

# The Cottages



*Newsletter*  
*Spring 2019*

# President's Message



Congratulations go out to Joe and Dennis on their re-election to the Cottages Board of Directors. Joe and Dennis are outstanding assets for The Cottages, bringing expertise in contracting and financial management as well as a willingness to pitch in whenever needed. We all benefit from their continuing to serve on the board.

I have had several residents ask about the rabbits that seem to be everywhere this season. Apparently rabbit populations have exploded all around SW Florida. Steve Kubicek says most plants will recover once nature balances the rabbit population again. Maybe our maturing eagle family and the bobcat sighted recently will help control our cottontails!

Did you know our eagles and the area surrounding their nest are protected under a Bonita Springs ordinance? The Cottages eagles are a very successful pair and are best observed from the gazebo. Our eagles are routinely filmed by Jim Unland and monitored by a Bonita Springs expert.

Before heading north it is important to have a hurricane preparedness plan in place. The Cottages has its contingency plans with Green Acres and a fully funded storm reserve. The Cottages is in Hurricane Zone B and at approximately 13 feet of elevation. Visit the Lee County hurricane website at <http://www.leegov.com/publicsafety/emergencymanagement/plan>

Don't forget to check The Cottages webpage at [www.cottagespl.org](http://www.cottagespl.org) for PLCA forms, Cottages community information, and updates.

The Season Farewell Social is scheduled for 5:30 PM on April 11th at the gazebo. So come on down and enjoy a spectacular Spring evening with your Cottage Lane neighbors. House guests are always welcome at the socials. Our Social committee members do a wonderful job of setting this up each season and I am giving a big shout out to Donna, Judy, and Carol for their hard work!

Safe travels this summer~

Kiki

# Landscaping

New Bismark Palm  
planted in  
east cul-de-sac island



## *Flagpole for Gazebo area*

A flag has been installed at the Gazebo entrance area. Kiki Scovel donated a telescoping flag pole to the Cottages which Joe Sidoti installed. A dedicated spot light was installed that shines on the flag from dusk to dawn.



## *Around the Neighborhood*



**Debbie and Jerry Ledderhof (3886) took this photo of a bobcat sitting in their yard just outside their lanai (bottom left).**



Please watch your speed  
on Olde Cottage Lane





# New light pole

at end of west cul-de-sac

Sean O'Shea  
worked with  
Florida Power &  
Light to have a  
badly deteriorated  
light pole replaced.  
*Thanks Sean.*



# *New roofs require DRC approval*

## *New Roof Tile Specifications*

Beginning in 2015 The Cottages Board of Directors approved the roof tiles specified below to be used for all roof replacements in The Cottages. The original tiles are no longer available and unmatched replacement tiles will not be approved.

All roofs, both patching and full replacements, must fill out a DRC form and be first approved by The Cottages Board of Directors and then by Pelican Landing DRC prior to the start of the work.



*Thanks for your cooperation!*

**Brand:** Boral USA #1GCCW0308CD  
(formerly ENTEGRA # F-CDTN-CD-Y-SL-15-1)

**Order Specs:** #1GCCW0308CD

**Color:** Slate-like Cedar Tan black and brown antique



Around the neighborhood

*New Landscaping*

Mike & Marta Sweitzer's at 3670  
have installed new landscaping  
along the front and the rear  
of their house.





# Woodpecker Spray

Mike & Cathy Coyle at 3682 recently had a woodpecker protective coating applied to their foam trim. This spray is somewhat different from the two other Cottages residents homes in that it is a cement coating that is painted white. April is mating season which should test the effectiveness of these coatings.



Bonita Springs  
**Eagle Initiative**  
(New regulation)

**Mike Kirby, retired Eagle  
Watch contact at the City of  
Bonita Springs:**

***“Any major construction  
within 660 feet  
of an active Eagles Nest  
must be monitored  
to make sure the Eagles are  
not disturbed.”***



# Maintenance News



Hanging electric wires connected to lamp posts under Gazebo repaired

## Tripping hazard



Uneven pavers near Gazebo to be repaired

# Community Development Districts (CDD)

## What do they do?

Many residents are under the impression that the PLCA is responsible for maintaining the appearance and infrastructure of our community. The following explanation is from PLCA news.

Fact is, the majority of maintenance is the responsibility of the two Community Development Districts (CDDs) that were established by the original developer. The Cottages falls under the *Bay Creek* Community Development District.

The CDDs:

- Maintain more than 3 million square feet of common area landscaping, lakes, 38 wetlands, our commonly-owned parks, and right-of-ways.
- CDD employees sweep our streets, maintain the lighting on those streets, and assure the functionality of our water management system and a steady supply of irrigation water.
- Following Hurricane Irma, CDD employees were the first “boots on the ground” to clean up debris the storm left in its wake.

[Click here](#) to read the Winter 2019 issue of the CDD Newsletter, which contains an overview of many of the services CDDs provides to our community.

If you need to get in touch with the CDDs to request service, or to comment on maintenance-related issues, email them at:

[customerservice@pelicanlandingcdds.net](mailto:customerservice@pelicanlandingcdds.net).

# *When to Email the CDD*

Please report any of the following CDD issues directly to the CDD at [customerservice@pelicanlandincdds.net](mailto:customerservice@pelicanlandincdds.net). This email is a direct line to the CDD and is monitored. Your request will be logged and taken care of by the CDD.

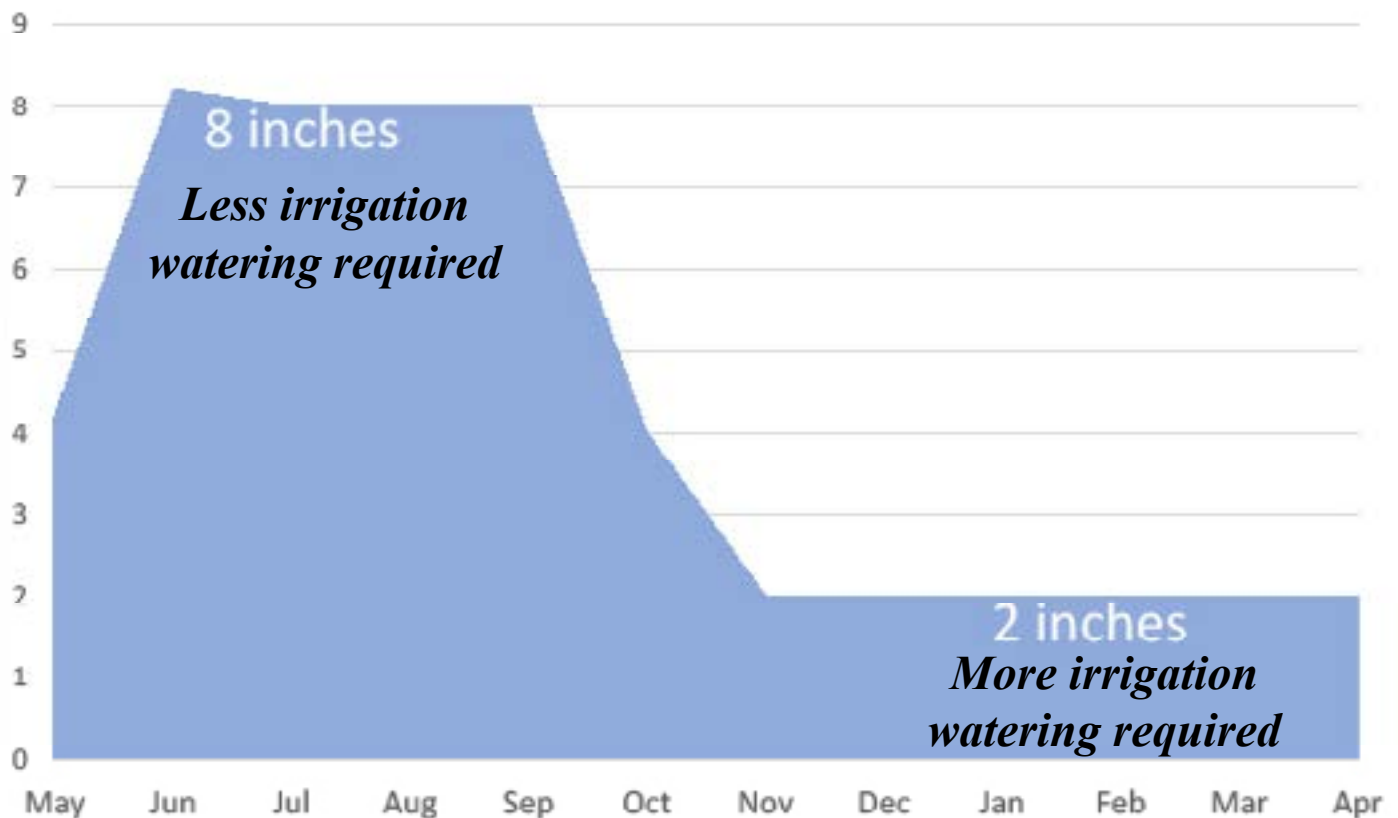
- Maintenance of common areas not in the Cottages, such as requests to remove landscape debris, treat weeds, edge
- Street and monument lighting service request
- Lake management service requests for algae control, weeds in or adjacent to lakes, high water, aerators not working
- Blocked or slow storm water gutters
- Irrigation service requests for meter service or service up to the meters such as leaks
- Fountain service at the Pelican Landing Parkway fountain and certain other fountains
- Monument service for monuments on US41 and/or in the single-family neighborhoods
- Landscaping service at the Community Center, Tennis Center, Marina, Canoe Park, Children's Park, Community Park



## *Rainbow over the Cottages*

*Rainy season approaches,  
temperatures & rainfall start rising*

### Historical Average Rainfall per Month



# Social Activities



Donna Lowe



Judy Maish



Pennie Clifford

## 2019 SPRING SOCIAL



**THE COTTAGES SEASON FINALE SOCIAL:**

**Thursday April 11th 5:30 pm**

**Please bring your own beverage & a dish to pass**



A close-up photograph of a very fluffy, white chick perched on a dark brown branch. The chick has large, dark eyes and a small yellow beak. Its feathers are soft and downy. The background is dark, with several green leaves visible around the chick. The entire image is framed by a blue border.

*Happy Spring!  
Travel Safely*

*See you  
in the Fall*