

# *The Cottages*



*Fall Newsletter*  
**2021**



Kiki Scovel  
President

## President's Letter

# WELCOME BACK!

*Cal and I returned in mid-August and were very pleased to note how nice our neighborhood looks after the summer rains, additional entry lighting, and the renovation of the gazebo/flagpole landscape.*

*The zoysia grass experiment on several lawns seems to be growing in the right direction and after the dry season to come we should have some clarity on how the zoysia holds up under our root-loving canopy oaks.*

*As residents begin returning to The Cottages from various places around the country and the world, I hope that we can once again embrace our traditional Cottages seasonal activities. The board is planning a Fall Social in November outside at the gazebo. Dennis Lowe has reserved dates for our board meetings at the PLCC. However, please Stay Tuned for updates and changes. For example, covid is still a factor and the board cannot meet at the PLCC because the mold remediation is ongoing. So for the present, we will be relying on Zoom meetings as we did last season. Please check The Cottages webpage ([www.cottagespl.org](http://www.cottagespl.org)) each month to check the agenda for details. Board meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10:00 AM.*

*I am looking forward to seeing you all soon!*

*Travel safely and stay well. Kiki*

# *Entry Landscaping to be enhanced*

The flagpole entry landscaping will be enhanced in the next weeks. It has been difficult to grow grass in that area. Sod has been replaced several times. Additional plants and stone are being added and the amount of grass will be reduced, Green Acres will put in a deeper bed of soil and the grass will be zoysia instead of St. Augustine.



# *Green Acres begins installation of entry plants*



Steve Kubicsek  
President, Green Acres



The new gazebo front landscaping should be done by mid-October.

# *Pesticide applied to plants and lawns*



# THE COTTAGES ARCHITECTURAL GUIDELINES

Date Adopted: June 2020

It is the objective of the Architectural Guidelines to preserve the cohesive appearance of The Cottages neighborhood with consistency of architectural type, materials, color, and exterior design. The Cottages is to be seen as an attractive, inviting, aesthetically pleasing, well-maintained community. These guidelines promote continuity and harmony to ensure the homes form a cohesive neighborhood. In The Cottages homes are built close together so exterior choices make a great impact on surrounding homes. Updating and maintaining our homes is desirable but the overall character of the neighborhood must be preserved. Architectural guidelines promote consistency in the community concept, protect property values, preserve and perpetuate the unique residential character of The Cottages, and insure our homes meet the requirements of Pelican Landing. Cottage residents are required to observe all covenants of both The Cottages HOA and Pelican Landing.

All exterior work of any type, including solar panels, antennas and the like, requires submission of the Pelican Landing Design Review Committee (DRC) form and signed approval from The Cottages Board of Directors and the Pelican Landing DRC before work commences.

The PLCA Design Review Committee meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Requests must be submitted via email or delivery to the PLCA office by 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the monthly meeting. DRC form is available at [www.pelicanlanding.com](http://www.pelicanlanding.com)

*Click on the link below to see the full Architectural Guidelines:*

<https://tinyurl.com/jxessfb4>

# *Cottages Web News*

<https://cottagespl.org>

Click this link

What are *YOU* looking for...



Kiki Scovel  
Webmaster

- **Roof Tile Specs**
- **DRC Form**
- **Cottages Contract Vendors**
- **Irrigation Schedules**
- **Lawn Maintenance Details**
- **HOA Documents**
- **Board Minutes**
- **Newsletters**

The Cottages website has all this and more.

## *Cost increases*

**A**s a result of continuing increases in operating expenses, some of our contractors have had to increase monthly maintenance charges. The costs of insurance, equipment, fuel, chemicals, fertilizers, etc. and the cost of retaining and hiring qualified employees has increased considerably.

# Finances



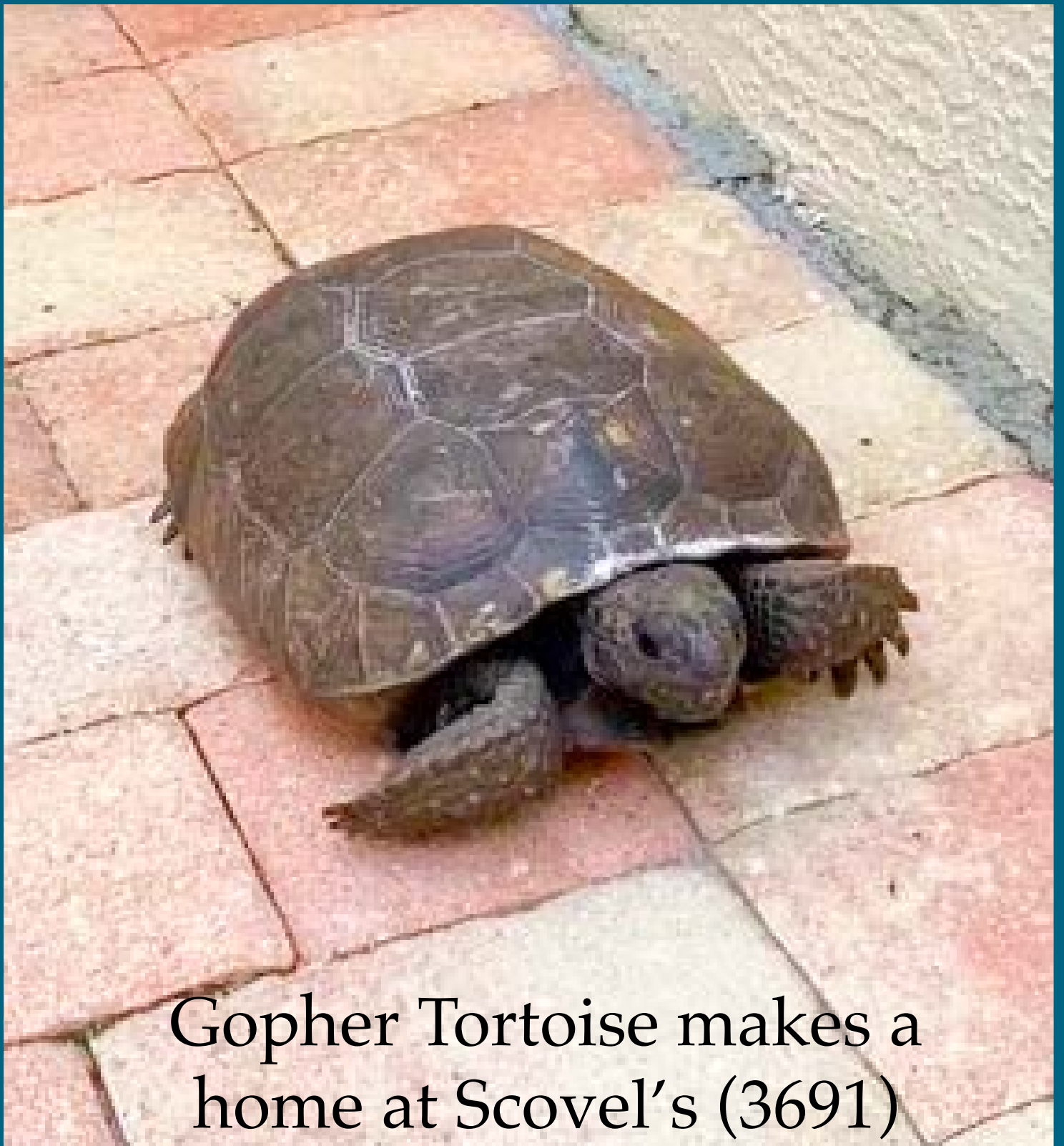
Paul Barnicke  
Treasurer

We have a balance of \$51,000 in our operating account at the end of August. We will use some of this healthy balance to fund the approved expenditure for the entry landscaping. The upcoming expenditures for mulch and tree work are provided for in our annual budget.

The road sealing expenditure is provided for in our reserve accounts and should be paid out next year. As noted above, our suppliers are experiencing staff shortages and inflation in their material inputs. As an example, we recently approved a 5% increase in the cost of landscaping with Green Acres. As we move forward with our annual budgeting process we may be looking at an increase in our quarterly assessments to fund these price increases in both our operating account and the reserve accounts.

Around the Neighborhood

*Tortoise finds a home*



Gopher Tortoise makes a  
home at Scovel's (3691)



## *Fall landscaping*

**G**reen Acres will apply mulch to the fronts of the Cottages homes as needed and Soto Tree Service will trim our palms this fall.



John Kubicsek, Steve's brother, retired in June. For many years John supervised the Cottages' weekly landscaping. Steve's other brother Mark will assume this role for the Cottages. Mark has been supervising landscaping in other communities.

## Maintenance News



**Dennis Lowe**

Secretary/Maintenance

### *Entry sign to need repairs*

The wood on the Cottages entry sign is beginning to rot and the sign will need to be replaced soon. The sign is over 20 years old. The rotted areas are not readily visible since the sign was repainted several years ago. Quotes are being obtained.



**November 7th  
daylight savings  
time ends**

## *Mailboxes starting to oxidize*

*Some Cottages mailboxes are starting to show some mild signs of oxidation. We are estimating that the mailboxes may need painting in about 2 years. The board is exploring maintenance and replacement options and timing.*



## *Olde Cottage Lane to be seal coated*



**O**lde Cottage Lane was re-surfaced in July 2020. The paving contractor recommended seal coating in about 2 years after the re-surface.

Resort Management is in the process of getting bids for this project which is planned to be done in the May / June 2022 timeframe when road traffic will be lower. The estimated cost will be about \$5,000 for two coats.

# *New roofs for the Cottages*

## **The Cottages 41 Homes**

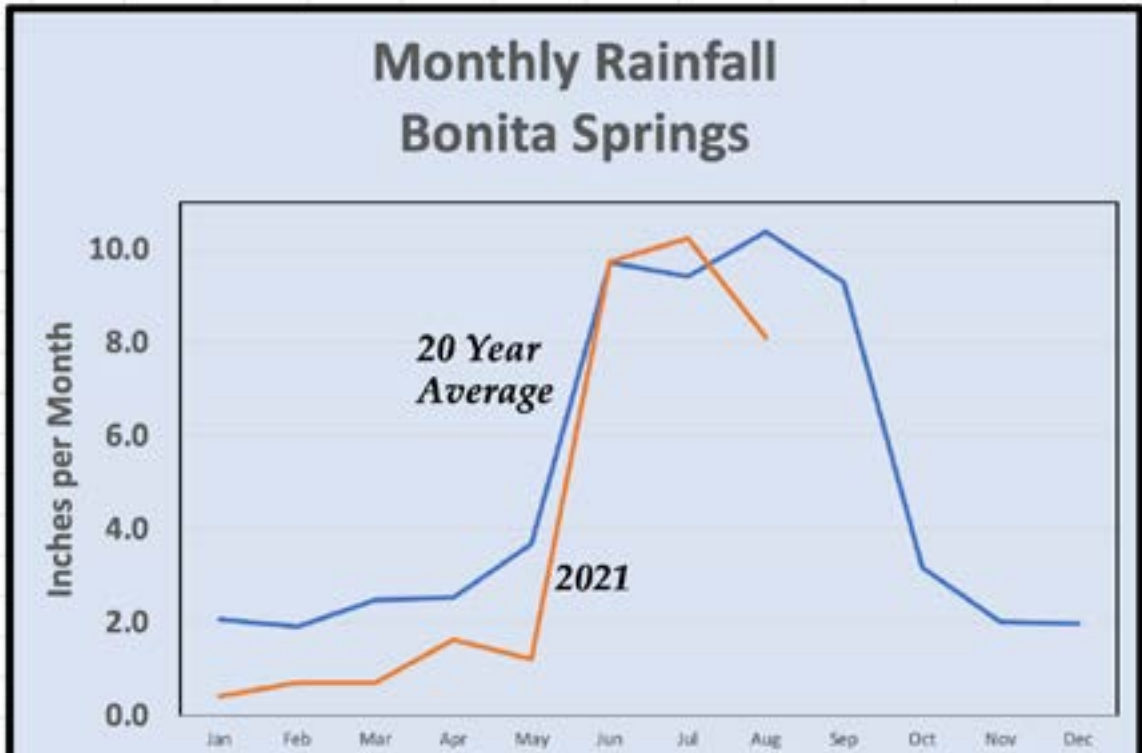
New roofs completed	35	85%	88%
Roofs to be completed	1	2%	
No claim, status uncertain	4	10%	
Insurance denied	1	2%	
	41	100%	



Dog roofer assists installing  
Ledderhof's roof at 3686.  
He climbs the ladder!  
Photo by Joanna Wragg

# August rains below 20-year average

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
20 year	2.1	1.9	2.5	2.5	3.7	9.7	9.4	10.4	9.3	3.2	2.0	2.0
2021	0.4	0.7	0.7	1.6	1.2	9.7	10.2	8.11				



# Tropical Storm Elsa

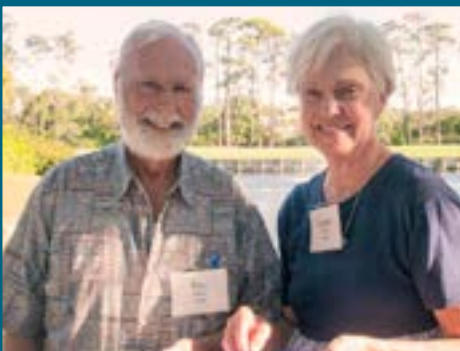
Hurricane season will be with us in the Cottages through October. We had Tropical Storm Elsa come through in early July. Elsa brought flooding to Cape Coral roads as shown in this photo. The Cottages received a lot of lightning, thunder and rain but there was no flooding or significant wind or damage in the Cottages. In 24 hours 5 inches of rain was reported in Bonita Springs.



## Fall Social



The Social committee is planning a Gazebo social for Tuesday, November 16th 5:00 pm. *Please mark you calendars.*





## Cottages 2021-22 Board Meetings

*Board Meetings 10:00 am 2nd Wednesday of each month*

*Meetings at Pelican Landing Community Center*

NOTE: Board meetings may be conducted via Zoom due to PLCC mold remediation or Covid. Residents should check the Agenda for the latest

	Date	Agenda Items / comments
<b>2021</b>	October 13	
	November 10	
	December 8	
<b>2022</b>	January 12	
	<b>February 9</b>	Annual Meeting <b>5:00 PM - meeting</b> <b>Pizza Party after meeting</b>
	March 9	
	April 13	
	May 11	
	June 8	<b>No meetings scheduled</b>
	July 13	
	August 10	
	September 14	
	October 12	
	November 9	
	December 14	

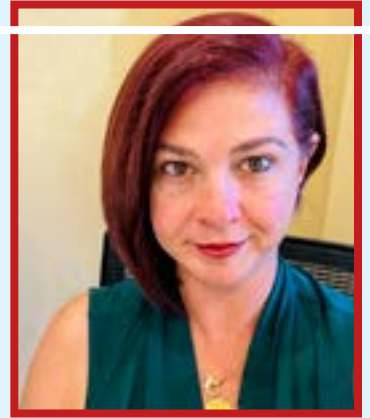
## 2021-22 Property Walk-Arounds

*Walk-Around 10:00 am 1st Friday of each month ; meet at Gazebo*

<b>2021</b>	September 3	Walk-around
	October 1	Walk-around
	November 5	Walk-around
	December 3	Walk-around
<b>2022</b>	January 7	Walk-around
	February 4	Walk-around
	March 4	Walk-around
	April 1	Walk-around
	May 6	Walk-around

## *Tabatha Robinson is new Cottages Manager*

**T**abatha Robinson has been in the Community Association Management Industry for the last 12 years. Starting in a call center and working her way up the ladder as an assistant to multiple CAMs to becoming a successful Portfolio Manager. Tabatha has rolled up her sleeves and learned every aspect that is required to successfully run a community. Communication with the Board of Directors and the community has been one of the key reasons for continued successes. Most of her experience was with one organization for several years.



Being a SWFL native she is keenly aware of the unique terrain and special needs that a community might face, and has long standing relationships between Property Managers, vendors and clients.

Tabatha's contact information at Resort Management is:

Tabatha Robinson CAM

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# *Cottages Board*



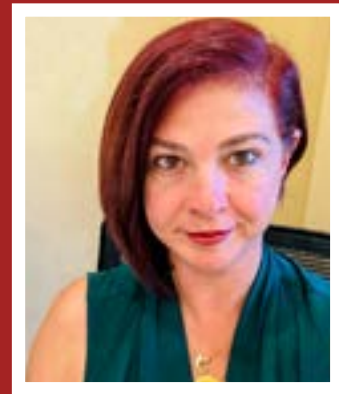
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Happy Fall!