

October



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Donna Wolfson**

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Turtle Talk

October 2024

President's Message

By: Grace Boehm, Board President



The big news from the Board meeting is that Turtle Rock and Civix have mutually agreed to terminate our relationship effective December 31, 2024. The Board is moving quickly to interview and hire a new management company. We expect to have a decision quickly – before the end of this month so look for announcements and details as the month unfolds.

Last night, we reviewed five funding requests. They were all approved: Replacing damaged and dangerous grates for two outfall boxes (\$2,180), Removing a large floating island behind Brooksbend Circle that resulted from Hurricane Debby (\$2,137.50), Emergency repairs to the South Gate guard booth air conditioning system (\$1,082.70). Two proposals to improve entry to the community were also approved: Replacing all gate arms at all entrance and exit lanes (\$5,074.40) and replacing the inoperable call box at the South Gate (\$2,022.00). The South Gate call box will be replaced when a camera is installed to allow the North Gate attendant to validate ID. This camera is expected to cost less than \$500 to purchase and install. These gate improvements are separate from the Gate Access Task Force improvements. The repairs will improve the access experience while the Task Force completes its important work. The goal is for the new gates to be compatible with the longer term solution.

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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 Board also approved engaging Cavanaugh & Co for the 2024 Financial Audit. Curt Gilroy was appointed as the Board Liaison to the Nominating Committee.

Members were appointed to the Nominating Committee: Patty Fleming, Dodie Neuhauser, Megan Pohl and Kim Weiser. Thank you to everyone who volunteers to help out in so many capacities. Finally, to be in compliance with Florida Statute 720's new requirements, the Board adopted the Board Member Conflict of Interest Disclosure Policy. Each Board Member will be required to document any conflicts of interest and those signed documents will be maintained by the Association.

The Board meeting dates for October, November and December were changed to accommodate holidays.

The new dates are **October 17, November 21 and December 19.**

We hope to see you at the October Board meeting on October 17th at 6:30PM.

Treasure's Report

By Susan Birkenmaier, Ed.D.



Year-to-Date Ending	August, 2024		
	Aug YTD spent	Annual Budget Total	Percent collected/actual of annual budget
Income: Assessments and other	\$ 1,236,435	\$1,886,504	67.00%
Expenses:			
General and Administrative	\$ 372,542	516,250	72.16%
Common Grounds	173,584	277,948	62.45%
Access Control/Gatehouse	271,360	391,037	62.39%
Facilities Maintenance	89,932	157,270	57.18%
Utilities	61,652	88,100	69.98%
Reserves Contributions	310,599	465,899	66.67%
Total Expenses	\$ 1,279,669	\$1,896,504	67.48%
Income over expenses y-t-d	\$(16,680)		

Percent of fiscal year lapsed 66.66%

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

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

(0-30 days)	\$ 9
(31-60 days)	\$ 157
(61-90 days)	\$ 9,563
(91+ days)	\$ <u>1,626</u>
Total	\$ 11,355

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 email trcommunications@myturtlerock.com, and request the password by providing your name and TR address.

Cam Corner

by Nanette Thomas, Community Association Manager

We made it through Hurricane Helene with minimal damage. We had a couple of trees and limbs come down, a broken light at the tennis courts, a broken light at the pool and some damage to our cameras. We are so fortunate compared to others in Sarasota County.

As a reminder to all of our residents, many items are available to you on the Turtle Rock website including the By-laws, documents, Owners Manual, policies, procedures, forms etc. If you have not looked at the website, now would be a great time to review at Myturtlerock.com.

Don't forget the Oktoberfest this Saturday.

Compliance August 29 – September 30, 2024

12 New violation letters sent out

7 Violations have been closed

35 Violations currently on Hold

48 Violations currently in progress

Compliance Open Issues :

Roof Cleaning : 11

Driveway Cleaning : 10

Pick-up Truck Parking : 16

Outside Nuisance : 4

Landscape edging not ARC approved: 1

Yard & lawn maintenance: 2

Garage door maintenance: 1

Tree requirement: 1

Dead Palm needs to be removed: 2



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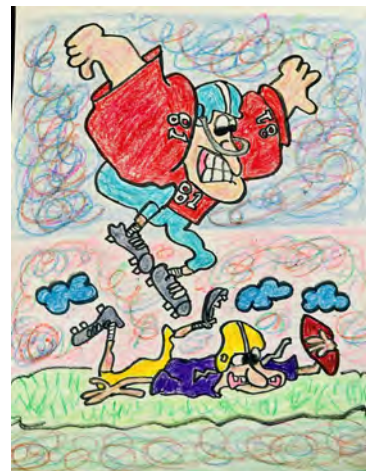
Chalk Art

**Art By:
Donna Wolfson**



Donna calls this one "First and Ten."

She also is responsible for our
Halloween cartoon on the title page.



Oktoberfest

**Saturday October 5th
4-7pm
TR Community Center
Rain or Shine**

Come celebrate the arrival of fall in grand Bavarian style!

***Bratwurst and hot dogs, complete with 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 or more per adult is requested. Children eat free.



Children's games and activities offered.

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

Save the dates...

Our annual **Chemical Collections** pick up will be held a few days before the Trash to Treasure on February 18, 2025. This is a good opportunity to dispose of items that cannot go in the weekly trash pick up. More info coming this fall so watch your emails and the newsletter!

Trash to Treasure, our version of our neighborhood community garage sale, will be held on February 22, 2025. More info and sign ups coming this fall, but in the meantime, clean out those garages and closets and get ready!

TR families group

Trunk or Treat

October 26th

5:30-7:30

**best costume and trunk
contest**

.....
Gift Card donated by Mira Mar Pool Care
.....

TR community center
.....

**Please bring a bag of candy
to share if you don't have a
trunk**



Natural Assets Committee

By: Michelle van Schouwen, Secretary NAC



Mosquito Awareness

While mosquitoes are often an issue in Florida, recent wet weather including Tropical Storm Debby has created additional problems.

Florida Department of Health in Sarasota County has issued a mosquito-borne illness advisory, which is expected to last until the end of the year. The county uses “sentinel chickens” to test for viruses spread by mosquitoes. Three of the Sarasota County chickens recently tested positive for West Nile virus. According to a news release from Sarasota County Mosquito Management Service, “Staff are continuing their normal daily surveillance and larvicide treatments to manage the mosquito population. Completion of missions will be weather permitting.”

In addition to West Nile virus, Florida’s mosquitoes can transmit Eastern equine and St. Louis encephalitis. “Non-native” mosquitoes inadvertently brought in by international travelers can also transmit malaria, dengue fever, chikungunya fever, yellow fever, and Rift Valley fever. Symptoms of these illnesses can be mild or severe.

Residents should empty any stagnant pools of water on their property. When outdoors, consider wearing clothes that cover your arms and legs, using insect repellent, and being mindful that early mornings and early evenings are the times when mosquitoes are most active.

If you become aware of a proliferation of mosquitoes or a standing water problem in your neighborhood, please contact Sarasota County Mosquito Management by applying for service at <https://sarasota.leatteamapps.com/PublicSR/> or by dialing 311 for more information. If you have been bitten by a mosquito and feel ill, call your health care provider as soon as possible.

For more information on mosquitoes in Florida, visit www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/mosquito-borne-diseases/index.html. To see updates on Sarasota County mosquito treatment areas, visit www.scgov.net/government/health-and-human-services/mosquito-management-services.

Natural Assets Committee contd....

Logo created by Barry Domenick, Turtle Rock Resident

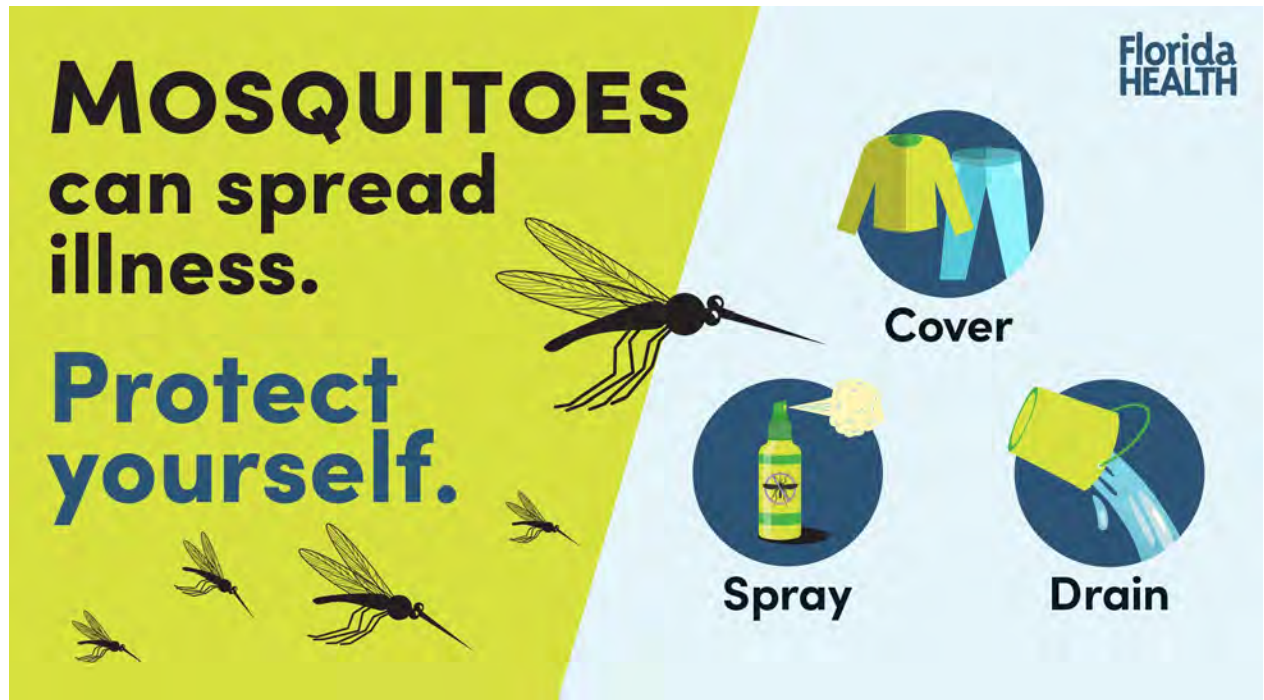


Image courtesy Florida Health.



T.R.O.M. Trivia October 2024

The community center and pool may be used by residents in good standing for a private function. There is a fee incurred which is a set amount and limited to a four hour maximum. True or False?

Leaf blowers, trimming, cutting, any consistent noise deemed an interference by neighbors, have hours of operation. These hours are set in accordance with the Sarasota County Ordinance on Noise. Can you name these hours?

Screens are permitted on residence homes on all areas with the exception being the front of a home. No screens are permitted in this one area.

True or False?

Answers on last page

Some of our Turtle Rock Friends



Thanks
Ginny
Cheatham



Turtle Rock Women's Club

Co Presidents of the TRWC Joan Miller & Suzanne Placzek



The Turtle Rock Women's Club organizes a luncheon every month where women gather to share new friendships, delicious food and interesting speakers. The luncheons are open to all women in the community. We would love for you to come to our November luncheon.

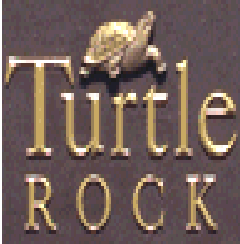


Wednesday, November 6, 2024

11:30 am Social Gathering/12:00 noon Lunch

Danelle Gilberti of the Sarasota A.C.E. (Adult Community & Enrichment) program will be speaking.

We'll partner you up with a member who will drive you and introduce you to other women. Our co-presidents would love to tell you more about the luncheon and all the activities of the club. Feel free to contact them.



Turtle Rock Men's Club

By Ken Rosemann

October 5th – Oktoberfest at the Community Center

Mark your calendars to attend the following events.
Additional information will be shared as the events are finalized.

Note, the October luncheon will be held on **TUESDAY the 15th**
at Stoneybrook Country Club

November 20th – luncheon at Migual's – 6631 Midnight Pass Rd.

December 13th – Holiday Party at Stoneybrook

December 18th – luncheon – location to be determined

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.

October Birthdays

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

John Adams, Jim Maloney, Jeffrey Thompson



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 turtlerock-mensclub@gmail.com.

From The West Corner Of...

By: Steve West, Resident Columnist



Why Do You Cry When You Cut Onions?

There's no need to cry over spilled milk, but what about chopped onions? You can thank a chemical combination of enzymes and sulfur for the tears that well up while you make dinner.

Onions [use sulfur to make a mixture of amino acids and enzymes](#) during the growing process. The acids and enzymes are separated and stored in different regions of the onion's cells, which are called vacuoles. While the onion remains whole, the amino acids and enzymes in the onion's cells remain separated. Once you cut into the onion, however, everything mixes together. When the two substances are combined, they form a chemical known as syn-Propanethial-S-oxide, or [lachrymatory factor](#) (LF). LF is an irritant that's easily vaporized when it reacts with the air.

LF isn't strong enough to affect tougher parts of your body such as your skin, but it can irritate more sensitive regions. As the vapors waft up toward your face, your eyes will begin to sting. Your body — sensing the irritant — will release a torrent of tears in an attempt to wash the chemicals from your eyes. Luckily, LF [can't do any serious damage](#), even in high quantities.

Producing LF is the onion's way of [defending against](#) anything that may want to eat it. As soon as an animal bites into the root, its eyes start to burn and it's reminded to stay away from onions. Unfortunately for onions, humans are persistent.

Hurricane Names

Until the 1940s, hurricanes in the U.S. were generally referred to simply by the year and/or place they occurred, such as the "Great Miami Hurricane of 1926." That changed during World War II, when Navy and Air Force meteorologists began to name the tropical storms they tracked after their girlfriends and wives for easier reference. For a time, the U.S. military also experimented with naming storms after its phonetic alphabet — Able, Baker, Charlie, and so on — but this was replaced with a system thought to be less confusing and easier for the public to remember. In 1954, the National Weather Bureau chose to use women's names as the standard for hurricanes; that year saw Alice, Barbara, Carol, and others.

But why women's names, specifically? The decision was partially inspired by the trend that began during the war, though it was also rooted in sexist stereotypes about the temperamental nature of women. The practice continued in the U.S. until the 1970s, when members of the women's movement spoke out against the negative characterization of women that pervaded every facet of society, including storm-naming. In 1979, the National Weather Service and the World Meteorological Association changed the naming convention to include an even split of women's and men's names, using six groups of 26 names that rotate annually.



Answers to TROM TRIVIA

1. False. The fee is based on an hourly rate. (TROM II, D, 6)
2. 07:30 and 18:30 (7:30 am and 6:30 pm) (TROM II, E, 4)
3. False. Commercially manufactured screen doors or retractable screens are permitted within the guidelines stated in TROM. (TROM III, B, 7)

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

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

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