

The Cottages



Newsletter
Summer 2022



Cottages 2022 Board Meetings

*Board Meetings 10:00 am **Last** Wednesday of each month
at Pelican Landing Community Center
(Zoom if Community Center closed)*

		Agenda Items / comments
	July 27	Meetings as necessary
	August 31	
	September 28	
	October 26	
	November 30	
	December 28	

2022 Property Walk-Arounds

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

	July 1	Walk-around
	August 5	Walk-around
	September 2	Walk-around
	October 7	Walk-around
	November 4	Walk-around
	December 2	Walk-around

Pelicans Nest Drive

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The traffic circle shrubs and trees are in bloom and growing into place.



Finances



Paul Barnicke
Treasurer

We remain in a strong financial position (cash equal to 4 months of operating expenses) and have not incurred any major unbudgeted expenditures year to date. Our budgeted operating expenses are roughly 6% (\$2,400) above budget with most of the increase coming from irrigation repairs. We lowered our 2022 budget for irrigation repairs based on the major repair work done to the west side last year but we do not seem to be getting the reduction in repairs we planned for.



HOA costs per week

Below is a weekly breakdown of our annual HOA fee of \$141,860 per resident's home including common areas. Green Acres landscaping, mulch & tree trimming costs us \$31 per week. All costs are about \$67 per week.

Cost per home*	\$ Week	Landscaping		
		GA	Wk	Mo
GA Landscaping	23	Mulch/trees	8	32
Reserves Contribution	15		31	124
Mulch & tree trimming	8			
Administration**	5	Landscaping		
Irrigation Repairs	5	Cottages	31	124
Irrigation Water	4	Pennyroyal	60	240
All Others***	8	Goldcsest	63	250
	67	Waterside	70	280
* Homes & Common Areas		<i>Cottages comparison to individual homes which have larger yards, but no common areas like the Cottages.</i>		
**Administration				
Fees, Insurance, Resort Management, mailings				
***All Others				
Electricity, Fountain, General Maint. & Landscape improvements				

High Costs Cut Into Lawn Care

For many landscapers, the three biggest costs to running their business are all soaring.



BY RACHEL WOLFE, WALL STREET JOURNAL (excerpts from Wall Street article)



Lawn care isn't only a lot more expensive this season. It's also harder to find someone to cut your grass. For many landscapers, the three biggest costs to running their business - fuel, labor and equipment are all surging in price. This means many are now increasing prices for the vast services they offer. The price of lawn mowing services is up 22.4%, exterior pressure-washing prices rose 20%, and tree trimming increased 9.1% year-over-year as of May, according to online home-services company Angi Inc.

The rapid increase in prices means thousands of customers now have to shell out more money to maintain their properties. Just one of many ways Americans are feeling the impact of rising inflation on their monthly budgets. Food prices at grocery stores and restaurants are up, home prices and rents are increasing. Anything related to house and home improvement is just so expensive right now.

Behind the price increases are landscaping companies that are often small, family-run operations with thin margins, owners of such businesses say. Many landscapers are raising prices. Others are dropping clients who live outside certain narrow radiuses. Some are leaving the business altogether, the owners say.

\$5-a gallon gas, soaring labor costs and ever-pricier equipment repairs are eating into profit. Gas and diesel are particular sticking points, as they power both their equipment and the large trucks that get all the gear from place to place. Workers generally start at \$15 an hour due to the hard manual labor in punishing conditions during Florida spring and summer.



WELCOME

New Residents

**Ty and Gretchen
Nofzinger
(3661)**



Kiki Scovel
Webmaster

Cottages Web News

<https://cottagespl.org>

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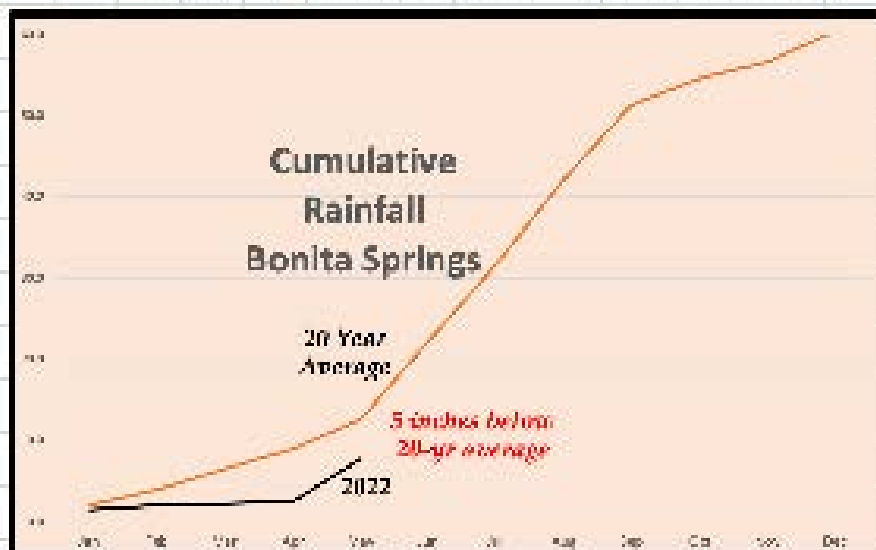
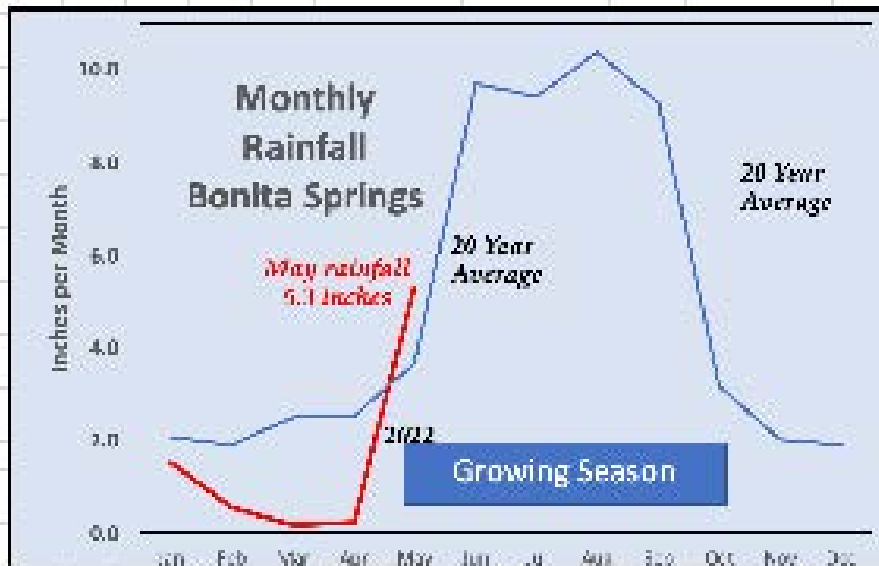
- **Roof Tile Specs**
- **DRC Form**
- **Cottages Contract Vendors**
- **Irrigation Schedules**
- **Lawn Maintenance Details**
- **HOA Documents**
- **Board Minutes**
- **Newsletters**

The Cottages website has all this and more.

Growing season has started

Two inches above average rainfall in May helped to fill our water supply. Through May we were still 5 inches below the 20 year average for that time of year. We are getting into the growing season and on average we should expect about 9 to 10 inches per month. Through 6/11 we have had 9 inches. By the end of June we should be above average.

Bonita Springs Monthly Rainfall												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2022												
20 yr Mthly	2.1	1.9	2.5	2.5	3.7	9.7	9.4	10.4	9.3	3.2	2.0	1.9
2022 Mthly	1.5	0.6	0.2	0.2	5.3							
2022 Cum	1.5	2.1	2.2	2.5	7.8							
20 yr Cum	2.1	4.0	6.4	9.0	12.6	22.3	31.7	42.1	51.4	54.6	56.6	60.4



Two inches above average rainfall in May has helped to fill our water supply. However, through June 11th we have already had 9 inches of rain, so by the end of June we should be above the 20 year cumulative average.

Cottages makes it through dry season

Dan and Steve have again done a good job



Dan Geist
Bradford Solutions

in keeping the Cottages landscaping green during this past season's *drought*. The rainy season has started and plants will be growing.



Steve Kubicsek
President, Green Acres

GOT WOODPECKERS?



Woodpeckers concern residents

Woodpeckers have been attacking Cottages homesw as they have most other Pelican Landing communities. Most residents have the holes filled in with stucco concrete repair, expanding foam or other techniques. Some residents fill the holes themselves and others have a handyman or contractor do the work. Although not overly expensive the holes have to be filled in several times a year. A few residents have expressed interest in the availability of a possible longer term solution.

The Board obtained quotes from two companies that claim to provide a more permanent solution: **Millennium Decorative Foam (239-590-0002)** and **Absolute Wildlife Control (239-699-4020)**. The decorative foam is spray coated with a hard material that is "intrusion proof". Both companies provide a ten year guarantee.

- Reminder: Arrange to power wash driveways and roofs. Mold spreads quickly in rainy season.



HIGH

ANXIETY

Hurricane season is here

Hurricane season starts June 1 and lasts until Nov. 30, with a peak in August and September. Bellwether early forecasts show Florida is likely in for another active hurricane season.



Dennis Lowe
Secretary/Maintenance

Road Sealing

Road sealing completed

Olde Cottage Lane was successfully sealed and is looking good. Residents parked in temporary locations and trash and recycle containers were moved to accommodate the sealing process. Mail was held for 3 days. Green Acres landscaping was rescheduled and watering has resumed normal schedules. For a few weeks until the sealing has fully cured, if possible residents should hold off on scheduling contractors with large trucks and operations that will leave residue on the road. Sharp turns on the freshly sealed road will leave turn marks.



Road Sealing

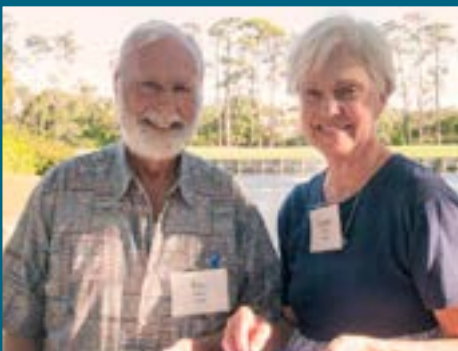




Sealed road drying

Socials planned for Fall

The Social committee is planning Gazebo socials for the upcoming season. More to follow.



Happy Independence Day



4th of July



Cottages Board



Kiki Scovel
President



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Tabatha Robinson
Property Manager



Happy Summer!