

What is that at the pool?

...Turtle sighting



On Friday morning, May 11, there was an unusual sight on the decking of our community pool. A [Florida softshell turtle](#) with a shell about a foot in diameter entered the pool enclosure at the back by digging its way under the fencing. It tried to get into the water but was discouraged by people splashing water at it. With its extremely long, flexible (and possibly threatening) neck, those at the pool were understandably reluctant to pick it up and move it outside. According to Candy Sell, who had been in the pool at the time, the turtle then made its way to the deep end of the pool and tried to find its way out. Enter Bruce Conway, shovel in hand. Bruce solved the turtle's dilemma by digging an area under the fence large enough for it to get back out. He then filled the hole back up. So far the turtle has not wandered back into the pool enclosure.