

**IGUANA TRAPPING, CLUBHOUSE ISLAND-** Recently, W.P.R.F. Vice President Eva Rachesky hired a trapper to reduce the population of iguanas on Clubhouse Island and other recreational properties. These iguanas are burrowing into the shoreline and more critically, into the supports of the bridge that connects Clubhouse Island to Century Village. The method of removal is live trapping; these traps, which are shaded, are checked every day, per Florida statute, to make sure that the iguanas are treated humanely. An unknown person, possibly a guest, is opening these traps and freeing the iguanas. This is a bad idea, for a number of reasons:

- Once an iguana is trapped, it is “trap smart”; it will never enter a trap again. Now we have trap smart iguanas living near the bridges and shorelines which will require individual snaring. This is expensive.
- Iguanas bite, have sharp tails and claws, and carry salmonella. If a human is bitten or scratched, or comes in contact with iguana feces, they have an 83.7 percent chance of contracting **salmonellosis**, a bacterial infection that especially affects children and old people.

Our security contractor has clear pictures of the people who are interfering with these iguana traps, but they have not been able to identify them. It would be a big help if any CV unit owner could identify these people for us. Any information sent to UCO will be kept confidential: [UCOMAINTENANCE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:UCOMAINTENANCE@GMAIL.COM).