



Newsletter

Winter 2022



Kiki Scovel
President,
Landscaping,
Webmaster

President's Letter

Happy Holidays to y'all--

*I wish you all a very happy holiday season!
When we look around our area and see the devastation that so many families are continuing to experience due to Hurricane Ian, we all have much to be grateful for!*

Your board of directors has been busy working on the 2023 budget and reserves along with overseeing Ian repairs. The grinding of the enormous oak stump at the entrance is finally done and we can look forward to new landscaping to be installed in January.

While chasing down the Ian repairs a few additional maintenance issues were discovered. I have to give a big THANK YOU to my fellow board members, Dennis and Paul, who have been working on their own initiative to repair, paint and investigate. We are quite unique among HOAs in that regard!

Our upcoming HOA meeting is January 25th at 10:00. we have found the assigned meeting room at PLCC is less than optimal, so we are continuing to hold board meetings on Zoom.

Our ANNUAL MEETING will be held on:

February 8th at 4:00 via Zoom

Pizza party to follow at the gazebo starting at 5:00.

See you there!

Kiki

Fall landscaping

Green Acres has applied mulch to the fronts of the Cottages homes as needed and Soto Tree Service has trimmed our palms and oaks.



Mulch
\$9,050




Palms



Tree Trimming

Palms and oaks have been trimmed and the Olde Cottage Lane streetscape looks clean. Palms will be trimmed again next year and oaks every other year. Hurricane IAN required additional cleanup on the oaks this year.



Palms & Oaks
\$10,350

RECOVERY IN THE AFTERMATH OF HURRICANE IAN

Hurricane clean up in the Cottages for trees and road debris, fountain repair and landscape lighting cost about \$5,000. Additional expenses have yet to be determined. Rather than an assessment the Board voted to pay this initial expense out of the operating account. This initial expense was paid out of our Storm Damage reserve fund of \$10,000. In order to replenish this account back to \$10,000 the transfer of \$5,000 will be made to be prepared for the next storm.



Finances



Paul Barnicke

We have a balance of \$75,000 in our operating account at the end of October 2022 which is an increase from the end of August where the balance was \$51,000.

Much of this increase is because certain costs for landscaping, palm tree trimming, and mulch have yet to be incurred or paid as of October 31. There have been no changes in our reserve accounts from my last report.

Your board approved our 2023 budget which includes an increase in our quarterly dues from \$865 to \$899 effective for Q1 of 2023.

The full budget will be presented at our upcoming Annual Meeting and you should get a copy in the mailer for the meeting.



Dennis Lowe
Secretary/Maintenance

Several projects

The topics below are discussed on the following pages.

Gezebo repairs



Water leak



Curb water



IRRIGATION SERVICES REMINDER:

All requests for irrigation services must be sent through the HOA i.e. a board member or Resort Management. When a resident contacts Dan Geist directly with an irrigation request this is a private request and the resident will be billed directly. Only Resort or a board member is authorized to contract for HOA work. Thank you.

Filter housing springs a leak

Leaks for several days

The main water filter housing sprung a leak due to a rusted seal and had been leaking for several days.

One of the nearby neighbors noticed the leak and contacted Kiki Scovel.

Dan Geist came out and replaced the broken filter (\$4,045).

Kiki worked with CDD for a reduction in the water charges.



Gazebo fence get new paint ⁹



Paul Barnicke painted the fencing around the Gazebo. During Paul's inspection of the Gazebo area he noted several areas of rotting wood. These beams will need to be

replaced soon. Thanks Paul for all of your work to keep the Cottages looking great.



Cottages Treasurer steps up

Mystery water in street drain curb

Water has been accumulating in the drainage curb in front of Ralph Damico's house (3649) in what appears to be a low spot. The source of the water was a mystery. Dan Geist checked the sprinklers and they were functioning properly. So that left either rain water and sprinkler water sitting in the low spot or else a possible leak beneath the curb.

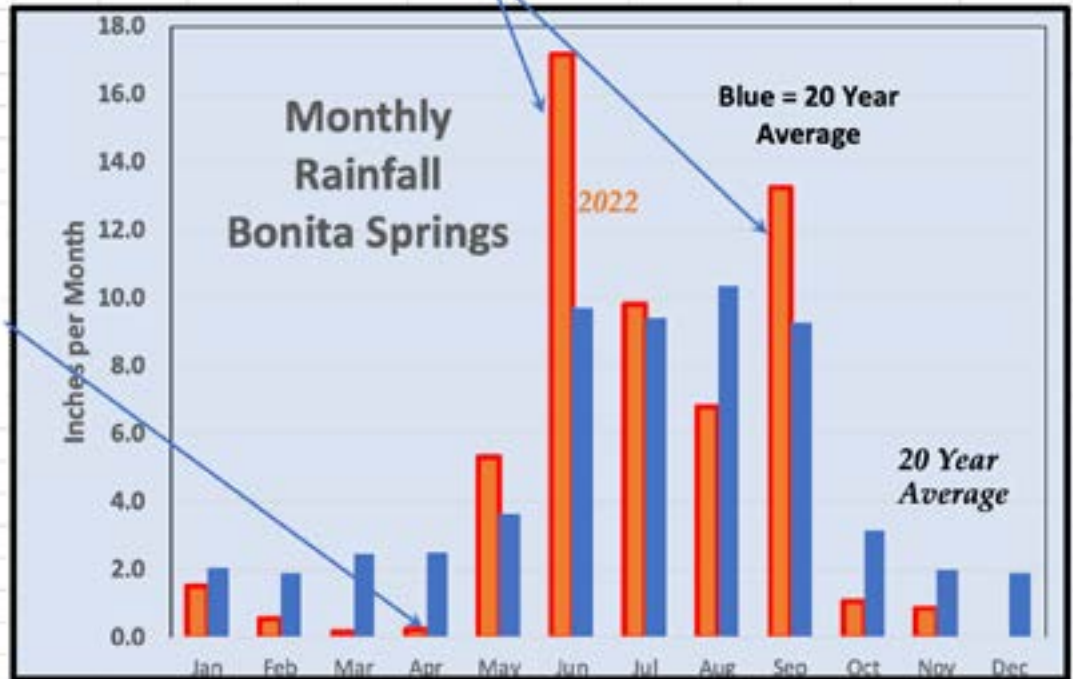
In an effort to eliminate the possibility of an underground leak, Paul Barnicke swept out the water and dried the curb.

As long as it doesn't rain any new water buildup would be from a leak. Otherwise it is probably rain water sitting in a low spot and not draining away properly.



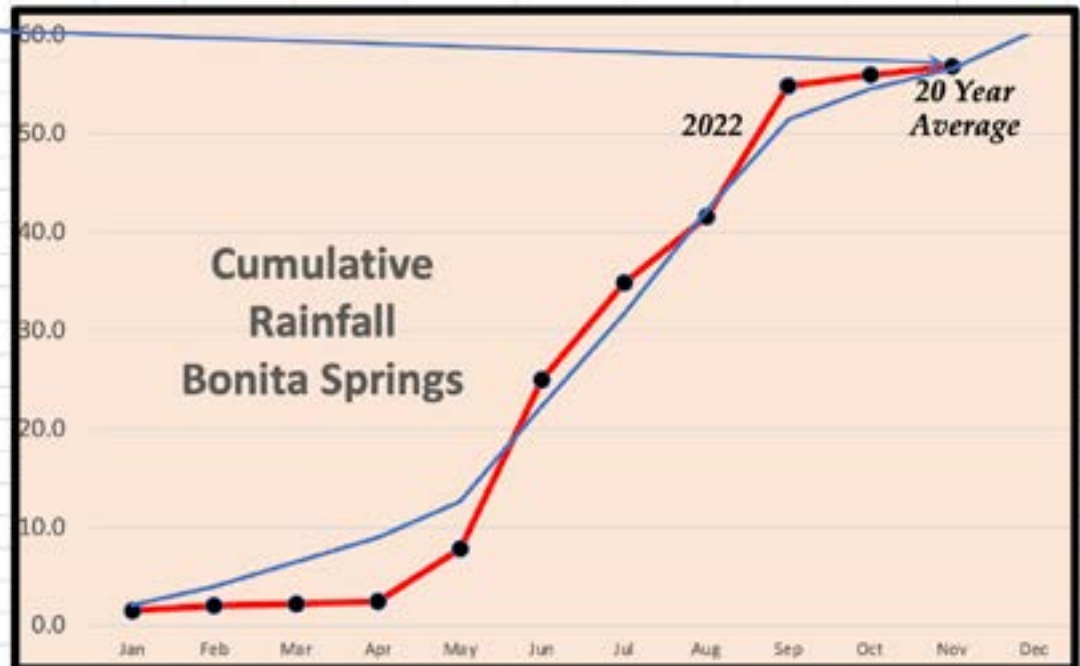
Bonita Springs Rainfall

June & Sep were unusually wet with a total of 12 inches above average.



2022 dry season was drier than average and the rainy season was wetter.

Through November we are back on the 20 year average rainfall.





Kiki Scovel
Webmaster

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A close-up photograph of a bald eagle's head, showing its white feathers, yellow beak, and dark eye. The eagle is looking slightly to the left. The background is a soft-focus green field.

The Cottages website has all this and more.

Fall Social

The November 8th Social was a great success with 24 residents attending. Great food, perfect weather and lots of good conversation.



Fall Social Photos



Photos by John Roscich

Xmas Lights

***K**iki and Cal Scovel put up holiday wreaths at the Cottages entrance and strung lights at the Gazebo.*



New Cottages Manager

Based on current changes in the association management, we are being proactive and adding an additional CAM to our Estero office. Effective, January 1, 2023i Megan Tatum, CAM be taking over your community management. We have reduced the number of associations each person has and reallocated them based on neighborhoods within area. She will have the majority of her associations within two neighborhoods and then additional associations will be close by. The total number is significantly less than the number of communities they have managed in the past. She will be shadowing your current manager for the next month. She will report to me directly and I will still be actively involved. She will be attending your current meetings in December with your manager or if there is no meeting scheduled, we will reach out and set up a meet and greet. A brief bio is below and I am confident you will be pleased to welcome her to your association as part of the Resort Team.

Kevin Ingledue



Megan Tatum is a native Floridian that has 8 years of experience with residential and commercial management. Megan prides herself in excellent customer service and commitment to working hard, listening, and following through. She provides quality service to build relationships with clients and more importantly, maintain those relationships by communicating effectively.

Cottages Board



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Luckily we do not have to shovel heat!

Happy Winter!