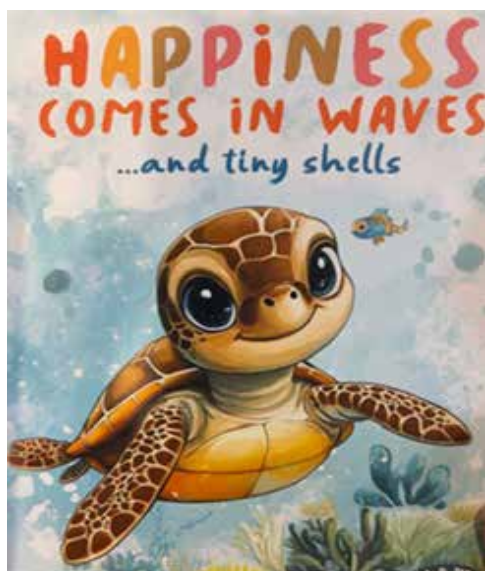


## Photo of the Month



This manatee was enjoying a drink of fresh water from Mike and Joan Cloutier as they were rinsing off their boat. (photo taken by Joan)

## Your Daily Dose of Vitamin Sea



## Happy Starfish Hunt



*Can you find me hiding  
somewhere inside?*

## Thought for the Day

Never do something  
permanently foolish just  
because you are temporarily  
upset.

## Palmetto History

Palmetto's earliest known settler and founder is Samuel Sparks Lamb, who moved to the area with his family in 1868. The Lamb family established Palmetto's first school, church, and businesses along the Manatee River. They named the community after their native South Carolina, "The Palmetto State." Palmetto quickly grew as an agricultural hub in the area, producing large amounts of citrus, tomatoes, and other produce. Over time, the Lambs donated land to build resources for the community such as a library, Woman's Club, and park. In 1897, Palmetto became an incorporated city. In 1902, the community expanded with the addition of a train station, which allowed Palmetto to further grow as a leader in shipping produce.

Although it has remained closely connected to its agricultural history, Palmetto continued to grow throughout the 20th century. It remains a hub of the northern part of Manatee County despite its small population size of only about 13,323 (2020) residents. Palmetto retains much of its historic character with 19th century homes as part of its waterfront. Some of the community's earliest public buildings are preserved at Palmetto Historical Park, an open-air museum, while its agricultural roots are celebrated at the Manatee County Agricultural Museum.



Palmetto Historical Park – 515 10th Ave. W.



Manatee County Agricultural Museum – 1015 6th St. W.

**(Meet Your New Neighbors** and **Home of the Month** will return again in the October issue.)

## Oh, the Places You'll Go . . .

Cindy and Bob Shaw visited Crater Lake National Park and Multnomah Falls in the Columbia River Gorge in Oregon in their motorhome in July.



**Shaws at Crater Lake National Park, OR**



**Shaws at Multnomah Falls, in the Columbia River Gorge, OR**

John and Carol Ulery took a ride to Wilkins Harley-Davidson in Barre, Vermont. The HOG (Harley Owners Group) that Dwayne and Darlene Scruton, and Carol and John Ulery belong to had a "cook-out" weekend in Woodsville New Hampshire. We did lots of riding, had lots of great food and of course, lots of ice cream.



**John Ulery at Wilkins Harley-Davidson in Barre, VT**

Dwayne Scruton and Carol and John Ulery were with their friends Al, Rich, and Adele at the Grand Opening of Big Moose Harley-Davidson in Gorham, Maine.



**John Ulery and gang at the opening of Big Moose Harley-Davidson**

## Picture-Perfect Pets

This is Coco, Bill and Katrina Eagle's 4-year-old Pomeranian.



Tracy Gilbert's Rat Terriers love to play outside all summer. Sparky (10) is up the tree and Gator (4) is walking on water. He loves to run in the shallow water in the creek. Crazy kids!



Until his doggy friends return from their summer up North, Teo makes do with his toy animals while chillin' in the AC at Irene Casey's house. He's holding down the fort while the snowbirds are away.



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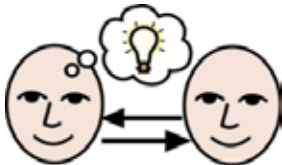
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## Idea to Ponder....



Staying positive does not mean that things will turn out okay.

Rather, it is knowing that you will be okay no matter how things turn out.

## Letter From the Editor

### What do you know about Labor Day?

Labor Day is a federal holiday in the United States celebrated on the first Monday in September in any given year to honor and recognize the American labor movement and the works and contributions of laborers to the development and achievements of the United States. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894. Labor Day weekend also symbolizes the end of summer for many Americans, and is celebrated with parties, street parades, and athletic events. For many Americans, particularly children and young adults, it represents the start of the back-to-school season.

### WHY DO WE CELEBRATE LABOR DAY?

Labor Day, an annual celebration of workers and their achievements, originated during one of American labor history's most dismal chapters.

In the late 1800s, at the height of the Industrial Revolution in the United States, the average American worked 12-hour days and seven-day weeks in order to eke out a basic living. Despite restrictions in some states, children as young as 5 or 6 toiled in mills, factories, and mines across the country, earning a fraction of their adult counterparts' wages.

People of all ages, particularly the very poor and recent immigrants, often faced extremely unsafe working conditions, with insufficient access to fresh air, sanitary facilities, and work breaks.

As manufacturing increasingly supplanted agriculture as the wellspring of American employment, labor unions, which had first appeared in the late 18th century, grew more prominent and vocal. They began organizing strikes and rallies to protest poor conditions and compel employers to renegotiate hours and pay.

Many of these events turned violent during this period, including the infamous Haymarket Riot of 1886, in which several Chicago policemen and workers were killed. Others gave rise to longstanding traditions. On September 5, 1882, 10,000 workers took unpaid time off to march from City Hall to Union Square in New York City, holding the first Labor Day parade in U.S. history.

The idea of a "workingmen's holiday," celebrated on the first Monday in September, caught on in other industrial centers across the country, and many states passed legislation recognizing it. Congress would not legalize the holiday until 12 years later, when a watershed moment in American labor history brought workers' rights squarely into the public's view. On May 11, 1894, employees of the Pullman Palace Car Company in Chicago went on strike to protest wage cuts and the firing of union representatives.

On June 26, the American Railroad Union, led by Eugene V. Debs, called for a boycott of all Pullman railway cars, crippling railroad traffic nationwide. To break the Pullman strike, the federal government dispatched troops to Chicago, unleashing a wave of riots that resulted in the deaths of more than a dozen workers.

In the wake of this massive unrest and to repair ties with American workers, Congress passed an act making Labor Day a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories. On June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed it into law. More than a century

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# From the Manager's Desk

## Manager's Update



Hello! I hope you are all enjoying a wonderful summer! Things continue to be very busy at Tropic Isles as we address our "summer projects list" and we continue to be very busy with our "normal" responsibilities. A couple highlights to report:

- The website has been updated and modernized. I included lots of new photos and updated all of the information, so please take a look ([www.tropicisles.net](http://www.tropicisles.net)).
- New folding chairs have been purchased for the Yacht Club and will be stored in one of the closets. These chairs are a good supplement to the regular chairs when needed.
- The large plant pots and the benches around the Auditorium have been painted to match the new color scheme and look great. (See photos on the picture page.)
- The fence and poles, etc. at the shuffleboard courts have been painted.
- New mailboxes have been installed at the apartments.

In addition to the summer projects, Maintenance and the Office staff continue to be busy with regular responsibilities. Home sales continue to be active, which is terrific. Business at the Marina has been steadily growing, and our Marina guys are doing a great job!

Parking lot sealing work: The work was originally scheduled to begin the 1st week of August, but was delayed due to weather. Thank you for your patience while we completed the sealing and striping of the parking lots! The weather caused a few unexpected delays, but the lots are now completed and look fantastic! (See photos on the picture page.)

Electronic Marquee Sign: The electronic marquee sign has been installed on the front of the Auditorium.

Seawall Repairs: As announced at the July Board Meeting, the Board approved several repairs on the seawalls around the park. This work started at the end of August.

Riprap: The riprap work on Terra Ceia has been approved and is in permitting. We hope to have a start date for this project very soon.

Audio Equipment in Auditorium: The zoom camera has been installed. This camera will automatically connect to our zoom meetings, avoiding the hassle of poor sound and video connections, making our meetings much easier for those who participate electronically.

Survey of Park: We are hoping to receive the first draft soon.

Apartments: We currently have 2 vacant apartments. These have been completely remodeled after the storms, so if you know anyone who might be interested, please have them contact the Office!

Approach channel to Marina: The pilings in the approach channel entering the Marina have been replaced and new channel markers were installed. This new entry has received great feedback, including some new customers who are saying they didn't even know we were here until now!

Rules Committee: Statements of Interest for the Rules Committee will go out in September. The Board will ask this committee to review the Rules & Regulations, with the goal of updating/correcting any items that need to be addressed. If you are a shareholder who is interested in participating, please watch your emails in mid-September.

New ARC Members: We are happy to welcome Chris Wagner and Connie Giroux to the ARC Committee. We also want to express our sincere thanks to Randy Blanton for his many years of service on this committee.

Cadence Bank: As you may know, Cadence Bank was recently acquired by Huntington Bank. We are experiencing some issues with new ACH payments. Existing ACH payments are not affected at all! We are doing our best to work through these issues with the bank.

### REMINDER – MAINTAINING VACANT LOTS

This is just a reminder to all Co-Op folks who own vacant lots that it is your responsibility to keep your vacant lot clean, mowed, and control the weed growth. If you are not currently maintaining your lot, please make arrangements to do so ASAP.

### REMINDER – PARKING AT THE AUDITORIUM

**A Parking Permit** is REQUIRED for parking in the Auditorium parking lot. Pick up your permit in the Office.

We are looking forward to seeing you all in a few months!

*Bobbie*



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## Letter from the Editor *(continued from page 3)*

later, the true founder of Labor Day has yet to be identified. Many credit Peter J. McGuire, cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, while others have suggested that Matthew Maguire, a secretary of the Central Labor Union, first proposed the holiday. The Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1968 changed several holidays to ensure they would always be observed on Mondays so that federal employees could have more three-day weekends. The Act, signed into law on June 28, 1968, moved Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and Columbus Day to fixed Mondays each year.



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## Did You Know?



- That the Resident Phone Directory not only contains phone numbers, addresses, and emails of the residents but it also has:
  - Important phone numbers, emails, and websites to contact the Office and Marina
  - Phone numbers for the Palmetto Police and Fire Department
  - The Co-op Board of Directors and the Staff emails
  - The names of the Homeowners Association officers
  - The Co-op Activity officers and meeting times for all 40+ activities
  - Who to contact for questions about the Breezes newsletter and the Resident Phone Directory
  - Who to contact in the Real Estate Office
  - Who your Block Captain is
  - A listing of the residents by their street
  - Advertiser listings
  - A map of the park
- That we encourage you to follow the **“See something, say something, do something”** slogan if you see someone trespassing in the park. Call the Palmetto Police 941-721-2000 Ext. 4. and take a picture if you can.
- **IF YOU ARE AWAY FROM YOUR HOME FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME, PLEASE PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR HURRICANE SEASON (June 1-November 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.**
- Follow the SLOW-Manatee Zone signs in the area. Manatees are on the move with the warm weather. 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](http://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](mailto:tibreezes1@aol.com).

## Picture-Perfect Pets of Tropic Isles



Tropic Isles is a pet-friendly park. Our pets are a part of our family and bring so much comfort and joy to our lives. We have so many pets in the park, so we'd like to get to know them.

Please send me a picture of your pet for a future issue of the Breezes. Send your picture to [tibreezes1@aol.com](mailto:tibreezes1@aol.com) or text it to 608-212-8967 with your pet's name, breed, age, and any other interesting tidbits that you'd like to share (quirky habit, etc.) Thanks, in advance, for your pictures!

Cindy Shaw, Editor

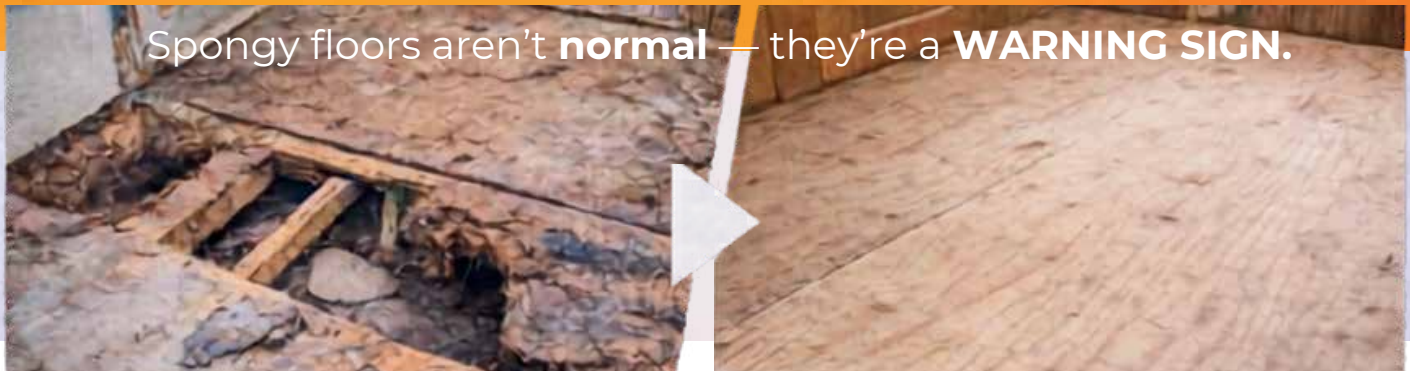
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## Cook's Corner

### LAZY DUMP LASAGNA

#### Ingredients:

- cooking spray
- 12 ounces dry pasta, such as egg noodles, etc.
- 28 ounces marinara sauce
- 1 1/4 cups beef broth
- 1 teaspoon Italian herbs
- 1 teaspoon granulated garlic
- 12 ounces cottage cheese
- 12 ounces mini meatballs
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese, divided

#### Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly grease a casserole dish with nonstick spray.
2. Stir pasta, marinara, beef broth, herbs, granulated garlic, cottage cheese, meatballs, Parmesan, and 1 cup shredded mozzarella together in a large bowl. Pour into the casserole dish and top with remaining 1 cup shredded mozzarella.
3. Tightly cover casserole with foil.
4. Bake in the preheated oven for 50 minutes; remove foil and bake until cheese is golden and melted, about 15 minutes more.

## Photo of the Month



Please send me your favorite photo of wildlife or scenery in or around the area 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](mailto:tibreezes1@aol.com) or text it to 608-212-8967. Please send in your favorite nature photo.

## 2026 Tropic Isles Book Club

### Reading List



**September:** *The Unraveling of Julia* by Lisa Scottoline

**October:** *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters

**November:** *When We Flew Away* by Alice Hoffman

**December:** *The Final Wish of Mr. Murray McBride* by Joe Siple

## Safety For Seniors

### CREATE A PERSONAL HEALTH INFORMATION SHEET

- Full name, date of birth, address
- Emergency contact names and phone numbers
- List of all current medications with dosages
- Known allergies (especially to medications)
- Medical history: heart disease, diabetes, COPD, etc.
- Name and phone number of your primary doctor
- Blood type (if known)
- Post the information on the refrigerator – EMS always checks there first!



### MEDICAL ALERT DEVICES – ARE THEY RIGHT FOR YOU?

- Medical alert devices let you call for help with the press of a button
- Especially useful if you live alone or spend time alone
- Some devices detect falls automatically and call for help
- Many work both inside your home and on the go
- Talk to your doctor about whether one is right for you
- Look for devices with 24/7 monitoring services
- Wearing it only helps if you actually have it on!

### MANAGING MULTIPLE MEDICATIONS

- Keep an up-to-date list of ALL your medications – including vitamins and supplements.
- Use a pill organizer sorted by day and time.
- Take medications at the same time each day to build a routine.
- Never skip doses or stop taking a prescription without asking your doctor.
- Do not share medications with others.
- Check expiration dates and safely dispose of old medicines.
- Bring your medication list to every doctor visit and an emergency.

## Weeds, Weeds, Weeds



We continue to have hot days and afternoon rains in our daily forecast. We all know what that means-- WEEDS! Residents are responsible for taking care of their weeds. Here's a great recipe that is cheaper and safer, yet still gets the job done.

Natural Weed Killer: 1 gallon of white vinegar, 1 cup of Epsom salt, and a tablespoon of dish soap. Combine in a spray bottle and treat weeds at the sunniest time of day for best results.

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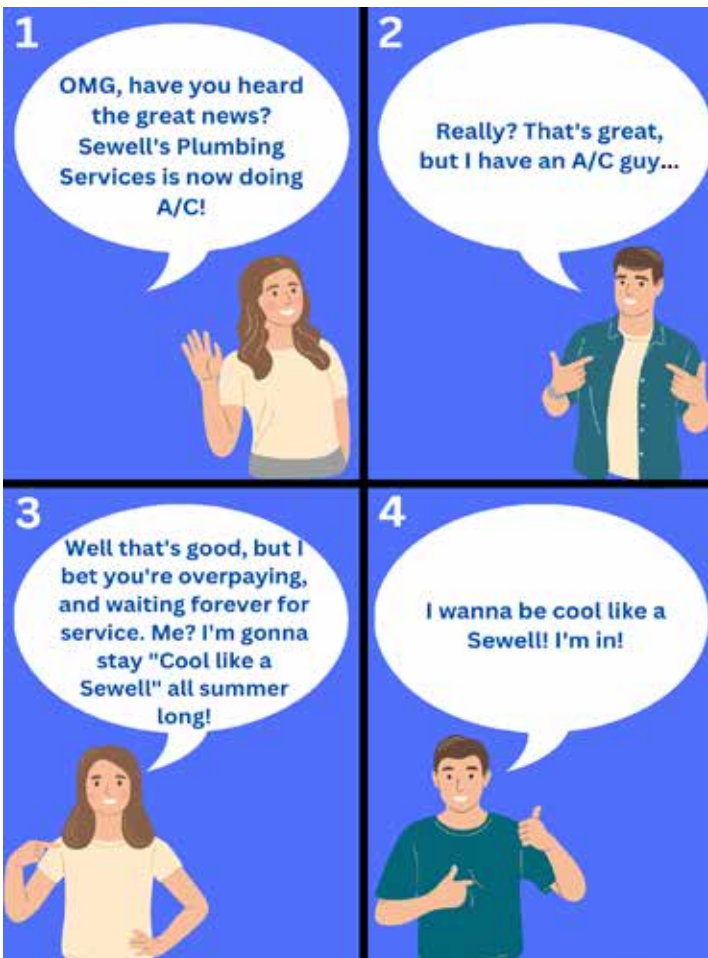
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Pay for someone's meal at a restaurant.

Let someone cut in front of you in line.

Pay the toll for the person behind you.

Slow down so someone can merge in front of you in traffic.

Give someone your seat.

Buy a stranger a coffee.

Check in on your neighbor.

Do a favor for someone while they are out of town.

Offer to go shopping or run another errand for someone who is ill or unable to do it themselves.

## ~~Special Thanks~~

- Thank you to all those **people who send in pictures and ideas for articles** to be used in the Breezes. It is greatly appreciated by me and by all who enjoy the newsletter.
- I'd like to give a special "thank you" to all those people who took the time to update their information for the Resident Phone Directory. ---Cindy Shaw, Editor
- On a hot Sunday in Tropic Isles my daughter and her friends were taking a long weekend from Illinois and staying at my home on Terra Ceia Dr. Unfortunately, the plumbing backed up and they were unable to use the facilities. Calling me in Illinois in a frantic state, I said I would take care of it. Who came to the rescue but **Tom** and **Shawn**. They both stopped what they were doing with their families on this particular Sunday and confirmed to me what the problem was so it could be resolved in a short amount of time. Kudos to the maintenance staff of Tropic Isles. ---Jim Kelly

(If you experience a maintenance emergency, just call **941-721-8888** and the answering service will reach out to one of our awesome maintenance guys.)

## Attention Residents and All Lawn Service Providers!



Keeping grass clippings out of canals and waterways is an important part of protecting water quality and local wildlife. Did you know that dumping grass clippings into canals, storm drains, or water bodies is illegal in Florida under the Florida Litter Law (**Statute 403.413**) and local ordinances? It is considered illegal dumping or "illicit discharge" punishable by fines or potential jail time, as it causes nutrient pollution, algae blooms, and flooding. It is the resident's responsibility to educate and inform their lawn service provider to **NOT** blow grass clippings into the canals or streets.

### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

- Grass clippings contain nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus that cause harmful algae blooms, reduce oxygen levels, and harm fish, turtles, and other aquatic life.
- They also clog storm drains, leading to localized flooding.
- They destroy habitat for aquatic life.
- One person's yard waste may not make a big difference, but when these actions are multiplied by EVERYONE, then it is a big deal and can be harmful to our water quality and waterways that support fish and other aquatic life.
- If you witness illegal dumping, contact local law enforcement.

### BEST PRACTICES:

- Never blow, sweep, or dump grass clippings into the streets, storm drains, canals, or water bodies.
- Blow or mulch clippings back into your lawn or compost them. Leave them on the grass to naturally decompose.
- Sweep any stray clippings back into your lawn, not into the street or drain.
- Simple practices like these help keep waterways clean, healthy, and safe for the entire community.

## Hurricane Season is Here!

### Protect your home and your neighbor's.

### PLEASE SECURE ALL LOOSE ITEMS AROUND YOUR HOME!



# Laughter is the Best Medicine!

## Aging Like Fine Wine

1. I don't need a personal trainer—gravity already keeps me down.
2. My memory is so good... I can remember things that never even happened!
3. I'm not old, I'm just chronologically gifted.
4. I'm retired—my job is to nap professionally.
5. I know I'm old—my back goes out more than I do!
6. I'm not getting older; I'm just becoming a classic.
7. I've reached the age where happy hour is a nap.
8. My body is a temple... ancient and slightly crumbling.



## Grumpy But Giggly

1. I don't repeat gossip, so listen carefully the first time.
2. I'm not old; I'm 18 with 50+ years of experience.
3. My give-a-darn is busted.
4. I still chase dreams—just slower.
5. The older I get, the earlier it gets late.

# Elder Helpline

When you are looking for information about programs and services for seniors, your first call should be to the Elder Helpline. The specialists at Elder Helpline are highly trained, caring professionals who can help seniors, their families, and caregivers find services they need and make informed decisions about such services. It is the starting point for getting connected with programs or services that can meet the needs of the older adult or caregiver. For more information contact **800-96-Elder** or **800-963-5337** or visit [www.AgingFlorida.com](http://www.AgingFlorida.com). Their services include:

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**The next Co-op Board Meeting is September 17 , 2026  
at 9:30 AM in the Yacht Club and via Zoom, if needed.**



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## Homeowners' Association Meeting Schedule

(TIHOA) 2026-2027

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

We maintain our own Mail Chimp account to communicate with our members. If you would like to sign up to receive emails, please send an email to [fstop1122@yahoo.com](mailto:fstop1122@yahoo.com). If you have any questions, please contact any of the Board members.



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## Zoom Etiquette



Zoom meetings are now a staple in our day-to-day lives. Reliable, easy-to-use video platforms like Zoom have helped to restore the ability to hold meetings from anywhere. The challenges and benefits of Zoom meetings can be much different than in-person meetings. The advantage of virtual meetings is the ability to hold them almost anywhere and have more people participate from anywhere, but there are dos and don'ts associated with participating in a Zoom meeting.

### ZOOM "BEST PRACTICES"

1. You should try to attend the meeting from a quiet area that has a neutral background.
2. Eliminate distractions-- noises (dog barking, dishwasher, voices in the background, TV, etc.) and movement going on around you.
3. Wear proper attire—not your pajamas or go shirtless.
4. Avoid distracting behaviors—ironing, eating, moving around.
5. Don't do private things— brush or floss your teeth, shave, etc.

**REMEMBER: THE CAMERA SEES EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE ON ZOOM CAN SEE YOU.** While we like to see everyone, you do not have to participate using video to attend a Zoom meeting. You do not have to have your camera on to see what is going on at the meeting either. Another option is to just cover up your camera lens at the top of the screen with a post- it note. If you choose to have your camera on, aim the camera 'straight' at your face (not from a position that looks up your nose) and try to follow the Zoom "best practices".

**Just a reminder:** In the chat portion of the Zoom meeting, remember to give your name and address when you ask your question. Questions can't be read without that information.

## Submissions to the Breezes Newsletter



Submissions to the Breezes should be sent to Cindy Shaw at [tibreezes1@aol.com](mailto: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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- If you are in traffic, please do not block intersections. This creates congestion and hinders the ability of emergency vehicles to get through the intersection when needed.
- Abide by the speed limits and stop for red lights. A good rule of thumb is to not enter an intersection on a yellow light. Crashes involving “red light runners” tend to be very serious because of the angles of the impact.
- Every day we see persons texting, reading, and putting on make-up/shaving while driving. When you are operating a motor vehicle, concentrate on driving. Distracted drivers are another leading cause of collisions in our area.

Scott Tyler, Chief of Police

## 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](mailto: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!

## 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**

Keep these numbers handy to report an injured seabird.

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

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| Friends of the Pelicans                                                                 | Bradenton |
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# 70's Childhood Activities Your Grandkids Won't Believe Are True

If you grew up in the '70s, you survived things that would make today's helicopter parents faint. We're talking real danger. Real freedom. Real childhood. No bubble wrap. No hand sanitizer. No GPS tracking. Just kids being kids in a world that trusted them to figure it out.

## Here's what we did that might land our parents in jail today:

1. Rode in the back of pickup trucks like it was a carnival ride.
2. Drank from garden hoses like water fountains.
3. Disappeared all day without anyone calling the cops.
4. Built bike ramps that defied physics.
5. Played with lawn darts made of metal.
6. Got paddled at school and didn't sue anyone.
7. Rode bikes without helmets like our skulls were made of steel.
8. Stayed home alone at age 10.
9. Climbed trees to the very top.
10. Played on metal playgrounds that cooked in summer.
11. Trick-or-treated in complete darkness.
12. Shared drinks without a second thought.
13. Swam in rivers, ponds, and quarries.
14. Played dodgeball with actual aggression.
15. Played tackle football on asphalt.
16. Rode in cars like safety hadn't been invented. Mom's arm was the airbag when Dad hit the brakes. Six kids in a sedan meant three in the back window. The "way back" of the station wagon was prime real estate. Car seats? Those were called "laps." Seat belts were decorative.
17. Walked to school solo.
18. Made prank calls without getting caught.
19. Built go-karts out of wood.
20. Sledged down hills into the street.
21. Had real jobs at 10 years old. Paper routes at dawn. Lawn mowing in heat. Babysitting infants. We handled money, dealt with angry customers, and learned responsibility before middle school. No work permits. No labor laws. Just hustle. You wanted that bike? Earn it.
22. Played "King of the Hill" until someone got hurt.

We survived. More than that—we thrived. Those scars tell stories. Those close-calls built character. That freedom taught us to think, adapt, and overcome. But we learned that life has consequences. That pain teaches better than bubble wrap. That kids are tougher than society thinks.



## Co-Op Walking Aerobics



Aerobics will start meeting again on **Monday, September 14**. It 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 (weights) mixed in. We vary the CDs that we use to keep interest and enthusiasm high. Weights are available or you can bring your own. Come on down and get fit with some friendly people! Call/text Cindy Shaw at 608-212-8967 if you have any questions.



## Co-Op 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 mark your calendars and join everyone for Fun and Fitness starting on **Monday, October 5**. Fun and Fitness is held every **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 Mary Buckley at 847-833-6955 with questions.



## Co-Op Sunday Night at the Movies



Due to low participation, Movie Night is cancelled until the second Sunday of October. Our next Movie Night will be **October 11 at 7 PM** in the Yacht Club. We hope to see you then. Contact Sharon Wagner at 502-220-8557 if you have any questions.

## Co-Op Tuesdays at 2:00



The **Tuesdays at 2:00** group gets together for cards and something to do. We meet in the Dockside Room of the Yacht Club. We can teach you or you can teach us. We usually play for small change, so bring some dimes and quarters. If you are not a card player, the park also has some board games, or you can bring what you like to play. Contact Sherry Novak at 330-428-6005 or Sharon Wagner at 502-220-8557 if you have any questions.

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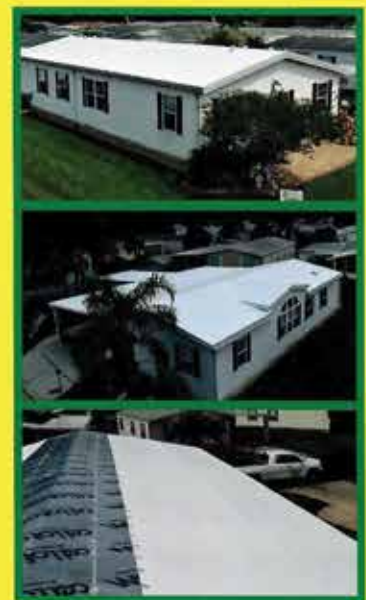
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| <b>September 2026</b>                                   |                                                                                | <b>1</b><br>9:30 am ARC Meeting - SB                                            | <b>2</b>                                             | <b>3</b>                                                                            | <b>4</b>                                                    | <b>5</b>               |
| <b>6</b>                                                | <b>7</b><br><b>Labor Day</b>                                                   | <b>8</b><br>1:00 pm TIPOA Book Review - Y                                       | <b>9</b>                                             | <b>10</b>                                                                           | <b>11</b><br><b>Patriot's Day</b><br><i>Lest we forget!</i> | <b>12</b>              |
| <b>13</b><br><b>National Grandparent's Day</b>          | <b>14</b><br>8:00 am Co-op Walking Aerobics Begins - Y                         | <b>15</b><br>9:30 am ARC Meeting - SB                                           | <b>16</b>                                            | <b>17</b><br>9:30 am Co-op Board Meeting - Y and Zoom                               | <b>18</b>                                                   | <b>19</b>              |
| <b>20</b>                                               | <b>21</b>                                                                      | <b>22</b><br><b>First Day of Fall</b>                                           | <b>23</b>                                            | <b>24</b>                                                                           | <b>25</b>                                                   | <b>26</b>              |
| <b>27</b>                                               | <b>28</b>                                                                      | <b>29</b>                                                                       | <b>30</b>                                            |                                                                                     |                                                             |                        |
| <b>WEEKLY EVENTS</b>                                    |                                                                                |                                                                                 |                                                      |                                                                                     |                                                             |                        |
| 10:00 am Co-Op Shuffle<br>2:15 pm TIPOA<br>Mahjong - SB | 8:00 am Co-Op Aerobics - Y<br>10:00 am Co-Op Shuffle<br>10:00 am Co-Op Shuffle | 8:00 am Co-Op Aerobics - Y<br>10:00 am Co-Op Shuffle<br>2:00 pm Co-Op Cards - Y | 8:00 am Co-Op Aerobics - Y<br>10:00 am Co-Op Shuffle | 8:00 am Co-Op Aerobics - Y<br>10:00 am Co-Op Shuffle<br>12:30 pm Co-Op Canasta - SB | 8:00 am Co-Op Aerobics - Y<br>10:00 am Co-Op Shuffle        | 10:00 am Co-Op Shuffle |

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# What's Happening in the Neighborhood?

## Co-Op Canasta/Hand, Knee, And Foot

If you have an interest in playing Canasta/Hand, Knee, and Foot, come join us on **Thursdays at 1 PM** in the Seabreeze Room of the Yacht Club. Contact Joyce Deverell at 585-230-8429 with questions.



## Co-Op Shuffle Club News

We hope folks have had a great summer. The snowbirds are starting their return to our beautiful courts, so we are starting daily play on **Tuesday, September 1**. The courts are reserved from 10:00 AM to noon for daily club play. "Shuffle and have fun!"



*John Ulery, Shuffle Club VP*



## Aluminum Can Recycling

The Boosters continue to collect aluminum cans throughout the year. The drop-off box is in the Office parking lot or you can call for pickup if you have a large quantity. PLEASE DO NOT PLACE ANY TRASH or CARDBOARD CARTONS into the bin. It is strictly for ALUMINUM CANS. Thank you for recycling!



## The Caring Team



The "Caring Team" was formed in 2023, consisting of a group of individuals that would be willing to help those in our community who may be alone and/or do not have a support system in place for emergencies or times of need. Here's how it works:

- If you or someone you know has just returned from a hospital visit or rehab and could use a "wellness visit" from one of our Caring Team members **OR**
- If you know of someone who lives alone and could use a wellness visit or assistance with a task, give us a call.

**Over the summer, if you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please call the Office at 941-721-8888. The Office will direct your call to an available Caring Team member.**

Here are some tasks that the Caring Team could provide:

- Daily/weekly check-in calls after surgery/rehab/hospital visit
- Home visit – daily/weekly after surgery/rehab/hospital visit
- Run an errand (i.e. groceries, pick-up meds, etc.)
- Drive to an appointment
- Help prepare food, initiate a Meal Team, or set up Meals on Wheels for help
- Initiate help with a family member, agency, or other resource.
- Provide caregiver with some free time.
- Other

Since it was formed, the Caring Team has been successful in providing assistance of various kinds to residents who had health needs. All information is kept strictly confidential.

*Cindy Shaw, Caring Team Secretary*

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# What's Happening in the Neighborhood?

## 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. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN OFF THE LIGHTS, FANS, AND MUSIC WHEN YOU LEAVE THE ROOM. The door to the hallway should always remain closed.**



## Book Nook News



The heat and rain are keeping us inside more than usual. If you haven't already, it is time to visit the TI library. We have a lot of great books, movies, audio books, magazines, and puzzles. We also have free books/movies to keep. If your grandchildren come to visit, check out our children's corner in the library.

Games for adults and children are now located in the cupboards in the Game Room. There is a copy machine located in the Book Nook. It is 5-cents a copy. Place your money in the lockbox located on the copy machine.

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. Please contact Nancy Larsen at 941-725-2216 with questions.

## Landscaping Advisory Committee (LAC)

If you don't mind getting your hands dirty, the Landscape Advisory Committee (LAC) seeks volunteers to help weed and deadhead the entrances and pool area year-round. If you are interested in being a volunteer to help weed and deadhead this summer, please contact Nancy Cobb at 941-730-0018.



## Tropicares News



I was sad to hear that our good friend and fellow performer, Don Fosco, passed away on July 20th. He was an active and enthusiastic member of the Tropicares. He was a talented and very sweet man, who will be dearly missed. Our most sincere condolences to Shirley Clarkson and Don's family.

*Joan Cloutier, President of Tropicares*

## Co-Op Saturday Morning Coffee



Tropic Isles "Coffee Hour" is held on Saturday mornings at 8:30 AM starting **November 7**. It is the longest continuously run park activity and creates a meet and greet with neighbors and gives a warm welcome to Tropic Isles residents who join us.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- A Treasurer to make twice-a-month deposits. Drew is unable to continue due to BOD responsibilities. 2 folks could share the position.
- 2-3 additional Coffee Committee members to help on Saturday morning.
- 1-2 people needed to help organize our Veteran's Special Saturday Coffee.

Contact Drew Doll at 716-573-3250 or via email at [canoedoll@gmail.com](mailto:canoedoll@gmail.com).

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# What's Happening in the Neighborhood?

## Coffee Talk

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:

**Jerry Quesenberry** of Montego Dr. (fall and hip surgery)

**Denny Vitton** of Bimini Dr. (fall and fractured vertebrae)

**Gary Moore** of Bahama Dr. (shoulder surgery)

**Robert Lesher** of 28th Ave. Dr. W. (hospitalized)

Condolences were sent to:

**Shirley Clarkson** of Marina Dr. on the passing of her dear friend and companion, **Don Fosco**.

**Joan Rhoads** of Del Rio Dr. on the passing of her husband, **Ross**.

**Jon Beecher** and family, formerly of Bimini Dr., on the passing of his daughter, **Tracie Chounard** of Tampico Dr.

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**.

## Entertainment Committee News



The countdown is on! Before long, many of our residents will be returning to Tropical Isles, and the Entertainment Committee will be organizing another exciting season of fun and fellowship.

Here's a sneak peek at some of the events already on the calendar:

- **October 25** . . . . Halloween Golf Cart Parade
- **October 31** . . . . Halloween Party
- **November 14** . . Welcome Back Dance featuring  
**Bob and Tom, the Band**
- **December 19** . . Christmas Dance featuring **DJ Peter Gruskin**
- **Christmas Golf Cart Parade** - Date to be announced
- **December 31** . . New Year's Eve Party
- **February 7** . . . . Valentine Golf Cart Parade
- **February 14** . . . Super Bowl Party
- **March 2** . . . . . Farewell Dance – **Denim & Diamonds**  
-Western Theme

That's just the beginning! We're also planning additional live entertainment, special shows, social gatherings, and new activities to make this season one to remember. Be sure to watch the Co-Op Facebook page, Chimp Mail, and future newsletters for announcements and event details.

We're looking forward to welcoming back familiar faces, meeting new neighbors, and making another season filled with friendship, laughter, and wonderful memories.

*Cheryl Brink, Coordinator*

## Co-Op Arts and Crafts



***Get ready for another fun and creative season with our Co-Op Arts and Crafts group!***

Join us every **Wednesday from 1:00–3:00 PM**, beginning **November 4** and continuing through **March 24**, in the **Dockside Room at the Yacht Club**.

We're excited to share a variety of creative projects throughout the season. Some of our planned activities include:

- Bracelet making with **Diane Schwartz**
- Rock painting with **Peggy Vliek**
- Diamond painting
- Decorative plant stakes
- Bread making with **Judy Hayes**
- Purse charms with **Cheryl Smith**

In addition, **Dona Keats** will be sharing many of her creative craft ideas throughout the season, along with several other fun projects. We'll also have surprise **Pop-Up Crafts**, so there's always something new to look forward to!

Do you have a favorite craft or project you'd like to share with the group? We'd love to have you join us as an instructor or presenter! Please contact **Cheryl Brink** if you're interested.

Be sure to watch the **Co-Op Facebook page**, **Chimp Mail**, and future **newsletters** for weekly announcements, project details, and Pop-Up Craft Days.

Whether you're an experienced crafter or just looking to try something new, there's something for everyone. We look forward to another season filled with creativity, laughter, and great friendships!

*Cheryl Brink, Coordinator*



## Share the Fun!

I would like to encourage everyone to send in a picture from your travels or fun activities with family and friends. Please include the names of the people in the picture, location, and date. Email your pictures to [tibreezes1@aol.com](mailto:tibreezes1@aol.com). Thanks, in advance, for your pictures.



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# Out and About.... Around Town!



## KEEP MANATEE BEAUTIFUL – First Tuesday and Saturday Cleanups



Keep Manatee Beautiful hosts community cleanup and beautification events throughout Manatee County that bring residents together to care for the places we all share. These events are a hands-on way to protect our natural environment, reduce litter, and enhance public spaces for future generations. Every volunteer effort, big or small, helps create a cleaner, greener, and more vibrant Manatee County. By showing up and getting involved, you're playing an important role in strengthening community pride and environmental stewardship.

### First Tuesday Cleanup

September 1, 2026  
4:30-6:30 PM  
Conner Park  
505 5th St. W.  
Palmetto

### First Saturday Cleanup

September 5, 2026  
9:00 AM – Noon  
SR64 Boat Ramp  
400 30th Ave.  
Bradenton



### SAVE THE DATE!

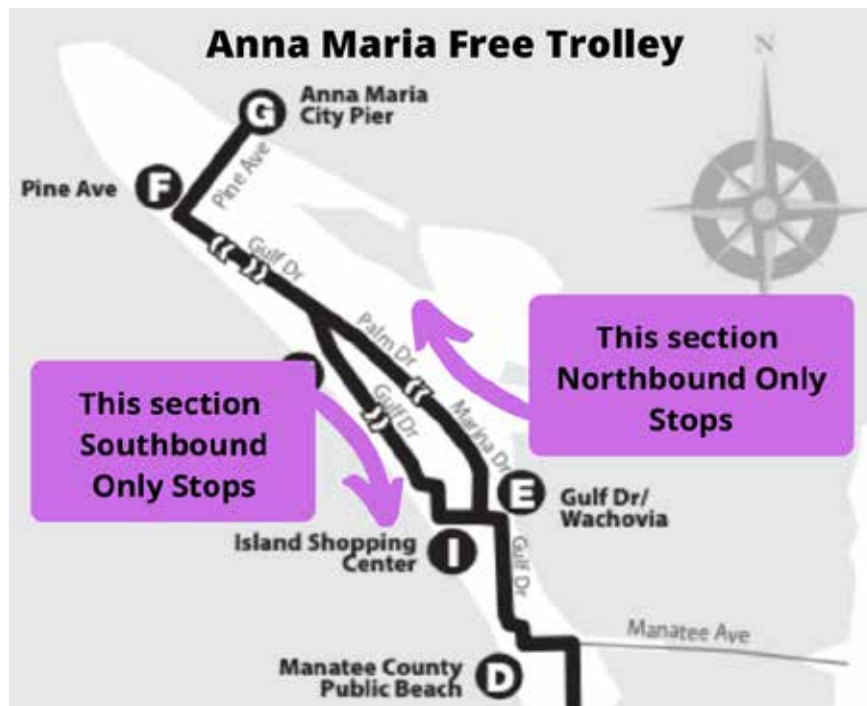
This year's International Coastal Cleanup will take place  
**Saturday, September 12** at the following locations:

**Coquina Beach Café, Manatee Beach Café, Woody's River Roo**  
**9:30 AM – Noon**

Each cleanup begins at **9:30 AM**, with volunteers checking in at their selected location. Please wear comfortable clothing, **closed-toe shoes**, sunscreen, and bring a reusable water bottle, hat, and sunglasses. Cleanup supplies, including gloves, grabbers, and buckets will be provided.

Want to give back to your community?  
Volunteer and sign up for any location.

Go to [www.manateebeautiful.com](http://www.manateebeautiful.com) or call 941-795-8272.



# Tropic Isles' Marina



## **MARINA HOURS**

Open 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM  
7 days a week,  
weather permitting

## **MARINA STAFF**

**Rick Kropp - Marina Manager**

**Dean Brown**

**Mike Biggins**

**Jerry Quesenberry**

**Joe Bokar ("Bokey")**

## 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 Co-op residents and their guests are expected to know and abide by these rules. If you need a copy of the current Rules and Regulations, you may go to [www.tropicisles.net](http://www.tropicisles.net) to view or print a copy online.

### **XII. CONDUCT**

#### **12.1 Noise Restrictions**

- Out of consideration for your neighbors, quiet is required between the hours of 10:00 PM and 8:30 AM.
- Individuals may contact the Palmetto Police Department (941-721-2000) to report noise ordinance violations.

#### **12.2 Unacceptable Conduct**

- Disorderly conduct, public intoxication, and profane language by Residents or Guests constituting a disturbance or public nuisance to other Residents will not be tolerated.
- A Resident will not interfere with another Resident's quiet and peaceful enjoyment of their Dwelling and Unit/Lot.
- An act which endangers life, health, safety, property, or peaceful enjoyment of the Community or its Residents is a violation of these Rules and Regulations and the Governing Documents of the Association. The Association can take prompt action and use all the remedies available under the Association's Governing Documents and FL statutes.
- Residents should call the Palmetto Police Department (941-721-2000) at the time of the offense to report any violations of the law or City ordinances.

#### **12.3 Harassment**

Harassment (per HUD) between Residents, or Residents and Association employees, will not be tolerated, and the Association can take prompt action and use the authority it has under the Governing Documents to end all harassment as described in Article 12 of the Bylaws.

## Kayak Launch Use Reminders



For safety reasons, kayakers are encouraged to use the Float Plan Log on the sign-in kiosk in front of the Kayak Launch showing directions on how to use the Kayak Launch correctly.

- Kayakers should also use life jackets, whistle (or other sound-producing device), and a light for night kayaking.
- Please be respectful of neighboring homes when using the Kayak Launch Center. Keep noise to a minimum and clean up the area of your belongings (including trash) before leaving.
- Use the water hose provided to wash off your kayak and the Kayak Launch after use and make sure both water valves are turned off before leaving.

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.***

**Give yourself 1 point for each thing you've NEVER done.**

1. Operated a rotary phone 
2. Slid a floppy disk into a PC 
3. Typed on an actual typewriter 
4. Snapped photos with a film camera 
5. Played music on a CD 
6. Rewound a cassette tape with a pencil 
7. Dropped the needle on a vinyl record 
8. Rocked a Walkman like a rebel 
9. Blasted tunes from a boombox on your shoulder 
10. Watched a movie on VHS and prayed it doesn't jam 
11. Sent or received a fax like a business wizard 
12. Recorded songs from the radio like a mixtape hero 
13. Rented a VHS at Blockbuster on a Friday night 
14. Heard the screech of dial-up internet 
15. Looked up someone in a phone book 
16. Sent a postcard with actual handwriting 
17. Used a paper map and didn't get lost 
18. Owned a proper dusty dictionary 
20. Had a whole encyclopedia collection 

## Live and Learn and Pass It On

- I've learned that you don't really know a person until you've made them mad. –age 22
- I've learned that happiness is not how much you have, but your capacity to enjoy what you have. –age 44
- I've learned that the older I get, the more I say "I don't know." When I was younger, I thought I knew everything. –age 65
- I've learned that a good personality can make someone seem to grow more attractive every day. –age 20
- I've learned that to enjoy time alone, you must first appreciate the person you are with. – age 51
- I've learned that your dog lives with you, but you live with your cat. – age 49
- I've learned that the worst thing in life to be without is love, but toilet paper comes in a close second. –age 59
- I've learned that you can live with choices you have made yourself, but you live to regret the choices you let others make for you. –age 34



- Until 1939, it was optional for American football players to wear helmets. Instead of headgear, old-school players would grow their hair out, believing their soft, fluffy locks would be enough to protect them against head trauma.
- The first footballs were inflated pigs' bladders stuffed with straw or cloth. Modern footballs are made of vulcanized rubber, air, and cow leather.
- Only 1 out of every 1.09 million high schoolers make it as professional football players.
- The technical term for a football's shape is a "prolate spheroid". The first footballs were round and resembled walnuts, then had a shape similar to rugby balls, then took on a sleeker, more aerodynamic form.
- The practice of "huddling" in football started because of a partly deaf university player named Paul Hubbard, who needed to hear the game plan without it being overheard by the other team.
- The average NFL broadcast lasts 3 hours, but the ball is only in play for 180 minutes. The remaining 90% of the time is spent on replays, huddles, stoppages, commercials, and shots of players walking from one spot to another.
- Championship shirts are made ahead of time for both teams facing off at the Super Bowl finals. Naturally, the losing team can't sell their premade victory jerseys in America, so the unsold garments are donated to the Dominican Republic instead.
- It's not just the champions that get Super Bowl rings. Referees and the runners-up also receive their own custom-made Super Bowl rings.

## Friendly Reminders



- **The Auditorium is closed for the summer.**
- **SUMMER ARC SCHEDULE (July -October):**

**ARC Meetings will be held once a month on the 1st Tuesdays of the month at 9:30 AM in the Seabreeze Room in the Yacht Club.**

**There will be one 3-COR Meeting held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month for "like-for-like" and emergency requests only (roof, AC).**

- Remember to save the calendar from the Breezes newsletter and keep it handy to find out what's going on in the park!
- Speed limits on the park streets are **15 MPH**.
- The speed limit along 28th Ave. is **25 MPH**. Please slow down.
- There is no parking of vehicles, boats, or trailers on the empty lots without permission.
- **THERE IS NO PARKING ALONG 28TH AVE. SEE POSTED SIGNS ALONG THE FENCE.**
- **THERE IS NO PARKING ON THE STREETS OVERNIGHT.**
- **THERE IS NO PARKING/DRIVING ON THE GRASS ANYWHERE IN THE COMMUNITY.**
- Know where the **AED units** are located at the Auditorium (outside), Yacht Club (inside), pool (outside) and Marina (outside). There is also an AED unit at the Office that can be checked out for Tropic Isles events off-site. It could save someone's life.
- If you need to borrow a medical appliance (wheelchair, walker, potty seats) contact Nancy Cobb at 941-730-0018 for assistance.
- If you rent out your house, RV, or empty RV lot it must be for a minimum of 30 days, renters must be 55 or older, and the renters must go through a background check. This is according to the Rules and Regulations of the park.
- If you have a maintenance issue and it is after Office hours, call 941-721-8888 and the answering service will direct your concern to one of the staff members on-call.
- **REMINDER:** All ARC applications are due seven (7) days prior to the meeting. Any applications received after the deadline will be included on the next meeting's agenda. The only exception is for emergency applications, such as a roof or AC.
- **REMINDER:** A parking permit is **REQUIRED** to park in the Auditorium parking lot. Pick up your parking permit from the Office.

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# Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Procedure

## ARC MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE SEABREEZE ROOM.

**REMINDER: All ARC applications are due seven (7) days prior to the meeting. Any applications received after the deadline will be included on the next meeting's agenda. The only exception is for emergency applications, such as a roof or AC.**

ARC approval is needed for **ANY** improvements that happen outside—on your home, dock, or lot. The ARC procedure is as follows:

1. ARC application forms are available in the Office and on the website [www.tropicisles.net](http://www.tropicisles.net). Fill out an ARC application and submit it to the Office. Make sure to include diagrams, drawings, or photos as needed. If possible, please show the neighbor's homes and the distance from each. Include the labels N, S, E, and W directions on your diagrams.
2. All applications must be logged in at the Office and assigned a date for review by the ARC Committee or 3-COR.
3. The ARC approval process begins with a preliminary review by a 3-person team, referred to as 3-COR. Simple improvements and replacement issues may be approved by this group and not require a review by the full ARC committee.
4. The ARC Committee needs a week to review the application and go to the lot before the next meeting date. If there is not enough time to do this, you will have to wait for a future date. You will be notified when your request is placed on the agenda for an ARC meeting. You are encouraged to attend the meeting.
5. **NEW SUMMER SCHEDULE (July -October):**  
**ARC Meetings will be held once a month on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 9:30 AM in the Seabreeze Room in the Yacht Club.**  
**There will be one 3-COR Meeting held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month for "like-for-like" projects and emergency requests only (roof, AC).**
6. After the meeting, you will be notified, by phone or in writing, as to whether your request is approved or denied.
7. If denied, you can appeal the decision to the Board of Directors, if you so choose.

8. To obtain a permit from the City, you must **first** receive the **Architectural Review Application approval**, signed by the ARC Committee and the Manager.
9. You must also provide a copy of all required permits to the Office.
10. **BOTH THE ARC APPLICATION AND THE CITY PERMIT NEED TO BE POSTED ON THE FRONT OF THE HOME BEFORE THE WORK CAN BEGIN.**
11. **NO WORK should begin on your project until your final approval letter from the Office is received.** If you fail to get ARC approval for your project before you begin, you may be asked to deconstruct it and/or a fine of \$100 can be imposed. Contact Steve Tourtilotte at 860-682-7656 with any questions you may have.

### ARC Committee Members

Steve Tourtilotte-Chairman  
Mike McBride  
Cathy Sweeney  
Bill Eagle  
Connie Giroux  
Chris Wagner  
Dennis Weber-Board Liaison

**Summer ARC Meetings will be held once a month on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 9:30 AM in the Seabreeze Room in the Yacht Club.**

**There will be one 3-COR Meeting held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month for "like-for-like" projects and emergency requests only (roof, AC).**

## Thinking of Installing a New Home?

Anyone wishing to install a new home must complete an ARC application and should stop in the Office to pick up a copy of the Requirements for New Home Installation.



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## Architectural Review Committee [ARC] Application

This form must be submitted for any changes to the exterior of your lot or home.

Resident Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot# and/or Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Resident Contact Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Project being done by: \_\_\_\_\_ Resident \_\_\_\_\_ Contractor

Contractor's name and phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated start date of project: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated completion date: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of the project: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Attach a detailed, legible drawing and written description. You must show the location of your project in relation to compass North, to your home, the street, seawall and all adjacent or pertinent structures, including the description of the material and colors to be used and all actual dimensions. **Completed application and all supporting information must be received at least 7 days prior to ARC meeting. Any modifications performed without ARC approval are subject to \$250.00 penalty.**

### BY SIGNING ABOVE, I HEREBY UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- No work will begin until written approval is received from the Co-Op. All work must be completed within 60 days from the approval date. If not completed in the required timeframe, you must request an extension in writing. All work will be done expeditiously once commenced and will be completed in a professional manner, minimizing interference with and inconvenience to other residents.
- Approval is not a guarantee of structural safety or engineering soundness.
- You must obtain all local building permits and abide by all codes and Rules and Regulations that apply. The City of Palmetto will not grant you a permit until you obtain approval from Tropic Isles Co-op, Inc. Copies of permits must be submitted to Tropic Isles Co-Op prior to commencement of any work.
- You are responsible for any damages to utilities and other property.
- Workman's Comp. Exemption or Waiver is not acceptable for contractors. Contractors must be licensed and carry Worker's Compensation AND Liability Insurance.
- If all of the necessary information is not submitted with your ARC application, you will be asked to re-submit a completed/amended application. When the amended application is received, your application date begins anew.
- Deviation from the approved plan will void any approvals and you may be required to deconstruct the project. Any unapproved work will result in a monetary penalty.
- Upon approval or denial of your ARC request, you will be contacted. Please pick up your letter at the Co-op Office after you have been contacted.
- If approved, it is your responsibility to coordinate with the ARC, Contractor, City Officials, and the Co-op Office. Don't start work until you receive all of your permits. Take all permits to the office.
- The ARC Committee does not determine boundary lines.
- Please allow 14-21 days after submittal to receive decision of ARC Committee.

Space below for use by Tropic Isles Staff and ARC only

3-COR approval process applicable: YES / NO

Committee Members Present Initials:

|  |              |  |                    |  |                   |
|--|--------------|--|--------------------|--|-------------------|
|  | Chris Wagner |  | Steve Tourtillotte |  | Catherine Sweeney |
|  | Mike McBride |  | Bill Eagle         |  | Connie Giroux     |

### Decision of the ARC Committee:

\_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED

\_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED with stipulations: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ DENIED for the following reason(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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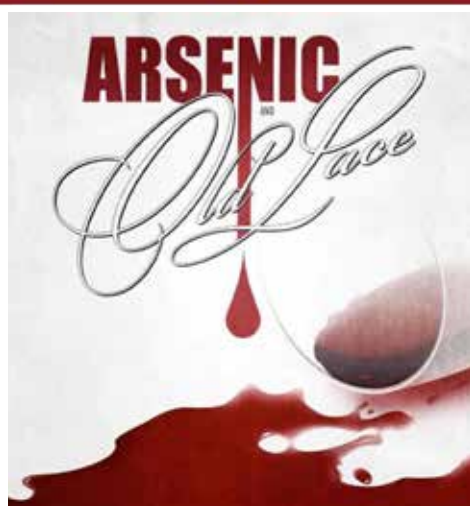
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## Here's What's New!

The pilings in the approach channel entering the Marina have been replaced and new red/green channel markers were installed.



The large plant pots and the benches around the Auditorium were painted to match the new color scheme.



The electronic marquee was installed on the front of the Auditorium.



The sealing and striping of the parking lots is complete and they look great!



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