



The Cottages

Newsletter

Winter 2024



Kiki Scovel
President,
Landscaping,
Webmaster

PRESIDENT NOTES WINTER 2024

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful lights and decorations around Pelican Landing, they really brighten up the shorter days of December.

This is the season of giving and the board is hoping you will consider giving some time to serve on a Cottages committee. Volunteers are needed to help with our little neighborhood. We need a couple of volunteers to assist with the maintenance and architectural review committees. These committees are essential to keep our neighborhood looking its best, serves your Cottages community and is much appreciated. Please contact Kiki if you have a little extra time to help out. Thank you.

Mark your calendars for our ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025 at 4:00PM at PLCC. It will be followed by the traditional party.

Sending each of you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Happy New Year!

Kiki

Landscaping

Steve Kubicsek,
Green Acres,
planted new plants
and trees for a resident.



Landscaping

Green Acres
installed new
hanging plants at
the Gazebo at no charge.



Fall landscaping

5

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





24 pallets

75 bags per pallet

1,800 bags





Mulch





Dennis Lowe
Secretary/Maintenance

Maintenance News

Cul-de-sac retaining wall

The retaining wall along the west side was rotted and needed to be replaced. Mark Beatty, MR Properties did the work.



Maintenance News

Cul-de-sac retaining wall



Before



After



\$1,285

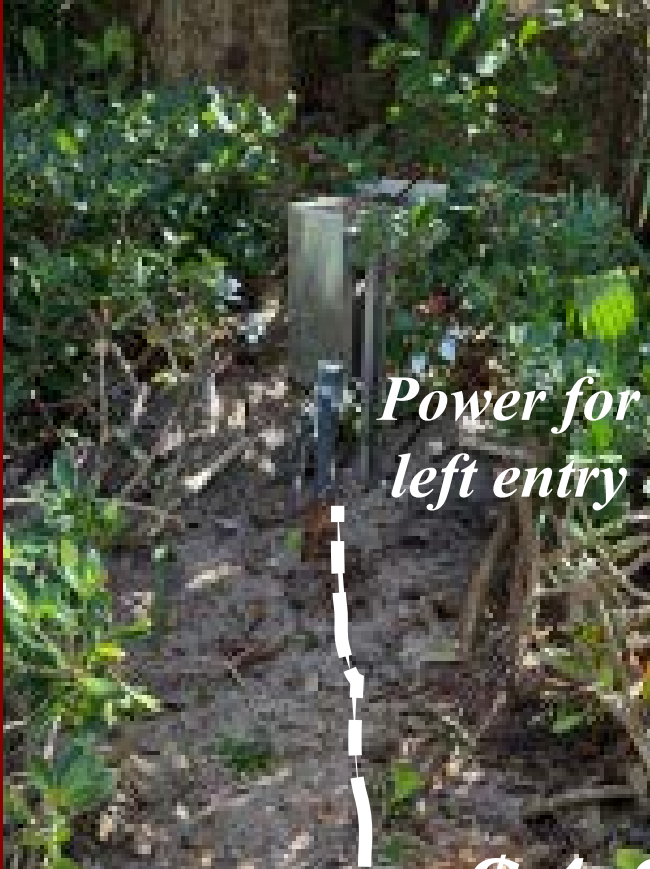
Landscape Lighting

Ryan from West Coast Electric marks a line for Bravo Boring to bore under our entry road and run a new power line.



A power line break could not be located and West Coast needed to run a new line get the power up again. The entry landscape lights are finally on again after a long search to find a solution.

Road Boring



*Power for
left entry*



\$4,890



*Boring
under right
entry road*



House maintenance

Shutter & board replacement

Many owners have replaced rotted shutters. The Board does not get involved in that except to ensure compliance with our Architectural Guidelines and the required DRC pre-approval process. Owners should specify their contractor use rough-sawn cedar boards or PVC boards with same texture so the appearance matches the original in shape and material. Paint colors are on the website under the Residents tab. Mark Beatty recently replaced shutters at 3675. He does good work for a reasonable price and has done a number of jobs for the HOA. Contact Mark at marktbeatty@yahoo.com 239-404-9995. You may want to add replacing the round vent above your cabana to your repair list. Those are readily available at Home Depot. Just need the size. Rich Stadler at 3664 replaced his without a problem.



Repairs during painting

Small accessible areas of rotted wood will be repaired/replaced when the house painting is done. They will not remove gutters or replace large boards. The Board has voted to keep the same house color.

Exterior lights

A close match to original shown here.

I have one on my garage.

Maxim 1003WT Westlake

24" 1 Light Wallsconce build.com

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Around the Neighborhood

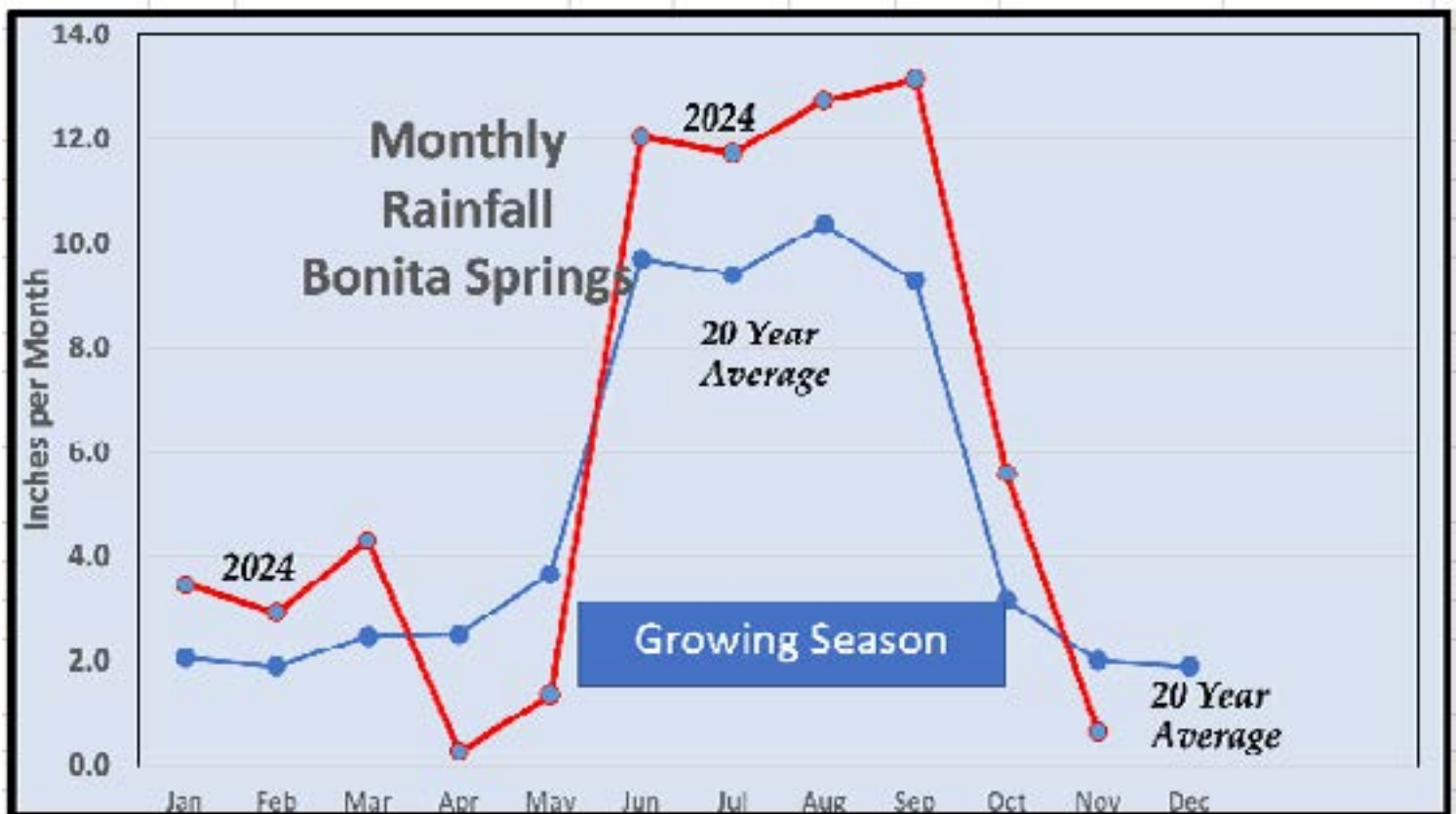
Attack of the roots

Lora Hohing (3665) had one-half of the driveway pavers removed, many oak and palm roots were cut out and the pavers were reset. The driveway is once again level.



DRY SEASON BEGINS

Dry season runs from November through April. The summer storms have rainfall above the 20-year average, but we should start seeing average rain drop down to about 2 inches per month.



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.

Finances



Paul Barnicke

We have a balance of \$45,000 in our operating account and \$199,000 in Reserves at the end of October 2024.

Your board approved our 2025 budget which includes an increase in our quarterly dues from \$1019 to \$1,053 (5%) effective for Q1 of 2025. This dues increase for 2025 reflects inflationary pressures for 2025 for expenses such as insurance, management fees, mulch and tree trimming as well as the provision for September 2025 house painting.

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

Xmas Lights

Kiki Scovel put up holiday wreaths at the entrance.





Kiki Scovel
Webmaster

Cottages Web News

<https://cottagespl.org>

Click this link

What are *YOU* looking for...

- Roof Tile Specs
 - DRC Form
- Cottages Contract Vendors
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- Board Minutes
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A close-up photograph of a Bald Eagle's head, showing its white feathers, yellow beak, and intense gaze. The eagle is looking slightly to the left.

The Cottages website has all this and more.



Cottages 2024-25 Board Meetings

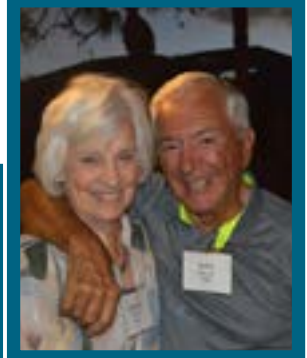
Zoom or PL Community Center -TBD

	Date		Time
2024	November*	20	9:30 am - 11:00
	December	18	9:30 am - 11:00
2025	January	15	9:30 am - 11:00
	February*	18	4:00 pm- 5:00 pm
	March	19	9:30 am - 11:00
	April	16	9:30 am - 11:00
	May	21	9:30 am - 11:00
	June	No meetigs unless necessary	
	July		
	August		



Winter Pizza Social

The Social Committee is planning a
Gazebo Pizza Social for
Wednesday
January 15th at 4:00



Cottages Board



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Megan Tatum
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NO SNOW
in the Cottages!