

Home of the Month



January's "Home of the Month" is awarded to Dan and Karen Demers at 2801 14th St. W. Karen and Dan work hard to create great curb appeal on their corner home with a well-tended yard of tropical plants and decorations for all seasons. Congratulations!

Photo of the Month



The full moon seen by Kathryn Wells from the North Basin makes this scene look like a painting.

Thought for the Day

One of our greatest powers is simply being kind to each other.

Starfish Hunt

Can you find me hiding somewhere inside?



Meet Your New Neighbors

By Cindy Shaw

Meet **John and Fran Krakker** (pronounced Crocker), our new, full-time neighbors at 30 Montego Dr. John and Fran are originally from Flint, Michigan. They were introduced to Tropic Isles through Fran's daughter, Ruth, who lives in the area with her family and has been a nurse at Manatee Hospital for the past 4 years. John and Fran have a blended family of 7 children. Fran has 5 children—Ruth (FL), Ray (NM), Randy (MI), Renee (MI), and Roby (MI). John has 2 sons—Ted (MI) and Nick (Netherlands). They also have 7 grandchildren, 12 great-granddaughters, 6 great-grandsons, and 1 great-great-grandson.



John served in the Marines for 2 years and worked in the gravel industry as a heavy equipment operator, prefab welder, and worked with heavy media gravel for 23½ years. He also served as Union Steward for 12½ years. Fran worked for the Coldwater Creek Clothing Company for 6 years. John and Fran enjoy traveling, visiting museums and art shows, antique hunting, and playing cards. Fran knows 32 different poker games! Fran also loves to read and bake. Please give John and Fran a warm, Tropic Isles welcome!

All the way from the island of St. John in the US Virgin Islands is our new, part-time neighbor, **Ruth Ernst**, at 3006 12th St. W. You may recognize the last name from when her father, Bob Ernst, and step-mom, Terri, lived in Tropic Isles for over 30 years on the same street. Her sister, Mary Aguilera, resides where her parents owned at 2901 12th St. W. for all those years. She also has two brothers who reside in Chicago and Boston. Ruth is originally from Exeter, New Hampshire, but has lived in St. John for over 30 years where she has a business, St. John Spice, a retail and online store (www.stjohnspice.com), for the last 26 years. She started her career working for Funk Software, the first software utility company, in the 80's. She also was involved in high tech networking in the 80's and 90's with Banyan Systems for 8 years.



Ruth has 2 dogs and a feral cat that live with her at her home in St. John. In her free time, Ruth enjoys traveling, crafts, sewing, decorating and pillow shopping, gardening, and doing ancestry DNA research for adults that have been adopted. Ruth hopes to spend around a week a month in Tropic Isles, so when you see her, please extend her a warm, Tropic Isles welcome.

Thanksgiving Blessings!

A delicious Thanksgiving dinner was enjoyed by 140 residents. Thanks to Judy Milliken, the cooks, and all the volunteers that made it a success!



Three generations of the Floretta Krueger family (Floretta, her daughter, and grand-daughter) came together to celebrate Thanksgiving!



What's Happening in Tropic Isles



Denise Votaw had a Heavenly Hand at Mahjong on November 26 while playing with the Tropic Isles' group. This is

a very rare occurrence, and all her Mahjong friends felt very blessed to witness the event! Congratulations, Denise!

Thank you to Mark and Pat Kolb and Martin and June Dey for pulling the shades out and installing the side curtains at the shuffle courts!



"Jerry Quesenberry, the dog whisperer."



Thank you to those that reached out to help Wendy and myself brighten up our park for the holidays by decorating the buildings and the entrances! Special thanks to **Brenda Bartels, Doug & Carol Peck, Randy & Julie Rice, Jim Gorton, Lisa Murphy, Laura Bishop, Pat Baker, Dawn Perna, and Dennis & Janet Weber.** I hope the lights were enjoyed by all!

----Cheryl Brink



The buildings were painted in November to give Tropic Isles a bright, new look.



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Letter from the Editor

HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

A very blessed and happy New Year to all! Welcome back to the second wave of Snowbirds who have arrived and are looking forward to enjoying their winter in our winter water wonderland! There has been a lot happening since you've been gone. Take a drive around the park and see for yourself!

Our Entertainment Committee has been busy planning fun things to do this winter. There are so many activities to choose from when it comes to things to do that, you'll have a hard time fitting it all in. Many group activities are available for your participation and enjoyment. Check out the inside of the Resident Phone Directory for the clubs and activities to choose from. Get involved and meet new people! We need new residents to join in and be a part of the fun!

Have a wonderful winter stay in Tropic Isles. Let this be your 2026 New Year's Resolution: Be kinder, more considerate, and more respectful to your neighbors and the people you meet. Take the time to put yourself in their shoes and treat others the way you want to be treated. The world will be a better place because of it!



From the Manager's Desk



As you are aware, one of the goals of all the residents of Tropic Isles is to keep the community looking beautiful. Enforcing the rules plays an important role in that goal. At the March 16, 2023 Board Meeting, the Board of Directors presented and approved an updated Compliance Policy.

The goal of this policy is NOT to penalize residents or to charge fines. The goal is simply to keep our community attractive and to remind all residents that we all share in this responsibility.

If you receive an email or a letter, please do not panic. If you need additional time to address an issue, just reach out to Management. Communication is key! We all need to work together to maintain a community atmosphere here at our own little slice of paradise... **Tropic Isles.**

Bobbie McEvoy, Manager
manager@tropicsles.net

Mail Chimp Procedure

If you want to send out a Mail Chimp to announce your activity or event, you need to give the Office 48-hour notice. You are allowed to send out ONE Mail Chimp per activity/event. You can ask to schedule your Mail Chimp in advance for any day, including the weekend, and it will be sent out when it was requested. You must make your request in writing using the form on the website www.tropicsles.net or via email to the Office.



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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 the resident, as well as the 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 repre-

sented 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.

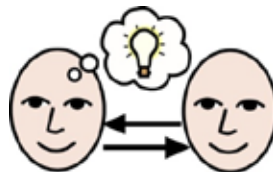
Nothing in this policy shall be construed to require the Board of Directors to initiate fining against a violator. The Board has the authority to determine the most effective enforcement approach on a case-by-case basis in accordance with Article 12.1 of the Bylaws. This decision is solely within the 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.

(Published quarterly in the Breezes.)

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 OCCURRENCE AND TAKE A PICTURE, IF POSSIBLE. THE INFORMATION IS KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL!

SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING, DO SOMETHING!



Idea to Ponder....

If you can't see the bright side of life, polish the dull side.

All New and Returning Residents!



- **Sign in** at the Office to let them know that you have returned.
- **Remember to pick up your new 2026 Resident Phone Directory from the Office.**
- If you are a NEW resident to Tropic Isles or need to update your personal information including your local emergency contact, and family emergency contact, you need to fill out the **Information Form**. A copy of that form can be picked up in the Office and you can find a copy online at www.tropicisles.net. This important information is used to update the new Resident Phone Directory each year.
- If you would like to receive important notices from the Office via our **Mail Chimp** email system, please make sure the Office has your current email address.
- Make sure you familiarize yourself with the **Rules and Regulations**.
- Check the current **ARC Guidelines** in Appendix 2 of your Rules and Regulations if you plan to do any work on your house, in your yard, or on your dock and fill out an ARC application before you begin.
- Pick up the latest copy of the **Breezes newsletter** for the latest information on events and activities.
- Please make sure to place your **garbage (Friday), recycling (Friday), and yard waste (Wednesday)** on the correct side of the street for pickup. Check with the Office or your neighbors as to where it should be placed.

Welcome Back, Snowbirds!

WHILE YOU WERE AWAY..... The Board of Directors, Manager, Office and Maintenance Staff, Marina Staff, contractors, and resident volunteers have worked hard while you were away. Some of these items were storm-related repairs and upgrades:

- The mangroves and canals around Tropic Isles were cleaned up from debris by Bayside Dredging and the residents, using boats and kayaks.
- 56 homes were demolished in the park!
- The apartments were renovated after the storms.
- The end of the Bimini Canal was dredged after the storms.
- The pool and hot tub were completely reconstructed.
- The mechanical pool equipment was completely replaced and the plumbing was redone.
- The pool lounge chairs were re-strapped.
- New chairs for the Auditorium and Yacht Club were purchased.
- A new fridge was purchased for the kitchen in the Auditorium.
- A new freezer was purchased for the store room in the Auditorium.
- The inside of the Auditorium was painted, the restrooms were re-designed, and the floor was replaced.
- The kitchen in the Yacht Club was rebuilt, a new floor was installed, and the inside of the Yacht Club was painted and redecorated.
- A big screen TV was added to the Yacht Club.
- The Game Room was redesigned.
- The Book Nook shelving was rebuilt and the library was reorganized.
- The copy machine was returned to the Book Nook for use by the residents.
- Carpet tiles in the Seabreeze Room (Pretty Room) were installed to reduce the echo.

- New gym equipment arrived and was installed.
- After the storm cleanup and demolitions were finished, the streets were swept clean!
- 5 new homes were installed with more to come.
- The painting of the exteriors of the Auditorium and Yacht Club was completed.
- The sidewalk entrances to the Yacht Club and Auditorium were repainted.
- The Auditorium roof was repaired from the storm.
- The Marina floating gas dock, gas pump, and bait tank have been replaced and are ready for use.
- A bubbler system was installed at the boat ramp to keep the weeds from accumulating there.
- New flooring was installed in the Marina building.
- New reflective street signs were installed around the park.
- The new access control system (fobs) was installed and new fobs were issued to residents.
- The sound system in the Auditorium was upgraded.
- New flowering shrubs (hydrangeas) were planted in front of the Yacht Club.
- Cocoplum shrubs were planted along Maui Dr.
- The Riprap project along Bahia Dr. is continuing and will provide protection to those homes from future storms.
- The bi-annual palm tree trimming was done.
- Boosters purchased 26 palm trees and planted them. They also did the annual fertilization of the palm trees.



Important to Know

Auditorium/Yacht Club -- Facility Use Guidelines

If you rent the Auditorium or Yacht Club for a private event, you need to follow these guidelines:

1. The reservation is not confirmed until the completed Facility Rental Agreement and the damage/cleaning deposit have been received by the Office staff.
2. The rental duration includes set-up and post-event cleanup and applies to all guests in attendance. For the time of the scheduled reservation, the renter has the exclusive use of the rented area only.
3. Yacht Club rentals are not permitted to use the pool or hot tub.
4. Renter is responsible for the following clean-up tasks at the conclusion of their event:
 - a. Remove all decorations, displays, materials, and trash.
 - b. Return all furniture and other items to their original position.
 - c. Clean the rented facilities (including the kitchen, if applicable) and restore them to their pre-rented condition, to the satisfaction of Management.
5. The deposit will be refunded to the renter within ten (10) business days provided the items listed in #4 are completed. If the deposit will not be refunded, the renter will be notified by the Management within ten (10) business days following the event.
6. Renter is responsible for all additional costs which may be incurred by the Co-Op for cleaning, damage, etc. as a result of this rental.
7. All facilities are under closed circuit surveillance.

PRIVATE PARTIES MAY NOT RESERVE THE POOL OR HOT TUB.

Please DO NOT:

- Use the stove/oven or coffee pots in the Auditorium. (**Only Authorized Activity Groups may use.**)
- Block the entrance with vehicles. The area is a fire lane.
- Drink alcoholic beverages outside of the Auditorium or Yacht Club buildings.
- Play loud music. (If you can hear it outside, it is too loud.) 10:00 PM is QUIET TIME.
- Use ANY of the sound equipment that is in the Auditorium/Yacht Club. (microphones, cords, piano, etc.)
- Put tape, nails, or staples on the walls or windows.
- Leave any doors propped open.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE:

- **Return all tables and chairs to their original position.**
- Sweep the entire room.
- Mop up any spills. Empty the mop bucket.
- Wipe tables, kitchen counters, and kitchen sink.
- Empty trash cans by placing trash in the green bins behind the YC or on the side of the Auditorium.

- Put fresh trash bags in the cans which are found in the utility closet or kitchen cupboards.
- Remember to take all your personal belongings, including serving dishes, utensils, and leftover food.
- Make sure to turn off the lights, except for the safety lights.
- Make sure the doors are locked.
- Please leave the room as clean or cleaner than you found it.

~~Special Thanks~~

- A very special "thanks" to **everyone who donated blood** at our December Blood Drive. Your donation helped to save lives.
- A big "thanks" to **Chris and Sharon Wagner** with the help of **Drew Doll** for providing a great "Night at the Movies" for residents to enjoy.
- A GREAT BIG "THANKS" to the **Entertainment Committee** for planning and orchestrating the Christmas Dance, Christmas Cart Parade, and Christmas Eve Social to spread holiday cheer throughout the community.
- Thanks to **Jean Volkens and all the carolers** who sang Christmas carols to the residents throughout the park.
- The New Year was brought in with music and games at the New Year's Eve Party organized by the **Entertainment Committee**. Thanks to everyone who participated to make it a night to remember!
- A very special "thank you" to **Susan Neumann and Don Diller** for picking up 2 Christmas trees that were donated by Walmart.
- A heartfelt "thank you" to all those **residents who donated items to the Veterans Donation Drive** and to the **Red Hat Ladies** for organizing this event every year. Your generosity was much appreciated.
- Thanks to **Don Denby and all the hardworking Booster volunteers** that helped to plant and fertilize the palm trees.
- Thank you to all you guys and gals that made our **Thanksgiving Dinner** so successful. The Tropic Isles volunteers never disappoint. You served 140 dinners to all your friends and neighbors. Thank you all so very much.



---Judy Milliken, Coordinator



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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 compostable kraft paper 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.civiclive.com/departments/utilities/trash_and_recycling.

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

Grass Recycling Is Important



We want to take a moment to remind you to practice "grass recycling" when your lawn gets mowed. Grass recycling (or mulching) means leaving clippings on your lawn. This

helps to make sure grass clippings do not blow into bodies of water or onto surfaces such as driveways, sidewalks, or streets, where they will eventually end up in the canals during rain events. Nutrients trapped in organic matter, such as grass clippings, leaves, and branches, can be re-released as pollutants when organic debris enters drainage areas, basin canals, and waterways. We all need to do our part to protect our waterways, and making sure to blow your grass clippings back onto your lawn is an important step. Please remind your lawn service to do the same. Thanks!

~~CLIP AND SAVE~~

Co-Op Trash/Recycling/Yard Waste Pickup



Yard Waste - Wednesdays

Solid Waste AND Recycling – Fridays

Recycling, Solid Waste, and Yard Waste should be placed on one designated side of the street. Check with your neighbors as to what side of the street to use.

Bulk Items: Call 941-723-4580

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

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

Yard waste must be set out in:

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

Yard waste that is not properly prepared cannot be collected.

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

Volunteers Needed! Please Help!



WE WANT YOU

We have a need for volunteers in the following positions:

- **Zoom Moderators** for Co-op Board Meetings are needed. Contact the Office. You must be a Shareholder. We will train.
- **Tropic Isles Apparel Sales**—A volunteer is needed to manage this project for the Boosters. Contact Dennis Butts, Boosters President
- **Christmas Decoration Committee** --- Someone is needed to organize a committee of volunteers to decorate the buildings and entrances at Christmastime. Contact Wendy Verstringhe, Activity President
- **Volunteers needed to sub for Block Captains on their street** to help distribute the Breezes newsletters when needed. Subs are needed for these streets: **Basin/Bahia, Flores, Maui/10th, and Montego**. You do not need to be a full-time resident to help out. Please contact Cindy Shaw at tibreezes1@aol.com or by calling/texting 608-212-8967 if you can help.
- **Neighbors Helping Neighbors** – A volunteer to coordinate the work parties for Neighbors Helping Neighbors, a group of resident-volunteers who offer assistance to residents in need of help with their yard or home.

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Tropic Isles' 2025-2026 Resident Phone Directories



If you have just returned to Tropic Isles and were not in the park in December when the Resident Phone Directories were distributed, please check with the Office or your Block Captain to receive your copy of the Directory. If you are listed in the Directory this year, you will have a Directory waiting for you (one per household). If you own your lot, but it is empty at this time, you are still entitled to a Directory for that address which you can pick up in the Office. TIPOA residents should call/text Elaine Faulkner at 941-723-9591 or email her at cfaulkner2@tampabay.rr.com for their copy of the Directory and to provide her with any changes that are needed.

Once you receive your new Directory, please check through the new Directory to see if your information is listed correctly. If you find an error in the Directory, please contact me by calling or texting 608-212-8967 or send an email to tibreezes1@aol.com with your correction. I will be happy to print the correction in next month's issue of the Breezes in the interim and make the change in the Directory for next year.

I'd like to give a special thank you to all those people who took the time to update their information with me, Elaine, and the Office prior to its printing.

Cindy Shaw, Editor

Important for All Residents

If you have any changes to make to your name, address, contact numbers, northern information, or email address in the new Directory, please send them to Cindy Shaw at tibreezes1@aol.com, call/text 608-212-8967, or complete an Information Form which can be picked up in the Office.

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.

BOGARD, Ronald	NEW! Add 56 Montego Dr., 616-262-6751
CHASE, Ann	Remove entire listing.
KARY, Paul & Donna	Add additional address of 2903 12th St. W.
NEUMANN, Susan	New phone number 941-920-0600
THURLOW, Bill & Lisa	Add additional phone number 705-220-3289.
TURNER, Charles	NEW! Add 319 Terra Ceia Dr., 941-755-7444
WEAKS, Patrick & Deborah	Remove patweak@yahoo.com Add jakeweaks52@gmail.com
ZELUFF, Steve & Rhonda	Remove szeluff@aol.com Add sgzeluff@gmail.com

About CodeRED

In the instance where the City of Palmetto sent out a message telling residents that they needed to boil water, being registered with the City of Palmetto CodeRed system came in handy. It notified residents on the list of the issue and also when the boil water notice was lifted.

The City of Palmetto utilizes the CodeRED Emergency Notification System. This communication service can be used for Emergency and General Notifications via phone call to inform residents and businesses of certain events that may impact the safety of persons or protection of property. It also can be relayed through text message, e-mail, and smartphone application. All businesses and residents should register with the City's CodeRED system to ensure they can receive important and timely information.

The CodeRED system is FREE to you! Simply sign up on the registration webpage and select your preferred means of communication to begin receiving the notifications.

You only need to register once. Re-registering may cause duplicate information in the system.

- The only time you need to re-register is if you have moved and you wish to re-associate your phone with a different address.
- If your information changes, or you no longer wish to receive notifications, you are responsible to notify CodeRED of this change. CodeRED allows you to set up a managed account allowing you to login and update your changes.
- Visit www.palmettofl.org/1348/code-RED to sign up.

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Avoid contact with sick people



Public Service Reminder



With flu season here and COVID still around, please do not attend any activities or events if you are feeling ill. Shelter at home until you are feeling better, and your illness has passed. We want everyone to stay healthy and happy!

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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 (Aloha, Bimini, Capri, Del Rio, Edessa, and Flores).

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. They are NOT the official deeded lot lines as used by the City and for the deeded property owners.

MAIL CHIMP – is the community-wide email system that sends out important information/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.

MFOA – stands for **M**aster **F**orm **O**ccupancy **A**greement, one of the governing documents of the Co-op.

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.

PROPERTY OWNERS – people who own deeded property within Tropic Isles Co-op, who live on the numbered streets and Trinidad Way (except for 28th Ave. W. and 10th St.), and are overseen by the laws and ordinances of the City.

PROSPECTUS – the group of governing documents of Tropic Isles Co-op 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.

RENTERS – rent their home from a resident in Tropic Isles and pay rent to the owner of the property. They must be pre-approved by the Office.

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

TI – stands for **T**ropic **I**sles, Co-op.

TIHOA – stands for **T**ropic **I**sles **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**sles **P**roperty **O**wners **A**ssociation, deeded property owners within the Tropic Isles Co-op. These homes are located on the number streets and Trinidad Way (except for 28th Ave. W. and 10th St.)



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Trivia Tidbits

- An interesting fact about the human body is that the length of your arms is generally equal to your height. This ratio is often referred to as the “wingspan” and can be used as a quick reference for estimating a person’s height. For most people, if you stretch your arms out to the sides, the distance from fingertip to fingertip will closely match your total height.
- It’s a fascinating and strange fact that most people cannot feel if someone is licking their elbow. This phenomenon is due to the unique positioning and sensitivity of nerve endings in that area. The skin on your elbow, also known as the “wenis,” has fewer nerve endings compared to other parts of your body.
- Wondering when those first grey hairs will appear? You might want to look at your dad’s side of the family. The age at which you start to go grey is often inherited from your paternal lineage. If your dad or his parents began to see silver strands early in life, you might follow suit.
- According to experts, people who prefer sleeping on the left side are more likely to experience improved digestion and better heart health. This sleeping position aids the natural flow of waste through the digestive system, which can help alleviate heartburn and acid reflux. Additionally, it promotes optimal blood circulation, reducing pressure on the heart and enhancing its function.
- Our bodies are remarkable machines. Each type of food we ingest requires a different amount of time to process. For instance, a simple salad can breeze through our digestive system in just 30-40 minutes, while a complex meal of chicken and rice could take up to an hour and a half to fully digest. On the other end of the spectrum, indulgent items like beef and lamb demand a considerable three to five hours for our bodies to break down.



- Our tongue is not just a tool for taste, but a window into our well-being, with its color acting as an indicator of our health.



- The human body is at its weakest between 3-4 AM, a time often referred to as the “dead of night.” This is when the body’s vital functions, like heart rate and blood pressure, are at their lowest. Studies suggest that this is also the time when people are most likely to die in their sleep, particularly those with pre-existing health conditions.
- Ever wondered why you can’t tickle yourself? It’s because your brain predicts the sensations your body is about to feel and filters them out.
- Our heartbeats are not just vital signs of life; they’re unique to each individual, like a fingerprint. This uniqueness is due to the slight variations in the shape and size of our hearts and the specific way electrical impulses travel through the heart muscle. These subtle differences create a heartbeat rhythm that is distinct for every person.
- Breathing might seem straightforward, but there’s a hidden intricacy. We tend to favor one nostril over the other, alternating periodically. This subtle shift ensures the air we inhale stays moist, preventing lung irritation.
- Remembering is not just recalling; it’s a creative process. Each time we revisit a memory, our brain subtly rewrites it, altering and shaping it over time. This means our cherished childhood memories might not be the exact replicas of the original events, but rather a reconstructed version crafted by the brain. It’s a fascinating glimpse into how memory is not just storage, but an active, evolving narrative.

Laughter is the Best Medicine!

- My wife said, "That's the 4th time you've gone back for dessert! Doesn't it embarrass you?" I said, "No, I keep telling them it's for you."
- It's been months since I bought the book How to Scam People Online. It still hasn't arrived.
- One good thing about being wrong is the joy it brings to others.
- I know a guy who is addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop at any time.
- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.
- On average, rabbits live 8 years and dogs live 15 years. Turtles live for 150 years. Lesson learned. Live at the beach.
- Only in America....do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front of the store.
- Only in America....do banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters.
- Only in America....do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.
- Only In America....do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.
- Ever wonder why the sun lightens your hair but darkens your skin?
- Why don't you ever see this headline "Psychic Wins Lottery"?
- Why is it that doctors call what they do "practice"?
- Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called "rush hour"?
- Why is abbreviated such a long word?
- Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?
- Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?
- You know that indestructible "black box" that is used on airplanes? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff?
- If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?
- I often get mistaken for an adult because of my age.



Photo of the Month



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

Calling All Fishermen and Women!



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



It was a great day on the Gulf for Captain, Jim Gorton, Bill Clark, George Pennachio, and Bruce Vanden Boogaard. They caught seven red Grouper from 21 inches to 28 inches, plus approximately two dozen that they had to throw back because they were just under the legal size.

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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 January 15 at 9:30 AM.

HAVE YOU WONDERED HOW YOU CAN GET A TOPIC OF INTEREST ON THE AGENDA AS A SHAREHOLDER?

A motion was unanimously passed at the August 19, 2021, Co-op Board Meeting to establish a procedure for getting items on the agenda based on Florida Statutes 718 and 720. The procedure is as follows:

"The designation of the agenda for Board meetings shall be at the discretion of the President. However, the President shall be obligated to include any item on the agenda for a Board meeting, if requested reasonably in advance, and in writing, by two (2) Board Members OR where required due to a petition from twenty percent (20%) of the voting interest."

2025-2026 Co-op Board of Directors Emails

Al MacKenzie, President	president@tropicisles.net
Drew Doll, Vice President	vp@tropicisles.net
Dennis Butts, Secretary	secretary@tropicisles.net
Jose Torres, Treasurer	treasurer@tropicisles.net
Dennis Weber, Director 1	director1@tropicisles.net
VACANT	director2@tropicisles.net
Randy Rice, Director 3	director3@tropicisles.net



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.

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 during difficult times. 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.

Breezes Delivery

As you may know, our Tropic Isles' Newsletter is delivered by our wonderful and dedicated 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 (rock, paperweight, doormat, etc.) 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 spot that is easy to figure out for your Block Captain to leave your newsletter.** If you don't have a secure place, they may 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. A list of Block Captains can be found in the front pages of the Resident Phone Directory.

Homeowners' Association Meeting Schedule

(TIHOA) 2025-2026

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

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



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

Terry Foley--President
Richard Belle--Vice President
Anna Antonacci--Secretary
John Slater--Treasurer

Property Owners (TIPOA) Meeting Schedule 2025 – 2026

Board Meetings

TBD
10 AM – Noon
Jan. 6, 2026
Feb. 3, 2026
Mar. 3, 2026
Apr. 7, 2026

Membership Meetings

TBD
10:15 AM - 12:15 PM
Jan. 12, 2026
Feb. 9, 2026
Mar. 9, 2026 (Annual Meeting)
Apr. 13, 2026

PROPERTY OWNERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2025-2026

President John Vetter
Vice President. Al Coleman
Treasurer Kay Lynn Duncan
Recording Secretary. Jackie Adinolfi
City Liaison Dan Demers (not pictured)
Directors Dan Baker
Bill Clark
Mike Jenkins
Shirley Pendergrass
Trish Spangler



Games, Games, Games



Do you enjoy playing **Cornhole, Bocce Ball, or Connect Four?** Tropic Isles has these outdoor games available for use by the residents. The first closet in the main room of the Yacht Club will house these outdoor games so residents have easy access to them. Just remember to place them back in the closet when you are done, so they are available for someone else to use. Board games and card games are kept in the brown cabinet in the Game Room.



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Where Can You Find Out What's Happening in Tropic Isles?



Do you often wonder what events are taking place in the park? Do you not want to miss something important that is going on? Well, here are some places to look to find the information:

- **Inside the Breezes newsletter** there are articles about each event and a calendar in the centerfold that shows what's happening that month.
- Reminders of some events taking place in the park are often sent to all residents **via the Mail Chimp system**. Make sure the Office has your email to receive those notices.
- Events are sometimes posted on the **Friends of Tropic Isles' Facebook page**.
- Announcements of future events and tickets are sold at **Saturday Morning Coffee Hour**.
- The calendar of events and other flyers announcing certain events are posted on the **bulletin board in the second entrance to the Yacht Club**.



Our First Blood Drive Was a Success!

The Big Red Bus (OneBlood) visited Tropic Isles on **December 5**. A heartfelt thanks goes out to all those people who donated blood. Mark these blood drive dates on your calendar for the rest of the year.



February 6, 2026
April 10, 2026
December 4, 2026



Cook's Corner

CRANBERRY FLUFF



INGREDIENTS:

- 1 (12 oz. bag) fresh cranberries
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1 (8 oz. can) crushed pineapple-drained
- 1/2 cup pecans chopped (optional)
- 1 (8 oz. carton) Cool Whip thawed
- 2 cups mini marshmallows

DIRECTIONS:

1. Using a food processor or blender, mince the fresh cranberries. Pulse just a few times to achieve a relish consistency.
2. Transfer to a bowl and stir in the sugar. Cover and refrigerate the cranberry mixture for at least 2 hours or overnight. This will help soften and sweeten the cranberries, helping them become less tart.
3. To the sweetened cranberries, add in the crushed pineapple (drained of juice) and chopped pecans. Stir together well. Add the thawed Cool Whip and stir together until fully combined.
4. Fold in the mini marshmallows. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.



Thank you to all our wonderful superheroes who have donated blood at Tropic Isles last month. Just **one pint of blood can help save up to three lives** — a powerful reminder that a small act of kindness can make an enormous impact.

Arnold Ambrose
Beverly Butts
Cynthia Myers
Dawn Bevan
Dwayne Scruton
Jackie Tweedy
John Giroux
Julie Slater
Kelly Stege
Lisa Murphy
Martin Dey
Pat Kolb
Shannon Carmichael
Shelly Saunders
Wendell Bangs
Tracy Gilbert

Bobbie McEvoy
Connie Giroux
Darrell Wilson
Deane Sumler
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Dear Tropic Isles' friends and former neighbors,

We want to extend to you our hope for a happy and blessed new year. We are both doing well and desperately trying to adjust to living in the north year-round. The cold weather and snow are not our favorite things, but we are getting sort of used to it. We forgot how you just stay inside and don't go out unless you have to!!

We loved our time living on Trinidad Way and enjoyed all the activities that we participated in, but our lives are much slower up here in Ada, Ohio. We live in a small, 520 sq. ft. log home on our oldest son's property and do enjoy being close to them.

We keep up with all of you and your activities by reading the Breezes every month. I so look forward to reading it. Cindy, you do a wonderful job of getting this ready for printing each month. It is amazing how many new names and faces we see in print. It is especially good to see these new names carrying on the events that take place. New faces and new blood are what keeps things going and interesting.

Stay positive, stay healthy, and enjoy all of your days in your little piece of paradise. We loved it there for 22 years and miss it terribly.

*May God bless you all,
Jon and Becky Hiester*

Does Your Home Have Good "Curb Appeal"?



Good "curb appeal" doesn't just mean your front yard and carport. It also covers all sides of your property. Many prospective buyers visit our park by water and see your property from the canal view. Does your backyard have items stashed back there that need to be removed or discarded? Are the weeds growing tall and your plants overgrown? Does the back of your home have mildew growing on it? Take a good look at all sides of your property and see what can be done to improve your "curb appeal" from the canal side as well as the street side. If you need some help, give [Neighbors Helping Neighbors](#) a call. Let's all work towards great "curb appeal", both on the street side and canal side. Thanks for all your efforts!

~ COMING EVENTS ~



JANUARY

Progressive Euchre

We play Progressive Euchre on the **1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 6-10 PM**. This month, we will meet on **January 4 and 18** at Robin Kelly's house at 2804 12th St. W. Come join us and meet some new people. Contact Jackie Freeman at 859-750-2617 with questions.



Come One, Come All – Free Shuffle Lessons!



The TI Shuffleboard Club welcomes new and experienced players to join its free lesson series and tournaments. Lessons are led by expert players and are offered weekly starting in January, running for six weeks.

Roy Swartz and his team, Lorne Antaya and Diane Swartz, teach skills and strategy to new players. Beginners' lessons are held on Mondays from 1 PM usually wrapping up about 2:30 PM. All equipment that is needed is supplied by the TI Shuffle Club. The first beginner lesson is **January 5th**.

Dave Myers and his team, Dwayne Scruton and John Stuart, teach more advanced skills and strategy to experienced players. Intermediate lessons are held on Thursdays from 1:00 to 2:30 PM. The first intermediate lesson is **January 8th**.

Both groups permit players to join later in the series if you're unable to make the first sessions. Players who have participated in the majority of lessons are welcome to play in the Beginner or Intermediate Tournaments in the week following lesson wrap-up.

So, mark your calendars! Not only will you learn and practice new skills and strategies, you will have loads of fun and laughs. We look forward to seeing you on the courts. Contact Julie Bonenfant at 508-395-2019 with questions.

Yoga Classes



Hatha (Basic) Yoga classes are held on **Wednesdays at 9:00-9:50 AM** in the Dockside (main) Room of the Yacht Club with Dottie Gross and will run **through January 28, 2026**. Please bring your own yoga mat and water bottle. The cost is \$5 per session to be paid at the time of the class. This class is donation based, and all monies will be donated to the Activities Committee. Contact Dottie Gross at 770-855-9618 if you have any questions.

~ COMING EVENTS ~

Booster Meeting



"Everyone is a Booster!" The next meeting of the Tropic Isles' Boosters is scheduled for Friday, **January 2 at 9:00 AM** in the Auditorium. We meet the **first Friday of each month** in the Auditorium, November–April.

BOOSTERS MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 2025

Call to order at 9:01 AM
Pledge of Allegiance
Prayer
No new attendees
Secretary Report approved

Financial and Event Management

Treasurer's Report:

\$17,380.31 is the checking account balance as of 11/7/2025. We paid for fertilizer, palm trees, and soil leaving a balance of \$12,249.49 as of 12/5/2025.

Thanksgiving Dinner:

The Thanksgiving dinner ended with a \$160 surplus added to the treasury after there were \$800 in expenses, showing better cost control than prior years.

- Judy Milliken maintained detailed purchase records from past years, enabling for easier budgeting the following year.
- Teamwork was highlighted as a key success factor, with multiple volunteers handling cooking and ticket sales, which supported smooth operations.
- Judy noted potential improvements like adding turkey legs to meet attendee preferences, signaling responsiveness to guest feedback.
- The financial success sustains community events without overburdening the budget, ensuring continued member engagement.

Apparel Sales and Volunteer Coordination

TI Apparel Sales:

- Chairman, Jean Volkens, resigned, prompting a call for a replacement to manage the revamped process, focusing on pre-sales rather than inventory holding.
- Moving to a pre-order system simplifies logistics and removes inventory headaches, improving operational efficiency.
- The Booster's board encourages interested volunteers or referrals to step up, indicating urgency in filling the role to maintain merchandise availability.
- This approach aligns with cost control and streamlining community fundraising efforts.
- Success depends on volunteer engagement and effective communication of the new system to members.

Community Projects and Volunteer Needs

Multiple community projects require volunteer support, with some coordination gaps identified:

- **Holiday lighting** lacked a dedicated coordinator, but was successfully completed by 12 volunteers, although more help is needed for setup and takedown going forward.
- The **Soup Supper** scheduled for **Friday, January 30th**, currently 4 more soups are needed. See **Sue Weaver** to sign up.
- Chairman Weber reported that **Don Denby and volunteers** planted 12 palm trees with 14 free trees remaining available via application, promoting community beautification efforts. Complete an application with the Office.
- The **Pancake Breakfast** on **February 17th** faces a volunteer shortfall after past volunteers elected not to help this year, but commitment remains strong to hold the event regardless. See **Don Stroud** to volunteer to help.
- Boosters Board members stressed the importance of grassroots recruitment to increase volunteer numbers and ensure event success.

Leadership Changes and Meeting Scheduling

The board is managing leadership transitions and scheduling to maintain governance continuity:

- Drew Doll resigned from the Boosters' board due to a potential conflict of interest with his Co-op board role, leaving an open director position.
- The Boosters' Board invites interested candidates to fill this vacancy to ensure active leadership.
- The next monthly meeting is scheduled for **Friday, January 2nd**, despite some members' absence, to maintain regular governance cadence.

Operational Communications and Support Requests

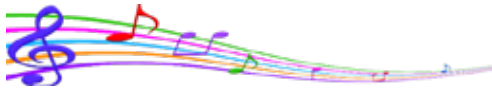
Efforts to improve communication and recruit volunteers for key roles continue:

- A call was made to include requests for help with **Apparel Sales** and **Christmas Decorating** in the Breezes newsletter to boost visibility and recruitment.
- The board recognizes the heavy reliance on volunteers to run events and projects successfully and is actively seeking to widen the volunteer base.
- Ongoing recruitment efforts aim to sustain community engagement and smooth event execution.
- Clear communication channels and volunteer acknowledgments are key to maintaining morale and participation.

*Respectfully submitted in the absence of our regular Secretary,
Linda Doll, by Chairman Weber.*

Tropicares Variety Show

~ COMING EVENTS ~



It's that time of year again. The Tropicares' first meeting will be held at the Auditorium on **Tuesday, January 6 at 9 AM sharp**. Come and see what we are all about. Talent comes in many forms, so bring your creativity, ideas, and enthusiasm. You can participate in many ways, other than performing. We need help with backstage coordination, as well as lighting and props. It is a terrific way to meet new people and have a good time as well. Please join us for this initial meeting. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me at 207-577-8933.

Joan Cloutier – Tropicares President

Sailing Away!

Tropic Isles 2026 Sailboat Races

Sailors and Friends,

Once again there will be sailboat races on beautiful Terra Ceia Bay. This will be our fifteenth year of handicapped racing. You are invited to participate in the 2026 series by racing your boat if you have a sailboat; or by crewing on someone else's boat. The races will be weekly events (weather permitting) and begin on the first Tuesday in January (**January 6**) and continue until the last Tuesday of March (March 31). The race will start at 1300 (1:00 PM). The courses may change to make life interesting and are designed for races of about one hour. These are fun races (aggressive sailing is discouraged).



You need not be a member of the TI Boat Club to participate.

- Entry is free.
- Boats are handicapped. The handicap is an attempt to compensate for differences in the boat's abilities.
- Main and Genoa sails only (no spinnakers).

A new list of those that wish to crew is being compiled and will be distributed to the skippers. Now is not too early to get on that list. Please understand, there are always more people that want to crew than there are positions available.

In past years, after each race, I wrote a little about the day's race or about racing or sailing in general, along with the race results, and emailed it out to a list of people that have indicated they would like to get it. If you would like to be added to that list, please let me know. If you are no longer interested, it is just as easy to decline.

Skippers that wish to compete, or those interested in these events, or those wanting more info should contact John Castellana. We're looking forward to a great race series.

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Art Classes



Last year's art classes were so successful that I will be continuing this year through our winter season. I'm really excited and have many new "crafting" challenges along with some upgraded versions from last year. Classes will be every **Tuesday at 1-3 PM in the Auditorium starting on January 6**. I will put up a sign-up sheet each week in the Auditorium, but if you forget to sign up, don't worry, come anyway! I'll always make room! Don't worry about your crafting skills! Just give it a try and have some fun! The best part is that all the classes will be FREE! Below is a list with dates and proposed projects (always subject to change):

Jan. 6: Drawing and Painting--Review and New

Jan. 13: Cheese Grater Art!

Jan. 20: Water Color Painting

Jan. 27: Learn to Make Jewelry

Feb. 3: Plastic Spoons (what?)

Feb. 10: Valentine Bouquet

Feb. 17: Painting on Wood

Feb. 24: Straws, Glue, and You!

Mar. 3: Black Paper Painting.

Mar. 10: Concrete Garden Stone...New one!

Mar. 17: Beads...Plants...Pots!

Mar. 24: Sea Shell Art

Mar. 31: It's a surprise!

Apr. 7: You tell me!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 830-388-9816 or by email at dona.keast@gmail.com. I can't wait to see all your fabulous creations!

Entertainment Committee Meeting

The Entertainment Committee had a busy holiday season bringing many activities to the Community. We started out decorating the Auditorium after our monthly meeting. It was fun and our halls were decked!



We held the Christmas Dance with a new band, Bob & Tom - The Band, and a good time was had by all.

There was a Golf Cart Parade and it is always a fun time seeing all the smiling faces from both the carts and on the streets, watching and waving, and handing out goodies.

We had a Christmas Eve Social with great food, songs, and a chance for all to share a moment of the holiday spirit.

We ended the month with a New's Year's Eve Party.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		January 2026		1 Happy New Year!	2 9:00 am Booster Meeting - A	3
4 6:00 pm Progressive Euchre 2804 12th St.	5 1:00 pm Beginner Shuffle Lessons begin	6 9:00 am Tropicares Practice begins - A 10:00 am TIPOA Board Meeting - TBD 1:00 pm Craft Classes begin - A 1:00 pm Sailing Race	7 6:30 pm Boat Club Meeting - A	8 10:00 am Entertainment Meeting - Y 1:00 pm Inter. Shuffle Lessons begin 1:00 pm Celebration of Life - A	9 10:00 am Photo Session - Y	10 9:30 am Photo Session - Y
11 7:00 pm Movie Night - A	12 9:00 am Caring Team Meeting - A 10:15 am TIPOA Members Meeting - TBD	13 1:00 pm Book Club - 354 Tampico Dr. 7:00 pm Comedy Show - A	14 9:00 am Activity Mtg - SB 12:30 pm Shuffle Potluck/ Meeting - courts	15 9:30 am Co-Op BOD Meeting - A and Zoom	16 7:00 pm Snowball Dance - A	17
18 6:00 pm Progressive Euchre 2804 12th St.	19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	20	21 6:30 pm Boat Club Meeting - A	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 11:00 am Photo Session - Y	30 10:00 am Photo Session - Y 5:00 pm Soup Supper - A	31 9:30 am Photo Session - Y
WEEKLY EVENTS						
10:00 am Shuffle 2:15 pm Mahjong - TBD	8:00 am Aerobics - Y 9:00 am Fun & Fitness- Y 10:00 am Shuffle 10:00 am Water Aerobics - P Beginning Shuffle Lessons 6:00 pm Poker - Y 6:00 pm Texas Hold'Em - Y 6:30 pm Line Dancing - A	8:00 am Aerobics - Y 9:00 am Tropicares Practice - A 9:00 am Fun & Fitness- Y 10:00 am Shuffle 10:00 am Water Aerobics - P 1:00 pm Craft Class - A 1:00 pm Sailing Races 2:00 pm Cards - Y	8:00 am Aerobics - Y 8:30 am Golf - Terra Ceia CC 9:00 am Yoga - Y 9:00 am Kayakers Launch 10:00 am Water Aerobics - P 10:00 am Shuffle	8:00 am Aerobics - Y 9:00 am Fun & Fitness- Y 10:00 am Shuffle 10:00 am Water Aerobics - P 12:30 pm Canasta- Y 1:00 pm Intermediate Shuffle Lessons 6:00 pm Game Night - Y	8:00 am Aerobics - Y 9:00 am Bible Study - TBD 10:00 am Shuffle 10:00 am Water Aerobics - P 6:00 pm Bid Euchre - Y	8:30 am Coffee Hour - A 10:00 am Shuffle 6:00 pm Mexican Train Dominoes - SB

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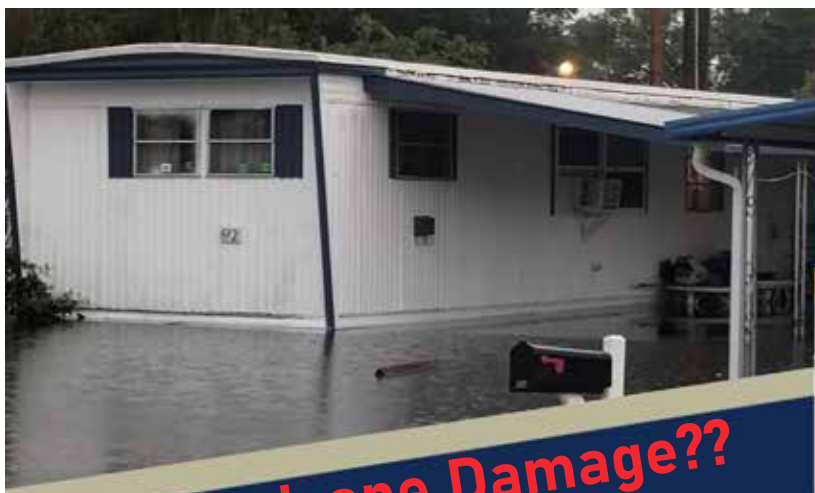
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Entertainment Committee *(continued from page 23)*

In January, we have slowed down a bit, but we are bringing a Comedy Show to the park on **Tuesday, January 13th**. As of this writing, we are working out more details and will be sharing them through Mail Chimps and through the Friends of Tropic Isles FB page to get the information out to everyone.

I hope everyone had a great holiday season!

The Entertainment Committee will have their monthly meeting on **Thursday, January 8 (due to New Years Day) at 10:00 AM** in the Auditorium.

The Entertainment Committee

2026 ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

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

Comedy Show	Jan. 13	Auditorium
Super Bowl Party	Feb. 8	Gathering in the Auditorium (wear your favorite team attire)
Valentine Golf Cart Parade	Feb. 15	Meet at the Auditorium
St. Pat's Golf Cart Parade	Mar. 15	Meet at the Auditorium
Farewell Dance	Mar. 28	SoulRCoaster (Theme: "The Big Glow")
Pool Party	Apr. 11	TI Band

2026 Farewell Dance

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

Put on Your Smiles!



The time has come again for the 2027 Photo Directory portrait sessions. They will be held in the Yacht Club for all residents of TI-- CO-OP members, HOA members, and apartment renters. Our TIPOA neighbors will be contacted separately for opportunities to have their photos taken. The dates and times for available photo sessions are:

Friday, January 9, 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Saturday, January 10, 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Thursday, January 29, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Friday, January 30, 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Saturday, January 31, 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Please sign up as early as you can in one of the following ways:

- 1) By going to the website www.ucdir.com and using church code: **FL1068** and family password: **photos** (these are case sensitive) and choosing a time for your household sitting for photos. This way is the most efficient and user friendly.
- 2) By calling **888-742-5823** and identifying yourself as a Tropic Isles resident and using the code and password stated in #1 above, you can have a representative of Universal Church Directory sign you up for any opening available.

- 3) By working with our Tropic Isles volunteers who may call you or knock on your door to arrange a date and time for your sitting.

You receive a free 8 X 10 portrait, a free directory when they are printed in 2027, and an opportunity to purchase a package of photos, if you so choose. Photos cannot be submitted. They must be taken by the professional photographers.

There is no advertising in the Photo Directory. The Park Office has no involvement with the Photo Directory. No money is involved with any members of the Volunteer Team. This is a resident-driven, volunteer activity, in partnership with Universal Church Directories to provide our residents' names with faces and is an excellent companion publication to use with the Resident Phone Directory. Contact Paula Jordan, 2027 Photo Directory Coordinator, at 727-365-2318 or by email doctorpjm@aol.com with questions.



Sunday Night at the Movies



Movie Night will resume on the second Sunday of the month. **Our next Movie Night will be January 11 at 7 PM in the Auditorium featuring The Ice Road with Liam Neesom.** You can bring your own comfortable chairs, snacks, and beverages if you choose. Come and join us AT THE MOVIES!! Contact Sharon Wagner at 502-220-8557 if you have any questions.

The Caring Team

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



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

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please call the Caring Team Coordinator, **Wendy Verstringhe at 585-481-4099**.

Here are some tasks that the Caring Team could provide:

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

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Caring Team (continued from page 27)

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.

Our next Caring Team meeting will be January 12, 2026 at 9 AM in the Auditorium. If you are interested in becoming a part of this Caring Team, please attend the meeting on **January 12**. We'd love to have you on our team!

Cindy Shaw, Caring Team Secretary



Tropic Isles' Book Club

On **Tuesday, January 13**, the Book Club will be hosted by Mary Van Voorhis at 354 Tampico Dr. at 1 PM. The Tropic Isles Book Club has selected their books for discussion in 2026. Join us on the second Tuesday of the month at 1 PM in a location to be announced or just follow us virtually! Send your comments about the book we are reading each month to irene5381@gmail.com. Contact Irene Casey at 774-291-9444 with questions.

2026 Reading List



January: The Stolen Life of Colette Marceau by Kristin Harmel

February: Crow Mary by Kathleen Grissom

March: When the Cranes Fly South by Lisa Ridzen

April: How to Read a Book by Monica Wood

May: Sandwich by Catherine Newman

June: Buckeye by Patrick Ryan

August: Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell

September: The Unraveling of Julia by Lisa Scottoline

October: When We Flew Away by Alice Hoffman

November: The Lion Women of Tehran by Marjan Kamali

December: The View from Lake Como by Adriana Trigiana

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Comedy Show



Tuesday, January 13th, 7-9 PM In the Auditorium

We will have Al Ernst, a two-time Carnival Cruise line "Entertainer of the Year", joined by Kathy McSteen and Michael Murillo. This will be a night of clean, adult comedy! Tickets will be \$10 per person. Tables can be reserved at the time of your ticket purchase. Contact Cheryl Brink for tickets at 419-690-9353. Bring your own drinks and snacks and plan on enjoying an evening of laughs! There will be a \$100 Lottery Board drawing at the end of the show for \$5 per ticket. We hope to see you there!

Activity Committee Meeting



The Activity Committee supports the 40+ activities in our community and always welcomes new ideas and activities! Your participation is crucial to ensure your activity is represented and to address any concerns, needs, or upcoming events or projects. Even if there are no updates to report, your ideas and feedback are vital to the Activity Board as we continue to strive for the success of our community's events and activities.

Regular meetings of the Committee are held on the second Wednesday of each month, November through April. Please join us for our next meeting on **Wednesday, January 14 at 9:00 AM** in the **Seabreeze Room of the Yacht Club** (Note: change of location.)

The Tropic Isles Activity Board

Shuffle Club News

Join us for our next general meeting of the season on **Wednesday, January 14**. We will gather on the shuffle courts for our potluck/meeting at 12:30 PM. See you on the courts!



Julie Bonenfant, Club President

Snowball Dance



The Tropicaires will be sponsoring the annual Snowball Dance on **Friday, January 16, 7:00 to 10:00 PM**, to be held inside the Auditorium. We will be dancing to Kevin Brooks, who is a local favorite. Tickets will be \$8 and can be purchased from Joan Cloutier at Saturday Coffee starting January 3 or by contacting her at 207-577-8933.

Boosters' Soup Supper



The annual Soup Supper, sponsored by the Boosters, will be held on **Friday, January 30th from 5 - 6:30 PM** or until all the soups are gone. It will be in the Auditorium. The price for tickets will be announced prior to the event. Four more soups are needed. Sign-up sheets for volunteers will be distributed at the Booster meetings in January. Please contact Sue Weaver at 716-450-5077 or smweaver2@stny.rr.com if you want to help out. Remember, we are ALL Boosters. Thank you!



A Special Event is Being Planned...

By the Caring Team

The North River Fire District has accepted an invitation by the Caring Team to provide an evening of education and conversation about resident safety. No date has been set, but we are anticipating an evening in January. The North River personnel are well-equipped to tell us about mishaps that happen in communities such as ours and how to prevent them.

The Caring Team is providing an outline of topics we would like them to address:

- Hazards in your home
- Entryway issues
- Fall prevention measures
- How to alert friends/family when there is a need
- Medication safety
- Fire prevention and control
- How to best assist the EMS when they arrive at your home for an emergency call

If there is another topic that you would like to add, please contact Bev Butts at 607-382-5112, Member of the Caring Team.

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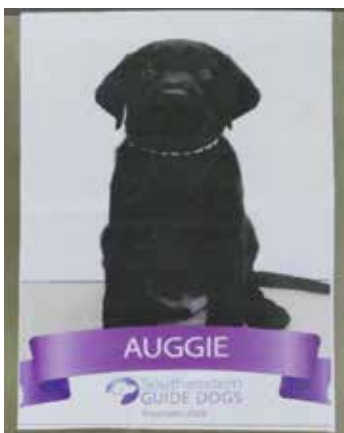
Dogs, Inc. DONATION DAY



Our annual Donation Day and Hot Dog Roast to benefit Dogs, Inc. will be held on **Friday, February 6th**, in front of the Auditorium. We will also sponsor a "Thank You" party for everyone in the park on **Thursday, April 9th** in the Auditorium. If you are interested in becoming more involved with our fund raising efforts, please call/text Sue

Weaver at 716-450-5077 or email her at smweaver2@stny.rr.com. Thank you all for supporting this worthwhile and heart-warming cause. We are hoping to raise enough money to name another puppy.

SPECIAL NOTE: Bob and Cindy Shaw were privileged to name a puppy in 2023 in honor of their much-beloved furry friend of 14 years, Auggie. Auggie "the guide dog", has been matched from the current Dogs, Inc. guide dog class, and will soon begin his journey home with his new partner! Congratulations, Auggie!



Gardening Talk



Every year the Landscape Advisory Committee (LAC) hosts a gardening talk. Many residents have been asking about what to plant to attract butterflies, so that will be the subject of our presentation on **Monday,**

February 23, 2026. The talk begins at 1 PM in the Auditorium. The first 25 people will receive a ticket to pick up a free plant at the end of the talk.

Our special guest will be Susan Griffith of the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Science (IFAS) from the Manatee County Extension Service. Susan was a guest at our November 17 LAC meeting. We learned just how endangered butterflies are. In the most recent study in North America, 100 butterfly species have declined by fifty percent. The showiest butterfly that people are concerned about is the monarch. Susan will explain how to attract them, with a special caution about the Tropical Milkweed plant. That's the plant most commonly found in the big box stores. She stated that it needs to be cut back in the fall so that the monarch will fly down to Mexico as part of their natural life cycle. The last part of the February 23 talk will be a slideshow of the plants and shrubs that do well on our small lots in Tropic Isles.



What's Happening in the Neighborhood?

Pickleball Anyone?

Are there any PICKLERS in TI who are interested in getting together for some playtime?



If so, contact Dottie Gross at 770-855-9618.



Line Dancing is held on **Mondays from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM** in the Auditorium. We have new songs and dances. Beginners are encouraged to come for fun and exercise. For more information call Nancy Larsen at 941-725-2216.



Come join us for a rousing game of Texas Hold 'Em on **Monday nights, at 6-9:30 PM** in the Dockside Room of the Yacht Club. Meet new people and enjoy a night of poker. Contact Dwayne Scruton at 978-360-5267 if you have any questions.

Let's Play Poker!



Like to play poker? We play every **Monday night from 6 to 9 PM** in the Yacht Club. We play Dealer's Choice with nickel and dime antes. We are always eager to learn new games. We hope to see you there. Call

Darlene at 810-488-0354 with any questions.



What's Happening in the Neighborhood?

Tuesdays at 2:00



The **Tuesdays at 2:00** group gets together for cards and something to do. We meet in the Dockside Room of the Yacht Club. Everyone is welcome! 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.



Tropic Isles Golf League (TIGL)



Happy New Year everyone from Ron and Gail Stewart! Wow, what a busy month December was! I'm sure you're all looking for a BREAK, and what better way than to come out to Terra Ceia Golf Club with our Tropic Isles Golf Group to relax and have fun.

We have 7 tee times and had trouble filling our spots in December. With all the people coming back into TI after the holidays, we should have enough players to keep our tee times. As you know, we play a scramble the 1st Wednesday of every month and our own ball on the other Wednesdays. Each week, all groups are selected from a blind draw so that we get to meet and play with everyone at some point.

November and December were fun and we intend to keep it going. The tee times start at 8:28 AM and the last tee time is 9:16. This is a fun, co-ed league with no pressure. If you don't have FUN, you can't come back! 😊 Hope to see you on the course!

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



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What's Happening in the Neighborhood?

Canasta, Anyone?



If you have an interest in playing Canasta, come join us on **Thursdays at 12:30 PM** in the Yacht Club. Contact Diane Ringler at 941-713-1534 with questions.

Welcome to Game Night!

Please join us on **Thursday evenings in the Yacht Club for GAME NIGHT at 6 PM**. You may come alone or with friends. Different card games and board games are played. If you come alone there will always be a place for you. You can bring a game that you would like to play. If you want to learn a new game, you will find many members who would be more than happy to teach you. It is a fun way to spend a social evening!



Judy Gutwein and Kathi Gossman, Coordinators



Tropic Isles' Community Bible Study will be held weekly on **Friday mornings at 9:00 AM** in private homes until further notice. To learn the location and the topic for a particular week, please check Friends of Tropic Isles' Facebook page or text me at 231-218-4261. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing some new faces!

Blessings! Karen Downing

Bid Euchre Anyone?



We play Bid 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.

Mexican Train Dominoes



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



Library News



The Tropic Isles' Library, or more recently known as **The Book Nook**, is open for business! If you are new to Tropic Isles, you will find large print, hard cover, and paperback books, DVDs, magazines, jigsaw puzzles, and more. Games for adults and children are now located in the cupboards in the Game Room. There is a copy machine located in the Book Nook. It is 5-cents a copy. Place your money in the lockbox located on the copy machine.

Our library operates on the honor system. You do not need to check out items you wish to borrow. We simply ask that you return the items to the basket by the desk when you are done. A library volunteer will put them back where they belong. If you'd like to volunteer to help in the library, please contact Phyllis Ann Smith at 941-932-5654.

Phyllis Ann Smith, Library Committee President

Memory Brick Garden



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

Landscaping Advisory Committee

If you don't mind getting your hands dirty, the Landscape Advisory Committee (LAC) seeks volunteers to help weed and deadhead the entrances and pool year-round. If you are interested in being added to our list, please contact Pamela Cuff at prcuff@gmail.com.



Thank you to the following volunteers who spread mulch, planted annuals and perennials on November 10 and 21 to keep our flowering beds bright and appealing:

Sharon Williams
Sharon Wagner
Terry Foley
Diane Swartz
Pat Kolb
Dennis Vitton
Brenda Bartels

Nancy Cobb
Connie Giroux
Cheryl Smith
Becky Clark
Bob Williams
Roy Swartz
Pamela Cuff

Without the support of the Co-op staff, none of the beatification could be done. We are grateful to **Manager, Bobbie McEvoy, Maintenance Manager, Tom Tonich and Maintenance Tech, Shaun Schweitzer**.

What's Happening in the Neighborhood?

Water Aerobics

Water Aerobics is held daily, **Monday through Friday at the pool at 10 AM, weather permitting.** Remember your water shoes, hat, drinking water, and sunscreen.



All are welcome in this class. Come down and meet your neighbors, new and old. Your instructors are Cindi Myers, Wendy Verstringhe, and Karen Timmermans. Contact Cindi Myers at 765-438-3642 if you have any questions.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN)



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

Mahjong



Mahjong will meet in a location to be announced every **Wednesday and Sunday at 2:15-4:30 PM.** If you are interested in learning to play Mahjong, please contact Irene Casey at 774-201-9444 or email Irene at irene5381@gmail.com

Saturday Coffee Hour



Tropic Isles "Coffee Hour" is held on **Saturday mornings at 8:30 AM** in the Auditorium and open to all park residents. Come enjoy table talk with park residents and learn about items of interest to all. Upcoming Park events and club activities are announced, along with ticket sales for functions. The entry cost is \$2 per person with a menu of fresh-brewed coffee, hot tea, pastries, breads, cold cuts, and cheese. Bring a cup. A purchase of 50/50 tickets helps to fund and support the clubs hosting Coffee Hour. Coffee Hour is being hosted by the Boat Club in January.

The Coffee Committee

Coffee Talk



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

"Get-Well" cards were sent to:

Darlene Scruton of Capri Dr. (shoulder repair)

Rose Mahachek of Capri Dr. (fall)

Bob Shaw of Nassau Dr. (wrist surgery)

Mary Pike of Montego Dr. (shoulder surgery)

Carmen Garcia of Edessa Dr. (hip replacement)

Jerry Turner of Terra Ceia Dr. (heart issues)

A "Thinking of You" card was sent to:

Jon Beecher of Bimini Dr. (rehab)

Condolences were sent to:

Judy Frederick and family of Capri Dr./Michigan on the passing of her husband, **Bill.**

Darlene Scruton of Capri Dr. on the passing of her sister.

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.**

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.



Manatee County Fair



The Manatee County Fair will be in Palmetto from **January 15-25, 2026** on the fairgrounds located at 1402 14th Ave. West.

Exercise and Wellness

Walking Aerobics

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



Cindy Shaw and Bev MacKenzie, Coordinators

Fun and Fitness



Are you looking for a less intense form of exercise, but would enjoy some mild strength training, stretching, and exercises to improve balance? Then join everyone for Fun and Fitness on **Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 9 AM** in the Yacht Club. Many of the exercises are good for people suffering from arthritis, back problems, or fibromyalgia. Get fit and have fun, too. Contact Mary Buckley at 847-833-6955 or Paula Reid at 941-773-6711 with questions.

Full Speed Ahead Fitness Center

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



Blackstone Dog Park

2112 14th Avenue West
Palmetto, FL 34221



PARK HOURS

Sunrise to sunset, unless otherwise posted or allowed by special permits.

Closed for Maintenance

Thursday: 7 - 10 AM

Last Friday of every month: 2 PM - 7 AM Saturday (flea and tick control)

AMENITIES

- Free waste bags
- Covered shelters
- Enclosed area exclusively for small, fragile, or elderly dogs

Out and About... Around Town!



KEEP MANATEE BEAUTIFUL – First Tuesday & Saturday Cleanups

First Saturday Cleanup

Saturday, January 3 at 9 AM

Sunshine Skyway Bridge 7901

U.S. Hwy 19

Terra Ceia

First Tuesday Cleanup

Tuesday, January 6 at 4:30 PM

Emerson Point Preserve

5801 17th St. W.

Palmetto

To volunteer and sign up for any location, go to www.manateebeautiful.com or call 941-795-8272.

MANATEE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

- **FLEETWOOD MAX: THE DEFINITIVE FLEETWOOD MAC TRIBUTE--January 6, 2 & 7 PM**
- **TERMS OF ENDEARMENT-- January 8-18***
- **ONCE UPON A MATTRESS--January 22-February 1***



(*Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evening shows are at 7:30 PM. There are also Saturday and Sunday Matinees at 2:00 PM.)

Call 941-748-5875 Monday-Friday 9 AM-6 PM for tickets and information.



Dogs, Inc. has created a series of unforgettable guest experiences at the Dogs, Inc. campus for you to enjoy. From cuddly puppies to extraordinary dogs, every experience celebrates hope. Use the promo code **MAGIC** for complimentary registration to all events. Plan your visit at www.dogsinc.org/visit. Choose from the experiences offered below.

- **Campus Tour** – Walk the paths. Meet pups with purpose. Select days at 10:30-12:00.
- **Discovery Zone** – Where curiosity comes to life—explore, engage, and experience the wonder of Dogs, Inc. (Coming soon).
- **One More Time with Feeling** – Emotions take center stage as a young actor revisits the moments that shaped her—one audition, one memory, one feeling at a time. 1/13

Call [941-729-5665](tel:941-729-5665) for more information.

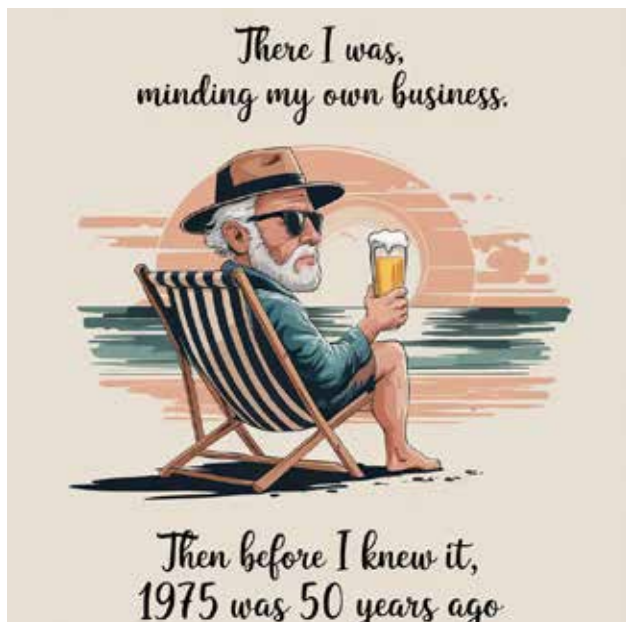
Live and Learn and Pass It On

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

- I've learned that fame is written in ice and eventually the sun comes out. –age 57
- I've learned that talking about your problems doesn't always help. –age 15
- I've learned that I don't understand women and I never will. –age 84
- I've learned that kind words and good deeds are eternal. You never know where their influence will end. –age 51
- I've learned that goldfish don't like Jello. –age 5
- I've learned to be generous with praise, but cautious with promises. –age 54
- I've learned the faults I have now are exactly the ones my parents tried to correct when I was a child. –age 40
- I've learned that to get the right answer, you have to ask the right question. –age 39
- I've learned that the best tranquilizer is a clear conscience. –age 76
- I've learned that many people give up just when they are about to achieve success. –age 48

Quotes Regarding Life

- You only have one birthday. The rest are just congratulations for surviving.
- The number of people older than you never goes up ... it only goes down.
- Confidence isn't, "They'll like me." It's saying, "It will be fine if they don't."
- The world wasn't better when you were young. You were just too young to notice the flaws.
- There are far too many people in the world who don't realize they're the bad guy.



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 a copy of the current Rules and Regulations, you may go to www.tropicisles.net to view or print a copy online.

Guest Parking



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

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

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



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 (use earbuds) 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.

The new shower has a showerhead, 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.



Since 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.

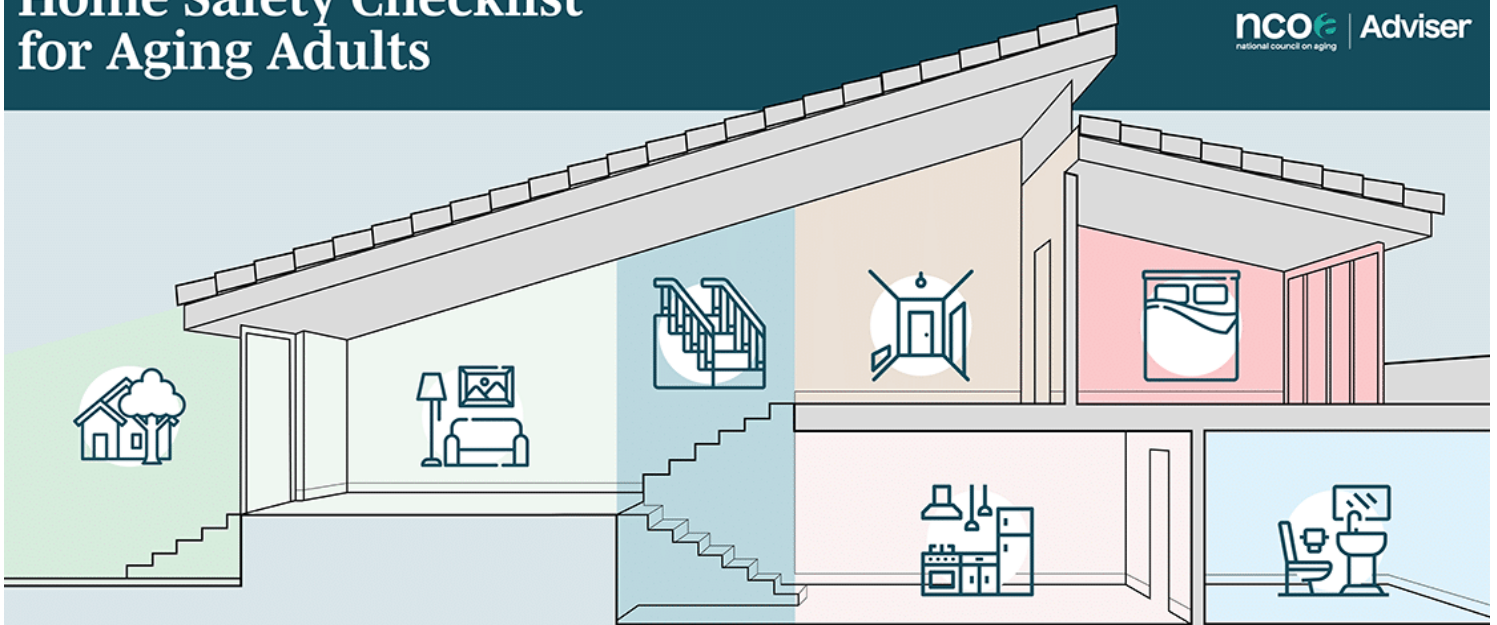




Safety Tip of the Month ---

Home Safety Checklist for Aging Adults

nco national council on aging | Adviser



Use our room-by-room checklist as you walk through your home and note potential safety hazards and modifications you should make.



Walkways

- Install handrailing throughout halls
- Use bright tape to mark uneven flooring or thresholds



Exterior

- Use entryway lighting
- Install railings around all steps



Bedroom

- Keep the room clutter-free for more restful sleep
- Make sure the bed is easy to get into and out of



Living Area

- Fix area rugs to the floor
- Set up a charging station for devices next to the seating area



Kitchen

- Use cut-resistant gloves and nonslip cutting boards
- Ensure appliances are in working order



Stairways

- Add nonslip tread covers on steps
- Illuminate halls and stairways with motion detection lights



Bathroom

- Mount grab bars near the toilet and bathing area
- Add a nonslip mat on the tub or shower floor

Elder Helpline

The Elder Helpline offers support for the growing numbers of caregivers and their aging parents or spouses. It provides information for older adults and their caregivers by helping callers make informed decisions about available assistance. It is the starting point for getting connected with programs or services that can meet the needs of the older adult or caregiver. For more information contact **800-96Elder** or **800-963-5337** or visit www.AgingFlorida.com.



~Public Safety Reminder~

Please remember to be safe while walking or driving your golf carts at night. While you are walking your dog, taking a stroll, or riding your bike, wear light or reflective clothing and carry a flashlight. We have narrow streets and as we age our eyesight fades a little. Be mindful of cars and have lights on your bicycles and golf carts. When driving, please be aware of pedestrians and our park speed limits (especially on 28th Ave.) We want everyone to stay safe.

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: Mitch and Lisa Barribeau at 920-373-6787. Leave message, if no answer.

Fred Allina at 260-437-0118

Ilene Allina at 941-307-4979

or

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	

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Tropic Isles' Marina



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MARINA STAFF

Dean Brown

Mike Biggins

Jerry Quesenberry

Joe Bokar ("Bokey")

Rick Kropp - Marina Manager

Marina — Exciting News!



NEW! Floating Fuel Dock

By Rick Kropp, Marina Manager

We're excited to share that our Marina now has a brand-new fuel dispenser and a newly rebuilt fuel dock. The old pump had been slowing down and was headed for failure due to hurricane damage, so this upgrade couldn't have come at a better time. The new pump delivers fuel faster and more reliably than the old one, making fill-ups smoother for everyone.

Our new fuel dock is also a bit larger—a couple of feet longer, and the inside slip is about a foot and a half wider. This extra space makes it much easier for wider boats to tie up safely and comfortably.

A quick reminder for those using the boat ramp:

- Please secure the cable when you're finished.
- If the cable continues to be left unsecured, we may have to limit access to the ramp for Marina hours only.
- Keeping it hung properly helps everyone, so thanks for doing your part!

Thank you all who support and frequent the Marina!

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. 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 parking details.

Aerial View Photographs of Tropic Isles for Sale

Karen Linke is selling aerial view, color photographs of Tropic Isles. The sizes and prices are as follows:

8x10	\$10.00	14x20	\$20.00
11x14	\$12.00	16x20	\$25.00
11x16	\$14.00		



Contact Karen Linke at 978-273-4709 or see her at a Boat Club meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month if you are interested in purchasing one.



Bait Tank



Live shrimp are available for purchase. Please call the Marina 941-729-8128 to check on availability.



Kayak-It-Yak News

Join the Kayak Group This Season!



The Kayak Group paddles on Wednesday mornings starting at the kayak launch behind the Auditorium at 9 AM. We all gather at Bird Island at 9:30 and decide where to go depending upon the weather and tide conditions.

If you have any questions or want to get on the kayaking email list, contact Beverly Butts at beverlybutts@gmail.com.

Kayak Launch Clean-Up

Many thanks to this wonderful crew: Chuck Harding, Dennis Foley, Hans Ulrich, Don Diller, Sue Weaver, Monique Marlow, Doug Welnetz, Bev Butts, and the Webers: Janet and Denny with their "beast", aka their gas-powered pressure washer with rotating spray head. The launch "gleamed" when we were done!



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 Rack Storage



Check with the Office about availability on the racks.

Yearly rental prices are \$75 for a top rack and \$100 for a bottom rack.

REMEMBER TO LOCK YOUR KAYAKS TO THE RACK!

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.**

~~~Clip and Save~~~

## City of Palmetto- Numbers to Know

[www.palmettofl.org](http://www.palmettofl.org)

**City of Palmetto Police Department . . . . . 723-4587**

**City Hall . . . . . 723-4570**

- Mayor's Office
- City Clerk
- Finance/Accounting
- Facilities and Events
- Utility Building

**CRA Director . . . . . 723-4988**

**Building/Permitting . . . . . 721-2166**

**Treatment Plant . . . . . 723-6106**

**Department of Public Works . . . . . 723-4580**

- Public Works Director
- Code Enforcement
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## ❓ Did You Know? ❓

- That there is **NO PARKING on the empty lots, on the grass, or in other resident's driveways without permission from the owner.**
- That the **tables and chairs set up in the Yacht Club and Auditorium** should always be returned to their default formation. If you need to move them, please return them to their original position. There is a diagram located on the refrigerator in the Yacht Club and on the bulletin boards in the Yacht Club and Auditorium so you can reset the room to the default formation.
- That **Bocce Ball, Cornhole, and Connect Four games** are available for use by the residents. They can be found in the first closet in the main room of the Yacht Club. Please return them to the same closet when you are finished using them so others may use them.
- **Board games and card games** can be found in the brown cabinet in the Game Room.
- That there is a **bulletin board in the second entrance to the Yacht Club** where you will find a calendar of events and flyers posting events happening in and around the park.
- That all **activities in Tropic Isles** and their contact person are listed in the front of the Resident Phone Directory?
- That **garbage, yard waste, and recycling information** are found in the Breezes newsletter and the Resident Phone Directory?
- That the **Block Captain for your street** is listed in the front of the Resident Phone Directory?
- That Maui Dr. is a **ONE-WAY STREET** going from near 28th Ave. to Aloha Dr. ALL vehicles, including golf carts and bikes, should proceed in the correct direction to avoid mishaps on this narrow road.
- That the **2 restrooms in the Yacht Club are now unisex**. Both restrooms can be used by either men or women.



- Follow the **SLOW-Manatee Zone** signs in the area. Manatees are on the move to find warm water. It is against the law to harass, feed, water, or touch a manatee.
- You can always access the **Breezes newsletter** by visiting the Tropic Isles portal at [www.tropicisles.net](http://www.tropicisles.net) under the "Residents"—"Breezes Newsletters" heading.
- You can **send pictures/ideas** to be included in the Breezes newsletter of your events by texting them to 608-212-8967 or emailing them to [tibreezes1@aol.com](mailto:tibreezes1@aol.com).
- That if you are in need of a piece of **medical equipment**, the Co-op has wheelchairs, walkers, rollators, crutches, shower chairs, and potty chairs that you can borrow and keep them for as long as you need them. Contact Nancy Cobb at 941-730-0018 for assistance.

- That the Shuffleboard Club purchased the **washer/dryer** unit that is located in the Yacht Club kitchen. It was specifically purchased to handle the laundering of cleaning supplies used to maintain the shuffleboard courts. Residents are strictly prohibited from using this equipment for any other purpose.
- That there is a **copy machine** in the Book Nook available for use by the residents. It is 5-cents a copy. Please leave your money in the lockbox.

## Friendly Reminders



- That we encourage you to follow the "**See something, say something, do something**" slogan if you see someone not following the rules or trespassing in the park. Take a picture and report it to the Office AND call the Palmetto Police 941-721-2000, Ext. 4.
- **ARC (Architectural Review Committee)** approval is needed for any work that is done on the outside of your home, on your dock, or on your lot. ARC application forms are available in the Office and need to be completed to get placed on the ARC agenda. No work should begin on your project until your final approval letter from the Office is received. An ARC application can be picked up in the Office or found online at [www.tropicisles.net](http://www.tropicisles.net).
- Make sure the Office has your email address to be included in the important **Mail Chimp** notices that go out to residents. You can email the Office at [info@tropicisles.net](mailto:info@tropicisles.net) to be included on the list. Mail Chimp requests to make an announcement regarding activities or events must be made **48 hours** in advance.
- All residents of Tropic Isles Co-op (including private renters) are required to have a **background check** and be approved by the Co-Op. The Board unanimously approved instituting a \$250.00 penalty for any residents/tenants/renters who do not go through the approval process per the Rules and Regulations. The penalty will be posted to the owner's account.
- You can call **Wendy Verstringhe at 585-481-4099 of the Caring Team** if you have any health-related needs.
- Remember that **NO yard waste** (grass clipping, branches, etc.) should end up in the canals or streets. Please notify your lawn care service of this as well.
- **Dog owners** are EXPECTED to be responsible and pick up after your dog EVERYWHERE and dispose of their waste in the proper container. Dogs must be on a leash throughout the park and in the control of the Resident or an authorized caregiver at all times.
- THE POOL IS OPEN 24/7, BUT PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF YOUR NEIGHBORS. QUIET HOURS ARE 10 PM TO 8:30 AM.





# Mobile Home Park Residents

## DISMANTLED OR DESTROYED

If you have dismantled or destroyed your mobile home in Manatee County, go to [www.taxcollector.com](http://www.taxcollector.com). At the bottom of the website page under "Plan Your Visit", click on FAQ. Then under the "search by" category, click on Mobile Home. Click on "search" and scroll down to view your results.

## DECAL RENEWAL PERIOD

**The registration period for mobile homes is January 1st through December 31st. The annual expiration date is December 31st.** It is the responsibility of the mobile home owner to renew their decal(s). When renewing decals, if you have a single-wide mobile home you will be issued one decal. In the case of a double or triple-wide mobile home, one decal will be issued per side. Regular mobile home decals (on colored backings that rotate color each year) are issued to mobile homes on rental property. These decals expire every year, or every 2 years if renewed biannually. Any attachments to the mobile home are considered personal property. Real Property, or RP, decals (on black backings) are issued to an individual who owns both the mobile home and the land on which it is permanently set up. These decals do not expire and are not required to be renewed.

## DISPLAYING DECALS

Decals are to be displayed in the lower left-hand corner of the window closest to the street or road which provides access to the mobile home. Decals are to be visible at all times and are not to be covered by awnings, shutters, foliage, etc.

## HOW DO YOU RENEW?

To renew, visit [taxcollector.com](http://taxcollector.com) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, or visit one of our four offices.

***If the Mobile Home owner fails to renew their decal(s) they will receive a Notice of Impending Court Summons.***

## 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. This is for aluminum cans only. Please do not put plastic bags, trash, or any other food items in the box. We collect a considerable amount of money from recycling and the money is used on items for the park.



# Booster News



## YOU ARE A BOOSTER!

### Who is a Booster?

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

### What is the Boosters' purpose?

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

### What are some of their projects?

- Palm Trees – Purchase, plant, and fertilize palm trees.
- Recycling – Collect and redeem aluminum cans.
- Financial Support – Contribute financially to further the efforts of other park groups.
- Tropic Isles' Apparel Sales – shirts, hats, visors, sweatshirts
- Social Activities – Please read the Breezes Newsletter for all activity notices.

### When do they meet?

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

## BOOSTERS' OFFICERS 2025-2026

|                    |                              |                                                                                      |
|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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| Treasurer          | .....Mike Cuff .....         | 952) 261-7707<br><a href="mailto:mcuff@comcast.net">mcuff@comcast.net</a>            |
| Director           | .....VACANT                  |                                                                                      |

## BOOSTER EVENTS/PROJECT MANAGERS 2025-2026

|                                                       |                                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Thanksgiving Supper.....                              | (Judy Milliken & Marilyn Denby)      |
| Soup Supper.....                                      | (Sue Weaver)                         |
| Pancake Breakfast.....                                | (Don Stroud)                         |
| Booster Dance .....                                   | (Marilyn Denby and Julie Couwenberg) |
| AED Maintenance.....                                  | (Dennis Foley)                       |
| Palm Tree Purchasing, Planting, and Fertilizing ..... | (Don Denby)                          |
| Aluminum/Metal Collection and Sales                   | (Bill Pealer, Jeff and Nancy Cobb)   |
| Communication .....                                   | (Nancy Grant and Pat Brazil)         |
| TI Apparel Sales.....                                 | VACANT                               |
| Marketing Director.....                               | VACANT                               |

# Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Procedure

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

1. ARC application forms are available in the Office and on the website [www.tropicisles.net](http://www.tropicisles.net). Fill out an ARC application and submit it to the Office. Make sure to include diagrams, drawings, or photos as needed. If possible, please show the neighbor's homes and the distance from each. Include the labels N, S, E, and W directions on your diagrams.
2. All applications must be logged in at the Office and assigned a date for review by the ARC Committee or 3-COR.
3. The ARC approval process begins with a preliminary review by a 3-person team, referred to as 3-COR. Simple improvements and replacement issues may be approved by this group and not require a review by the full ARC committee.
4. The ARC Committee needs a week to review the application and go to the lot before the next meeting date. If there is not enough time to do this, you will have to wait for a future date.
5. You will be notified when your request is placed on the agenda for an ARC meeting. 3-COR Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 9:30 AM. ARC Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 9:30 AM in the Auditorium. You are encouraged to attend the meeting.
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  
Randy Blanton  
Mike McBride  
Cathy Sweeney  
Drew Doll-Board Liaison

**3-COR Meetings are on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month**  
**ARC Meetings are on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month**

## Thinking of Installing a New Home?

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



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Puzzle from <https://www.printable-puzzles.com/>

(solution on page 46)



## SUDOKU SOLUTION

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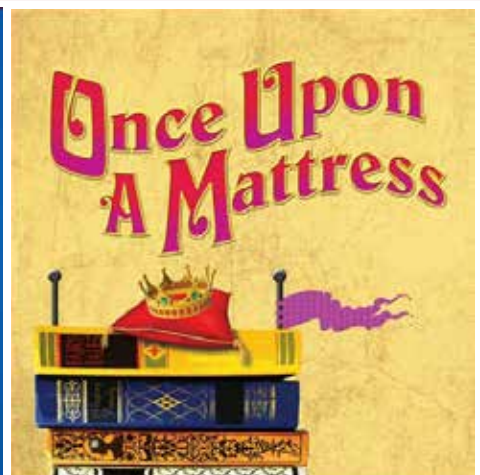


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## Out and About . . .

I wanted to send a picture of my husband, Mike Thompson's, white-tailed buck he got this season on our hunt lease in Swainsboro, Georgia! It was a really nice one and we are very proud that all his hard work paid off! Keeping the freezer full is our goal!

---Bev Thompson



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