



UPCOMING EVENTS



November 8: Fire Alarm Testing

November 11: Veterans Day

November 11: Executive Session Meeting

November 21: Open Board Meeting 6pm in building 10/14

November 28: Thanksgiving

December 9: Executive Session Meeting

For more information about recycling guidelines:

[Recycling 101 from Waste Management](#)

<https://www.wm.com/us/en/recycle-right/recycling-101>



Bags in the recycling dumpster costs us MONEY\$

Featured Rules and Regs...

Maintenance of Units

If you are lucky enough to spend some time this winter in a warmer location, or you just like to keep your unit on the cool side, please remember that according to Section 1.B.3:

All Unit Owners are required to have their heat turned on in the winter months and to maintain a temperature of at least 58 degrees F in their units at all times.



News of Note:

Some owners have been using Green Box to compost food scraps. This is a local company that swaps out your compost bucket (provided by them) every other week. To find out more you can go to withgreenbox.com.



How it works:

1. Sign up online. Get your Green Box bucket delivered within 2 weeks.
2. Place food scraps in your bucket.
3. Place your bucket outside the morning of your scheduled pickup.
4. The Green Box team swaps your full bucket with a clean bucket.
5. Green Box takes the bucket of food scraps to their composting facility.
6. Every six months members can receive some compost for their plants, if wanted.

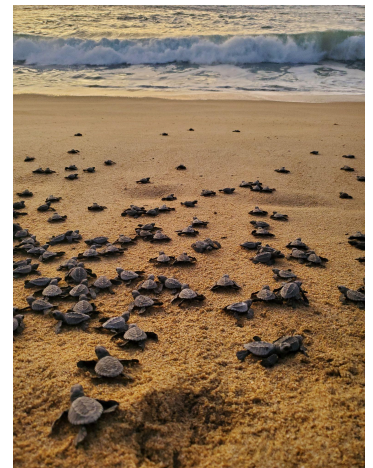
The Drumm Beat

The wildlife population on the planet has declined by 69% since 1970 according to the World Wildlife Foundation (WWF). In a report by the WWF, they cite habitat loss, species overexploitation, invasive species, pollution, climate change and diseases as the reasons. To me, these are daunting facts and sometimes it's hard to know what to do or how to help. Luckily there is hope and ways to help. I learned about Project Tortuga from my college friend Nicole. Her cousin runs the organization that dates back to 1992, when the decline of Sea Turtle nests along the Pacific coasts of Mexico became apparent.

I spent a week in San Pancho volunteering for Project Tortuga, but there are volunteers working throughout the nesting season from May to October. As I learned, it's hard work in very hot conditions. The process begins with late night patrols of the beach that end at 5am. Sea Turtles lay their eggs under the moonlight, so our patrol's mission would be to find the turtles, or turtle tracks leading to the nests, collect the eggs and bring them back to the nursery for safety from poachers and predators. The eggs would then be packed with sand in styrofoam boxes and labeled with information such as the number of eggs and the hatching date of 45 days later. Volunteers would then remove the baby turtles from the boxes and return them to the ocean at sunset.

During my week in San Pancho, we released 600-1,000 turtles into the ocean per day. It sounds like a lot, but only a few survive per hundred. This work has shown to be very successful increasing the nests from 200 to 1,475. Despite the long hours, heavy lifting, and sweat, the satisfaction and joy from the experience makes it more than worth it. Want to learn more about Project Tortuga and ways to help or even volunteer? Visit <https://www.project-tortuga.org/> for more information. Uninterested in turtles? Try searching for organizations that help support your favorite animals.

Mary Drumm



Property Management Corner:

A representative from Focus on Energy recently visited our property to provide ideas for energy-saving projects and products.

One thing all Maple Wood residents can do is to claim your **FREE** energy saving packs from Focus on Energy.

Each resident can order a new one every year, with everything from lightbulbs to showerheads.

Free Energy-Saving Packs:

<https://focusonenergy.com/residential/energy-saving-packs>

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<https://focusonenergy.com/>



Committees Corner:

The Long Range Planning Committee recently completed its task for 2024. The committee updated our Long Range Planning and Reserves spreadsheet with the projects completed this past year. The committee uses this spreadsheet to keep track of the Common Element items, the asset life, and cost associated with each. This spreadsheet was analyzed and recommendations for upcoming projects were made to the board.

Being on the Long Range Planning committee is a great way to learn more about where you live and have an impact on your investment. The committee meets a couple of times in September and October. Please consider being a part of this impactful committee next year.