

Home of the Month



This beautiful white home at 88 Del Rio Dr., owned by John and Julie Slayter, makes a statement with royal blue shutters and matching front door. Accented by two palms, the crisp white exterior and blue accents create a charming, coastal-inspired look creating great curb appeal. Congratulations on being named October's "Home of the Month".

(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. If you have someone whom you'd like to nominate for "Home of the Month", please submit their name and address to tibreezes1@aol.com. If they have not already been featured for "Home of the Month", I will try to include them in a future issue of the Breezes.)

Thought for the Day

The older I get, the more I understand why people disappear into gardening, baking, reading, and long walks. Not because life got boring, but because peace becomes valuable.

Happy Starfish Hunt



**Can you find me hiding
 somewhere inside?**

Meet Your New Neighbors

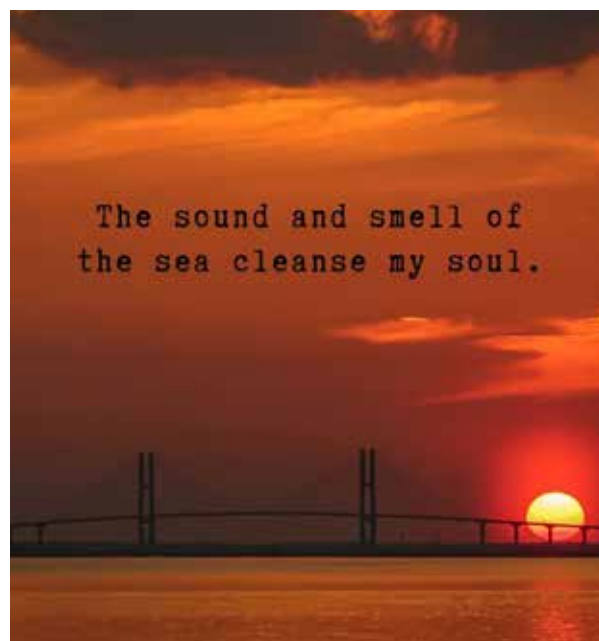
By Cindy Shaw

Please welcome our new, part-time neighbors from Ontario, Canada. They are Brian Murphy and Sherry Lehmann at 364 Tampico Dr. They have a blended family of 5 children. Sherry has 2 children--Kody and Kristin. Brian has 3 —Brendan, Megan, and Bradley. Brian has 3 grandchildren—Luke (5), Alice (3), and Elizabeth (1). Sherry has 2 grandchildren—Nixon (8) and Kael (5).



Sherry is semi-retired from their family chicken farm. Her son, Kody, has taken over running the farm. They sell 80,000 chickens every 10 weeks. They also farmed tobacco for a time. Brian still works full-time on his farm with the help of his son, Brendan and daughter, Megan. They grow cash crops of corn, soybeans, and wheat on 600 acres. Brian also has a farm market selling fruits and vegetables from 50 acres and has 8 acres of "pick-your-own" strawberries. Brian's son, Brendan, has taken over plowing snow in the winter. They both volunteer at their local Legion Hall and enjoy hockey, baseball, cornhole, and riding on their ATV. Sherry learned of Tropic Isles from her friends, Pete and Julie Couwenberg and Marilyn and Don Denby and rented a home on 13th St. with her girlfriend last season. Sherry and Brian decided they wanted to spend their winters in Tropic Isles and bought a home here. They are honored to be a part of Tropic Isles' park and enjoyed their first winter here. Tropic Isles welcomes you to our little piece of paradise!

Your Daily Dose of Vitamin Sea



Out and About

Cindy and Bob Shaw visited Yellowstone National Park in August. They also visited Cindy's brother in Silverthorne, CO and traveled to Idaho Springs, CO to visit Bob's sister.



Flores Friends



Terry and Dennis Foley dropped in on their Flores Dr. neighbors, Jack and Joanne Miller, while on the end of their summer RV road trip. It was great to see them at their waterside home on Deruyter Reservoir near Cazenovia, NY.

Fish On!

Sharon Wagner caught this huge ladyfish in August.



Landscape Ladies



The Landscape Advisory Committee (LAC) appreciates the Activity Committee for providing the funds for our beautiful shirts. Thank you from our group! Pictured are some of the LAC ladies with their Daisy shirts.

Photo of the Month



This beautiful sunset photo was taken from Del Rio Dr. in September by Julie Slayter.

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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!

The "Full-Timers" kept an "eye" on the park while you were away. New homes went in over the summer! Our fantastic Office, Maintenance, and Marina staff worked hard over the hot summer months. Tropic Isles is alive and well.

I want to thank anyone who sent in pictures over the summer from their trips, family gatherings, pets, and let's not forget those gorgeous sunsets! The pictures you send in help to make the Breezes what it is—a newsletter "of the people" in Tropic Isles. I love getting pictures of residents doing fun things in or around Tropic Isles.

If you have anything that you want to submit to be published in the Breezes, the deadline to get your items to me is by the 10th of each month, for the following month. Anything that comes in after the 10th will be used in a later issue. If you have a recommendation for "Home of the Month", a favorite recipe, or "thank you" to a person or group of people, you can call/text me with your suggestion at 608-212-8967 or email it to tibreezes1@aol.com.

Once you settle in after returning to your Florida home, think about what activities you would like to participate in this season. There are many activities to choose from and many more activities will be starting up soon. This community thrives on the work of volunteers in many aspects of the park. Volunteers are always needed and welcome! There's something for everyone in Tropic Isles!



Here are a few ways that Florida does Fall:

1. We 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. 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.
6. Stone Crab season starts again in the middle of October.
7. We can enjoy our favorite fall colors of orange, red, and yellow by watching the sunsets.
8. We can return to our favorite outdoor activities without the heat and humidity.

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Updates from the Manager's Desk

Hurricane Season isn't over yet! – Be Prepared



Dear Residents,

Another hurricane season is here, lasting through November 30th, and 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 the two official Facebook pages:

- **Tropic Isles Co-Op, Inc.**
- **Tropic Isles Marketplace**

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.
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
Tropic Isles Co-Op, Inc.*

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9. Bike rides are on the list of things to do, too, with the cooler weather.
10. It makes for a perfect time for outdoor seating at a seafood café.
11. 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!

12. 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!

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



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.



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:**
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7 Things Florida Newcomers Should Know About Hurricane Season

Still with two months left of the 2026 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 in 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.

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**.

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.** Also, 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 may 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. **TAKE A PICTURE. CALL THE POLICE!**



Palmetto Police -Local Number 941-721-2000, Ext. 4

If You See Something, Say Something!



Please be alert to your surroundings and any strangers in the park. If there are people in the park who do not belong, please call the police and contact the Office. You do not need to confront the person, just place the call. There is a phone on the outside wall of the Yacht Club at the pool deck, inside the Yacht Club, and inside the Auditorium that can be used for emergencies or to call the police for any trespassers. Call the Palmetto Police Department with any non-emergency information at 941-721-2000, ext. 4, OR 911 with an EMERGENCY! If in doubt, CALL. Please add the local Palmetto Police number to your cell phone and do not hesitate to call and report suspicious activity in our community. We ALL need to do our part to keep Tropic Isles a safe place to live!

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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 Tropic Isles' Co-op residents---Shareholders, Homeowners, Apartment Renters, separately or all together.

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 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 or Lynn in the Office if you want 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 shutoff, sewer testing, etc.), so make sure you get on the list for important information as it happens.

(If your activity wants to send out a Mail Chimp with information about your upcoming event, please give the Office 48-hours' notice.)

~~ Special Thanks ~~

- Special thanks to **Randy Blanton** for his years of service as a member of the ARC Committee. Your dedication to the Tropic Isles Community is greatly appreciated.
- A HUGE thanks to **Kathryn Wells** for her help in distributing the Breezes during the summer months!
- Heartfelt thanks go out to **Joy Colbert** for her many years of service as Block Captain on Edessa Dr. delivering the Breezes newsletters and resident phone directories.

---Cindy Shaw, Editor

- A BIG thanks to **Nancy and Jeff Cobb** for collecting and redeeming the aluminum cans over the summer and for weeding the area where the cans are stored.

---Bob Shaw, Booster President

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 if you have not already done so. 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.tropicisles.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 Co-op 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, Shuffle Club, Tropicaires, Red Hat Ladies, and the card groups** are always welcoming new Co-op members.
- **Co-op Walking Aerobics, Fun and Fitness, and Water Aerobics** are great ways to meet new people while getting in shape and have fun doing it.
- The **Coffee Committee** is looking for additional members to help with Saturday Coffee Hour.
- **Subs are needed for Capri Drive and Maui/10th St.** to help distribute the newsletters when the Block Captain is unavailable.
- A coordinator is needed to lead the **Co-op Book Club**.
- Coordinator(s) needed to lead the **Neighbors Helping Neighbors** group.
- 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 listed in the front of your resident phone directory and get involved. WE NEED YOU!

LOST AND FOUND



Have you lost something and can't find it or found something that is not yours? Come to the TI Office and describe what you are looking for or drop off the item you have found. We have a lost and found in the Office.



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Common Tropic Isles Terms You May Not Know:

ABC STREETS – streets on the south side of the park that are alphabetical (**A**loha, **B**imini, **C**apri, **D**el Rio, **E**desa, and **F**lores).

ARC – stands for **A**rchitectural **R**eview **C**ommittee consisting of volunteer residents serving in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors making architectural decisions based on the current Rules and Regulations of Tropic Isles.

3-COR – stands for **C**omplete **O**ffice **R**eview with 2-3 members of the ARC Committee, including the ARC Chairman, that review and approve easy ARC applications without a full ARC Committee Meeting.

CAI – stands for **C**ommunity **A**ssociation **I**nstitute, an organization dedicated to building better communities through community associations.

CAM – **C**ommunity **A**ssociation **M**anager who has a license through the state.

DBPR – stands for **D**epartment of **B**usiness and **P**rofessional **R**egulation which is the regulatory agency charged with licensing and regulating businesses and professionals in Florida.

FULL-TIME RESIDENTS – people who have no other residence, but in Tropic Isles.

HOMEOWNERS – people who own their home and rent the land from the Co-op.

LOT USE LINES – are lines determined by the MFOA that designate property boundaries in the Co-op.

MAIL CHIMP – is the community-wide email system that sends out important information and reminders to the residents of Tropic Isles.

MAIN BASIN – a body of water in the south end of the park where the Marina is located.

MIDDLE BASIN – a body of water in the middle of the park adjacent to the Jamaica and Nassau canals.

NORTH BASIN – a body of water on the north end of the park in the RV section; also referred to as the “small boat basin”.

NHN – stands for **N**eighbors **H**elping **N**eighbors, a group of resident-volunteers who offer assistance to residents in need of help with their yard or home.

PART-TIME RESIDENTS – “Snowbirds” or people who have another residence where they spend part of the year.

PROSPECTUS – the group of governing documents containing the Articles of Incorporation, Master Form Occupancy Agreement (MFOA), Bylaws, and the Rules and Regulations listed in order of priority.

R AND R – stands for **R**ules and **R**egulations, one of 5 of our governing documents.

SHAREHOLDERS – people who own a share(s) in Tropic Isles Co-op.

TI – stands for **T**ropic **I**slles, **C**o-op, which includes Shareholders and Homeowners.

TIHOA – stands for **T**ropic **I**slles **H**ome-**O**wners **A**ssociation – sometimes referred to as HOA – residents who own their home, but rent their lot from Tropic Isles.

TIPOA – stands for **T**ropic **I**slles **P**roperty **O**wners **A**ssociation – deeded property owners within the Tropic Isles Co-op.



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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.



In loving memory of...

JON BEECHER

October 26, 1939 to September 7, 2026

Jon was born and raised in Superior, WI as an only child to Moses and Jeanette (Larveau) Beecher. After graduating high school, he served two years in the US Navy, something Jon was very proud of. He married Kae Mattson in 1959 in Superior, WI. The newlyweds moved to Minneapolis, MN and would welcome two children. Jon was a Boy Scout for several years as a child and would later become a favorite Scout Master for the neighborhood boys in Plymouth, MN. The family moved to Buffalo, MN in 1972 where he enjoyed living on Beebe Lake. He loved fishing, boating, snowmobiling, and raising their children in a rural environment. Jon enjoyed a very successful career as a mechanical engineer, primarily in the hearing aid industry, where he was granted several patents for his innovative designs. Both Jon and Kae retired in 1995 and moved to Palmetto, FL. Jon greatly enjoyed driving around the retirement community in his golf cart with his dogs, Rocky, and then Zach, visiting with anyone and everyone, swapping stories, and handing out dog treats to all the pets in the neighborhood. Jon was preceded in death by both his parents; Kae, his wife of 57 years in 2016; and his daughter Tracie Chounard, just recently. He is survived by his son, Scott (Paula) Beecher and their children, Julie and Jordan; Tracie's children, Jessica and Amanda; and six great grandchildren all residing in Minnesota. A private family service will be planned in Minnesota at a later date.



(Submitted by Scott Beecher)

Sadly, we learned that **Jon Beecher** had passed away. Jon was a long-term resident of Tropic Isles residing on Bimini Drive and most recently on Tampico Drive, where he was living with his daughter, Tracie Chounard, who passed away in August. Residents will remember Jon riding with his dog, Rocky, in his golf cart, aptly named "Rocky's Ride". Jon adopted Zach after he lost Rocky and was a devoted dog owner. We will miss his warm smile and sunny disposition.

(Submitted by Irene Casey)

Fond Farewell and Best of Luck

We are wishing **Joy Colbert** of Edessa Dr. all our best as she and her dog, Maggie, leave TI to live up north with her daughter. Her son, Jeff Colbert, who lives at 2207 7th St. W. in Palmetto, will be forwarding her mail, should anyone want to drop her a line. Tropic Isles sent her a card to wish her well!



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 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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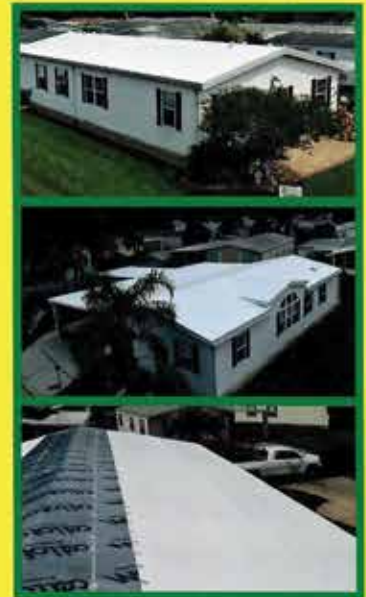
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Would you like to share a picture of your "catch of the day" from the nearby waters around Tropic Isles? Send it to tibreezes1@aol.com and it can be published in the next issue of the Breezes. Please include a sentence or two about where it was caught, size, and what type of fish it is!



"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 below. 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 Shinn, Irene Casey (Sub)
Basin/Bahia	Linda Coleman (Oct.-Apr.) Steve Tourtilotte (Summer)
Bimini.....	Nancy Cobb, Bev Prins (Sub) Bev Thompson (Sub)
Capri.....	Bob Helfrich
Del Rio.....	Pat Baker (Oct.-Apr.) Susan Neumann (Summer)
Edessa	Carole Peck (Oct.-Apr.) Leslie Chaney (Sub)
Flores	Anna Antonacci, Drema Whaley (Sub) Cathy Roop (Sub)
Jamaica/Nassau	Betty Moore, Connie Giroux (Sub) Dawn Perna (Sub)
Marina/13th St. (Co-op) .	Mary Buckley (Nov.-May) Shirley Clarkson (Summer) Chris Gorton (Sub)
Maui/10th St.	Jo Schmidt
Montego.....	Mary Pike (Oct.-May) Rhonda Stagg (Sub), Nancy Larsen (Sub) Steve Tourtilotte (Summer)
Tampico	Irene Casey, Kim and Don Trammel (Subs)
Terra Ceia	Laurie Bragg, Steve Tourtilotte (Summer)
Garden Apartments	Wafa Saleh

Important for All Residents



If you have any changes to make to your name, address, contact numbers, northern information, or email address, please send them to Cindy Shaw at tibreezes1@aol.com or call/text 608-212-8967.

Cindy Shaw, Editor

CORRECTIONS FOR THE DIRECTORY

Any corrections or additions will be posted here in the monthly newsletters until the 2027 Resident Directory is printed. Please make these changes to your current directory.

Resident Listings:

Accardi, Joseph	Change to phone number to: 941-212-4662.
Black, Wanda & Robert	Remove Wanda, her phone number, and email address. Add Louise and her phone number 219-628-2275. Add email for Louise bbsprincess@gmail.com .
Blumenstock, Gina	Change email to ginablumenstock@icloud.com .
Conklin, James	Change the phone number to 941-304-2403.
Cuff, Mike & Pamela	Remove northern phone number 952-835-2214.
Dybik, Anthony & Roth, Cheryl	Correct Anthony's phone number to be 440-309-5498. Add Cheryl's number 440-669-5509 and email rothcheryl6@gmail.com . Add email tlohmit@live.com .
Holt, Tim	
Hughes, Mark & Jackie	Designate Jackie's number 720-212-1231 and add Mark's number 616-886-5760. Add Jackie's email jackie.hughes1@comcast.net .
Larson, Lawrence & Phyllis	Add email addresses larsonpw83@gmail.com (P) and larsonwp83@gmail.com (L).
Pavkovich, Craig	Add new northern address 4222 Red Arrow Rd., Flint, MI 48507.

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 or text it to 608-212-8967. Please send in your favorite nature photo.



Cook's Corner



ONE PAN SOUR CREAM AND ONION CHICKEN

Ingredients:

- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon sweet paprika
- salt and black pepper to taste
- 2 pounds skinless, boneless chicken breast
- 2 tablespoons butter, divided
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium onion, thinly sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cube chicken bouillon or 1 teaspoon chicken base
- 1/2 cup boiling water
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 cup full fat sour cream
- minced fresh parsley and parsley sprigs for garnish (optional)

Directions:

1. Combine garlic powder, onion powder, paprika, salt, and pepper in a small bowl. Pat chicken breasts dry with paper towels and season both sides with spice mixture. Set aside.
2. Melt 1 tablespoon butter in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat, and add olive oil. When the butter stops sizzling, add onions and cook, stirring occasionally, until tender, about 5 minutes. Remove to a plate and keep warm.
3. To the same skillet, add remaining butter. Increase heat to medium-high. When butter is melted, add seasoned chicken breasts to the skillet and cook until lightly browned, about 3 minutes. Turn chicken, and return onions to the skillet, placing around and on top of chicken. Stir in minced garlic and cook about 30 seconds, or until fragrant.
4. Dissolve chicken bouillon cube in hot water; add to the skillet with white wine, Worcestershire sauce, and Dijon mustard. Bring to a boil, cover, and reduce heat to medium-low. Cook, undisturbed, until chicken is no longer pink at the center, 10 to 15 minutes; an instant-read thermometer inserted near the center should read at least 165 degrees F.
5. Remove skillet from heat and stir in sour cream, making sure all the onions are incorporated.
6. Garnish with fresh snipped parsley and parsley sprigs. Serve immediately.



October 12, 2026

Volunteers Needed! Please Help!



WE WANT YOU

We have a need for volunteers in the following positions:

- **CO-OP BOOK CLUB COORDINATOR:** A coordinator is needed to continue to lead the Co-op Book Club for the Co-op residents. If interested or if you have questions, please contact Irene Casey at 774-201-9444. She will help to get you started.
- **NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS CO-ORDINATOR:** Coordinator(s) needed to assist with Neighbors Helping Neighbors. If interested, contact Wendy Verstringhe at 585-481-4099. Two people could share the job together. (See explanation of Neighbors Helping Neighbors on next page.)
- **BLOCK CAPTAIN SUB NEEDED FOR CAPRI DRIVE:** A volunteer is needed as a sub for the block captain on Capri Drive to help distribute the Breezes newsletters when needed. Please contact Cindy Shaw at tibreezes1@aol.com or by calling/texting 608-212-8967 if you can help.
- **COFFEE HOUR COMMITTEE:** Additional volunteers are needed to be a part of the Coffee Committee that oversees the Saturday Morning Coffee Hour and purchases the supplies. Contact Drew Doll at 716-573-3250 if you are interested.



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RESIDENTS! WE NEED YOU!



Who we are – A committee of resident volunteers

What we do – We are here to help and assist those who may have challenges performing basic maintenance issues around their home. We can help identify needs while assisting to improve our properties. We are hoping, with everyone's help, to create a positive environment where all homes will be kept in a good state of repair, so that they conform to the standards of the park, and maintain a desirable place to live to improve the curb appeal of the park. We offer help to residents who may have challenges performing basic outside maintenance issues or need help after receiving a compliance letter and at the same time preserve the value of our homes and our neighbor's investment. We have a wealth of resources available to assist you with your specific needs. Remember this is a free service for park residents of Tropic Isles.

Here are some projects we can help with:

- Mold
- Weeds
- Rusty awnings and/or storage facilities
- Cluttered carports and driveways
- Items in yard that may be considered an eye sore
- Visibly ripped window treatments
- Torn screens
- Broken windows
- Poorly kept landscaping—overgrown trees and shrubs
- Painting outside sheds
- Planting annual flowers

HELP! We are asking for a couple of people to step up and act as coordinators for this group. Here is what we do:

1. The way the process worked was if any resident needed assistance with anything, they called one of the coordinators. The numbers were always listed in the newsletter.
2. Then 2 people would go to the site and assess the needs.
3. Once the needs were assessed, they sent out an email to the volunteer list with date, time, and place to meet with a description of the job.
4. If the request couldn't be handled by the NHN team, they had a list of additional resources as a reference list that residents could use.

We are happy to mentor new residents to become future coordinators of this worthwhile service for other residents and get you set up with the materials you need to get started.

- Volunteer list with group emails
- List of additional resources/references
- Binder with past job records
- We have some tools available

We know people use the Tropic Isles websites to ask for help, but for those who do not want to publicly ask for help or are not keen on using the computer, this is an additional resource.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer to coordinate a group of volunteers, please contact Wendy Verstringhe at 585-481-4099. This will be our last request for volunteers. Without volunteers, this program will not continue. We'll get you set up with the materials you need.

We should work together to keep our property values up and have a safe community for everyone. We need to take pride in the tropical paradise that we live in.



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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**. 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 15 at 9:30 AM in the Auditorium and via Zoom.



2026-2027 Co-op Board of Directors E-mails

- Drew Doll, President** president@tropicisles.net
- Katrina Eagle, Vice President** vp@tropicisles.net
- Dennis Butts, Secretary** secretary@tropicisles.net
- Jose Torres, Treasurer** treasurer@tropicisles.net
- Dennis Weber, Director 1** director1@tropicisles.net
- David Bishop, Director 2** director2@tropicisles.net
- Randy Rice, Director 3** director3@tropicisles.net

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. If you have any questions, please contact any of the Board members.



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| Terry Foley | President |
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| Sharon Wilson | Secretary |
| John Slater | Treasurer |

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.



~COMING EVENTS~



OCTOBER

Co-Op Fun and Fitness



**EXERCISE
& WELLNESS**

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.

Let's Play Poker!

Like to play poker? We're starting up again on **Monday, October 5**. We play every Monday night from 6 to 9 PM in the Yacht Club for any Co-op members. 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.



Co-Op Bid Euchre Anyone?



Co-op Bid Euchre starts up again on Friday, October 9. 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.



Co-Op Sunday Night at the Movies



Our next Movie Night will be **Sunday, October 11 at 7 PM** in the Yacht Club. We will be showing **Song Sung Blue**. Song Sung Blue is a movie about the real-life couple who found love and fame as the Neil Diamond tribute band, exploring their triumphs and struggles. You can bring your own comfortable chairs, snacks, and beverages if you choose. We hope to see you there. Contact Sharon Wagner at 502-220-8557 if you have any questions.

Halloween Golf Cart/Bicycle Parade

We will start off the season with a Halloween Golf Cart Parade on Sunday, October 25th. 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.



Co-Op Halloween Party

Join us for our Annual Co-op Halloween Party on **Saturday, October 31st, from 7:00-10:00 PM** in the Auditorium! Come enjoy an evening of music and dancing, fun games, good food, and great friends! There is no charge to attend! We just ask that you bring an appetizer or dessert to share, along with your favorite drinks. Paper goods will be provided.



\$100 LOTTERY BOARD

We'll also have our popular \$100 Lottery Board! Tickets are \$5 each, and one lucky winner will take home all \$100 in lottery tickets!

Costumes are welcome—but definitely not required! Dress up or come as you are and join in the fun. It's going to be a howling good time! We hope to see you there!

Entertainment Committee

NOVEMBER



Tropic Isles Golf League



Well, a beautiful summer has come and gone, and the start of the Golf League is only a month away. Hopefully, you all had a wonderful summer as Gail and I have had. We live on Winnisquam Lake in Belmont, NH and it was absolutely wonderful! Now we are on our way back to Palmetto to enjoy the beautiful winter ahead. Ha, Ha! I should say our 2nd summer ahead! We look forward to our return and to all of you returning for another great golf season.

We will be starting up the 1st Wednesday in November, **November 4 at 8:30 AM**, as we have in the past. Please note that I will be texting you as before, on the Monday before, asking if you will be playing or not. I will also continue doing a roster on the Tuesday night before with the golf details. Remember the 1st Wednesday of every month will be a scramble/blind draw/no special teams! The rest of the month we will play our own ball and I will match everyone up as best as I can. If you have a guest or relative that would like to play, they will be able to play with you that week. However, there will be no special family teams on Scramble Day. I will be running the TI League through April into the 1st week of May as before. Gail and I really look forward to seeing all of you, and of course, having fun.

If you have any concerns or questions, please text me directly and I will address them ASAP. Thank you for your participation and remember the Golden Rule of Golf at TI--if you don't have fun, you can't come back! See you soon!

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~COMING EVENTS~

CO-OP

Arts & 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

Co-Op Entertainment Committee News



The countdown is on! Before long, many of our residents will be returning to Tropical Isles, and the Co-op Entertainment Committee will be organizing another exciting season of fun and fellowship. Come and join us at our first meeting on **Thursday, November 5 at 10:00 AM in the Dockside Room of the Yacht Club**.

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 27**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, Mail Chimp, 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



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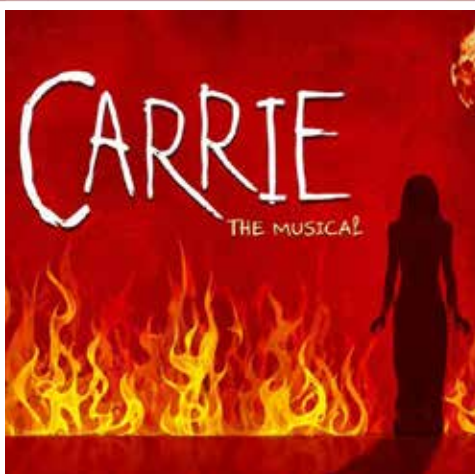


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
October 2026						
				1	2	3
4	9:00 am Co-op Fun & Fitness begins - Y 6:00 pm Co-op Poker begins - Y	6 9:30 am ARC Meeting - Y	7	8	9 6:00 pm Co-op Bid Euchre begins - Y	10
11 7:00 pm Co-op Movie Night - Y	12 Columbus Day	13	14	15 9:30 am Co-op Board Meeting - A and Zoom	16	17
18	19	20 9:30 am ARC Meeting - Y	21	22	23	24
25 4:00 pm Halloween Cart Parade - A	26	27	28	29	30	31 7:00 pm Co-op Halloween Party - A
WEEKLY EVENTS						
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~COMING EVENTS~

Bowling League



Hi, folks! I hope all is well with everyone. There will be no meeting before this bowling season begins, but here are a few things you should know about the Bowling League. The cost of bowling will be \$20.00 per week. Subs will pay \$16.00 per week and we can always use subs. We will be starting on **Thursday, November 5, 2026 at 12:30 PM** at Bowlero Lanes in Bradenton. The weeks we will be taking off for the holidays are November 26 for Thanksgiving, December 24 for Christmas, and December 31 for New Year's Eve. We will start up again on January 7, 2027. The last week of bowling will be March 11, 2027. The banquet will be on March 18, 2027. Any questions? You may call or text me at 518-283-2763.

Vicky Williams—Bowling Secretary/Treasurer

The Co-Op Caring Team



The "Caring Team" was formed in 2023, consisting of a group of individuals that are 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.

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please call Wendy Verstringhe at 585-481-4099 or Irene Casey at 774-201-9444.

Here are some of the 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

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. The Caring Team meets on the second Monday of the month, starting in November. **Our first meeting is November 9 at 9 AM** in the Seabreeze Room of the Yacht Club. Come join us and see how you can become a part of a great team!

Cindy Shaw, Caring Team Secretary

CO-OP



Get ready for a new season of line dancing. Classes will be held on a different day and location this year. The first class will start on **Tuesday, November 17, in the Yacht Club at 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM**. I'm looking forward to teaching new dances and just having fun moving to the music. Classes are free! For further information, please call Nancy Larsen at 941-725-2216.



Look What's Coming In January!

We Want You In Tropicaires!



Greetings!

As most of you know, we have gone through two seasons with the Tropicaires unable to put on a show. We are hoping that this trend will end this season. However, this cannot happen with just a few people. It will need help from the whole community. We will be looking for talented residents, stagehands, and audio-visual help.

Our first meeting will be **Tuesday, January 5, 2027 at 9 AM in the Auditorium**. I know it sounds a long way off, but it will be here before you know it. I'm looking forward to seeing you then. Contact Joan at 207-577-8933 if you have any questions.

*Joan Cloutier
President of the Tropicaires*

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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What's Happening in the Neighborhood?

Co-Op Tuesdays at 2:00



The **Tuesdays at 2:00** Co-op 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.

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

Hi, folks!

We hope everyone has had a great summer! Our daily shuffle started September 1! Yea! As usual, September is a slow start with shuffling, but for those who are shuffling... SHUFFLE and HAVE FUN! As usual, the fun will continue to ramp up as the snowbirds begin the Fall migration.



The Shuffleboard Club officers will do our best to respond to anything folks may need until we return to paradise. Club officers are interested in knowing about any court maintenance/equipment issues folks may encounter. Also, if anyone has questions, ideas, or concerns about the upcoming season, please reach out and let us know.

We so look forward to seeing everyone and enjoying our beautiful courts. Shuffle and have fun!



Mel Theel, President
John Ulery, VP

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

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! Please contact Shirley Clarkson at 941-465-8430 with any questions on obtaining Memory Bricks for you or a loved one.



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What's Happening in the Neighborhood?

Saturday Co-Op Coffee Hour



We welcome all returning Co-op residents to Saturday Coffee Hour which is held every **Saturday at 8:30 AM starting November 7 in the Yacht Club..** For the fee of \$2.00, you can enjoy coffee/tea, donuts, meat, cheeses, rolls, and bread. 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. Clubs and activities have volunteered to sponsor Coffee Hour and will receive half of the proceeds from 50/50 for their group. We are also looking for more people to join the Coffee Committee to help out with Saturday Coffee Hour. We hope to see you there for this great social hour spent with friends and neighbors.

The Coffee Committee

Coffee sponsored by:

Entertainment – November
Boosters – December
Boat Club – January
Shuffle Club – February
Water Aerobics – March
Dogs, Inc. – April (first 2 weeks)

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.

A "Wishing You Well" card was sent to:
Joy Colbert formerly of Edessa Dr.

A "Get Well" card was sent to:

Alexandra (Sandie) Kaschkadajew of Nassau Dr. (hip surgery)
Beverly Marshall of Bimini Dr. (fall and rehab)

Condolences were sent to:

Stacey Rau of Tampico Dr. on the passing of her father, Claude.
The family of **Jon Beecher** of Bimini Dr./Tampico Dr. on his passing.

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.

Arts 'n Crafts Fairs



The Co-Op will host **two Arts 'n Crafts Fairs** this season!

🎄 Christmas Arts 'n Crafts Fair

Sunday, December 13th --- 12:00 noon – 3:00 PM
Auditorium

Come shop the wonderful creations made by our talented residents! It's the perfect opportunity to find a **special Christmas gift** for someone on your list—or a little something for yourself!

🌸 **Save the Date!**

Spring Arts 'n Crafts Fair

Sunday, March 21st --- 12:00 noon – 3:00 PM
Auditorium

Want to be a vendor? If you're interested in setting up a table and selling your creations at either fair, please contact **Judy Hayes** at 651-214-6838.

Exercise and Wellness

CO-OP WALKING AEROBICS

Come join us for Walking Aerobics, 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.



Cindy Shaw, Coordinator

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.**



Out and About.... Around Town!

Keep Manatee Beautiful – First Tuesday & Saturday Cleanups



First Saturday Cleanup
Saturday, October 4 at 9:00 AM
Bayfront Park
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Anna Maria Island

First Tuesday Cleanup
Tuesday October 7 at 9:00 AM
Sutton Park
Palmetto

To volunteer and sign up for any location go to
www.manateebeautiful.com.

Manatee Performing Arts Center

Carrie – The Musical Oct. 15- Nov. 1*

A bullied teen with telekinetic powers unleashes chaos on the prom night in this rock musical.



Dear Evan Hansen Oct. 22- Nov. 1*

A Tony-winning musical about a high school student with social anxiety whose lie after a classmate's suicide sets off life-changing consequences.

Almighty Queen – “A Tribute to Queen” Music Concert
Oct. 27 2 PM & 7 PM

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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 to find the best places in a town to eat, ask a fireman or policeman. --age 34
- I've learned that child-proof bottles of medicine are sometimes adult-proof, too. --age 55
- I've learned that the sweetest sound of all is my own name spoken by a person I care about. --age 29
- I've learned that if someone asks "How are you doing?" it's not necessary to give them a full health report. --age 65
- I've learned that when I'm angry, my mouth works faster than my brain. --age 58
- I've learned that grandparents can be just as much a joy to their grandchildren as their grandchildren are to them. --age 20
- I've learned that in relationships, it's better to have an end with misery than misery without an end. --age 43
- I've learned that after you retire, you spend half your time looking for things you lose. --age 74
- I've learned that making sure my best friend is happy is as important as making sure that I'm happy. --age 32
- I've learned that when you're in love, you always have something to talk about. --age 41
- I've learned that if you spend your life always looking forward to something else, the present just slips away. --age 37
- I've learned that I want to exercise, but not now. --age 54

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!

Booster News



You Are a Co-Op Booster!

Mission Statement

Tropic Isles Co-Op Boosters are a group of TI residents that volunteer their time and talents aimed at supporting and enriching our community on several levels.

- We organize and conduct fundraising events to financially assist the Tropic Isles Community.
- We organize and support projects making Tropic Isles a more beautiful place to live.
- We provide discretionary funding for community projects and purchases within the park.
- We provide a collaborative support group for the Tropic Isles Co-op Board of Directors.

What are some of their projects?

- Palm Trees – Purchase, fertilize, and maintain palm trees.
- Recycling - Collect and redeem aluminum cans.
- Financial Support – Contribute financially to further the efforts of other park groups.
- Selling Tropic Isles' apparel
- Social Activities – All activities are listed in the Breezes newsletter.

When do they meet?

- We meet the **first Friday of each month** in the Yacht Club, November – April at 9 AM.
- Meetings are informative and open to Co-op residents only.
- Meetings are well run, enjoyable, and always open to suggestions!
- **OUR NEXT MEETING IS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6 AT 9 AM IN THE YACHT CLUB.**

Boosters' Officers 2026-2027

Boosters President.....	Bob Shaw
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General Dog Etiquette



General Etiquette

- Know the community rules: Review pet policies, leash laws, noise restrictions, and designated pet areas.
- Be a good neighbor: Always pick up after your dog immediately and dispose of waste in proper containers.
- Keep barking under control: Use training, exercise, or calming aids to minimize noise—especially in shared walls or outdoor spaces.
- Leash awareness: Keep dogs on a short (not retractable) leash in common areas to prevent surprises for others.
- Ask before greetings: Not everyone enjoys dog interactions; make sure your neighbors and their pets are comfortable first.
- Not all dogs like each other and will get along. Be respectful of owners that don't want to interact with your dog.

Comfort and Safety

- Create a calm space indoors: Give your dog a specific resting area to reduce anxiety and noise when people walk by.
- Exercise smartly: Use walking paths during less busy hours, or find nearby off-leash areas if available.
- Manage introductions: Slowly acclimate your dog to community life—no sudden meet-and-greets or crowd exposure right away.

- Secure doors and patios: Make sure your dog can't slip out into shared spaces or other people's yards.

Health and Cleanliness

- Regular grooming and bathing reduce shedding and dog odor—important in close living spaces.
- Flea and tick prevention protects your dog and neighbors' pets alike.
- Maintain vaccinations and vet visits—many 55+ communities like Tropic Isles require documented proof.

Neighbor Relations

- Communicate early: Let nearby residents know you have a dog and invite them to express any concerns calmly.
- Lead by example: Others will often follow your courteous behavior when they see responsible pet ownership.
- Offer kindness: If a neighbor dislikes dogs, respect their space and avoid confrontation.

Community Engagement

- Join or start a pet walking group—it can build supportive friendships and strengthen community harmony.
- Volunteer for dog-related events to show you're a considerate owner.

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Laughter is the Best Medicine!



- I don't need a hair stylist; my pillow gives me a new hairstyle every morning.
- Don't worry if plan A fails, there are 25 more letters in the alphabet.
- A bank is a place that will lend you money, if you can prove that you don't need it.
- A balanced diet means a cupcake in each hand.
- Doing nothing is hard. You never know when you're done.
- If you're not supposed to eat at night, why is there a light bulb in the refrigerator?
- Don't drink while driving – you might spill the beer.
- I think the worst time to have a heart attack is during a game of charades.
- I refuse to answer that question on the grounds that I don't know the answer.
- Alcohol doesn't solve any problem, but neither does milk.
- My wallet is like an onion. When I open it, it makes me cry.
- Doesn't expecting the unexpected make the unexpected expected?
- I'm not clumsy. The floor just hates me, the table and chairs are bullies, and the walls get in my way.
- Life is short. Smile while you still have teeth.
- The only reason I'm fat is because a tiny body couldn't store all this personality.
- I'm jealous of my parents. I'll never have a kid as cool as them.
- I'm not lazy. I'm just very relaxed.
- Always remember you're unique, just like everyone else.
- You're born free, then you're taxed to death.
- The best part of going to work is coming back home at the end of the day.
- A cookie a day keeps the sadness away. An entire jar of cookies a day brings it back.
- A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend. A successful woman is one who can find such a man.
- How can you tell when a mummy has a cold? He starts coffin.

TRIVIA Trivia Tidbits

- If the sun were to suddenly disappear in the daytime, it would take 8 minutes and 17 seconds for the world to go dark. That's precisely how long it takes for a ray of sunlight to reach Earth.
- The sun is 400 times farther from Earth than the Moon is. It skews your perception of size and scale, so sometimes the Sun looks the same size as the Moon.
- According to science, your left side is your good side in pictures. The left side of your face is better at displaying emotion, making you look more appealing.
- Not every planet orbits the Sun. There are several billion "rogue planets" unbound by gravity aimlessly floating about in space.

❓ Did You Know? ❓

- that the Board of Directors are all elected volunteers?
- that all Shareholders are invited and encouraged to attend the Board of Director's meetings?
- that residents have the responsibility to know and abide by the Rules and Regulations?
- that all shareholders of the Co-op should read the Master Form Occupancy Agreement, Articles of Incorporation, and Bylaws of Tropic Isles Co-op, Inc.?
- that Tropic Isles has its own website: www.tropicisles.net ?
- that the Co-op has an audio-video surveillance system in the Office, pool, Auditorium, and Yacht Club for your safety?
- that Co-op Saturday Morning Coffee is a social event?
- that anyone can offer constructive suggestions and ideas or ask questions of the Manager?
- that anyone can submit pictures for the newsletter by sending them to tibreezes1@aol.com?
- that the Boosters collect aluminum cans for recycling?
- that you need to use your fob to enter the fenced-in pool area and remember to shower before entering the pool?
- that there are many opportunities for you to volunteer to help around the community?
- that the waters in and around Tropic Isles are Manatee Zones which require all boats to travel at "slow, no wake" speed and watch out for manatees?
- that you should 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 no matter where you are. Dogs must be on a leash throughout the park.



Safety Tips of the Month ---

HERE ARE SOME FRIENDLY REMINDERS TO HELP MAKE TROPIC ISLES
A HAPPY AND STRESS-FREE PLACE TO BE!

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, 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 golf cart 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 1.3 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.

Appendix 4

1.3 Age Restriction to Operate Golf Carts

- *Golf carts are motor vehicles and are not to be operated by children under the age of sixteen (16) throughout the Community and not without a valid driver's license.*
- *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. On Bimini Dr. the 15-mph speed limit is painted on the road. 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!**

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(s) to park. Temporary permits are issued for parking 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 if you arrive on the weekend. Do not park on empty lots or on the streets overnight.



Safety First!

More Friendly Reminders

Reminder – Yard Waste Pickup Requirements:

We are seeing an increase in unbundled yard waste at the curb for pickup. Please remember that Manatee County has specific requirements for pickup of yard waste. Yard waste will NOT be picked up unless it is prepared in one of the following manners:

BAG IT:

- You must use sturdy garbage bags.



BUNDLE IT:

- If you do not wish to use garbage cans or garbage bags, you must put yard waste in bundles no longer than four (4) feet in length.
- Bundles cannot contain branches larger than six (6) inches in diameter. Any branch larger than six (6) inches in diameter must be cut in half lengthwise, tied and bundled.
- Tie bundles with heavy-duty string.

CAN IT:

- Yard waste can be in a 32-gallon garbage can (NOT recycling cart) or other containers. Yard waste must NOT extend above the top of the can.

Bundles, bags, or 32-gallon garbage cans must not weigh more than 50 pounds each.

All properly prepared yard waste is picked up on Wednesday, except for holiday make-up schedules. For additional information regarding trash pickup, please visit https://manatee.hosted.civicle.com/departments/utilities/trash_and_recycling.

REMEMBER: All yard waste, recyclables, and garbage are to be placed on ONE designated side of the street.

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.

Friends of the Pelicans	Bradenton
https://www.friendsofthepelicans.org	
Save Our Seabirds	Sarasota
https://www.saveourseabirds.org	
Seaside Seabird Sanctuary	Indian Shores (near St. Pete)
https://seasideseabirdsanctuary.org	
Wildlife, Inc.	Anna Maria Island
https://wildlifeinc.org	

**FOR SICK, INJURED, ENDANGERED, OR ORPHANED
MANATEES CALL: 1-888-404-3922**

Urban “E” Recycling



Electronic waste is growing exponentially. Televisions are used, on average, less than two years -- computers for three years. Recycling (“E-cycling”) these and other electronic items is critical for preserving landfill space and ensuring that hazardous materials contained in these electronics are properly disposed of. Urban “E” Recycling properly disposes and recycles electronics in the Greater Tampa Bay Area. Essentially, they are a service that has free pick-up from businesses and residents of e-waste. They also destroy data of hard drives with certification. 100% of all electronics they handle are recycled responsibly. Visit us at 5144 Le Tourneau Circle, Tampa or call 813-501-9346. Check out their website at www.urbanerecycling.com and find out more about this great FREE service.

WE NEED YOUR MATERIAL

- Computers (desktop & Laptop)
- Servers
- Hard Drives
- All Circuit Boards
- UPS Battery Backups
- Monitors (Flat Screen Only)
- Printers
- DVD players
- VCRs
- Modems
- Batteries
- Routers
- X-Ray Film
- Cell Phone/ Mobile Phones
- Telephones
- Telephone Systems
- Phone System Hardware
- Insulated Cable & Wire
- Video Games/X-Boxes
- Laptops
- Ipads & Tablets
- Cable Boxes

ITEMS WE DO NOT RECYCLE

We can recycle most electronics from wires to a rack of servers. However, we cannot recycle CRT monitors and televisions. Those cost us to dispose of properly. We want to keep our service free. Don't you?

- Glass Bulbs
- Large Home Appliances
- Household Batteries
- CRT Monitors
- Televisions
- Paint, Varnish or other chemicals

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.

Vehicles and Parking

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.



Appendix 2: Architectural Guidelines – General Property Requirements

D. Exterior Dwelling/Structure Painting

- All exterior painting and repainting of existing Dwellings, sheds, trim, shutters, and doors must have written approval via the ARC process.
- Painting of outdoor murals on Dwellings or sheds is NOT permitted.

Pool Etiquette

If you enjoy spending time at the pool, please remember these few simple things:

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.

The State Health Department rules also regulate food, beverages, and glass containers as follows: Food and beverages are prohibited in the pool and on the wet deck area, except:

- Commercially-bottled water in plastic bottles is allowed on the pool wet deck for pool patron hydration. (NOTE: The pool wet deck is defined as the four-foot-wide unobstructed pool deck area around the outside of the pool water perimeter, curb, ladders, handrails, diving boards, diving towers, pool slides, waterfalls, water features, starting blocks, planters, or lifeguard chairs.) **NO food or beverages are allowed IN the pool or hot tub/spa, OR within 4 feet of the water.**
- All glass containers and products are prohibited in the fenced pool area or within 50 feet of an unfenced pool. **NO GLASS CONTAINERS!**



Other reminders to help make your time at the pool enjoyable for everyone:

- **Children's hours at the pool are 11 AM to 1 PM and 4 PM to 6 PM.**
- Please dispose of the cans, plastic bottles, and trash in the receptacles provided for you.
- If you are a smoker, please smoke in the designated "SMOKE BREAK AREA" outside of the fence.
- Please remember to put down the pool umbrellas when you are through using them and return your noodles and water weights to their proper location. Leave no trace.
- Use a towel to protect the chairs from sunscreen.
- Dogs, golf carts, bikes, smoking, and glass are NOT allowed in the pool deck area.
- Remember to be considerate and respectful of others.
- Please keep your music and conversation levels LOW so as not to disturb others.
- **Disorderly conduct, public intoxication, and profane language will NOT be tolerated.**

Hot Tub Alert !

When using the hot tub timer, please let it run its course on the time. If you try to shut it off midway through its timed cycle, it will break the timing mechanism and then be out of service until it can be fixed. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter!

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. Remember to shower before entering the pool each time.

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.

Rule of the Month

As of November 18, 2021, there has been **No Smoking** in the swimming pool/hot tub area (inside the fence). This includes e-cigs and chewing tobacco in addition to cigarettes, pipes, cigars,



and marijuana. The new "designated Smoke Break area" is located on the south side of the Yacht Club in the grassy area. It is set up with a table with benches and ashtrays for your convenience. Please use the ashtrays provided! Thanks for your cooperation!

Also, please remember that there is **NO SMOKING** within 20 feet of the Auditorium and Yacht Club buildings.

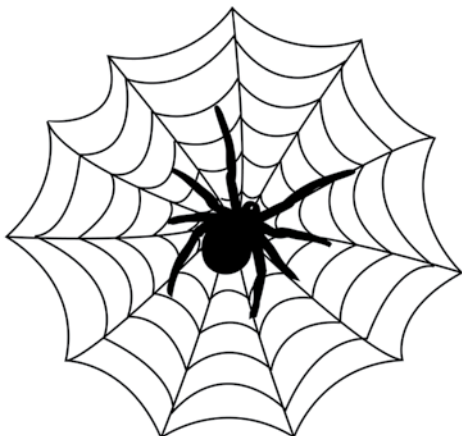
Residents



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!**



Free Uber-Type Ride Service For Veterans

- To any medical/dental office or to pick up prescriptions throughout Manatee County.
 - Available to pre-registered Veterans.
 - Service hours are Monday-Saturday, 5:30 AM to 7 PM.
- Contact the Manatee County Veterans Services Office to verify your Veteran status. Call 941-745-3795 or visit vets@mymanatee.org.



Donate Your Unwanted Items



There are many organizations in Palmetto that are accepting donations. The **Vietnam Veterans Program, "Pick up Please"**, is a very convenient donation pick-up program. They will come right to your house and pick up the items. You just need to box up the items and set them outside for the scheduled pickup. The website is www.pickupplease.org or you can call them at 800-775-8387 to schedule a pick up. Their website has more information on what they will and will not pick up. They do not pick up furniture.

Habitat for Humanity will pick up many items including furniture, working appliances, and building material. For more information, they can be contacted at 941-355-7082.

Also, per the **City guidelines**: Two (2) large items may be placed at the curb with your regular garbage each collection day. Large appliances such as refrigerators, air conditioners, washing machines, dryers, stoves, water heaters, and freezers as well as TVs, computers, microwaves, and other electronics can also be picked up. There is a minimal charge for curbside disposal per appliance/item or you can utilize your one (1) free annual collection. To schedule a collection, please call Customer Service at 941-792-8811.

Tropic Isles Boat Club News



Welcome aboard to our new Boat Club Bridge for the upcoming season! At our final spring meeting, the club officially transitioned leadership to our new officers. Steve Tourtillotte has stepped up into the Commodore role, joined by Dwayne Scruton as Vice Commodore, John Slayter is taking over as Secretary, and Mike Cuff has officially accepted the position of Treasurer. We are still looking to fill our 2nd Vice Commodore position, so if you are interested in joining the leadership team, please reach out to any Bridge member. A huge thank you to outgoing Commodore, Tom Hennessy, for his dedicated service to the club!

While many members left for the summer, we have plenty of momentum heading into the fall. The club wrapped up the season in strong financial shape with an ending balance of \$4,361.40. We also approved key investments for our waters, including matching funds to install two additional safety ladders in the Middle Basin. (We will be targeting the Aloha and Bimini canals next season), as well as purchasing new perpetual recognition plaques for our Kayaking group and Fishing Derby winners.

Mark your calendars for our return this fall. Our next official Boat Club meeting will be held on **November 4 at 7:00 PM in the Yacht Club**. When everyone returns, we will also be host to a specialized wildlife rescue class with "Friends of the Pelicans", address community boating trips, and discuss establishing a dedicated Facebook group for club announcements.

Thank you to everyone who made this past season such a success! Continue having a safe summer, and we look forward to seeing everyone back on the water this November.

"Land was created to provide a place for boats to visit." — Brooks Atkinson

Fair winds,

Steve Tourtillotte, Commodore

BOAT CLUB BRIDGE

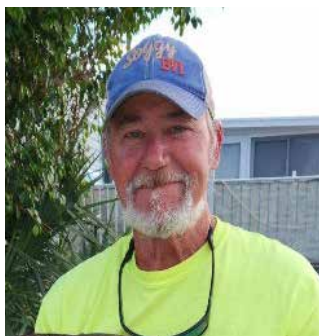
Steve Tourtillotte, Commodore
Dwayne Scruton, Vice Commodore
VACANT, 2nd Vice Commodore
John Slayter, Secretary
Mike Cuff, Treasurer



Steve Tourtillotte



Dwayne Scruton



John Slayter



Mike Cuff

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")

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.

Tropic Isles' Marina



Hello, everyone!

As you are probably aware, we've had our share of hot, rainy weather this summer. Business has been a little slow for now, but I'm sure things will pick up as our Northern friends begin returning for the season.

We recently had an unfortunate incident involving someone cutting the lock on the chain at the boat ramp to gain unauthorized access. In response, we have upgraded the ramp lock and installed additional security cameras that now monitor both the ramp, the leased slips, and the parking lot area. We've also had a few occasions where groups of young people have gathered to party in the pool parking area, so we hope the additional cameras will help deter this type of activity as well.

On a positive note, the new pilings have been installed in the channel leading to the Main Basin, along with new channel markers. Some may wonder why the markers were not numbered. Because this is a very short channel leading directly into the basin, numbered markers are neither necessary nor required.

As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions. Thank you, and enjoy the rest of the summer!

*Rick Kropp
Tropic Isles Co-op Marina*

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.

Kayak-Itty-Yak News

Join the Kayak Group This Season!

By Bev Butts



The Kayak Group paddles on Wednesday mornings meeting at the Kayak Launch (behind the Auditorium) at 9 AM starting on **November 4, 2026**. We all meet at Bird Island at 9:30 and decide where to go depending upon the weather and tide conditions. (See map below.)



You need a kayak, a paddle, a life vest, and a whistle. If you don't yet own a kayak, contact the author and our senior members will try to locate a "loaner" until you purchase your own kayak.

You do NOT need to be an experienced kayaker. It is never difficult to find someone to paddle alongside of you. Most of the water trails we take are within 1-1.5 hours from the launch. If someone gets tired, find a buddy, and head back to the launch.

If you have any questions, contact Beverly Butts at beverlybutts@gmail.com.

Kayak Rack Storage



**FOR RESIDENTS WHO STORE THEIR KAYAKS ON THE RACKS
AT THE LAUNCH:**

Be advised, kayaks may only stay on the racks, if YOU are here in the park. If you are leaving for an extended period of time, please store your kayak in your shed or home where it can be safely secured, especially during hurricane season.

REMEMBER TO LOCK YOUR KAYAKS TO THE RACK!

Check with the Office about availability of the racks and rental prices.

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.



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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 Tuesdays of the month at 9:30 AM in the Dockside Room of the Yacht Club.
- 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, in your yard, or on your dock can be found

in Appendix 2 (p. 24-42) in the current 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 outside of governing authorities (e.g., The City of Palmetto).

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Procedure

ARC MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE DOCKSIDE 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. 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. **ARC Meetings will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 9:30 AM in the Dockside Room of the Yacht Club.**
3-COR Meeting will be held as needed for "like-for-like" projects and for 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

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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.





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): _____

Date: _____ AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

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**Resident signature acknowledging receipt
Of completed application:**

Signature

Date

Picture-Perfect Pets



We adopted **Bella** after her mom, Tracie Chounard, passed away. I went to take a few pictures of her and didn't realize she was so photogenic. She smiled on the first picture. Then I took the second picture where she stuck her tongue out at me. She has been so fun to have around and has adjusted to us really well. I wanted to say thank you to Patti, Irene, and Nancy, for being there for Bella before us, and to Charlyn for the bag of dog stuff for Bella. We appreciate it and our neighbor, Cheryl.

Karen Clark



We got a puppy this summer and her name is **JoJo**. She is a Yorkie/Poodle and will join us at 370 Tampico Dr. She is shown with our 9 ½ year old Yorkie/Shih Tzu, Westee, who is trying to teach her how to behave. They play "rough and tumble" until one gets tired.

---Don and Kim Trammel



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