

It's hard to believe another year has gone by. What a year it was, full of activities and wonderful neighbors.

Doug Hughes led our social calendar with the ice cream social, pizza party, golf league, Lobster night and Prime Rib Dinner. Doug is tireless with his great ideas and energy. Thank you Doug! The first pickleball tournament certainly will be the start of many more. Thank you to our wonderful hosts for the driveway parties Jackie Ryan, Chuck & Caren Shea, Sarah Fogarty and Cyndy & Bob Beaumont. The hosts with the most! The holidays were even more wonderful with the beautiful decorations at our gate. Thank you Dan & Mary Giannini, Leo Kohler, Kristiina Takki, Bob Beaumont and Paul Epifanio for your decorating skills! Thank you Vito & Louise Fortuna for a wonderful Holiday party!

Paul Epifanio was invaluable when mailboxes were knocked off, thank you for the fast repairs! A huge thank you to the tireless work of our ARB chair, Kathy Shoop and her incredible committee, Dan Giannini, Karen Gooch, Jery Berk and Jackie Ryan!

Please welcome our new owners, Phil & Emilia Figueiredo and Ginny & Nick McParland and their sweet pup Cooper to the community!

The year ran smoothly with the exception of a persistently difficult gate. Thank you everyone for your patience with it. Hopefully this year will be different!

We were fortunate to have the Lely Resort Master Association clear out the pipes running from our pond to other lakes. Did you know that all the over 100 ponds and lakes in Lely Resort are interconnected? They all flow downstream to the weir behind Outback Steak House and into Rookery Bay. Nothing feeds into our pond, except rain and runoff, but we do have 2 pipes draining out to lakes on the golf course.

We are ready to welcome 2026! The board passed a budget with a small increase, the first in 4 years. The majority of the increase, \$34 of the \$50 per quarter increase, is due to the Lely Resort Master and CDD fee increase that we are required to pass on. Please make sure you adjust your quarterly payments to \$1050.

Our social calendar is full; individual flyers will be sent out. We are trying something new with a crock pot driveway party hosted by Ann & Chip Putnam. This will be perfect for our cooler January! Save the dates in January with the driveway party on January 13, owners annual meeting on January 19 and welcome back dinner at the Players Club on January 21.

As always, a few reminders. If you are doing any exterior changes, please submit an ARB request. If in doubt, just ask. All owners and renters must park their vehicles in the garage. This is a requirement of our governing documents and we do enforce it. Only guests are allowed to park in the driveways and street. If you are having overnight guests or need to park outside your garage please notify our community manager, Philippe, at [pgabart@resortgroupinc.com](mailto:pgabart@resortgroupinc.com). Please also try to keep your garage doors down when not in use. This will also prevent unwanted critters from entering your garage. Lastly, please

limit the time your garbage and recycling cans are out. They can go out the evening before and should be brought in the same day as pickup. If you are not home, please ask a neighbor or your home watch to take care of them. Let's work together to keep Cottesmore looking its best!

The Cottesmore website, [www.CottesmoreHOA.com](http://www.CottesmoreHOA.com), is a great resource for documents, ARC request forms, schedules, Grandparents Shack items and lots of other information. We look forward to another great year in Cottesmore!

Cottesmore is a great place to live!