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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Hi Neighbor!

Lots of activity in the Patios in the next few weeks. Next week, you'll see big changes around the tennis courts. The old bushes will be removed, irrigation replaced and new plantings installed. It's all part of a bigger project uniting the talents of the Grounds, Irrigation, Clubhouse and Lakes Committees. A big thank you to everyone involved in this project.

This month, I've been thinking about the future. We're post pandemic and Hurricane Ian repairs are nearly complete. We're able to gather again as a community, and I'm thrilled to see a full clubhouse calendar. The pool and tennis court are busier than ever.

So, what's next? Our community has evolved since 2020. We've welcomed many new neighbors. Now that we're out of survival mode we have a chance to dream a little. I could use your input to help us shape the future. What's your vision for our community?

Over the Summer, we'll try out the Keys-Caldwell survey feature to ask what your priorities are for the Patios. I'd appreciate your participation.

Finally, two asks. Please water your new sod. New plantings need lots of water. And, please check your front light fixtures. Sully and I took an evening stroll and saw many broken bulbs. Have a great May!

Kelly Boocock, President  
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## **NEWSLETTERS**

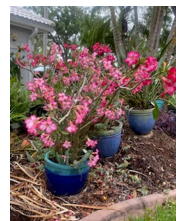
Newsletters are sent to Patios' residents via email. Paperless is more cost effective, helps the environment and reduces clutter in your home and on driveways. However, if you wish to receive the newsletter via home delivery, email your request to Barbara Toufar - [toufarbj@gmail.com](mailto:toufarbj@gmail.com). Also, a few paper copies are available in the clubhouse.

There were so many beautiful gardens around the Patios this month. See if yours is pictured in the newsletter!

If you have news or information you would like to share, please email me. Consider this a digital bulletin board.

Newsletters are not produced in June, July, or August.

Betsy Legasey, Editor  
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## ARB – ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

The Patios ARB has two very important topics for the month of May.

1. Secure your property before leaving for the Hurricane Season. June 1st, you are allowed to leave hurricane shutters up and they must be down by November 30th.

You are allowed to leave the clear shutters in place but they must be clear and not yellowed or cracked from years in the sun.

### **No extra roof tiles are allowed to be stored anywhere around your exterior property.**

They need to be stored in your garage. (If anybody needs help moving roof tiles to their garage let me know and I will do my best to find some volunteers)

We have received several complaints from owners that are worried about their neighbors' tiles stacked on the side of their home.

2. ***Please Please Please*** stop giving non owners our email and telling them to contact us regarding approvals on "ideas" they have for changing the property before they have even put an offer in on a property. We do understand that their realtors often tell them to contact us as well; however, it is not our job to read and perform due diligence for these future buyers. It is the job of their realtor to provide Patios Documents and Guidelines to prospective buyers.



The Patios ARB will only review requests for Deeded Owners: not their caretakers, not their friends and not somebody who might be interested in buying someday.

We can help an owner's relative navigate the process if needed but the actual request must come from the owner.

The Patios website for ARB requests has been corrected and you can also email directly to: [bameade2000@gmail.com](mailto:bameade2000@gmail.com)

The Patios ARB Team  
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## **STORMWATER RETENTION PONDS** **Patios Edition**

I've had several inquiries about the lake levels seeming to be somewhat higher this year. There are 2 basic factors contributing to this condition resulting in a higher-than-average water level. First, we have experienced higher than average rainfall this winter season and this has resulted in an increase in the water table. According to NOAA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency, Sarasota County has experienced about

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8 inches above normal rainfall this winter season versus the same period last year.

A second reason the lake levels have increased is due to the ongoing remediation of the filter lake located in the southwest corner of Beckley Circle.

The lake's filter bed has not been operating as originally planned to filter the water before it flows into Hatchett Creek and eventually Roberts Bay. To solve this problem aquatic and terrestrial plants are being introduced to perform the function the lake's original sand filter was intended to perform. The aquatic plants require at least 2 inches of water to survive and filter the water. The dysfunctional old sand filter drains have been blocked off to raise the water level in the pond. The increased water level now rises to flow over the lip of the Discharge Control Structure weir into Hatchett Creek.

I should add that this change in no way increases the potential of flooding the community in the event of a substantial rainfall event.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Jerry Valenta

[Patios Lake Advocate 941-492-6345](mailto:jerry.valenta@harbortownlight.com)



## SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

We can't believe it's already May; the past few months have flown by. Summer will be upon us soon, with fewer events since we lose our Snowbirds and gain the heat!

We are planning on continuing our TGIF Social Hour (a little more laidback and possibly poolside) and maybe adding a Corn Hole Night.

As all the attendees have been enjoying our Sunday Supper, we will plan that and maybe a couple of other fun events for our Year-Rounders.



Our monthly Social Club meeting is Mon 5/6 @ 9:30. Any suggestions - as well as supporting hands - are encouraged.

We will be kicking off May with our monthly breakfast on Thurs the 2nd. That will be followed by a Cinco de Mayo celebration on Sun the 5th @ 5pm, featuring a Nacho Bar with either an Aqua Fresca or a Margarita setup (BYO-Tequila). We could use a few volunteers for both events. You can sign up in the additional info section when you register through email. Both events will be \$5pp.

Our luncheon this month takes us to Venice for some delicious Italian food. Trattoria da Mino will be hosting us on Wed 5/8 at 12:30. Come join us for good food and lively conversation.



Our Game Night will be Tues 5/14 @ 7pm and this month's Sunday Supper on 5/19 @ 5. The Deets will be landing in your inbox. We plan on finishing out the month with our TGIF Social Hour on Fri 5/31.

Many thanks to Esther for her fabulous job organizing the April breakfast as well as to Barbara, Maria, Pat, and Dianne for volunteering to help. As always, many hands make the work Fun and Easy!





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We want to wish all our wonderful Patio Moms a very Happy Mothers Day.



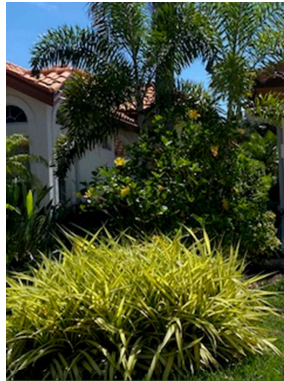
Say hi when you see us-

Liz Moore and Josepine Florio  
[ccharbortownsocialclub@gmail.com](mailto:ccharbortownsocialclub@gmail.com)



## GROUNDS COMMITTEE

We are saying adios this month to many of our residents who are returning to their homes in other states. We will miss you all and wish you happy trails until we meet again.



The new sod installation is due to begin around the week of April 23. As I write this we don't have an exact day. The landscaper is Yoan Lopez from Goat Lopez. He and his men will be working hard to do a great job for our community. So for those who will receive new sod, remember to water at least 20 minutes twice a day for two weeks, then 20 minutes once a day for one week. The fourth week water 20 minutes every other day. The best time to water is before 10 am and after 4 pm if possible.



Then pray for RAIN!  
How carefully you do the watering is what will make your lawns a success.

The grounds committee will be working on the removal of stumps and doing plant and replacement in May.

The grounds committee is made up of residents who wear out their sneakers walking the

neighborhood volunteering our time to make the community look nice and welcoming. The members include Lina Howard, Vito Carcioloppolo, Steve Cito, Josephine Florio. We strive to do follow the rules and regulations and to do our best. It ain't always easy! 🙄

As part of the upcoming tennis court renovation, we hired AP landscaping to remove the old hedges around the court and install new ones. The work will be done April 26th through April 28.

Reminder for leaving for the summer: Please pick up your outside furniture, potted plants and any articles that could become projectiles, as we are entering the hurricane season shortly and they can cause damage to other properties. Be a good neighbor.

We are here to help you with any issues or concerns.



Happy May

Happy summer



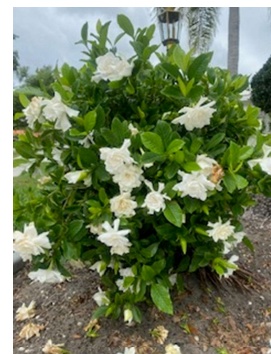
Enjoy your beautiful Patios



PRAY FOR RAIN!



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## IRRIGATION

Irrigation is running smoothly with no foreseen problems.

If you have questions or concerns about your irrigation please fill out a work order. The work orders are on the bulletin board located to the right of the clubhouse front door. Complete the work order and place it in the black mailbox located to the right of the bulletin board. Victor checks the mailbox every two or three days.

Pat Larson 941-400-2178  
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## BOOK CLUB NEWS

### May Book Club

Date: Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

Book: The Gentleman in Moscow, by Amor Towles

### June Book Club

Date: Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am

Book: Passage West, by Rishi Reddi.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

If you want to be on the Book Club email distribution list please contact Joanne Yeterian at [jyeterian@comcast.net](mailto:jyeterian@comcast.net)

## SOLAR PANELS

After ARB approval of solar panels at David Taylor's home, he was asked by Beth Meade from the ARB to describe his experience with the installation and use of solar panels on their home. This is his report:

These are the important considerations: The direction is your roof facing, the condition and age of your roof, how much shadow from trees falls on the roof, and what was your use of electricity for the last 12 months. In our case we used 11,000 KWH. Your sales representative will use this data to calculate your system size and cost of installation.

Solar panels are mostly rated at 400W. Each panel can cost approximately \$1,300. System size is 400W times the number of panels. In our case, 400W x 17 = 6.8KW. The goal is to generate slightly more electricity than you use, for a net cost of zero.

Your contract will include cost, years of service, guarantee of no damage to roof, and correction of problems if leaks occur from installation, etc. The contract should be transferable to a new owner.

State and county approvals may seem to take a long time. Our contract was signed 2 October, panels installed 4 December, inspected and approved 19 December, FPL 2-way meter installed 10 January, and power turn on 11 January. This was 101 Days.

At turn-on our dealer set up the installation to read output on my I-phone. You can see production from each individual panel, total power produced for the day, week, month, and year. Cloudy days show less power than sunshine days.

As of 16 April, we have generated 2.6MWH, worth 14 cents per KWH = \$365. FPL calculated environmental impact as 1.9 tons of CO2 reduction. Our electricity cost



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in February and March was zero. One still must pay the cost of hookup, or \$25 per month.

I interviewed 5 different companies and got a wide variety of responses. I chose Efficient Home Services of Florida LLC as my contractor. They proved to be professional, courteous, and excellent installers. The sales rep Marcus Lindquist lives in Venice Tel 941-237-1844, and answered my many questions.

If you wish to discuss any of the above further, or look at our installation at 1125 HTW, I'd be happy to talk to you.

Be sure to obtain ARB approval before signing a contract.

Dave Taylor 941-496-7593

## Venice Art Center to feature Patios Resident



Heather Cowan of Harbor Town Drive will be showing her embroidery pieces at the Venice Art Center May 15 through June 17. Many of these works will be available for sale.

The opening reception is May 17<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 PM. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Heather looks forward to sharing her art with you.

## 2024 HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION (HOA)

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## Pattios of Chestnut Creek

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 -Yoga 9 AM  -Mah Jongg 1 PM	2 -Pickleball 8.30 AM -Breakfast 9 AM 	3 -Bridge 1.15 PM	4
5 Cinco de Mayo 5 PM 	6 -Social Club 9.30 AM -Bridge 1.15 PM -Poker 6 PM	7 -Pickleball 8.30 AM -Water Aerobics 9.30 AM -HOA Board Mtg 3 PM	8 -Yoga 9 AM - Luncheon Tratorria de Mino 12.30 PM 	9 -Pickleball 8.30 AM -Book Club 10 AM	10 -Bridge 1.15 PM	11
12 Mothers Day 	13  -Bridge 1.15 PM -Poker 6 PM	14 -Pickleball 8.30 AM -Water Aerobics 9.30 AM -Game Night 7 PM	15 -Yoga 9 AM  -Mah Jongg 1 PM	16  -Pickleball 8.30 AM	17 -Needlecraft 9.30 AM  -Bridge 1.15 PM	18
19  Sunday Supper 5 PM 	20  -Bridge 1.15 PM -Poker 6 PM	21 -Pickleball 8.30 AM -Water Aerobics 9.30 AM	22 -Yoga 9 AM  -Mah Jongg 1 PM	23 -Pickleball 8.30 AM	24 -Bridge 1.15 PM	25
26	27 Memorial Day  -Bridge 1.15 PM -Poker 6 PM 	28 -Pickleball 8.30 AM -Water Aerobics 9.30 AM	29 -Yoga 9 AM  -Mah Jongg 1 PM	30 -Pickleball 8.30 AM	31 TGIF 5.30 PM 	