Susan Birkenmaier, Ed.D.



Year-to-Date Ending	May, 2024		
	Actual	Budget	Percent collected/spent
<b>Income:</b> Assessments and other	\$ 790,130	\$1,886,504	41.88%
<b>Expenses:</b>			
General and Administrative	\$ 228,361	516,250	44.23%
Common Grounds	109,081	277,948	39.25%
Access Control/Gatehouse	158,271	391,037	40.47%
Facilities Maintenance	40,984	157,270	26.06%
Utilities	28,774	88,100	32.66%
Reserves Contributions	194,124	465,899	41.67%
Total Expenses	\$ 759,595	\$1,896,504	40.05%
<b>Income over expenses y-t-d</b>	<b>\$ 30,535</b>		

This report reflects financial transactions as recorded under the accrual method of accounting.

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Assessments: Outstanding HOA Fees— (2nd Qtr dues became payable in April)

(0-30 days)	\$ 5,000
(31-60 days)	\$ 21,737
(61-90 days)	\$ 0
( 91+ days)	\$ 5,189
Total	\$ 31,926

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For more detailed monthly and annual financial information, dating back to 2015, please visit our website-Myturtlerock.com Resident Only tab. This is a password protected section; please contact TR office and request the pass word by providing your TR name and address.

# Cam Corner

by Nanette Thomas, Community Association Manager

The majority of compliance letters sent out this month were for driveway and roof cleaning.

Compliance May 27 – June 24, 2024

43 New violation letters sent out

8 Violations have been closed

43 Violations currently on Hold

36 Violations currently in progress

Compliance Open Issues :

Roof Cleaning : 18

Driveway Cleaning : 23

Pick-up Truck Parking : 17

Pots in landscape, not ARC approved: 3

Nuisance pets: 1

Trash/recycle bin storage: 1

Landscape edging not ARC approved: 1

Mulch needed: 2

Garage door maintenance: 1

Recreational Vehicles: 3

Tree requirement: 4

Dead Palm needs to be removed: 1



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**A happy and safe  
4th of July  
to all!**

# Hello from the Communications Committee!

By Kim Weiser, Chairperson

## **NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE!**

**Our new address for the Communications Committee is [trcommunications@myturtlerock.com](mailto:trcommunications@myturtlerock.com).**

**This email address is effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, and will be monitored by our team members.**

Please reach out to us with any questions or comments and send your newsletter articles to this address. When submitting your articles, keep in mind that our focus is to push neutral based news and information out into the community. We report on Board of Governors meetings and actions taken, news from our CAM, treasurer reports, and committee and club news. We also keep residents informed of upcoming community wide events so they can meet their neighbors.

Another way we keep residents informed is through **AppFolio**. Did you know **AppFolio** is a great tool to use to access your property's records, including payment history, ARC requests, and other documents associated with your property? Please call Nan in the office to set up your account on the app soon!



## **HELP WANTED!!**

**The Communications Committee is looking for a new team member.**

**Do you have a flare for writing and are good with graphic arts?**

Our committee meets the first Thursday of each month at 1:30pm in the Community Center. We usually do not meet in July, due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday and vacation schedules. When we have special projects, we may meet more frequently.

If this sounds like something you'd be interested in, please reach out to us at our new email address: [trcommunications@myturtlerock.com](mailto:trcommunications@myturtlerock.com). Thanks for considering getting involved!



# DONATE BLOOD

**Turtle Rock on Palmer Ranch  
Friday, August 2  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

All donors receive\*:

- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **Oneblood Tote Bag**
- **Free Churro Donuts from The Toasted Yolk Café**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

*Fact: Every two seconds of every day, someone needs blood.*



Appointments are encouraged, please visit [oneblood.org/donate-now](http://oneblood.org/donate-now) and use **sponsor code 73695**

**ID REQUIRED**

\*One offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. Not-transferable. Gifts may vary. For more information please visit [oneblood.org/details](http://oneblood.org/details).

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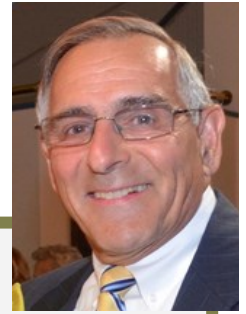
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# Turtle Rock Academy

By Curt Gilroy



## Need Volunteers to Join the Turtle Rock Academy

The Turtle Rock Academy hosts a series of lectures and presentations by noted authorities throughout the year. Speakers include artists and musicians, academicians, public policy makers, scientists, authors, actors, and other personalities. Presentations are held at the Community Center and last for approximately one hour.

One lecture has been by the Chief Operating Officer of the Sarasota International Airport speaking about the operation and expansion of the airport. Another was by a Mote Aquarium official speaking on the building and features of the new Aquarium in Sarasota. We have had a violinist, an authority on birds, and a presentation by a member of the Flying Wallender circus.

This is a most worthwhile opportunity to bring talented and noted authorities to our community in an informal setting. Anyone interested in participating in working on the Academy program should contact our manager, Nanette Thomas at the Community Center.

## Don't forget the orchids!

Hurricane season is upon us, so it's time to fasten your orchids in the trees and eliminate any flying projectile baskets and pots. Its an easy project and one that should be undertaken year round. Most orchids love rough bark trees, humidity and moving air. A few orchids also don't mind direct sun. Most don't. Phaelanopsis is a great starter orchid and does well here in Turtle rock. Most Cattleya and Dendrobium also acclimate happily to their host tree. You can consult the internet for various methods to safely secure your orchids. Everyone has their own method including panty hose, super glue and hot glue.



**These orchids are thriving and ready for hurricane season**

## From the “Watchdog”!



I recently received a toll violation via text message for a car we keep in CA for \$4.67.

It gave a web site (bayareafastrakservices.com) to pay the toll and avoid extra charges. The violation was supposedly in the Bay Area where neither our car nor I have been for forty years.

I pulled up the web site and it had the legitimate logo, all the same info, even made me jump through several hoops to verify I was not a robot. They, of course, wanted my credit card # to resolve the issue.

I researched the 709 area code to discover it was in Canada. Next I researched the internet for The Toll Roads (also known as “fasttrak”) for any scams. Sure enough, there it was, the new scam for toll violations for the Bay Area.

People, **BEWARE!** Just a matter of time before it infects our SunPass system.

Always look for small things when receiving from anyone or business a request for money.

Check for misspellings, improper punctuation, language mistakes, (in my case the dollar sign was put after the amount, 4.67\$), **and always, always do your homework.**

Submitted by Steve West

## TROM Trivia July 2024



**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 Architectural Review Committee consists of (?) members, visits homeowners typically on (?) day of the month, and reviews homeowner submissions which are due by the (?) on every month. Can you fill in the 3 question marks?
- 2.In times of emergency, the access gates to our community are left open?  
True or False?
- 3.If you are brave enough to launch a craft into our ponds, you must maintain a distance of how many feet from a residence shoreline?

Answers on last page





# Natural Assets Committee

By: Michelle van Schouwen, Secretary NAC



## It's a bird's life.

Turtle Rock is a great place to raise a family and to enjoy the outdoors. Our local birds know this, too!



Whistling ducks



Logo created by Barry Domenick, Turtle Rock Resident



Sandhill crane family photos, at the hammock (road island) approaching the community center and at Turtle Rock Lake, all by Nancy Tomb.

Babies are called "colts"



Stilts out for a walk by Grace Sammon

If you'd like to submit a feel-good image featuring any Turtle Rock pond or preserve area, please email it to [mmvanschouwen@gmail.com](mailto:mmvanschouwen@gmail.com) (10 mb or smaller) or place it on Google Photos and send a link to the same email. Please provide the name or number of any pond shown, and any other information you want to share.

# Turtle Rock Women's Club

Co Presidents of the TRWC Joan Miller & Suzanne Placzek

The summer heat won't slow down the **Turtle Rock Women's Club (TRWC)**. It's wonderful to see that the TRWC is such a vibrant and growing group of women. All ladies of Turtle Rock are welcome to join. The following is a partial list of a few of the club's activities. If you would like to join one of the activities, please reach out to the person listed as the contact for the activity.



## **Knit and Stitch Group**

If you knit, crochet, cross-stitch, do needlepoint or other hand-stitching projects for yourself or charity, join other stitchers on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, 2-4 p.m, in a group member's house. Contact Diane Glynn at 203-912-6071 or [dianeglynn@aol.com](mailto:dianeglynn@aol.com).



## **On My Own (OMO)**

An informal network for anyone living on their own, married women, caregivers - any woman looking for more opportunities to create a network of others in similar circumstances. The goal of this program is to help socially connect anyone interested in getting together informally to see a movie, grab a bite to eat, go for a walk, attend an event, whatever may interest you. Participants will create their own opportunities to reach out to others to get together. Please call Judy Stump for more information at 475-619-4370.



## **Daytime Book Group**

This group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am. Please contact Sora Yelin at 941-926-4534 for questions or info regarding joining this book club.



## **What Are You Reading? Evening Book Club**

Are you looking for an evening of great conversation and a chance to learn about new books and authors? Contact Paula Griffin at [paulasrq@gmail.com](mailto:paulasrq@gmail.com).

***If you are interested in becoming a member of the Women's Club, please email us at [turtlerockwomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:turtlerockwomensclub@gmail.com) We'd love to hear from you!***

***Co-Presidents Joan Miller & Suzanne Placzek***

**You're invited! Come solo or with friends and join us for a sightseeing cruise aboard a ship like the one pictured above. It departs from Marina Jack's and offers a buffet lunch while a tour guide highlights areas of interest as the ship cruises through the intercoastal waterway to Casey Key, Lido Key and the Bay.**

**When:** Wednesday, July 10, 2024

**Where:** Ship departs from MARINA JACK'S, 2 Marina Plaza, Downtown Sarasota

**Arrive** by 11:15 am

**Board** at 11:30 am

**Boat tour:** 12:00 (noon) - 1:30pm

**Valet parking:** Entrance fee: \$1

per occupant in car

Exit fee: On behalf of their employees

Marina Jack's requests, please tip the valet.

**Lunch cost:** \$47.00 per per person

**Buffet lunch** offers:

Fresh baked rolls

Mixed green salad with dressings

Chef's daily catch

Chicken Marsala

Chef's specialty rice

Vegetable medley

Chef's daily dessert selection

Iced tea and coffee



**Regarding seating, please note:** The ship has two levels of seating for you to enjoy. However, the stairway to the upper level is narrow and may be difficult to navigate.

**To attend:** Make out your \$47.00 check payable to TRWC and deposit at the mailbox marked TRWC located at the community center. Reservations are accepted through July 3, 2024.

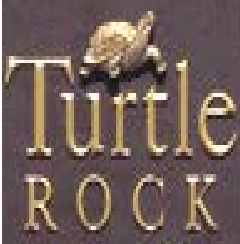
For this event an email confirming your reservation will be sent after your check is received.

**Cancellation:** A cancellation notice received at TRWC email by noon on July 9th, will receive a full refund. Send your cancellation email to [turtlerockwomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:turtlerockwomensclub@gmail.com)

Marina Jack's website, offering information on this lunch cruise and other options, can be reached via this link: <https://search.app/>

Questions - contact Joan or Suzanne at the cell phone number listed below.

Joan Miller. 630.258.1821    Suzanne Placzek. 708.932.6234



# Turtle Rock Men's Club

By Ken Rosemann

**September is Member Recruitment Month!**

**Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon**

**Member Luncheon – Restaurant to be Determined**

**Bring a new Member and receive a free lunch!**

## 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](mailto:TRMCGolf@gmail.com) to sign up or for more information.

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## July Birthdays

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

If I have missed anyone,  
email me and I will update the TRMC website.

**Joe Andrews, Neil DeLorenzo, Chuck Dorsey,  
Harry Hopes, Bill Kozlowski**

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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](mailto:turtlerockmensclub@gmail.com).

**WATCH FOR SAVE THE DATE INFO ON  
OCTOBERFEST NEXT MONTH**

# Our Feathered Friends

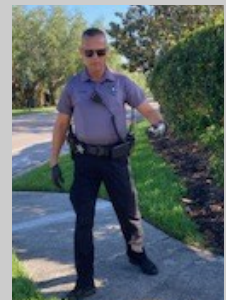
A few weeks ago I was walking my dog , Sadie, early on a Sunday morning. We were at the corner of Turtle Rock Boulevard and Meadow Rush Loop. Sadie saw the baby bird first and I pulled her away so she wouldn't hurt it.



I called a couple of my friends asking them for a number to call for animal rescue, but it was Sunday and many offices were closed. When I called the sheriff's office, an officer was quickly sent.

He arrived, picked the little bird up and took him gently away. He did say that the bird would be cared for and raised until it was old enough to be on its own, then brought back to the same area to be released.

Submitted by Judy Bentz



**Photos by  
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Cheatham  
taken at Red  
Bug Slough**



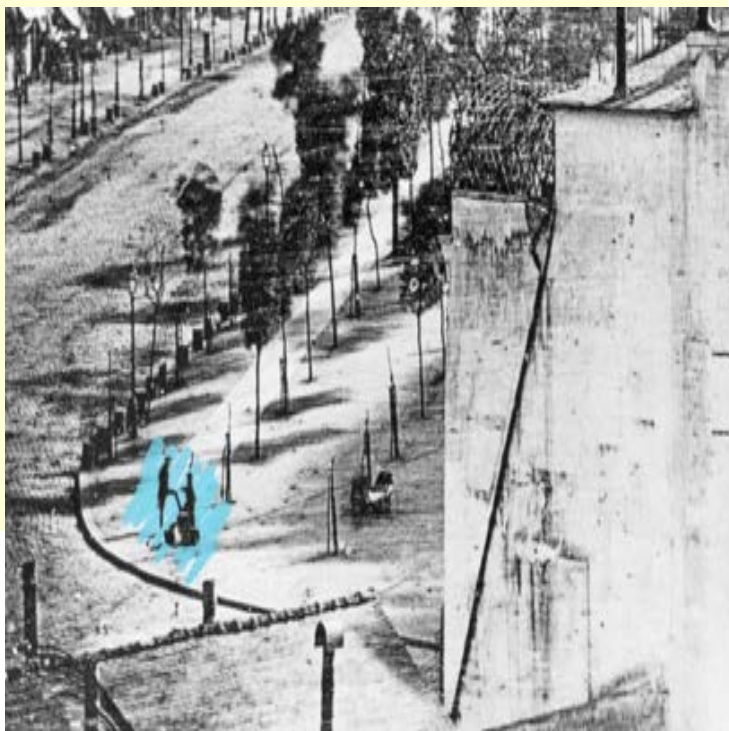
**Going for a Stroll along  
Serenity Pond**

# From The West Corner Of...

By: Steve West, Resident Columnist



Before the 19th century, photography did not exist, so people who wanted a lasting image of their home, their family, or themselves had to have one painted, sculpted, or drawn. In the early 1800s, inventors in France and England were at the center of the effort to create photographic representations of objects and people. In France, Joseph Nicéphore Niépce stunned the world in 1827 when he released what is believed to be the first photograph ever taken, titled “View from the Window at Le Gras.” Niépce rendered the image using a camera obscura combined with a light-sensitive metal plate, a process he called heliography. Despite its success, the heliograph required several days of exposure to capture the scene, eliminating the opportunity to photograph any people who may have been on the street.



In 1829, Niépce met artist and print-maker Louis-Jacques-Mandé Daguerre. Each man was familiar with the other’s work. Niépce admired Daguerre’s rotating diorama that had captivated Parisian audiences in 1822. Daguerre, like Niépce, saw the potential of improving upon the camera obscura to create clear and permanent images. They entered into a business partnership that resulted in the creation of the daguerreotype, an innovative photographic process that required only four to five minutes of exposure.

The quicker shutter speed allowed Daguerre’s camera to capture an image never seen before: a photo of a human being. In 1838, he debuted a daguerreotype of a street scene on the Boulevard du Temple in Paris. In the lower left corner of the photo we can see a man having his shoes shined; remaining stationary allowed him to be included in the photo, something that would have been impossible using the multiple-day exposure that heliographs required.

This anonymous stranger on Boulevard du Temple was not simply the subject of the world’s [first candid photograph](#) — he’s also believed to be the first human being ever photographed.

## Answers to TROM TRIVIA

1. 3-7 members, last Saturday of the month, the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month. (TROM I, 5, a).
2. True. (TROM I, E)
3. 50 feet. (TROM II, E, 1)

“Perfection is not attainable,  
but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence.”

Vince Lombardi

## 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:**

**[trcommunications@myturtlerock.com](mailto:trcommunications@myturtlerock.com)**

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

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