

Home of the Month



October's "Home of the Month" was nominated by their neighbors, John and Anne Eply, and is awarded to new residents, LeeAnn Swainston and Doug Austin, at 124 Capri Dr. Doug and LeeAnn have done a lot of work to make this house their home, both inside and outside with painting, landscaping, and lots of other personal touches. Congratulations on being named "Home of the Month" for October!

(If you have a recommendation for "Home of the Month", you can call/text 608-212-8967 or email me at tibreezes1@aol.com with your suggestion. If I haven't used them before and they grant permission, I will be happy to put them into a future issue of the Breezes.)



Photo of the Month

Mother dove and chicks, Peace and Joy, decided to nest in a plant on Connie and John Giroux's side porch. Photos were shared by John on Facebook enabling residents to watch them hatch, grow, and spread their wings.

Meet Your New Neighbors

By Cindy Shaw

You may recognize the familiar faces of **Tim and Joni Droski** at Flores Dr. They will be our part-time neighbors here in Tropic Isles. The Droskis are from Holland, Michigan and have friends that live close by in Palmetto on 21st Ave W. They have also rented in Tropic Isles for 3 weeks and spent 2 winters at River Strand in Bradenton, so they are very familiar with the area.



Tim and Joni have two children—Eric (44) and Beth (47). They also have 5 grandchildren—twins, Bryce and Brody (12), Will (4), Calum (3), and Violet (2). Joni worked as an Account Executive for 24 years for Fiserv, Inc., covering the Midwest. Tim has a degree in electrical engineering and worked in sales for financial services for 30 years. Tim was an instrument rated pilot and flew a Piper Lance and Cessna P210. He is also an avid sailor participating in 19 Chicago to Mackinac races and sailed around the Cape of Good Hope (Africa). Tim also enjoys bowling and golf. Joni enjoys cooking, arts and crafts, and reading. Together they like to bicycle around the area. We are happy to officially welcome Tim and Joni to our little piece of paradise here in Tropic Isles.

From Beverly, Massachusetts are **Arnie and Nancy Ambrose** at 65 Edessa Dr. They will be our new, full-time neighbors here in Tropic Isles. Arnie and Nancy were familiar with the area after owning a home for 17 years in the Whitfield Estates in Bradenton. They also spent time in Village Green and Willow Walk in Ellenton. Their daughter-in-law's mother also lives in Tropic Isles.



Nancy and Arnie have 3 children--Michelle (58), Matthew (42), and David. They have 5 grandchildren-Cory (31), Kevin (33), Matthew (6), David (35), and Alex (33). Nancy was a CNA (Certified Nurse's Aide) for 12 years. Arnie is a machinist by trade and has been a machine shop instructor for 12 years and a toolmaker for 17 years. Arnie enjoys bowling, doing handyman jobs around the house, walking, and staying active. Nancy loves arts and crafts and is talented at creating beautiful wreaths and floral arrangements. They share their home with 6-year-old Mickey, who is a "Teddy Bear" Shih Tzu and Bichon Frise mix. Please make Arnie, Nancy, and Mickey feel right at home here in Tropic Isles.

Starfish Hunt

*Can you find me
hiding somewhere
inside?*



Thought for the Day

*Trying to make a way out
of no way, is sometimes the
only way!*

Oh, the Places You'll Go and the Friends You'll Meet!



Dave and Cathy Cardinal visited Mike and Lisa Murphy at their home while they were traveling through the state of Michigan.



In Alaska, Mike and Beverly Thompson had many amazing views. This is one of the Redoubt Volcano located on the western side of Cook Inlet southwest of Anchorage, Alaska.



This picture was taken at the home of Rick and Karen Van Dam near Newaygo, MI. Bill and Katrina Eagle and Don and Kim Trammel stopped to visit while they were on their way to the Traverse City area.



Joan and Mike Cloutier visited with Ed and Diane Leonard. The Leonards have recently moved into a lovely new home on the shores of beautiful Sebago Lake in Raymond, Maine. On August 19, we spent a delightful day with them and it included a boat ride on the crystal-clear waters of this beautiful lake.



Captain, Denny Butts and Beverly with Terry and Dennis Foley went cruising on a bay off of Lake Ontario. The Foleys were staying in New York's Letchworth Falls State Park.

Picture Perfect Pets of Tropic Isles

Cindy and Bob Shaw added a new puppy to their home in February. Benny, a mini, silky wirehaired dachshund, is now 10 months old.

(If you'd like to share a picture of your 4-legged furry friend, please send it to tibreezes1@aol.com or text it to 608-212-8967 with their name and a little description.)



Marilyn and Don Denby had a great visit from their wonderful friends--Al Eaton, Phil Mix, and Chuck Sugg in Turkey Point, Ontario, Canada. They went fishing in Lake Erie and caught pickerel, which is called walleye on the southern side of Lake Erie.

Tropic Isles

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Letter from the Editor

Fall in Florida

Welcome back to our first wave of snowbirds who have returned from their winter nests. You will see many new faces in Tropic Isles this season. We have many new residents who will make Tropic Isles their full-time home and some that will be staying with us for a few months this winter. Either way, introduce yourself and make those new residents feel welcome. Show that Tropic Isles' hospitality that we are known for and make some new friends. Tropic Isles is growing and thriving, and we continue to make this a place that others want to be!



Here are a few ways that Florida does Fall:

- 1) We still go to the beach because we know that the water is still nice and warm.
- 2) We love flip-flops and sandals over boots any day.
- 3) We actually do wear jackets, but that's only when the temperature goes below 70 degrees.
- 4) Sometimes our palm trees lose their palms, which is basically our equivalent of falling leaves.
- 5) We don't worry about layering clothes and coats for Halloween.
- 6) We finally get a break from the lawnmower, mowing once a week instead of twice.
- 7) You can start opening the windows and cutting off the A/C. By late October, we'll have some cool breezes to look forward to.
- 8) Stone Crab season starts again in the middle of October.
- 9) We can enjoy our favorite fall colors of orange, red, and yellow by watching the sunsets.
- 10) We can return to our favorite outdoor activities without the heat and humidity.
- 11) Bike rides are on the list of things to do, too, with the cooler weather.
- 12) It makes for a perfect time for outdoor seating at a seafood café.
- 13) Manatees live in Florida year-round, but the best time to see them begins in the fall. See manatees in their natural habitat in the canals and many natural springs around our area. During fall in Florida, when the temperature drops, they will migrate from the rivers to the warmer waters of Florida's natural springs!
- 14) Fall in Florida is also a great time of year to visit local Florida farms or farm stands for the bounty of produce that you will find there.

How do you know when it's fall in Florida?

- When the colors begin to change ... on the license plates.
- When you can wake up and walk outside to get the newspaper and not break a sweat.
- When the Love Bugs are gone, hurricane season is almost over, and the temperatures stay around 78° for a high.
- Fall in Florida brings blue skies with hardly a cloud and a sunny day without all the heat. Fall is a great time to be in Florida!



Office Hours

The Office hours are **9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**. The Office will remain **CLOSED** during the lunch hour from 12-1.

LESSONS from Autumn

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From The Manager's Desk



Exciting News –

Please Welcome Our New Team Members!

We're thrilled to introduce two wonderful additions to the Tropic Isles' family!

✨ **LORI RIZZO – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Lori joins us in the office with a strong professional background and the added bonus of being a longtime Palmetto resident. Her warm personality and welcoming spirit make her a perfect fit for our community. Be sure to stop by the office to say hello and give Lori a warm Tropic Isles welcome!

🔧 **SHAUN SCHWEITZER – MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN**

Shaun comes to us with years of hands-on experience in condominium maintenance and a deep knowledge of all things mechanical. Working under Tom's guidance, he's already proving to be a valuable asset to our team. Please join us in giving Shaun a big welcome as well!

💡 A special note: Our former teammate, Brayden, has moved on to a new career path. We thank him for his contributions and wish him nothing but success in the future.

We're so excited to have Lori and Shaun on board and can't wait for you to meet them. Please help us give them both the warm, friendly welcome that makes Tropic Isles such a special place!

Thank you ~ Bobbie



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Updates From The Manager's Desk

Hurricane Season is Here – Be Prepared



Dear Residents,

As we enter another hurricane season—lasting through November 30th—the Board of Directors and Staff of Tropic Isles Co-Op, Inc. want to ensure that every resident is informed, prepared, and supported.

This article provides essential information to help you plan ahead, safeguard your property, and understand how our team will work to secure the Park during severe weather events. We kindly ask that you take a moment to review the following details carefully.

COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION DURING STORMS

The Management Team will share important updates via mass email and post it on our two official Facebook pages:

- **Tropic Isles Co-Op, Inc.**
- **Friends of Tropic Isles**

Please ensure that the office has your most current email address on file.

HURRICANE TERMINOLOGY TO KNOW

- **Hurricane Watch:** Conditions are possible within 48 hours.
- **Hurricane Warning:** Conditions are expected within 36 hours or less.

PARK OPERATIONS & EVACUATION NOTICE

Once a **Hurricane Watch** is issued, Tropic Isles' personnel will begin securing buildings and common areas.

If an **Evacuation Order** is issued, all water and sewer lift stations will be shut down **three (3) hours** after the order, to protect infrastructure and ensure quick restoration after the storm.

****Please note:** Staff will not be able to assist individual residents at their homes during storm preparation. Their responsibilities are focused on the Park's mechanical systems and common areas.

STAY INFORMED

We encourage residents to sign up for local emergency alerts:

City of Palmetto CodeRED: <https://www.palmettofl.org/1348/Code-RED>

Alert Manatee: <https://www.mymanatee.org/.../sign-up-for-alert-manatee>

PREPARE NOW – RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ALL RESIDENTS

1. **Secure Your Home and Lot.**
Remove or tie down all outdoor items. If you'll be away, please make arrangements to have shutters closed and loose items stored. If you have a boat, make sure it is properly secured.
2. **Emergency Supply Kit**
Assemble supplies now. A full checklist is available here: [2022 Disaster Supply Kit Checklist \(PDF\)](#)
3. **Review Insurance**
Ensure your coverage is up-to-date. Take photos and inventory valuables. Store documentation in a waterproof container.
4. **Special Needs Residents**
If you require special assistance during an evacuation, please pre-register with Manatee County.
5. **Plan Your Evacuation**
Have transportation and a destination ready. Do not wait until the last minute. Leave early, especially if elderly or mobility-limited. When an evacuation order is issued, **everyone must leave the Park**. Emergency services and utilities will be suspended and staff will also evacuate.
6. **Plan to Stay Away**
Once evacuated, expect to remain away for several days. Authorities may restrict re-entry until conditions are deemed safe.

Make sure you have fuel in your vehicle and some cash on hand, as ATM machines may not be operational.

AFTER THE STORM

Please allow staff and emergency crews time to assess and restore the community. Do **NOT** call the office for updates—Management will send mass communications via email and Facebook once it is safe to return.

We appreciate your cooperation and urge all residents to stay informed, be prepared, and remain safe. Let's work together to ensure our community is ready and resilient throughout the hurricane season.

*Warm regards,
Bobbie McEvoy, LCAM/CMCA
General Manager*

*On behalf of the Board of Directors & Staff
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Don't Be Caught Off Guard-- Build a Disaster Kit



What kind of emergency supplies should I have?

- 7-14 gallons of water per person
- Non-perishable food and utensils for 7-14 days
- Non-electric can opener
- Change of clothing and footwear
- A blanket or sleeping bag
- Pillows, air mattress
- First aid kit
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Hygiene materials (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.)
- Medication
- Extra pair of glasses
- Hearing aids and batteries
- Important family documents in a waterproof container
- Emergency cash or traveler's checks
- Portable radio and batteries
- Toilet paper, sanitary wipes, paper towels
- Folding chairs, if you evacuate
- Charger for cell phones and other mobile devices
- For pets: carrier, leash, food and water for 14 days, medications, vaccination paperwork, comfort items, bed, bowls

Creating a complete disaster kit does not have to be a hit to your wallet all at once. Picking up a handful of items during weekly shopping trips will help you build your disaster kit in no time. Manatee County Emergency Management recommends your disaster kit contain water, food and supplies for 7-14 days.

What about filling my prescription medication? Per Florida State Statute 252.358, during a state of emergency, health insurers, managed care organizations, and other licensed entities shall waive time restrictions on prescription medication refills to allow refills in advance.

Pet Disaster Kit

- Identification tags with phone numbers for collars and/or harnesses.
- Leashes, harnesses, and carriers to transport pets safely and securely.
- Water and food for 14 days.
- Medication for 14 days.
- Vaccination records, medical conditions, behavior problems, feeding schedule, veterinarian information stored in a waterproof container. This is needed if you have to board your pets.
- Current photo of your pets in case they get lost.
- First aid kit
- Pet bed, toys, and treats

The Proper Use of Sandbags



Sandbags are used to create barriers against floodwater or to redirect water flow.



Detailed Steps:

1. **Prepare the Area:**

Remove any debris from the area where you plan to place the sandbags.

2. **Placement:**

- **Lengthwise:** Place the sandbags lengthwise, parallel to the direction of the water flow.
- **Tuck and overlap:** Tuck the open end of the bag under the filled portion and overlap each bag by half the length of the previous bag.
- **Tapping:** Tap down each sandbag firmly to eliminate gaps and create a tight seal.

3. **Stagger Joints:**

Stagger the joints between layers of sandbags to create a stronger barrier.

4. **Consider Plastic Sheeting:**

Use plastic sheeting under the sandbags to reduce seepage, especially if placing them against a wall or door.

5. **Specific Locations:**

- **Doorways and Windows:** Place sandbags directly in front of and against the bottom of the doors and windows, creating a tight seal.
- **Drains and Toilets:** Place sandbags over floor drains, toilets, and other potential entry points for floodwater to prevent backflow.

6. **Height:**

Build the sandbag wall as high as the expected flood level or higher to provide adequate protection.

7. **Pyramid Placement:**

For unsupported layers over 3 courses high, use the pyramid placement method, alternating header and stretcher courses.

Important Announcement



When severe weather is approaching, the City of Palmetto makes sandbags available to help residents protect their homes and properties.

- Where: **Palmetto Public Works, 601 17th Street West**
- When: Available ahead of major storms (watch for city alerts)
- What to Bring: Proof of residency (ID or utility bill)
- Limit: Up to 10 sandbags per household

Stay safe and make your preparations early. For updates, follow the City of Palmetto on social media and check palmettofl.org for official announcements.

7 Things Florida Newcomers Should Know About Hurricane Season

Still with two months left of the 2025 Hurricane Season, if you are a new, full-time resident of Florida, or just a snowbird, here are some things you should know. Tens of thousands of newcomers move to Florida every year.

Long-time residents of the Sunshine State know the drill that comes with hurricane season: Keep your gas tank full, your pantry stocked, and one eye on the tropics at all times.

We also appreciate the importance of things like having an extra propane tank or plenty of charcoal to grill with during power outages and filling your bathtub with water before a storm hits so you can flush toilets if water service is knocked out or turned off.

If you're a recent transplant, here are some insider tips about hurricane season:

1. It Doesn't Have to Be a Hurricane to Be Dangerous

Even a storm that isn't a hurricane at landfall can be destructive and deadly. Two tropical storms that hit Florida in 2021 - Elsa and Fred - made NOAA's annual list of billion-dollar disasters for the damage they caused. In 2020, Tropical Storm Eta made the list. Eta dumped between 10 and 20 inches of rain on South Florida, and both it and Fred claimed several lives due to flooding as the storms moved up the U.S. East Coast. While hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30, named storms can happen any time of the year.

2. Categories Are Just a Guideline

Hurricanes are ranked ranging from Category 1 to Category 5 based on their wind speed under the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale, first developed in the early 1970s, but the scale doesn't take into account other factors, including flooding rainfall and storm surge. Those two things kill far more people than wind. Flat-natured Florida is surrounded on three sides by salt water and is pock-marked by springs, lakes, and marshes, which means that flood waters can, and do, rise quickly with or without winds of 75 mph. Another hazard newbies might not know: There's often animals like alligators and snakes hiding in those waters, too.

3. Know Your Zone

Where needed, Florida counties have designated evacuation zones. Most are identified by letters ranging from A to L, with A being the most vulnerable areas. Note that these are different than FEMA flood zones. You should know your evacuation zone and evacuation route.

Separately, people living in low-lying areas or certain types of buildings are also sometimes told to evacuate, regardless of how far they might live from the coast. The bottom line: If you're told to go, GO. If you do plan to evacuate, know where you're headed. If it's a friend or relative's house, work out the details with them AHEAD OF TIME. Many hotels waive pet restrictions and extra fees and offer flexible reservations with no penalties for cancellation when a storm is coming.

Shelters are usually opened when evacuation orders are issued, but emergency management officials say they should be a last resort for evacuees. If you plan to rely on a shelter, make sure to check your county's emergency management website to see what you should (or shouldn't) bring with you and have those items packed and ready to go throughout hurricane season.

4. Know Your Home

Do you have impact windows? If so, there's typically no need to board up or worry about hurricane shutters. Sometimes called hurricane windows, they're designed to withstand a hit by flying debris in certain wind speeds. Impact windows are required by the building code in many areas, so whether you have them might depend on where you live and when your home was built. This information should have been provided to you when you purchased the home.

Did hurricane shutters or plywood come with the property? If so, you'll want to make sure you have all the hardware and tools to install or secure them before the time comes and that you know how to do so. If you are buying shutters or plywood or anything that goes with them, add that to your list of things to buy, well in advance.

Renters should make sure they know their responsibilities in terms of prepping a house or apartment for storms.

Do you have flood insurance? Typical homeowners' insurance doesn't cover water that comes in from outside your home. There's often a waiting period before flood insurance kicks in, so don't wait until a storm is coming to buy it. Flood insurance is separate from what most people call "hurricane insurance" or a "hurricane rider," which is actually windstorm insurance and is usually added to a regular policy.

5. Stay Safe During Power Outages

Dozens of people have died in the Gulf states in recent years from carbon monoxide poisoning while running generators after a hurricane or tropical storm. Generators should never be used in, near, or adjacent to a building or partially enclosed space. They should be at least 20 feet away and never be placed near windows, doors, or vents. If you plan to use a generator, make sure you have battery-powered carbon monoxide detectors for your home.

Heat is also deadly during post-storm power outages, especially for the elderly and those with underlying health issues. People who might need extra assistance during a storm or its aftermath should reach out to local emergency officials to see what services they might provide.

6. Keep a Supply Kit Stocked and Ready

Emergency officials recommend having at least 7 days of nonperishable food and water for every person and pet in your family, plus a two-week supply of any necessary medications.

Every household should also have a **"TO GO KIT"**. This includes things you will take with you if you evacuate. The kit should also include a list of important documents or other things - like phone chargers or pet leashes - that you might want to gather as you leave. Make sure to know where those things are. Make a list of things you need to take so that you don't forget anything.

7. Stay Informed

Know how your county and city send out information and sign up for text alerts and other communications. Familiarize yourself with relevant websites and terms. Have a NOAA weather radio on hand.



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- **Bingo volunteers** needed to work on a team. **A Coordinator and Treasurer are needed. If you are interested in either position, please contact Wendy Verstringhe at wendyjean609@gmail.com. Bingo will NOT go forward without volunteers.**
- **Bunco Coordinator**, set your own day and time, contact Darlene Mallory for info.
- **Coordinators needed to assist with Neighbors Helping Neighbors**, contact Bev MacKenzie.
- **Coordinator** to form a **Holiday Lighting Committee** to decorate the buildings for the holidays. Contact Wendy Verstringhe, if interested.
- **Volunteers to sub for block captains on their street** to help distribute the Breezes newsletters when needed. Subs needed for these streets: Basin/Bahia, Edessa, Flores, Jamaica/Nassau, Maui/10th, and Montego. Please contact Cindy Shaw at tibreezes1@aol.com or by calling/texting 608-212-8967 if you can help.

Business Trespass Program

Over the summer and at other times throughout the year, we've had problems in the pool area, the peninsula, the Marina, the North Basin, and other areas with non-residents. The issue of non-residents on the property has been an on-going problem. The Palmetto Police Department has developed a program to help us at Tropic Isles. On June 19, 2018, we enrolled in this program, the **Business Trespass Program**. You may have noticed the signs that are up at the entrances on 28th Ave. and Aloha Dr., the pool, Office, and peninsula. These signs are part of the program.



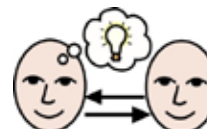
The program works this way. **If you see a non-resident who you believe is trespassing anywhere in the park, call the police. DO NOT CONFRONT THEM.** Notify the Manager and/or a Board member. The police will come out to Tropic Isles and determine if they are in the "Trespass database". If they are, they will be immediately arrested. If not, they will be given a warning and

placed in the Trespass database with the Manager or Board Member present. If they are caught on the property another time, they will be arrested. Our participation in this program prevents the need to file a complaint each time a trespass occurs. It also raises the awareness level of non-residents of the seriousness of their actions. A non-resident is a person who has not been invited to be on the property by a resident of Tropic Isles. Again, please do not confront these people. You never know who is violent. **TAKE A PICTURE. CALL THE POLICE!**

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Cindy Shaw, Editor

CORRECTIONS FOR THE DIRECTORY

Any corrections or additions will be posted here in the monthly newsletters until the 2026 Resident Directory is printed. Please make these changes to your directory.

Resident Listings:

ATKINS, Tom Add address 1708 Terra Ceia Bay Cir., Palmetto, FL.
BERRY, Tom & Daphne Designate the phone number for Tom as 612-860-2821 and for Daphne as 651-235-1656.
CRUISE, David & Karen **NEW!** 340 Terra Ceia Drive, 978-852-4105(D)
CUTLIFFE, Wendy Remove 941-722-1166 and Lt. Island, So. Wellfleet, MA 02663.
Add address 1708 Terra Ceia Bay Cir., Palmetto, FL.

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GIBBS, Steve & Laura

NEW! 3006 12th St. W., 340-998-2893, ruth@stjohnspice.com.

Add email ginaeskey@yahoo.com.
NEW! 3004 12th St. W. Phone number and email for Laura 217-493-1512, lauralgibbs514@yahoo.com.
Phone number and email for Steve 217-493-9026, razorbacks514@yahoo.com.

HOKE, Dean & Sande

Remove Dean's phone number and email. Add Sande's email hokesl.48@gmail.com.

KASCHKADAYEV, Stefan **NEW!** 294 Nassau Dr., 727-776-9953, captainstefank@gmail.com

KING, Mike & Bernadette Remove 941-776-7902.
Add 941-773-5529.

KRAKKER, John & Fran
LEHMANN, Sharon
& **MURPHY, Brian**

NEW! 30 Montego Dr., 810-394-4931
Correct the name Sharon to become Sherry. Also add the email address for Sherry shecar1@silomail.com.

LESHER, Bob
& **TATE, Stephanie**
MARSHALL, Norman
& Cathy

NEW! 1309 28th Ave. Dr., 717-304-1984(B), relesh001@gmail.com

Change the northern address to 97 Cricket Hollow Rd., Little Britain, ONT CAN K0M 2C0

MELTON, Ben & Merry
MORITZ, Karen

Change the address to 190 Bimini Dr.
Remove 941-479-4476.

PIPER, Wendell & Sharon

Remove Wendell's name and phone number.

SOMMERS, Tom & Susan

NEW! 49 Edessa Dr., 740-703-7323(T)/740-804-5032(S), ssommersmsn@gmail.com,
5860 County Road 550, P.O. Box 71, Frankfort, OH 45628

SWEERS, Barry & Cindi

NEW! 1314 28th Ave. Dr., 810-223-3773, cbsweers@yahoo.com

WILLIAMS, Bob
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Trivia Tidbits

THE HUMAN BODY

- Humans are bioluminescent, but this natural glow is invisible to the naked eye. Researchers have discovered that the human body emits a soft light, particularly pronounced in areas like the forehead, neck, and cheeks. This glow is strongest during the day and results from cellular respiration.
- The differential growth rate of fingernails between our dominant and non-dominant hands is a curious example of how body usage affects physical development. When you use your dominant hand more frequently, it doesn't just become stronger or more dexterous; it receives more blood flow.
- The ability of fingerprints to regenerate after damage is a remarkable display of the human body's regenerative capabilities. Due to manual labor, injury, or abrasive activities, damaged fingerprints can often cause concern, especially given their importance in personal identification. However, the skin on our fingertips is uniquely equipped to heal and restore these intricate patterns.
- In an evolutionary throwback, humans once had a nictating membrane, a transparent third eyelid, common in many animals like fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and some mammals. This membrane served as an additional layer of protection and moisture for the eye. In humans, however, this feature has evolved into what we now see as the "plica semilunaris," the small, pink, crescent-shaped tissue at the inner corner of our eyes. While it no longer functions as a protective eyelid, its presence is a fascinating reminder of our shared evolutionary history with other species.



- Believe it or not, the high atmospheric pressure experienced during airplane travel or underwater diving might accelerate hair growth. This intriguing concept arises from the idea that increased pressure can stimulate the hair follicles.



October 13, 2025

Welcome, New Residents!

If you are a new resident of Tropic Isles, we'd like to welcome you. Please make sure to complete an Information Form that includes your important contact information and emergency contacts. A copy of that form can be picked up in the Office. This important information is used to update the new Resident Phone Directory each year. Also, if you are a new resident to the Co-op, please make sure you have received and read a copy of the Rules and Regulations. If you have not received a copy, please contact the Office at 941-721-8888 or visit the Tropic Isles website at www.tropicles.net to view or print a copy. As a resident of Tropic Isles, you are responsible for reading and following the Rules and Regulations of the park.

Hey, New Residents!

We would like to invite you to get involved in the activities and events going on throughout the park! Some activities may be in need of new leadership and can't continue without you!

- Join the Entertainment Committee and help to plan the social events in the park. They meet the first Thursday of the month.
- The Boosters are looking for new members. Come to a meeting and find out how you can get involved. They meet the first Friday of the month from November – April.
- Golf, Bowling, Boat Club, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Shuffle Club, Tropicaires, Mahjong Club, Bible Study, and card groups are always welcoming new members.
- Get involved and volunteer to help in any activity or group where you have an interest.

Please think about getting involved and stepping up to fill some of the leadership vacancies that may be opening up. We need your involvement to keep things going! Contact tibreezes1@aol.com or the current coordinator and get involved. WE NEED YOU!





Cook's Corner

EASY CHICKEN TACOS



Ingredients:

- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1 ½ pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 12 mini flour tortillas, warmed
- 1 cup Pico de Gallo, homemade or store-bought
- 1 avocado, halved, peeled, seeded, and diced
- ½ cup chopped fresh cilantro leaves
- 1 lime, cut into wedges

Equipment:

- Cast Iron Skillet

Instructions

- In a small bowl, combine chili powder, cumin, paprika, oregano, garlic powder, 1 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper.
- Season chicken with chili powder mixture.
- Heat canola oil in a large cast iron skillet over medium high heat. Working in batches, add chicken to the skillet in a single layer and cook until golden brown and cooked through, reaching an internal temperature of 165 degrees F, about 4-5 minutes per side. Let cool before dicing into bite-size pieces.
- Serve chicken in tortillas, topped with Pico de Gallo, avocado, cilantro, and lime.

Submissions to the Breezes Newsletter



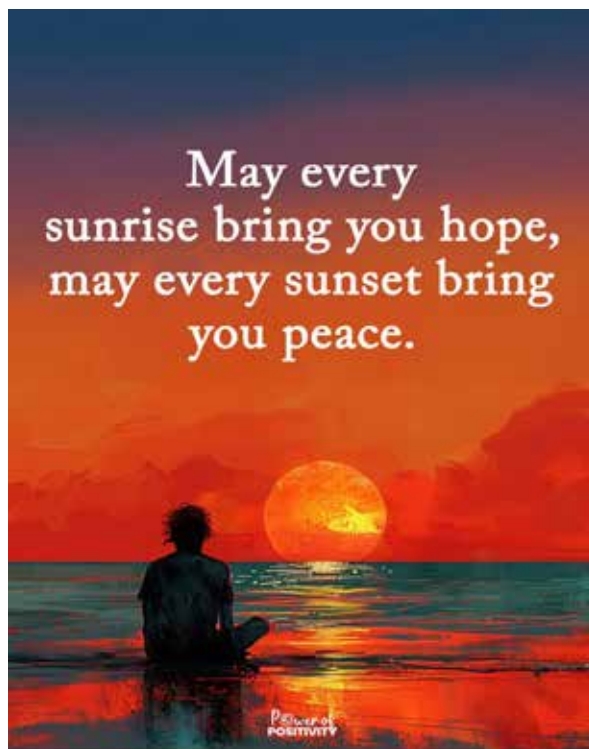
Submissions to the Breezes should be sent to Cindy Shaw at tibreezes1@aol.com. The **deadline is the 10th of each month for the following month**. If you are unable to make a submission using email, call/text 608-212-8967 with your request. You can text or email your pictures, but they must be in jpeg format.

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Co-Op Board Of Directors' Meetings

The Tropic Isles' Board of Directors usually meet **every third Thursday of the month at 9:30 AM in the Auditorium**. You will be notified of the meeting via Mail Chimp prior to the meeting and given the Zoom link. The agenda is posted in the box to the left of the front doors at the Auditorium at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. All Shareholders are welcome to attend. Meetings and the agenda will be announced via Mail Chimp prior to the meeting.

The next Co-op Board Meeting is October 16 at 9:30 AM, if needed.

2025-2026 Co-op Board of Directors Emails

Al MacKenzie, President president@tropicisles.net
 Drew Doll, Vice President vp@tropicisles.net
 Dennis Butts, Secretary secretary@tropicisles.net
 Jose Torres, Treasurer treasurer@tropicisles.net
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Homeowners Association (TIHOA) 2025-2026

Meetings are open to residents who own their home and rent their lot from the Co-op.

TIHOA Board Meeting – February 12 at 4 PM – Seabreeze Room
TIHOA Members Meeting – March 19 at 4 PM – Dockside Room

We maintain our own Mail Chimp account to communicate with our members. If you would like to sign up, please send an email to fstop1122@yahoo.com. If you have any questions, please contact Board members:

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Board Meetings

Y/C Seabreeze Room
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November 4, 2025

December 2, 2025

January 6, 2026

February 3, 2026

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April 7, 2026

Membership Meetings

Y/C Dockside Room

10:15 AM - 12:15 PM

November 10, 2025

December 8, 2025

January 12, 2026

February 9, 2026

March 9, 2026 (Annual Meeting)

April 13, 2026

PROPERTY OWNERS' BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2025-2026



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Live and Learn and Pass It On

People, ages 5 to 95, share what they've discovered about life, love, and other good stuff.

- I've learned that people are more influenced by how much I care, than by how much I know. –age 54
- I've learned that hatred is like acid. It destroys the vessel that holds it. –age 56
- I've learned that you can tell a lot about a man by the happiness of his wife and the respect given him by his children. –age 51
- I've learned that the best way to attend to any problem is to hurry slowly. –age 68
- I've learned that there are still some things I haven't made up my mind about yet. –age 91
- I've learned that when I go to a cafeteria, I always eat too much. –age 38
- I've learned that even the most mundane job holds the potential for great achievement. –age 53
- I've learned that a woman would rather be complimented about her intelligence than her looks. –age 39
- I've learned that it's easy to go from the simple life to the fast track, but almost impossible to go back the other way. –age 44
- I've learned that most people resist change, and yet it's the only thing that brings progress. –age 66

Thoughts On Growing Old

The Older I Get....



- The older we get, the more time flies.
- The older I get the less tolerance I have for human behavior and it requires more effort to accept the fact there are things that I can't change about people. I shake my head, but I am learning to walk away.
- The older I get the fewer people I can call real friends. With age, we begin to evaluate these casual acquaintances. We learn that true friendship is very rare and a personal thing. True friendship is about understanding, support, and brotherhood/sisterhood, and keeps no ledger of payables or receivables. Good friends are hard to find and holding on to them requires you to be a good friend as well.
- The older I get, the more I try my best to avoid crowds. Busy, crowded places make us wish we were quieter where we are not reminded of our insignificance. We seek refuge in the woods or out to sea to turn the volume knob down or the squelch knob up. Intimacy has replaced the need to be part of the action. The older I get, the more I need to get away.
- The older I get, the more I understand what really matters in this life: family, friends, and work, in that order. Retirement after a lengthy career of hard work is an honor and an earned privilege.
- The older I get, the more I realize that perfection is unattainable, but the knowledge gained in pursuit of it is well worth the effort. One of the advantages of getting older is the opportunity for long-term refinement. You have time to tweak your flaws and edit your message. You will never be without those flaws, but time can sand the rough edges. I see this happening in my old friends and I hope they see that in me.
- The older I get, the more time I have to learn to laugh at shortcomings in myself and others and the more I understand that nothing is my parents' fault. We make our own choices out of free will and it is up to us, with age, to clean up our own mess.

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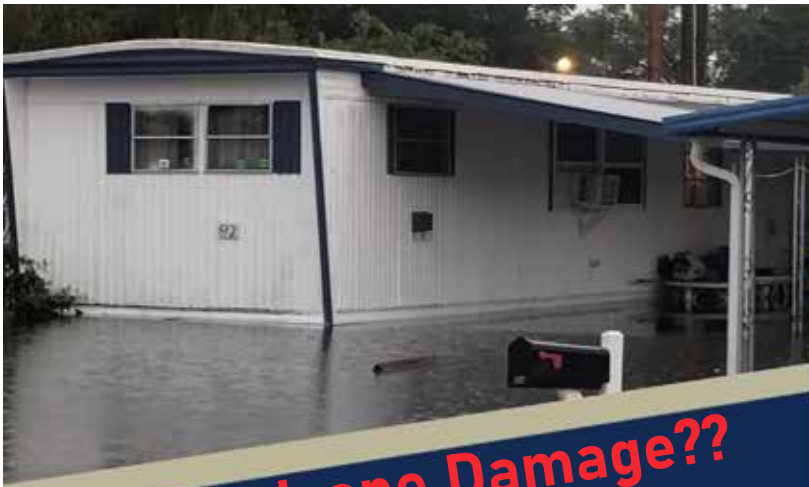
Inspiration The Making of an NFL Football Player



Pictured are Tropic Isles' residents, Bob & Sharon Williams with their grandson, Joe Huber. (The picture was taken at Minnehaha Falls in Minneapolis, Minnesota.) Joe was recently selected for the 53-man NFL roster of the Minnesota Vikings. Joe played high school ball in Columbus, Ohio. He never played a varsity snap until his Senior year. After they put Joe in the game, they saw his potential and he played both offense and defense. Joe was also a varsity heavy weight wrestler. He earned a spot in the State finals, but didn't get to go due to Covid. He would have been the first student at his Columbus High School to go to State in both wrestling and football. He got no college scholarship offers because the high school never played him until his Senior year. He went to the University of Cincinnati because they had a good engineering program. When he got to

Cincinnati, he walked on to the football field and told the coach, Luke Fickle, he wanted to play. The coach said you'll have to prove yourself. The coach got rid of all the walk-ons with the exception of Joe. As a red-shirt freshman, Joe, was in on extra point plays and field goals. In his second year, Joe started on the offensive line as guard and tackle. During his second and third years, Cincinnati went to the Final Four for the National Championship. Cincinnati lost to Georgia one year and lost to Alabama the second year. Coach Fickle was offered a head coaching position at Wisconsin. Fickle's salary at Cincinnati was about \$1 million per year. Wisconsin offered Fickle \$7 million per year for 7 years for a total contract of \$49 million. So Fickle went to Wisconsin. When he went, he asked Joe to go along with him and Joe did. Joe was a first team starter for Wisconsin during his fourth and fifth years. Joe played guard, tackle, and some center. Joe showed interest in the NFL. He got an agent and worked very hard. During the fourth round of the 2025 NFL draft, Joe got a call from his agent. The agent said that the Vikings and the Ravens wanted Joe to commit to their teams. Joe's agent recommended the Vikings, so Joe went to the Vikings as an Undrafted Free Agent. He worked really hard and showed his determination. It paid off. He is now a player on the Minnesota Vikings football team. (People are amazed that Joe and his grandpa look so much alike--almost like twins.) Joe is, and always has been, number 60. Watch for him. We went to his first preseason Vikings game in Minneapolis. He played the entire game in all 3 preseason games.

(Submitted by Bob and Sharon Williams)



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Safety Tips of the Month ---

Carts vs Bicycles and Pedestrians



Please remember that golf carts must follow the same "rules of the road" as cars and other motor vehicles.



Golf carts need to stay on their side of the street, follow the "one way" signs on the streets, stop at all stop signs, and proceed into an intersection after carefully looking both ways. There have been way too many "near misses" on our streets involving bicycles and pedestrians with drivers not following the "rules of the road". Pedestrians and bicycles have the right-of-way. Remember also, that according to our Rules and Regulations and state law, golf carts are not to be operated by children under the age of 16. (See Rule 9.3 below.) Please follow the "rules of the road" and the posted speed limits on our Tropic Isles' streets for the safety of all of our residents.

9.3 Age Restriction to Operate Golf Carts

According to state law, golf carts are not to be operated by children under the age of 16. The operation of golf carts must comply with state laws and local ordinances.



Speed Limits

The speed limit in the park is 15 mph, although it is not posted on most streets. Please check your speed as you travel throughout the park and slow down on those tight corners. There are people riding bicycles and walking, so please slow down, where people may not be visible until you turn the corner. Then it is too late. Golf carts must also abide by the rules in the park.

The speed limit on 28th Ave. W. is posted as 25 mph. Many people speed down 28th Ave. and create an unsafe situation for walkers, bikers, and people walking their dogs along that street. **Please drive safely, observe the speed limits, and SLOW DOWN!**



Stop Signs

For the safety of our residents and guests, obey all the **STOP SIGNS!** Please **STOP at every sign** and proceed with care. There have been some near misses of pedestrians, bikers, and vehicles and we are asking for your co-operation to avoid any serious problems. It is such a little thing to ask, for something so important! After all, IT IS THE LAW!

Pedestrians vs Vehicles



When walking on 28th Ave., please remember to walk facing traffic. According to Florida state law, **pedestrians must walk facing oncoming traffic on the same side of the road as the oncoming traffic.**



Also, you should get as far to the side of the road as possible to provide additional space between you and oncoming cars. It is important to see the vehicles that are approaching you for your own safety. This gives you the best chance to see traffic approaching closest to you and take evasive action when needed.

When bicycling, you must ride on the right side of the road (going in the same direction as automobile traffic). In the early morning hours and in the evening when it's dark, please remember to be safe while walking on our streets. If you are walking at night, wear light-colored or reflective clothing AND CARRY A FLASHLIGHT! If driving a golf cart or riding a bike, lights are needed. When driving, be attentive to pedestrians and bikers. Obey our park speed limits! **SLOW DOWN!**



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Rule of the Month

HAVE YOU READ YOUR RULES LATELY?

This is a reminder that the Rules and Regulations are in effect and being enforced. All residents and their guests are expected to know and abide by these rules. If you need of a copy of the current Rules and Regulations, you may go to www.tropicisles.net to view or print a copy online.

Guest Parking



When Tropic Isles is in full season, guest parking is always a challenge. If you have overnight guests and you do not have sufficient parking for them at your home, Tropic Isles has several areas for temporary guest parking. Unfortunately, our parking facilities are limited. If you have a need for temporary overnight parking for your guests, please come into the Office to get a parking permit. At that time, we will assign you an area for your guest to park. Temporary permits are issued for parking for up to 48 hours. If your guest arrives on the weekend, they can park at Bimini Point or the north parking lot of the Auditorium, unless there is an event happening in the Auditorium. Please come into the office on Monday morning to get a temporary permit. Do not park on empty lots, on the grass, in other people's driveways without their permission, or on the streets overnight.

1.5 Parking (taken from page 43 of the Rules and Regulations)

- Each Resident is permitted no more vehicles than can be accommodated by their carport, driveway, or assigned parking.
- All vehicles must be parked parallel to the carport. Parking across the end of the driveway by Residents is prohibited.
- No vehicle may be parked in such a manner or location to impede visibility around any intersection/corner or stop sign.
- **PARKING AND/OR DRIVING ON THE GRASS IS NOT PERMITTED ANYWHERE IN THE COMMUNITY**, except as described in Section Parking Vehicles in the RV Section.
- Any area not designated (grass, stone, vacant lots/pads, etc.) as a parking or driving surface may NOT be used by any vehicle.

Calling All Fishermen and Women!



Would you like to share a picture of your "catch of the day" from the nearby waters around Tropic Isles?

Send it to tibreezes1@aol.com and it can be published in the next issue of the Breezes. Please include a sentence or two about where it was caught, size, and what type of fish it is!



Remember to Shower Before Entering the Pool



The **State Health Department** and our Rules and Regulations 7.5 Shower state:

The State Health Department requires all persons using a public pool or hot tub/spa to shower immediately before entering the pool and hot tub/spa.

This is not just Tropic Isles' rule 7.5 Shower, it is a Health Department Rule. All you need to do is rinse off and quickly rub your skin to remove any oily residue. It keeps the pool and hot tub/spa cleaner. No shampoo or soaps are permitted in the pool or hot tub/spa deck area.

The shower at the pool is located near the fence on the west side of the pool near the boat docks.

The new shower has a shower head, wand, and foot spout. There are 2 round control knobs. The bottom knob turns on/off the water. The top knob has three positions. Turn the knob to produce water out of the foot spout at the bottom, out of the shower head from the top, or remove the wand for directed use on your body. When you are finished, be sure to turn off the water flow to all areas of the shower.



Residents

We want to take a moment to remind everyone that the pool, hot tub, buildings, and all the common areas are for the use and enjoyment of all residents. For your safety, there are surveillance cameras in all of these locations. If you see someone breaking the rules in these areas or trespassing, please note the day and approximate time of the rule infraction and report it to the Office. Taking a picture is always helpful, too. Our Manager, Bobbie, will review the tapes and be able to determine who has broken the rules and take the appropriate action.

RESIDENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO REPORT ANY INFRACTION OF THE COMMUNITY'S RULES AND REGULATIONS TO THE MANAGER. NOTE THE DAY AND TIME OF THE OCCURANCE AND TAKE A PICTURE, IF POSSIBLE. THE INFORMATION IS KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL!

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING, DO SOMETHING!

Tropic Isles Co-Op Inc. Compliance Policy

COMPLIANCE GOAL:

To ensure the overall appearance of Tropic Isles Co-Op by encouraging residents to maintain their homes and property at the highest possible level in accordance with the Governing Documents and the Rules & Regulations. The obligation of the residents of Tropic Isles to maintain their homes and property are found in the Governing Documents, as follows:

1. Paragraph 48 of the Declaration of Master Form Occupancy Agreement
2. Article 12.1 of the Bylaws
3. Rules & Regulations (as they may be updated from time to time)

COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES:

- Email communication to advise resident, as well as owner of the property, of compliance issue with request to resolve within seven (7) days.
- Rules & Regulations Compliance Request Notice: If the violation is not remedied within seven (7) days, the Manager (at the direction of the Board) shall provide written notice to the resident alleged to be in violation, as well as the owner of the property, of the specific nature of the alleged violation, including a statement setting forth the provision(s) of the documents allegedly violated. This document requires compliance within seven (7) days.
- Final Notice of Violation: If the violation is not remedied within seven (7) days, the manager (at the direction of the Board) shall send a Final Notice of Violation, which is required to be sent via certified mail.

- If the violation is not remedied within ten (10) days of the Final Notice of Violation, the matter will be referred to the Executive Committee of the Board to impose a fine and/or proceed with further enforcement action as set forth in Article 12.1 of the Bylaws.

Prior to a fine being imposed, the Board shall:

Appoint a Fining Committee of at least three (3) members appointed by the Board who are not officers, directors, or employees of the Co-Op, or the spouse, parent, child, brother, or sister of an officer, director, or employee. When an issue is sent to the Fining Committee, it is because the Board has determined to levy a fine. The amount of the fine will be determined by the Board in accordance with the powers granted by the Governing Documents and Florida law. As of the writing of these guidelines, the fines per violation have been set at a maximum of \$100.00 per day or \$1,000.00 in the aggregate for continuing violations. If the Board has approved the levying of a fine, the Board will provide at least fourteen (14) days' written notice to the unit owner and, if applicable, any occupant, licensee, or invitee of the unit owner sought to be fined or suspended, and an opportunity for a hearing before the Fining Committee at a duly called meeting of said committee. The date and time of the hearing will be included in the notice. The alleged violator shall have a right to be represented by counsel and to cross examine witnesses. If the Fining Committee, by majority vote, does not approve a proposed fine, it may not be imposed. The role of the Fining Committee is limited to determining whether to confirm or reject the fine or suspension levied by the Board.

If the fine is confirmed by the Fining Committee, the Co-Op must provide written notice of such fine by mail or hand delivery to the property owner, and, if applicable, to any tenant, licensee, or invitee of the owner. No further notice or hearing shall be necessary to enable the Board to levy fines for an uncorrected violation or violations, or for recurring or continuing violations substantially similar to violations for which a hearing opportunity was previously provided and that occur within one (1) year of the last date a previous violation occurred or was ongoing.

PAYMENT OF FINES:

Fines shall be paid no later than five (5) days after notice of the imposition of the fine. In the event that the fine is not paid when due, the Co-Op may pursue legal action against the owner to recover the fine, as well as recover all legal fees incurred. Nothing in this policy shall be construed to require the Board of Directors to initiate fining against a violator. The Board has the authority to determine the most effective enforcement approach on a case-by-case basis in accordance with Article 12.1 of the Bylaws. This decision is solely within the discretion of the Board of Directors. Consideration may be given regarding the severity and frequency of the infraction in determining the appropriate level of enforcement action to be taken. In the event such other means are pursued, the Co-Op shall not be required to comply with the procedures and provisions of this policy. Additionally, notwithstanding the above, the Board may forego sending the first and second notices in situations where public safety is a concern or in other exigent circumstances, provided that Florida Law is followed prior to levying any fine or taking any legal action. This Compliance Policy was adopted by the Board of Directors on the 16th day of March, 2023 and is reflected in the minutes of the Association.

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October 2025						
			1 9:30 am 3-COR Meeting	2	3	4 6:00 pm Mexican Train Dominoes begins - SB
5 6:00 pm Progressive Euchre - Y	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Columbus Day	14 1:00 pm Book Club - Y	15 9:30 am 3-COR Meeting	16 9:30 am Co-Op Board Meeting - A Boss' Day	17	18
19 6:00 pm Progressive Euchre - Y	20 6:00 pm Poker begins - Y	21	22	23	24 6:00 pm Euchre begins - Y	25
26 4:00 pm Halloween Cart/Bicycle Parade - A	27	28	29 10:00 am Bowling Meeting - Y	30	31 7:00 pm Halloween Party - A	
WEEKLY EVENTS						
10:00 am Shuffle 2:15 pm Mahjong - SB	8:00 am Aerobics - Y 9:00 am Fun & Fitness- Y 10:00 am Shuffle 6:00 pm Poker - Y	8:00 am Aerobics - Y 9:00 am Fun & Fitness- Y 10:00 am Shuffle 2:00 pm Cards - Y	8:00 am Aerobics - Y 10:00 am Shuffle 1:00 pm Music Jam - Y 2:15 pm Mahjong - SB	8:00 am Aerobics - Y 9:00 am Fun & Fitness- Y 10:00 am Shuffle 12:30 pm Canasta- Y	8:00 am Aerobics - Y 10:00 am Shuffle 6:00 pm Euchre - Y	8:30 am Coffee Hour - Y 10:00 am Shuffle 6:00 pm Mexican Train Dominoes - SB

"Breezes" Newsletter Delivery

As you may know, our Tropic Isles' Newsletter, "The Breezes", is delivered by our wonderful volunteer Block Captains. It is very hard for these volunteers to know where to place your newsletter if you do not have a designated spot by your door that can hold your paper. The Block Captains cannot put the newsletters into your USPS mailbox, and we hate to leave them on the stairs or near your door on windy days as the papers end up all over the park. Please have a place that is easy to spot for your Block Captain to leave your newsletter (under your doormat, a rock, etc.). If you don't have a secure spot, they will return your copy to the Office, and you can pick it up there at your convenience. Please don't forget to thank your Block Captain for the service they do. The name of your Block Captain can be found here and in the Resident Directory. Thanks!

Cindy Shaw, Editor

Block Captains by Street

BLOCK CAPTAINS-Street representatives who deliver newsletters/directories.

Aloha Drive	Jeanne Oliver (Oct.-Apr.), Kathryn Wells(summer)
Bahama/28th Ave.....	Donna Finch, Irene Casey (sub)
Basin/Bahia	Linda Coleman (Oct.-Apr.) Steve Tourtilotte(summer)
Bimini.....	Nancy Cobb, Bev Prins (Sub)
Capri.....	Bob Helfrich, Cyndi Belle (Sub)
Del Rio	Pat Baker (Oct.-Apr.), Susan Neumann(summer)
Edessa	Joy Colbert
Flores	Anna Antonacci
Jamaica/Nassau	Betty Moore
Marina/13th St. (Co-op) ..	Mary Buckley (Oct.-May), Shirley Clarkson(summer) Chris Gorton (Sub)
Maui/10th St.....	Jo Schmidt
Montego.....	Mary Pike (Oct.-May), Steve Tourtilotte(summer)
Tampico.....	Irene Casey, Kim and Don Trammel (Sub)
Terra Ceia	Doug Woulf, Sherry Novak (Sub)
12th St. W.....	Elaine Faulkner
13th St. W., 31st Ave. W. .	Shari Antcliff
14th St. W., 29th Ave. W. .	Nancy Grant (Oct.-May), Phyllis Ann Smith(summer)
28th Ave. Dr. W.....	Phyllis Ann Smith
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What Is "Mail Chimp"?

Mail Chimp is the system that has been put into place that will allow the Office the ability to instantly communicate with ALL Tropic Isles residents---Co-op, Property Owners, and Homeowners, separately or all together. **Mail Chimp requests must be given to the Office 48 hours in advance of when you want the Mail Chimp sent out. This is how it works:**

When the system of communication was established in January of 2018, a database of all known email addresses was taken out of the Tropic Isles Directory and assembled. The "Mail Chimp" system has the ability to send messages to all, or any segment of Tropic Isles separately. This "Mail Chimp" program DOES NOT share email addresses with everyone. It DOES NOT allow the recipient to "Reply to all", and it also gives residents the option to **unsubscribe**, if desired. Your privacy will thus be protected.

What should you do?

Check the phone directory to be certain your email address is correct. If a correction is needed, or your email address is not in the directory, or you are a new resident of the park, or you have NOT been receiving email notices from the Office, see Robin in the Office to be included in the "Mail Chimp" email list. Not everyone has an email address, so if you know of a neighbor or friend who does not use email, please try to spread the message to them. This system WILL NOT replace notices that are legally required to be mailed out to all residents, but rather it is used as a quick method to keep as many residents as possible, updated on situations as they occur in the park that may affect them. This system came in very handy during hurricane season and for other events in the park (i.e. water or power shutoff, sewer testing, etc.), so make sure you get on the list for important information as it happens. **The Office asks for 48-hour notice to request a Mail Chimp to be sent out and only one per event.**

~~Special Thanks~~

- Thanks to **Irene Casey** and her volunteers for keeping the Saturday Summer Coffee Hour going throughout the summer. It brought people together for socializing and fellowship.
- Thanks to **Elaine Faulkner** for all her help in preparing the Resident Phone Directory and for organizing the Block Captains for the Property Owners.
- Thanks to our top-notch **Maintenance Team** who kept Tropic Isles looking great over the summer while working in the heat and humidity. The park looks GREAT!
- A big "thanks" to **Nancy Cobb and her team of volunteers-- Bobbi Turnage, Bev Thompson, Connie Giroux, Cheryl Smith, and Denny Vitton** for keeping the planter in front of the Auditorium, the entrances, and the areas at the pool free of weeds and looking healthy and beautiful.
- A special "thanks" to all those **people who sent in pictures** from their summer visits with TI friends.

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- A very special "thanks" to the entire **Marina Staff** for being so welcoming and patient with my 2 grandchildren as they fed the snook and asked lots of questions during their long visit with us. The staff went above and beyond the call of duty.

---Connie Giroux

- A HUGE thank you to all the **people in the park** for their support in so many ways during my recent hospitalizations. The many gifts of food, flowers, cards, and expressions of support were greatly appreciated. Tropic Isles is a very caring community!



---Irene Casey

Did You Know?

- That the **Full Speed Ahead Fitness Center, Gamers Quarters, and Seabreeze Room** are newly renovated and are available for your use. The **Book Nook** will be ready soon. 
- That the idea for "Home of the Month" was created to recognize residents who work to improve their home's "curb appeal" and encourage others to do the same. It has been in existence since 2011 and was the creative brainstorm of former resident, **Pat Nizborski**. 
- That the 2 restrooms in the Yacht Club are now unisex. Both restrooms can be used by either men or women.
- That Maui Dr. is a **ONE-WAY** Street going from 28th Ave. to Aloha Dr. ALL vehicles, including golf carts and bikes, should proceed in the correct direction to avoid mishaps on this narrow road.
- That if you see a low-flying helicopter circling around the area, it is probably Mosquito Control spraying for mosquitoes.
- Follow the SLOW-Manatee Zone signs in the area. Manatees are on the move now that the water is warm. It is against the law to harass, feed, water, or touch a manatee.
- You can access the Breezes newsletter by visiting the Tropic Isles portal at www.tropicisles.net under the "Residents"—"Breezes Newsletters" heading.
- You can send pictures to be included in the Breezes newsletter of your events by texting them to 608-212-8967 or emailing them to tibreezes1@aol.com. Don't forget to send your pictures to f134221@aol.com to be posted on the Tropic Isles' Facebook page.
- That you can pick up a copy of the local newspaper, North River News, in the Auditorium, at the Marina, Yacht Club, and from the Office to get the latest news from Palmetto and surrounding areas.

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Yacht Club Restoration

The newly restored rooms in the Yacht Club are getting lots of use after the restoration was completed. The refurbished chairs at the pool look great after they were re-strapped in the new, blue and white color scheme!



Boat Club News



I hope all is well with our club members. The summer is coming to an end and we are looking forward to some cooler weather down here in Tropic Isles. What a difference a year

makes. The Park Manager and Staff have worked diligently this season getting our park back in order. You will be quite impressed with what has been accomplished.

We are looking forward to starting up our season. We left off the season discussing various issues and projects. One issue was a donation to Sea Breeze Park for the generous use of their park facility for our annual club picnic. Our donation was used to repair their existing grill unit, by rebuilding the framing and cooking grates. The project was completed and their park truly appreciated our donation. THANKS a bunch, to Tom, our Maintenance Supervisor, for his assistance. We also will be revising our existing member application and addressing ways to ID members for meetings and club events. Various programs are in the works: safety ladders, oyster gardens, and channel markers. We also made presentations to the Co-Op Board to create committees to review boat covers over existing docks and a pavilion by the Yacht Club for outside events.

As I write this report, I realize we are coming to the anniversary of last year's hurricanes that redefined our park. Let's hope it's another 100 years before that ever happens again in Tampa Bay.

At the end of this season, the Bridge will be looking for a new Vice Commodore. Please consider this appointment if you would like to serve in this position. As always, please email our secretary with any discussion items you would like to see on the agenda. Have a safe trip back to Tropic Isles. Our first Club meeting will be November 5, 2025. Full sails and tight lines!!

Tom Hennessy, Boat Club Commodore

Boat Club Bridge

Tom Hennessy, Commodore

Jim Kelly, 1st Vice Commodore

Steve Tourtilotte, 2nd Vice Commodore

Cheryl Brink, Secretary

Karen Linke, Treasurer

Tropic Isles' Marina



MARINA HOURS

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MARINA STAFF

Rick Kropp - Marina Manager

Dean Brown

Mike Biggins

Jerry Quesenberry

Joe Bokar ("Bokey")



Safety Ladders

Safety ladders were installed around the park last year with green neon flags to mark their locations. So, if you find yourself in the water unexpectedly, with no way to get out, look for the green flag.



Boat Launch



Residents, please make sure to pick up a free Boat Launch Permit from the Marina to be affixed and displayed on your boat before launching. If you are a resident launching your boat at the Marina, temporary parking is available for your vehicle/trailer with a parking permit from the Office. Contact the Office for details.

Boat Launch Permits ~



Any resident who launches their boat from the boat ramp at the Marina must have a launch permit. **Permits are provided free to Residents.** Please pick up a boat launch permit at the Marina. The staff at the Marina will have each resident sign for a new permit because the new permits are numbered and are assigned to a specific resident. This permit should be affixed to your boat and displayed where it is clearly visible to the Marina staff.

Kayak Launch Use Reminders



If you are using the Tropic Isles' kayak launch, please make sure to do the following:

1. Read the directions if you are not sure how to use the launch.
2. Make sure you sign out and erase your name when you return.
3. When you lower the ramp, do not undo both ends of the rope. Undo one side, lower the ramp, and then cleat it off.
4. If no one else is signed out when you return, please lift the ramp out of the water.
5. If the ramp has debris on it, please hose it off.

Your help in taking good care of our launch is appreciated.

Photo of the Month



Please send me your favorite photo of wildlife or scenery and I will feature at least one photo a month. Include where it was taken and the name of the person taking it. Email it to tibreezes1@aol.com or text it to 608-212-8967. Please send in your favorite nature photo.

Looking For A Rental?



I am offering to act as a Rental Liaison for Tropic Isles. I will simply match homeowners to perspective renters and renters to homeowners wishing to rent. Communication only, no charge. Please send me your request via email to jwfreeman@fuse.net or call/text 859-750-2617 to Jackie Freeman.

Fishing In Alaska!

Mike and Bev Thompson traveled out to Anchorage. Then their friend, Scott, picked them up in his plane and he flew them to the Kenai/Nikiski area! He's been there many times and was their host and tour guide for the week they were there! They went to Homer one day...the very most southern point on the Kenai Peninsula, famous for the Homer Spit and a big marina/fishing area. Then one day, they went fishing offshore from Seward. It was lovely with lots of interesting history and little coves with homes only accessible by boat. It was their second trip out. They did a land and sea trip to the Denali area and then cruised the inside passage south to Vancouver!



This Sockeye Salmon was caught by Beverly Thompson from the Kenai River in Soldotna, Alaska.



Mike and Bev Thompson with friend, Scott Oglesby, caught their limit of salmon during a float plane fishing trip on the Kustatan River, AK.



It was a great day of fighting the weather and fishing the Kenai Peninsula out of Seward, Alaska by Bev and Mike Thompson and their friend, Scott Oglesby. They caught halibut, cod, and rockfish.

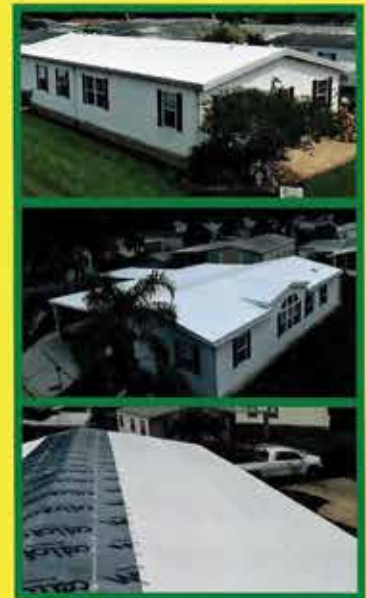
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Friendly Reminders



- **IF YOU ARE LEAVING THE PARK, PLEASE PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR HURRICANE SEASON (June 1-No-vember 30) BY REMOVING EVERYTHING IN YOUR YARD THAT COULD BECOME A MISSILE IN STRONG WINDS AND SECURING ANYTHING THAT YOU KEEP STORED IN YOUR CARPORT OR OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOME.**
- That we encourage you to follow the “**See something, say something, do something**” slogan if you see someone not following the rules or trespassing in the park. Take a picture and report it to the Office AND call the Palmetto Police 941-721-2000 Ext. 4.
- If you have corrections or additions to make for the Resident Directory, please complete an Information Form with your information. A copy of the form can be found in the Office.
- **ARC (Architectural Review Committee)** approval is needed for any work that is done on the outside of your home, on your dock, or on your lot. ARC application forms are available in the Office and need to be completed to get placed on the ARC agenda. No work should begin on your project until your final approval letter from the Office is received.
- Make sure the Office has your email address to be included in the important Mail Chimp notices that go out to residents. You can email the Office at info@tropicisles.net to make that request. Mail Chimp requests to make an announcement must be made **48 hours** in advance and sent to info@tropicisles.net.
- All residents of Tropic Isles Co-op (including private renters) are required to have a background check and be approved by the Co-Op. The Board unanimously approved instituting a \$250.00 penalty for any residents/tenants/renters who do not go through the approval process per the Rules and Regulations. The penalty will be posted to the owner's account.
- DO NOT feed stray cats or dogs. This attracts unwanted critters to the area. Our Rules and Regulations clearly state:
10.5 General
Residents are not permitted to leave food or water dishes outdoors. This includes bird feed.
- Remember that NO yard waste (grass clipping, branches, etc.) should end up in the canals or streets. Make sure your lawn service is aware of this as well.
- Avoid driving down the streets where demolition of homes is being done or new homes are being installed. Many nails, screws, and sharp metal pieces get left behind which could do damage to your tires. Residents on those streets can help by walking the street you live on and picking up the sharp metal items that get left behind. We all can do our part to help!
- That dog owners are EXPECTED to be responsible and pick up after your dog and dispose of their waste in the proper container. Dogs must be on a leash throughout the park and in control of the Resident or an authorized caregiver.



- Smokers, please do not use the streets, parking lots, or common grounds as your ashtray. Please dispose of your cigarette butts in the trash can.
- THE POOL IS OPEN 24/7, BUT PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF YOUR NEIGHBORS. QUIET HOURS ARE 10 PM TO 8:30 AM.
- If your activity changes the formation of the tables in the Yacht Club or Auditorium, you must return the tables to their original formation.
- That these are important emails to record and save:
Tropic Isles Co-op Manager, Barbara McEvoy

manager@tropicisles.net

Administrative Assistant, Lori Rizzo office@tropicisles.net

Resident Services, Robin Emanuel frontdesk@tropicisles.net

Maintenance Manager, Tom Tonich maintenance@tropicisles.net

Marina Manager, Rick Kropp marina@tropicisles.net

Trash/Recycling/ Yard Waste Pickup

Beginning October 6, 2025. the trash schedule will be as follows:



Solid Waste - Tuesdays & Fridays

Yard Waste - Wednesdays

Recycling - Fridays

Bulk Items: Call 941-723-4580



Bulk item policy: Every residence receives one free bulk item pickup per year. Additional pickups are available for a fee. Call the city's Solid Waste Department to schedule a pickup at 941-723-4580.

To dispose of electronics, paint, or chemicals call 941-748-5543 for disposal options.

****NOTE:** As of 10/1/25, yard waste will NOT be accepted in plastic bags.

Yard waste must be set out in:

- Reusable containers (bins or cans)
- Tied bundles (no longer than 4 feet in length)
- Compostable kraft paper bags

Yard waste that is not properly prepared cannot be collected.

Grass Recycling Is Important



We want to take a moment to remind you to practice “grass recycling” when your lawn gets mowed. Grass recycling (or mulching) means leaving clippings on your lawn. This helps to make sure grass clippings do not blow into bodies of water or onto surfaces such as driveways, sidewalks, or street curbs, where they will eventually end up in the canals during rain events. Nutrients trapped in organic matter, such as grass clippings, leaves, and branches, can be re-released as pollutants when organic debris enters drainage areas, basin canals, and waterways. We all need to do our part to protect our waterways, and making sure to blow your grass clippings back onto your lawn is an important step. Please remind your lawn service to do the same. Thanks!

Laughter is the Best Medicine!



- What do you get when you pick a pig's nose? Ham Booger. I know. . . snot funny!
- I would tell you my autumn joke, but you probably wouldn't fall for it.
- Grandma's been staring through the window ever since it started to snow. If it gets any worse, I'll have to let her in.
- My wife likes it when I blow air on her when she's hot, but honestly... I'm not a fan.
- What did the vegan say? I made a big missed steak.
- I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.
- You can't get on the same page with someone who has a different book.
- I threw a ball for my dog. It's a bit extravagant I know, but it was his birthday and he looks great in a dinner jacket.
- Did you hear there is a coin shortage in America? We're running out of common cents.
- Why did the lady wear a helmet every time she ate? She was on a crash diet!
- My wife just found out I replaced our bed with a trampoline. She hit the roof.
- What did the tree say to autumn? Leaf me alone.
- I just burned 2,000 calories. That's the last time I leave brownies in the oven while I nap.
- The CEO of IKEA was elected Prime Minister in Sweden. He should have his cabinet together by the end of the weekend.
- I once entered the world kleptomaniac championships. I took gold, silver, and bronze.
- About a month before he died, my uncle had his back covered in lard. After that, he went downhill fast.
- I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes. It's all about raisin awareness.
- I stayed up all night wondering where the sun went and then it dawned on me.
- Did you hear about the guy who got hit in the head with a can of soda? He was lucky it was a soft drink.



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Booster News



YOU ARE A BOOSTER!

Who is a Booster?

Anyone that lives in Tropic Isles (shareholders, homeowners, renters, property owners)

What is the Boosters' purpose?

To support efforts in making Tropic Isles a great place to live.

What are some of their projects?

- Palm Trees – Purchase & maintain palm trees.
- Recycling - Collect & redeem aluminum cans.
- Financial Support – Contribute financially to further the efforts of other park groups.
- Tropic Isles' t-shirts sales
- Social Activities – Please read the Breezes Newsletter for all activity notices.

When do they meet?

- We meet the **first Friday of each month** in the Auditorium, November–April at 9 AM.
- Meetings are informative and open to all.

Boosters' Officers 2025-2026

Boosters President / Dennis Weber (989) 233-4457 / denweb@toast.net

Vice-President / Wendy Verstringhe (585) 481-4099 / wendyjean609@gmail.com

Secretary / Linda Doll (585) 599-3341 / canoedoll@gmail.com

Treasurer/ Mike Cuff (952) 261-7707 / mcuff@comcast.net

Director/ Drew Doll (716) 573-3250 / adoll@rochester.rr.com

Booster Events/Project Managers 2025-2026

- Thanksgiving Supper (Judy Milliken & Marilyn Denby)
- Soup Supper (Sue Weaver)
- Pancake Breakfast (Don Stroud)
- Booster Dance (Marilyn Denby and Julie Couwenberg)
- AED Maintenance (Dennis Foley)
- Palm Tree Purchasing and Planting (Don Denby)
- Palm Tree Fertilizing (Denny Vitton)
- Aluminum/Metal Collection and Sales (Chuck Sugg, Dennis Foley, and John Giroux)
- Communication (Nancy Grant and Pat Brazil)
- TI Apparel Sales (Jean Volkens)
- Marketing Director (Drew Doll)

Aluminum Can Recycling

The Boosters continue to collect aluminum cans over the summer. The drop-off box is in the Office parking lot or you can call for pickup if you have a large quantity. This is for aluminum cans only. Please do not put plastic bags, trash, or any other food items in the box. We collect a considerable amount of money from recycling and the money is used on items for the park.



Please Help!

This summer, trash was found inside the collection box for aluminum cans. **PLEASE DO NOT** put anything but aluminum cans into the drop-off box. It is only for ALUMINUM CANS.

Separating aluminum cans from the cartons BEFORE depositing the cans helps to make the collection of cans so much easier. There is a trash can at the front of the Auditorium for your trash.



Thanks to Chuck Sugg and George Schuss for volunteering to collect the cans from the collection box over the summer!



~Coming Events~



OCTOBER

Mexican Train Dominoes

Come and join us for Mexican Train Dominoes on **Saturday nights at 6-9 PM** in the Seabreeze Room of the Yacht Club starting **October 4**. Contact Kathi Gossman at 810-985-3870 with questions.



Progressive Euchre



We play Progressive Euchre on the **1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 6-10 PM** in the Dockside Room of the Yacht Club. In October, we will meet on **October 5 and 19**. Come join us and meet some new people. Contact Jackie Freeman at 859-750-2617 with questions.

Tropic Isles' Book Club



On **Tuesday, October 14** the Book Club will meet in the Yacht Club at 1 PM. The Tropic Isles' Book Club is looking for more members! Contact Irene Casey at 774-291-9444 with questions.

TI Book Club 2025 Book Selections

October: The Librarian of Burned Books by Brianna Labuskes

November: When The World Fell Silent by Donna Jones Alward (NEW)

December: The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride by Joe Siple

Let's Play Poker!



Like to play poker? We're starting up again on **Monday, October 20**. We play every Monday night from 6 to 9 PM in the Yacht Club. We play Dealer's Choice with nickel and dime antes. We are always eager to learn new games. We hope to see you there. Call Darlene at 810-488-0354 with any questions.

♠♦ Euchre Anyone? ♣♥

Euchre starts up again on **Friday, October 24**. We play Euchre every Friday starting promptly at 6 PM to 9 PM in the Yacht Club. You don't need to bring a partner. We play with 4, 5, or 6 people at a table. It just depends on how many people show up. It's always a fun time. Come and check it out. Call Darlene at 810-488-0354 with any questions.



Bowling League Meeting

The Bowling League will be starting on Thursday, November 6 at Bowlero Lanes in Bradenton, but we are having our introductory meeting on **October 29 at 10 AM** in the Dockside Room of the Yacht Club. Hope to see you there! (Details about the Bowling League can be found on page 35.)

Vicky Williams—Bowling Secretary/Treasurer

Halloween Golf Cart/Bicycle Parade

We will start off the season with a Halloween Golf Cart Parade on **Sunday, October 26th**. Participants will meet in front of the Auditorium at 3:45 with the parade beginning at 4 PM. Bikes are also welcomed! If you are not in the parade, please show the participants your support as they drive by.



Halloween Party

This year we are going to try something different. Instead of a Halloween Dance, we will be having a Halloween Party. This will take place on **Friday, October 31st** in the Auditorium beginning at 7 PM until 10 PM. There will be music to dance to, games, and lots of fun. There will be no charge, but we are asking you to bring an appetizer to share and your drinks. Dig out that costume if you want and come join the fun! We will have a \$100 lottery board in place of the 50/50 drawing. (For \$5 a ticket, you will get a chance to win \$100 worth of lottery tickets.) We hope to see you there!

NOVEMBER

Texas Hold 'Em

Come join us for a rousing game of Texas Hold 'Em on Monday nights, starting **November 3**, from 6-9:30 PM in the Dockside Room of the Yacht Club. Meet new people and enjoy a night of poker.

Contact Dwayne Scruton at 978-360-5267 if you have any questions.



Tropic Isles Golf League (TIGL)



Hello, all you golfing fanatics at beautiful Tropic Isles! Yes, once again it's that time of year to dust off our golf shoes and clean up our clubs for another spectacular year of Co-ed fun golf for play at Terra Ceia Country Club organized at Tropic Isles! **Our first outing will be the 1st Wednesday, November 5th.**

Gail and I have really enjoyed organizing and promoting this event for the past five years. We really look forward to seeing all our former golf friends and hopefully some new ones. I have heard there have been some new residents at TI and I'm hoping that

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some new golfers will come and join us. I will send out a reminder via text messages the week before we begin to get us started. Please don't be bashful if you're a newbie, as we welcome all ladies and gents of any skill level. Our main objective is to have fun. My original old saying is "If you don't have fun, you can't come back!" 😊

If you are new and want to join us, call either one of us so we can add you to our list. Come join us. You won't be sorry, I'm sure!

Coordinators: Ron Stewart 207-641-5335 or
Gail Stewart 207-459-9548



Boat Club Meeting

The first Boat Club meeting will be held on **November 5 at 6:30 PM** in the Auditorium.

The Club meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, November-April. Our treasurer, Karen Linke, wants to encourage those that attend our first meeting to pay their 2024 dues, now \$25/family per year. It would be a great help to Karen if those paying their dues, could PLEASE bring the correct amount. (\$20 + \$5 would be of great help.)

Don't forget to wear your name tags! Hope to see you there! Contact Tom Hennessy at 941-224-1716 if you have any questions.

Tom Hennessy, Commodore

Entertainment Committee Meeting



This season, the Entertainment Committee is looking at bringing more events to the community. We are a great team and are always looking for new members who would like to join us. We have a lot of fun coming up with new ideas and planning the events. Our meetings are on the first Thursday of the month at 10:00 AM in the Yacht Club. Our next meeting is **November 6 at 10:00 AM**. Feel free to stop in and just see what we do!



Bowling News

Hi folks! I hope everyone is doing well. The Bowling League will be starting on **Thursday, November 6** at Bowlero Lanes in Bradenton. The starting time will be 12:30 PM for 16 weeks. We will be taking off for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. I'm not sure, but the cost will be around \$18.00 per week and if you miss a week, the cost will be \$3.00 for the prize fund. We are always looking for subs and I think we need some full-time bowlers also. If you are interested, please let me know by phone or e-mail. My e-mail is vickyle8@aol.com and my phone number is 528-283-2763. I hope to see you there. Thanks!

Vicky Williams, Bowling Secretary/Treasurer

Welcome to Game Night!



Please join us on Thursday evenings starting **Thursday, November 6** at the Yacht Club for GAME NIGHT at 6 PM. You may come alone or with

friends. Different card games and board games are played. If you come alone there will always be a place for you. You can bring a game that you would like to play. If you want to learn a new game, you will find many members who would be more than happy to teach you. It is a fun way to spend a social evening!

Judy Gutwein and Kathi Gossman, Coordinators

Booster Meeting

The first meeting of the Tropic Isles Boosters is scheduled for **Friday, November 7**, at 9:00 AM in the Auditorium. Please plan to attend and become part of the Boosters. "Everyone is a Booster!" The purpose of the Boosters is to work together to help make Tropic Isles a great place to live. The Boosters welcome everyone to attend as we begin planning for this season. We especially welcome new residents to attend and find out what the Boosters will be doing this year and hopefully become involved.



Water Aerobics



Water Aerobics will meet and greet on **November 10th at 10 AM at the pool**. Bring your aching bodies and your summer stories. We love to see your smiling

faces that show your love for TI. Remember your water shoes, hat, drinking water, and sunscreen. All are welcome in this class. Come down and meet your neighbors, new and old. Your instructors will be Cindi Myers, Wendy Verstringhe, and Karen Timmermans. Contact Cindi Myers at 765-438-3642 if you have any questions. See you there!

The Caring Team

Some concerned citizens in Tropic Isles began the formation of the "Caring Team" in 2023—a group of individuals that would be willing to help those in our community who may be alone or need assistance. The "Caring Team" might do things like calling and/or checking in on their neighbors, helping them with some tasks, shopping, running an errand, etc.



The idea behind this concept centers on providing a type of "wellness visit" for residents who live alone or those that do not have a support system in place for health emergencies or in times of need. Since it was formed, the Caring Team was successful in providing assistance of various kinds to residents who had various health needs. All information is kept strictly confidential. **The Caring Team is available to assist you with your health needs by calling Irene Casey at 774-201-9444.**

Our next Caring Team meeting will be November 10, 2025 at 9 AM in the Auditorium. If you are interested in becoming a part of this Caring Team, please email me at tibreezes1@aol.com, call/text me at 608-212-8967, or attend the meeting on November 10. We'd love to have you on our team!

Cindy Shaw, Caring Team Secretary

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Activity Committee Meeting

Our first Activity Committee Meeting for the 2025-2026 season will be **November 12** at 9 AM at the Auditorium. **SAVE THE DATE!** All residents are welcome to attend. The Tropic Isle's Activities Committee is here for you! We meet every second Wednesday of the month. We support the 40+ activities in our vibrant, wonderful community and welcome new ideas and activities! Our Tropic Isles' community is strong through our activities and social activities! We look forward to connecting with you and most importantly, hearing how we can support your activity and group this 2025-2026 season. Old and new activities alike, please send a representative or two, and share with the Activity Board your goals for the upcoming season. You can talk about news and happenings with your activity and club and where we can partner together ensuring our social community in Tropic Isles remains fun and vibrant.



*Tropic Isles' Activity Committee
Wendy Verstringhe, President*

Shuffle Club News

Tropic Isles' residents are fortunate to have some of the most beautiful shuffleboard courts in Florida. Our dedicated shufflers maintain the courts, polish the disks, and keep all the equipment in good order. Any resident of Tropic Isles is welcome to use these courts at any time, but why not join us for a fun game?



During the summer, players meet on Thursday evenings at 7 PM. Once the weather cools down and the snowbirds return, we'll be back to our daily play at 10 AM. We draw for partners, so you get to meet new friends during every game, and we'll help you learn to play. We couldn't be a friendlier group. We also meet once a month during the season for a potluck dinner and business meeting at 5 PM. Our first meeting/potluck of the season will be **Wednesday, November 12th**.

Free lessons, offered by our club members, begin in January. Stay tuned to the Breezes for updates and announcements or check the board at the courts.

Bev MacKenzie, Club Secretary

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The Tropic Isles' Bible Study will resume **Friday, November 14th** at 9:00 AM in the Seabreeze Room with an informal discussion to decide what we want to study this season. I am hoping to see some familiar

faces along with some new ones! I am looking forward to some great discussions! If you have any questions, please contact me, Karen Downing, at 231-218-4261 (phone or text) or email: art.design.karen@gmail.com.

Welcome Back Dance



Welcome back to Tropic Isles! Our **Welcome Back Dance** is on **Saturday, November 15th** with DJ Peter Ruskins keeping us entertained from 7:00 to 10:00 PM. Plan to join us for a great evening of fun!



Another season will be starting soon for line dancing. I want to thank everyone for your participation last season and I am looking forward to this year. We will be having new songs and new dances. Classes will start **Monday, November 24**, from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM in the Auditorium. Beginners are encouraged to come for fun and exercise. For more information call Nancy Larsen at 941-725-2216.

Thanksgiving Dinner

The Boosters will be hosting Thanksgiving Dinner on **November 27th**. Dinner will be served at 5:00. Please bring your own table setting and drinks. There will be coffee and water available. Dinners can be delivered to those not able to get to the Auditorium. Please call Judy Milliken at 740-542-2155 with any questions.



Judy Milliken and Marilyn Denby, Coordinators

DECEMBER

Tropic Isles' 2025-2026 Blood Drives

THANKS TO ALL THE WONDERFUL "SUPERHEROES" WHO DONATED BLOOD LAST SEASON. The units of blood collected last year went to our local hospitals, All Children's Hospital, and all the VAs in Florida. The challenge this coming season is to exceed 83 units of blood! To that end, please mark your calendar for the three blood drives scheduled for the upcoming season:



- **Friday, December 5, 2025**
- **Friday, February 6, 2026**
- **Friday, April 10, 2026**

Your generosity is giving someone life and more time to enjoy it! Giving blood is a simple thing to do, but it can make a big difference in the lives of others. Every two seconds, someone needs blood. The blood donated at our blood drive is likely transfused into a patient within 48 to 72 hours. The turnaround is that fast and that constant. **Call Carmen Garcia at 787-501-2613 to get more information.** Watch for the sign-up link in the November Breezes to schedule appointments for the December blood drive.

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What's Happening In The Neighborhood?

Library News



The Tropic Isles' Library, or more recently known as **The Book Nook**, will be "open for business" as soon as the



room can be reorganized. Here you will find large print, hard cover, and paperback books, DVDs, magazines, jigsaw puzzles, and more. For anyone new to Tropic Isles, our library operates on the honor system. You do not need to check out items you wish to borrow. We simply ask that you return the items to the basket by the desk when you are done. A library volunteer will put them back where they belong. If you'd like to volunteer to help in the library, please contact Phyllis Ann Smith at 941-932-5654.

Phyllis Ann Smith, Library Committee President

Landscaping Advisory Committee

The Landscape Committee is always looking for volunteers to help weed the entrances during all the seasons. Volunteers help to keep the entrances weeded and deadheaded, including the areas inside the pool's fenced area. A special thanks to the volunteers who have worked this summer, including those who water the plants in the Auditorium planter while the drip irrigation is being repaired. I am always impressed by the many volunteers in our community.



Pamela Cuff, Coordinator 952-374-8712

Tuesdays At 2:00



The Tuesdays at 2:00 get-together for cards and something to do meets in the Yacht Club. Do not hibernate!

Come on down, get to know the other residents in the park, and make new friends. Contact Sherry Novak at 330-428-6005 if you have any questions.

CANASTA, ANYONE?

Canasta Players Wanted!



Come and join us for a game of Canasta/Hand and Foot. We meet on **Thursdays from 12:30 to 4:00** in the Seabreeze Room in the Yacht Club. We would love to have some new faces join our little group. Contact Diane Ringler with questions at 941-713-1534. Hope to see you there!

Mahjong



Mahjong meets in the Seabreeze Room (formerly the Pretty Room) of the Yacht Club every **Wednesday and Sunday at 2:15-4:30 PM**. Come on down and join us! If you are interested in learning to play Mahjong, please contact Irene Casey at 774-201-9444 or email Irene at irene5381@gmail.com.



Tropic Isles' Music Jam—TI Band



The Musician's Jam is usually held on **Wednesdays from 1-3 PM in the Yacht Club**. Due to low attendance at this time of the year, please call Tom Tripp at 603-391-9645 prior to going, just to be sure it is happening.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN)

Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN) continues to answer calls for various needs relating to park compliance issues with your home or yard, special concerns, or hardships. We welcome all calls. If we cannot help you directly, we have a list of referrals which may help. Bev is still looking for volunteers to assist her in coordinating the work parties for Neighbors Helping Neighbors' requests. Please call **Bev MacKenzie at 716-583-4894** for assistance or to volunteer.



Entertainment Committee Events 2025-26

It's that time already! The Entertainment Committee is ready to bring some great activities to the community this season.



We are planning a **Welcome Back Pool Party/Yacht Club Grand Opening in November**. Details to follow.

The Entertainment Committee meets the first Thursday of the month at 10:00 AM in the Yacht Club. We are always looking for more members with new and exciting ideas. Feel free to stop in and check it out!

2025-2026 ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

These are some of next season's schedule of events. (There will be more events added.)

Halloween Golf Cart Parade	Oct. 26	Meet at the Auditorium
Halloween Party	Oct. 31	Party in the Auditorium
Welcome Back Dance	Nov. 15	DJ Peter Ruskin and his wife
Welcome Back Pool Party/YC Grand Opening	TBD	
Christmas Dance	Dec. 13	Bob and Tom--The Band
Christmas Golf Cart Parade	Dec. 21	Meet at the Auditorium
Christmas Eve Social	Dec. 24	Christmas Program in the Auditorium
New Year's Eve Party	Dec. 31	Party at the Auditorium
Super Bowl Party	Feb. 8	Gathering in the Auditorium (wear your favorite team attire)
Valentine Golf Cart Parade	Feb. 15	Meet at the Auditorium
St. Pat's Golf Cart Parade	Mar. 15	Meet at the Auditorium
Farewell Dance	Mar. 28	SoulRCoaster (Theme: "The Big Glow")
Pool Party	April 11	TI Band

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What's Happening In The Neighborhood?

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2026 Farewell Dance

Next year's Farewell Dance theme will be The Big Glow! Get those neon clothes from the 80's out. We will feature SoulRCoaster, a park favorite, on Saturday, March 28th.

Memory Brick Garden



This is a great way to honor a friend or loved one who is no longer with us. Memory Bricks are on sale for \$35.00. You may have three lines with thirteen letters per line. The bricks will be ordered and placed in the garden in front of the Yacht Club in the spring of 2026! Please contact Shirley Clarkson at 941-465-8430 with any questions on obtaining Memory Bricks for you or a loved one.

Saturday Coffee Hour



We welcome all returning residents to Saturday Coffee Hour which is held every Saturday at 8:30 AM. We are happy to be back in the Auditorium and appreciate all the work that was done. For the fee of \$1.00, you can enjoy coffee/tea and a donut. Most importantly, this is a great time to share information and converse with other residents who are in the park. There will be a 50/50 drawing that costs \$1.00 for three tickets. The holder of the winning ticket receives half of the money, and the rest of the cash helps to finance the expenses for this activity. Mahjong is hosting Coffee Hour the first two weeks in October and Book Club will host Coffee Hour the second two weeks.

Dawn Jackson, October Coffee Chair

Coffee Talk



Get Well/Thinking of You/Sympathy Cards

This feature will be run throughout the year, sharing the names of those people who have received "We Care" cards from their friends and neighbors here in Tropic Isles.

Get-Well cards were sent to:

Susan Neumann of Del Rio Dr. (knee replacement)

Irene Casey of Tampico Dr. (valve replacement)

Chuck Sugg of Trinidad Way (hip replacement)

Karen Moritz of 13th St. W. (heart surgery)

Bev O'Brien of 13th St. W. (dental surgery)

Congratulations were sent to the new, Mr. and Mrs. Tom and Jennifer Tonich, on their recent nuptials. Congratulations from everyone at Tropic Isles!

Condolences were sent to:

Bob Helfrich and family of Capri Dr. on the passing of his mother.

If you know of someone who needs a "Get Well" or "Sympathy" card, please send your requests to **Irene Casey by calling or texting her at 774-201-9444.**

Exercise and Wellness

NEW WALKING AEROBICS

Aerobics is a fun activity that meets **Monday-Friday at 8:00 AM** in the Yacht Club. We use exercise CDs to do 2 miles of walking aerobics for heart health with some strength training mixed in. Please bring your own weights if you use them. We vary the CDs that we use to keep interest and enthusiasm high. Come on down and get fit with some friendly people!



Cindy Shaw and Bev MacKenzie, Coordinators



FUN AND FITNESS

Are you looking for a less intense form of exercise, but would enjoy some mild strength training, stretching, and exercises to improve balance? Then join everyone for Fun and Fitness on **Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 9 AM** in the Yacht Club. Many of the exercises are good for people suffering from arthritis, back problems, or fibromyalgia. Get fit and have fun, too. Contact Paula Reid at 941-773-6711 with questions.

FULL SPEED AHEAD FITNESS CENTER



The Fitness Center is located in the Yacht Club and is open 24/7. Inside you will find treadmills, weights, and other fitness equipment for your needs.

Injured Wildlife? You can help!

If you see an injured bird or manatee, you can call Wildlife for Manatee County at 941-822-3272 or Wildlife, Inc. on Anna Maria Island at 941-778-6324. Keep these numbers near your phone at home or put them into your cell phone in case you need them. **If you see injured birds in or around Tropic Isles, please call:**



FRIENDS OF THE PELICANS 941-447-0773

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Contact Jeanette Edwards 941-447-0773 and take a class on pelican rescue so you can join in.

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Indian Shores (near St. Pete)

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Wildlife, Inc.

Anna Maria Island

<https://wildlifeinc.org>

Did You Know This About ARC?

- That the Architectural Review Committee's (ARC) mission is to establish and review architectural guidelines that will maintain and enhance our community's esthetics, maintain and improve the value of our properties, and help attract future residents.
- That ARC meetings are held on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 9:30 AM in the Auditorium, starting in November. Currently, ARC Meetings are held as needed.
- That ALL ARC APPLICATIONS AND ACCOMPANYING PAPERWORK MUST BE TURNED IN BY TUESDAY THE WEEK BEFORE THE MEETING TO GET PLACED ON THE ARC AGENDA? **PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION ONLINE.** Scan it and email it to the Office email at info@tropicisles.net OR bring it to the Office in person.
- That all ARC Guidelines for making any improvements/changes outside of your home or in your yard can be found in Appendix 2 (p. 24-42) in the current 2022 Rules and Regulations that you have received.
- That the purpose of the ARC Guidelines is to assist and guide Residents in the submittal of an application for a new Dwelling, remodeling of an existing Dwelling, and/or Unit/Lot improvements. ARC can be a resource to help the applicant get through this process as seamlessly as possible.
- That pre-planning, along with an understanding of the requirements that apply to your ARC project, will help ensure a smooth process. In addition to these ARC guidelines, applicants should consult the Governing Documents which may contain additional information on applicable codes and ordinances of outside governing authorities (e.g., The City of Palmetto).

ARC Committee Members

Steve Tourtillotte-Chairman
Randy Blanton
Mike McBride
Cathy Sweeney
Drew Doll-Board Liaison

Meeting Dates

3-COR Meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month.
ARC Meetings are held on an "as-needed" basis.

Thinking of Installing a New Home?



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(*Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evening shows are at 7:30 PM. There are also Saturday and Sunday Matinees at 2:00 PM.) Call 941-748-5875 for tickets.

The New North River Community Market in Palmetto



The North River Community Market launched on Sunday, September 14 from 10 AM to 2 PM at "The Yard" of the Palmetto Marriott Resort and Spa. This open-air event is all about community, local flavor, and getting people together in a laid-back setting.

Expect a solid mix of handmade goods, fresh produce, pantry staples, and local art. You'll find quality items that reflect the area's creativity and culture. You'll also see food trucks and pop-up food vendors with plenty of options for breakfast, lunch, and snacking in between.

There'll also be live music and a Kids Fun Zone, so it's easy to make a day of it, whether you're coming solo or bringing the family.

After the opening in September, the market continues **on the first Sunday of every month from 10 AM to 2 PM**, all year long. Parking is free, admission is free, and the location is easy to find right off of US-41. They are located next to the Bradenton Area Convention Center in Palmetto.

Coming Soon! 14th Ave. Park



The City of Palmetto is building a new community park off 14th Avenue West between 10th Street West and 8th Street West. It will have eight pickleball courts, a basketball court, covered pavilion, multi-use field, playground, 55 parking spaces, and a 0.7-mile walking trail. It's expected to open mid to late 2026.





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Happy Labor Day!

A Labor Day potluck was enjoyed by residents with delicious food, good conversation, and some fun games to get the party rolling. Thanks, Jackie Freeman and Irene Casey, for planning the event and to Tom Tripp and Chris Wagner for providing us with some dinner music and a fun sing-along.



Musicals, Concerts, and More!



MISERY
Oct 16th – Nov 2nd



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