

A scenic landscape at sunset. The sky is filled with dramatic, colorful clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and blue. In the foreground, there is a lush green lawn. A body of water, possibly a lake or pond, reflects the vibrant colors of the sunset. In the background, there are several trees, including a prominent palm tree on the right side. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and beautiful.

The Cottages

Newsletter
Spring 2023



Kiki Scovel

President's Message



OUTSIDE LIGHTS The Cottages is an environmentally responsible neighborhood. To protect birds, turtles and other native species the Architectural Guidelines are to use only "warm white" LED bulbs in your exterior lights -- a designation no higher than 2700-3000k. Lights in the blue/white spectrum are not desirable. Warm lighting is healthier for people too! Learn more at <https://www.darksky.org>

POWER WASHING Avoid the summer hassle of a PLCA notice. Make arrangements now to get your driveway and/or roof power washed. If dark streaks are beginning to appear on the roof it needs washing before rainy season. Dry season is the optimal time to take care of these chores.

HEDGE TRIMMING

There has been a change at the CDD- Doug Kucera retired. The hedges behind the homes on the north side are now being trimmed by Green Acres. GA cannot encroach into the CDD areas to do any trimming. Please contact Paul Kemp 239-450-6441 or Chuck Adams 239-498-9020 with CDD requests.

Flowers of The Cottages



Around the Neighborhood

Woodpeckers

Jerry & Deborah Ledderhof at 3686 have had the protective woodpecker coating applied to the decorative foam trim.



Around the Neighborhood

About Woodpeckers

There are over 200 species of woodpeckers. They are very territorial and have a route and routine that they developed in their search for food, resting areas, safe hideouts from predators in an emergency. The woodpeckers pair off and take turns watching the nest and then take turns feeding the young.



Frequently Asked Questions

Why do woodpeckers rap on gutters or metal chimneys?

The woodpeckers that are doing the rapping on the metal usually are male woodpeckers and they are marking their territory and letting the males and the females know that “ I am here, this is my territory and I am ready if you are”

Do the woodpeckers nest in the holes they make in the foam?

Sometimes they are making the holes for nesting purposes, but they also make the holes for bugs to crawl into and then the woodpeckers check the holes out every 2 days for food (bugs). Sometimes when the woodpeckers nest and their eggs hatch and the baby birds can fly, the parents chase them out of the nest and won't even let them feed within a 1/2 mile from where they were born for 1 year. Then the next nesting season the adults and the children return to where they were born to have their babies. Sometimes black birds take over these holes and nest also.

Just in case you forgot

Daylight saving
time begins
March 12th
at 2:00 am



WELCOME

New residents

Rick & Sharon
Stadler



3664 Olde Cottage Lane

Laura Hohing &
Sister Marla



Marla & Laura



3665 Olde Cottage Lane

Ty & Gretchen
Nofzinger



3661 Olde Cottage Lane

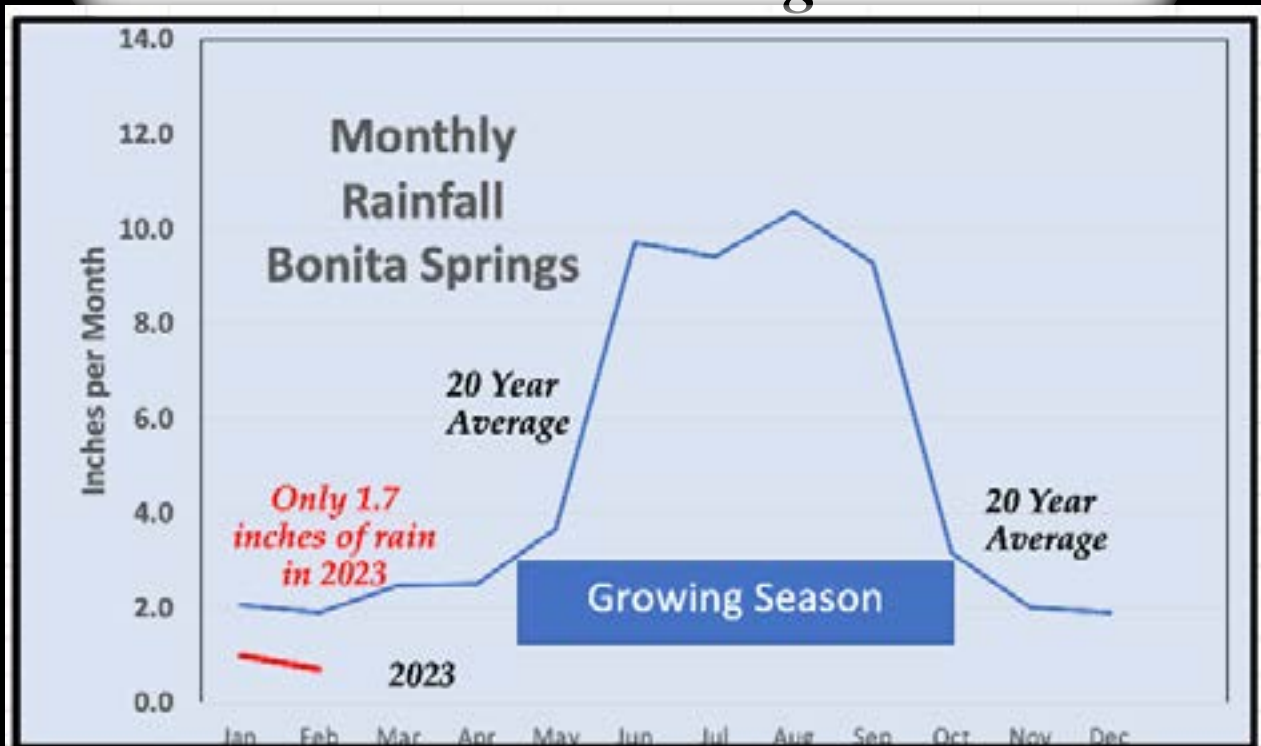
Gator plays golf

Joanna Wragg took a photo of a gator on one of the Nest golf holes.



Drought continues

2.3 inches below average thru Feb



Maintenance News

Gazebo sunken pavers

CareJack repaired the sunken area of pavers by the Gazebo walkway. This is the type of area where sinking often occurs due to a downhill slope & multiple oak roots.



Broken gate hinges



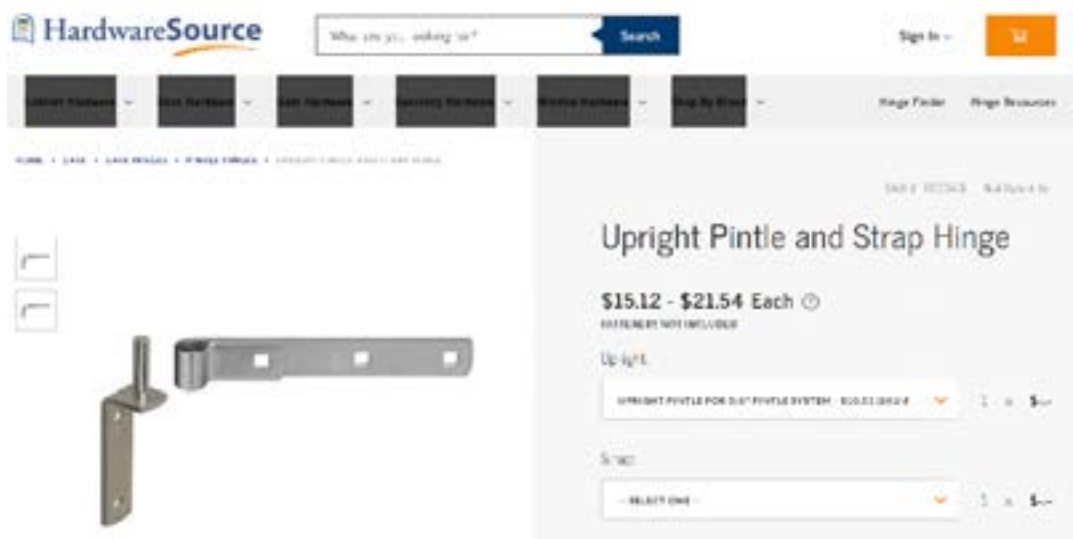
Many Cottages' homes have gates with hinges similar to these. Three homes have used Printle hinges for a repair. Replacement door latches are also available. A local handyman performed the installation. Below is a website that can provide new hinges. If you are interested in this repair contact Dennis Lowe or Kiki Scovel.

Go to:

www.hardwaresource.com

Order 3 Upright Pintle and Strap Hinges.

Order the gate latch assembly if necessary also.



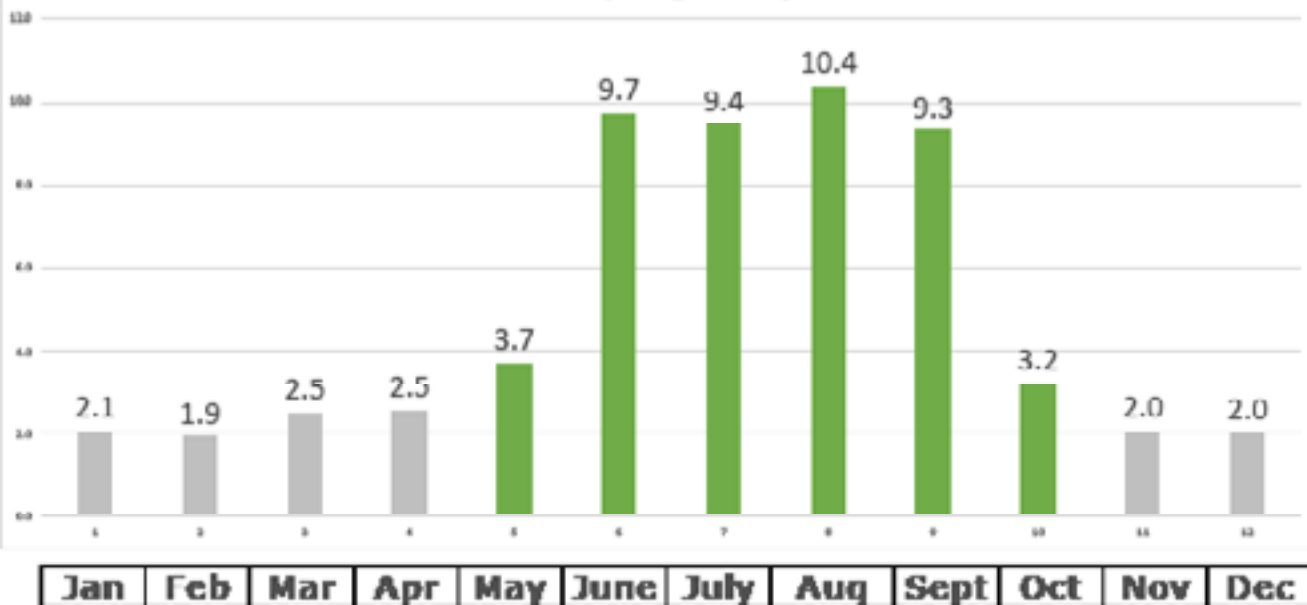
Entry pavers to be power washed

Power washing and sealing of the Cottages entry pavers is being planned for the April timeframe. April is being selected before the heavy rainy season begins and the number of residents in the Cottages is lower. Power washing will require shutting down one side of the entry road and two way traffic on the other side.

Average Monthly Rainfall
1994 - 2020

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
2.1	1.9	2.5	2.5	3.7	9.7	9.4	10.4	9.3	3.2	2.0	2.0

Bonita Springs Rainfall



2023 Annual Meeting

The 2023 Annual Meeting was held on Zoom. Topics discussed were: Landscaping, Website, Financial Results, Newsletters, Maintenance, Voting Results & Future Projects.

A copy of the presentation slides is available at our website:

Click below:

<https://cottagespl.org>



Pizza Social

The February 8th Pizza Social was held right after the 2023 Annual Meeting. It was a great success with 35 residents attending. Great pizza, salad, cookies & sticky buns, perfect weather and lots of good conversation.



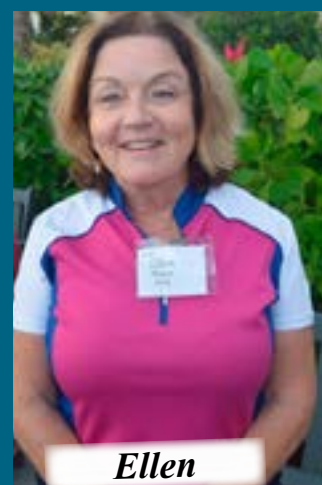
Catherine & Mike



Ralph & Carol



Donna & Dennis



Ellen



Bob & Allie



Kiki & Cal



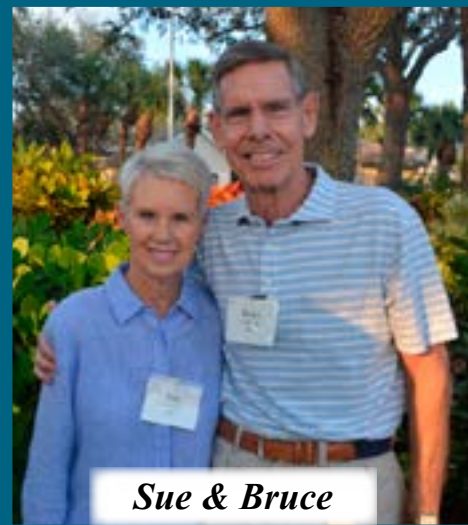
Jerry & Deborah



Pat & Bert



Pat & Brenda



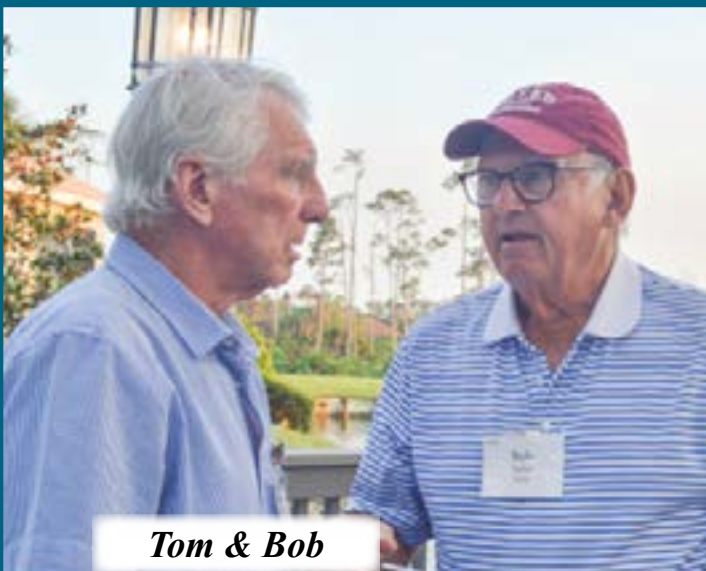
Sue & Bruce



Marla & Laura



Allie Bob Cal



Tom & Bob



John & Carolyn



Tony & Susan



Rick & Sharon



Bob



Tony



Ruth & Pennie



Kiki Carolyn Ruth





Tim & Tom



Ellen Susan Tony Lori



Lori Donna Mike

Thanks to everyone who helped with the preparations

Photos by John Roscich

Cottages Board



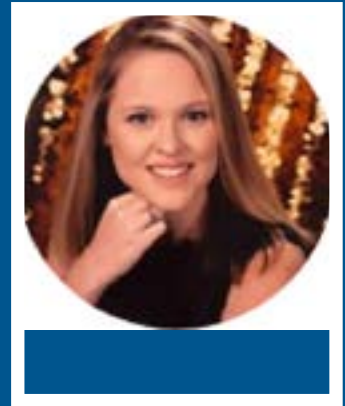
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Happy Spring!