



Our intrepid friend wondering what happened to the tide and how the ocean lost its salt. His proposed names were Pedro, Patty O'Pelican, Pelly and many others.



Otter Pond November 2026

Welcome back to our coats and sweaters!

Shout Out!

- To all of you astute ornithologists who quickly recognized the weirdness of seeing a Brown Pelican around the pond.
- He (he? or she?) was starting to struggle and an animal rescue group safely caught the majestic bird and will be relocating him back to his native costal habitat.
- Thanks to Brian Stratton's quick work in contacting professionals to relocate him before it got too cold.

- Toast your warmest beverage to our dear friend the lost Brown Pelican who is around 800 miles from the ocean where he should be. I suggest a toast at one of his favorite perching spots.
- Thanks to all of you helping your neighbors out with fall cleaning and leaf gathering this fall! Your kindness to your fellow neighbors is what makes Otter Pond the special place that it is.

Also from the President

- We are interested in whether the neighborhood wishes to continue maintaining the tennis/pickleball court. Please give it some thought, will you?
- This issue will be discussed at the annual meeting where we hope to discuss several options.

Neighborhood happenings:

- Welcome to our new neighbor at 2033, Donna Mollica! More info to come from Donna.
- Snow is coming!
 - In light of the drought, I am kind of hoping for lots and lots of snow this year. To that end, and if you aren't aware, the sidewalk in front of your home is your responsibility to shovel.
- We have some generous ATV drivers in the neighborhood that will help to plow sidewalks. Historically, they have asked that you flag the borders of your yard to make their job easier and avoid damaging gardens and such. Get some flags to help them out! This is done out of generosity and not a service that the HOA is paying for.
- City ordinance requires your sidewalks and driveways be cleared of snow within 48 hours after a snowstorm. Review the link above.

Dam Update:

- No updates

Committee Reports

Architectural Review Board (ARB) chaired by Stacy LaMourey:

- No updates

Social Committee chaired by Carrie Galusha and Tina Davis:

- Check the social committee's facebook page for photos. <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/169naJhhHp/>
- Expect a busy Halloween this Saturday night! If you are new here, Otter Pond is proud to consider itself one of the destination neighborhoods for families around Montrose to visit for our excellent

decorations and candy generosity. It will be fun and safe!

- Save the date! December 6th from 5-8pm
 - This will be the date for the annual and popular lighting of the pond night and Christmas party with carriage rides!
 - It will be at the Clagett house again this year, at 2011 Otter Pond Circle.
 - Have your lights and decorations ready by the evening of December 6th and please decorate your back yards if yours shares the pond. No one is going to make you but it is a fun tradition that we share.

Pond Committee chaired by Valerie Harper:

- No updates

Boathouse Committee chaired by Ryan and Amber Potter:

- No updates from Ryan
- Janene wished to remind us about donations for a boathouse property tree fund. Here is last month's blurb:
 - Interested in being a part in planting shade trees around the property at the boat house (and possibly the tennis court?). If you want to help donate money to a shade tree fund, just get a check to Vanessa Stratton and write 'tree fund donation' on the memo. If you would like to create a memorial for someone or something, we would be happy to work with you in that accomplishment.

Open Space chaired by Janene Beard:

- Please help our community by volunteering to clean up leaves in the Otter Pond Park!
- Our landscaper has moved out of town and we currently have no one to clean up the many leaves that fall in the park.
- How can you help? Grab your leaf blower, trash bags, and rake. Head to the park and

pick some up. Go anytime that works for you!

- If we do not get enough people to help, it will cost us over twice as much to hire a new company to have it done this year.

Reserve Committee chaired by Dave Beard:

- Dave informed the HOA board at the most recent meeting that he will be resigning as Chair of the Reserve Committee effective January 1 2027.
- Please join me in thanking Dave for the hard work and dedication he put to logging our neighborhood's assets in order to better anticipate future replacement costs. This was a huge undertaking. Thank you, Dave!

Financial Committee chaired by Kevin Sanderford:

- No updates

Bookkeeping chaired by Vanessa Stratton:

- No updates

Neighborhood Watch chaired by Alma Buis and Frances Pink:

- No updates

Ditches and Irrigation chaired by Tadd King:

- No updates



Please see the OtterPondHOA.com for all updates on all agendas and board meeting minutes.

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Regards,

Your friendly volunteer HOA board members:

Kevin Dawson - president
Brian Wilson - vice president
Mindy Clagett - secretary
Vanessa Stratton - treasurer
Paul Sheya - member at large

Otter Pond Chairpersons:

Tadd King - ditches
Tina Davis and Carrie Galusha - social committee
Vanessa Stratton - bookkeeper
Tom Clagett - newsletter
Kevin Sanderford - finance committee
Valerie Harper - pond and silt pond
Amber and Ryan Potter - boathouse
Stacy LaMourey - architectural review board
Janene Beard - open space
David Beard - reserve committee
Alma Buis and Frances Pink - neighborhood watch



Before

Ready for my close-up



After

I feel so broke up, I wanna go home