



Newsletter

Winter 2023



Kiki Scovel
President,
Landscaping,
Webmaster

PRESIDENT NOTES WINTER 2023

I hope y'all have enjoyed the beautiful lights and decorations around Pelican Landing, I love them!

This is the season of giving. There are many worthy charities to choose from in our area and there are many ways to give. Whether it be your time, money, or tangible items, it all serves our community and is appreciated. I am especially appreciative of my fellow board members who give so much of their time and brain power to volunteer on our Cottages Board of Directors. It is not just a once-a-month meeting by any means! Paul and Dennis have done everything from painting the gazebo posts to making elaborate spreadsheets. The Board has a deep concern for maintaining The Cottages as a premier location in Pelican Landing, and we are fortunate to have them on the board.

*Mark your calendars for our ANNUAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2024 at 4:00PM at PLCC.*

It will be followed by our traditional pizza party.

*I wish each of you a
Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New Year!*

Kiki

Fall landscaping

Green Acres applied 1,800 bags of mulch and 50 bales of pine straw in October.



Mulch
\$10,605





24 pallets

75 bags per pallet

1,800 bags



Tree Trimming

Soto Tree Service
trimmed 290
Sabal Palms and
trimmed the boots.



Palms

\$7,250

Landscape Lighting

Martin from Coastal Lighting comes out to the Cottages every quarter to adjust the lights, repair broken lights and cut wires and replace bulbs.



LANDSCAPE NEWS CONTINUES

Due to the continuing drought residents are using hoses and sprinklers to water their yards. Please remember to put the hoses and sprinklers away after each use and do not leave them lying out in the yards.



Dead plants should be removed promptly and replaced.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our front yards looking attractive.

DRAUGHT CONTINUES

Because of the ongoing draught CDD has again set a one day per week watering period.

ONE DAY A WEEK AS BEING SCHEDULED

Our watering days will be Wednesday

For odd days watering on Thursday

Pumps Schedule

Phase Three

PUMPS OFF

PUMPS ON

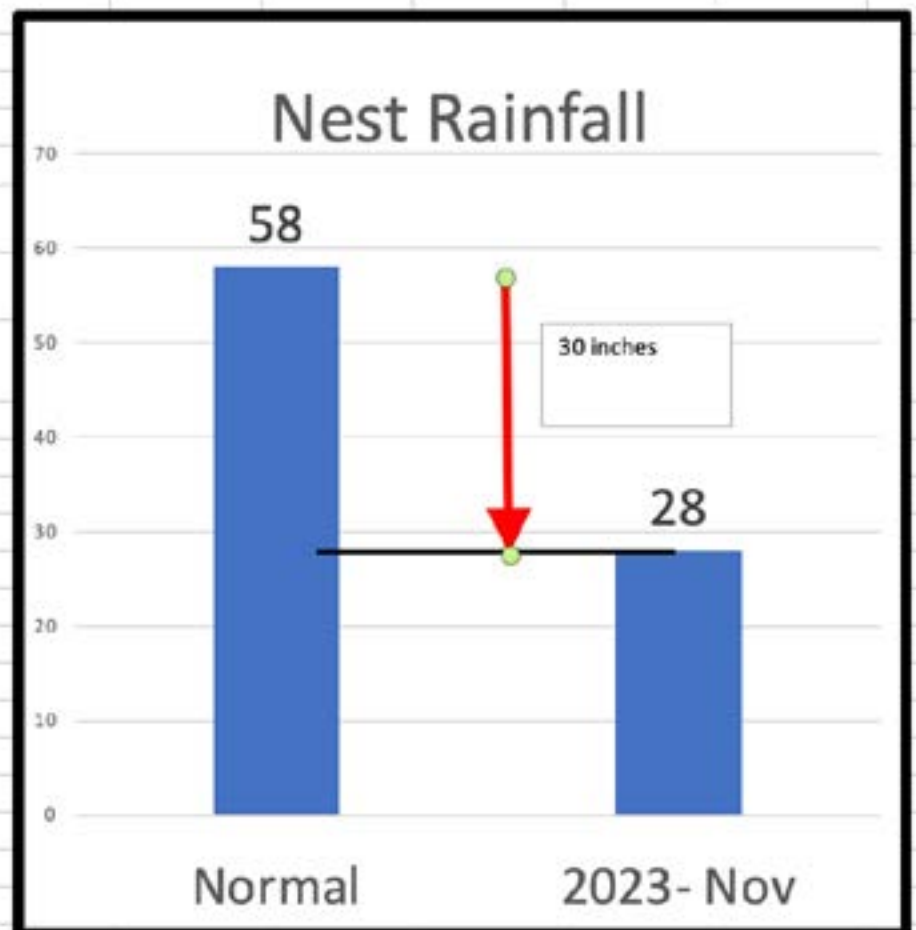
WATERING TIME

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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Rainfall 30 inches below

The 2023 year-to-date rainfall between Jan -Nov was 28 inches compared to the normal of 58 inches, which is 30 inches below normal. These rainfall measurements are from The Nest Golf club.

Normal	58
2023- Nov	28
Shortfall	30



Maintenance News

Several projects

The topics below are discussed on the following pages.



Dennis Lowe
Secretary/Maintenance



Mailboxes



Curb water



Lights

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.

Curb repair

Tree roots have been lifting sections of the street curbs so that rain and sprinkler water do not flow properly to the storm drains. The accumulated water becomes stagnant and in some areas so deep that frogs have actually laid eggs and tadpoles have grown to over one half inch. The accumulated leaves and debris were rotting & giving off an odor.

The Board obtained 3 quotes, selecting Cougar:

Atlantic Paving - \$18,600

Southern Collier - \$12,800

Cougar Cutting - \$10,500

Additional costs for tree root removal, irrigation repairs and landscaping repairs make the total cost approximately \$15,000.



Curb removal

Cougar Concrete Cutting has removed 150 feet of concrete valley gutters in four locations and hauled off the debris. Dan Geist came in the next day and made irrigation repairs. On the third day they formed, prepped and poured the new gutters.



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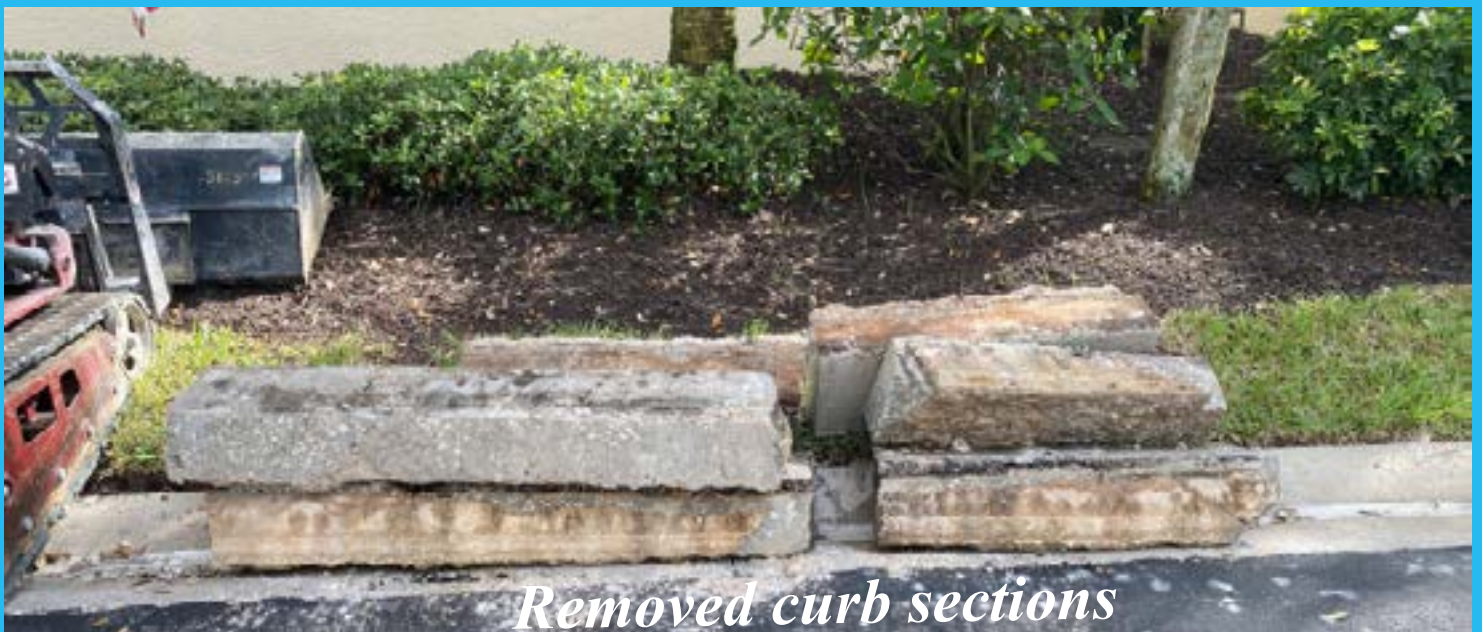
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Gazebo



Removed curb sections

Cutting & removing curbs



Pouring new curbs



\$10,500



Mailbox painting

ASAP Mailboxes painted the Cottages 41 mailboxes and posts. The project involved wet sandblasting, priming and painting and took 9 working days. Painting is less than half the cost of new mailboxes. Hopefully the painting will last about four years at which time we may need to install new mailboxes.



Before



Sandblasted & primed



*Painting
mailboxes
\$5,328*

Painting complete



Mailbox care

The Cottages mailboxes and posts were painted with a high-grade marine paint, new numbers, and flags. In response to your questions on caring for the mailboxes here is the way to the experts do it.

1. Pick up a Wash / Wax combo at your local store. ASAP Mailbox recommends Rain X High Foaming with Carnauba Wash and Wax, but there are other brands. Products like this have the wax suspended in the cleaner which allows it to wash away the residue that may remain if you use a straight carnauba wax product.

Do not use a paste wax like Turtle Wax.

2. Wet the mailbox with a hose.

Mix a few ounces of the wash / wax product in a small bucket with water so it is foamy and apply liberally over the surface of the mailbox.

Rinse thoroughly until the suds are gone.

Dry with a soft cloth. Done!

3. Don't allow your pets to use the post as a potty and keep anything that will scratch the paint away from the surface of the box and post.

Gazebo lights

Kiki Scovel purchased new lights (\$200) for the Gazebo and were installed by Paul Barnicke with some help from Dennis Lowe. The old lights were damaged by the hurricane and were at end-of-life.



Finances



Paul Barnicke

We have a balance of \$49,400 in our operating account at the end of October 2023.

Your board approved our 2024 budget which includes an increase in our quarterly dues from \$899 to \$1019 effective for Q1 of 2024. This dues increase for 2024 reflects inflationary pressure we experienced in 2023 for expenses such as insurance, management fees, mulch and tree trimming as well as provision for 2025 house painting.

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

2024 Meeting Dates

The Cottages 2024 Board Meetings

Pelican Landing Community Center
Last Wednesday of the month

2024	January	31	10:00 AM	PLCC/Zoom
	February	28	ANNUAL MEETING	
			4:00 PM	PLCC
	March	27	10:00 AM	PLCC
	April	24	10:00 AM	PLCC
	May	29	10:00 AM	PLCC
	June	26	BOD meetings not held	
	July	31		
	August	28		
	September	25	10:00 AM	PLCC
	October	30	10:00 AM	PLCC
	November	20	10:00 AM	PLCC
December	18	10:00 AM	PLCC	

Around the Neighborhood

Kiki and Cal Scovel have had a protective coating applied to their trim to prevent woodpecker holes.





Kiki Scovel
Webmaster

Cottages Web News

<https://cottagespl.org>

Click this link

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- Roof Tile Specs
- DRC Form
- Cottages Contract Vendors
- Irrigation Schedules
- Paint Codes
- HOA Documents
- Board Minutes
- Newsletters

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 blurred green field.

The Cottages website has all this and more.

*CDD periodically sprays the perimeter of our lake to kill the weeds.*²²



Cottages visitors



Fall Social

The November 13th Gazebo Social was a washout. Twenty residents showed up. After about 30 minutes it started raining and was declared over. Some people managed to have a slice of pizza and others took some pizza and cookies home. First Social rainout in over 8 years.



Xmas Lights

Kiki Scovel put up holiday wreaths at the entrance and Paul Barnicke strung lights at the Gazebo.



Cottages Board



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Megan Tatum
Property Manager



Luckily we do not have to shovel heat!

Happy Winter!