



~~~Hurricane Awareness Edition~~~

~~~A Breezier Breezes~~~

Hurricane Preparedness!



The 2026 Atlantic Hurricane Season is an event in the annual tropical season in the Northern Hemisphere. The season officially begins on June 1 and ends on November 30. More information on hurricane preparedness is found inside.

Please make your home and yard "Hurricane Ready!"

Home of the Month



This beautiful, well-kept home at 375 Bimini Dr. is lovingly cared for by Bev and Mike Thompson. It has great "curb appeal" with immaculate landscaping and new paint and black trim accents. A colorful crane statue adds a tropical flare to the planter area. Congratulations on being named June's "Home of the Month"

Thought for the day

Life is 10% of what happens to you and 90% of how you react to it.

Happy Starfish Hunt

Can you find me hiding somewhere inside?



Meet Your New Neighbors

By Cindy Shaw

We are happy to welcome our new, part-time neighbors, **Steve and Diane Erhard**, at 194 Bimini Dr. They will spend 6 months in Tropic Isles and their summers in Brant Beach on Long Beach Island, New Jersey. They have 3 children—Katherine (Pembroke, Maine), Kristin (Long Beach Island, NJ), and Kyle (Odessa, FL). They have 9 grandchildren—Olivia (19), Eliza (15), Steven-Jacob (aka Ste-J) (8), Ford (16), Brody (14), Layli (14), Lennon (9), Calvin (7), and Lola (2).



Steve retired after working in the food industry for 24 years at Keystone Foods, the largest MacDonald's protein supplier. Diane worked in the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry at Wyeth/Pfizer for 24 years and is also retired.

Diane's hobby is checking real estate offerings online and discovered Tropic Isles. The Erhards have traveled the intercoastal waterways in their trawler and continue to enjoy sailing, boating, and cruising. Diane is writing a book of historical fiction based on her great grandfather. Steve does the shopping, cooking, and yard maintenance at home, and enjoys working out to stay fit. They love spending time with their grandkids. Please give Steve and Diane your very best Tropic Isles welcome.

Photo of the Month



This photo was taken by Denny Vitton overlooking part of the Aloha Canal and part of the Main Basin from his home on Bimini Dr. on a beautiful April night.

Memorial Garden Renewal



Our manager, Bobbie McEvoy, repainted the plaques for the Memorial Garden and they were placed in April beside the new trees at the road in front of the Yacht Club.

Marina Goodbye



The Marina celebrated a happy hour "goodbye" with some of their friends before they left for their northern homes.

Dazzling Derby Dressers

Sharon and Chris Wagner hosted a Kentucky Derby party and many came dressed for the occasion.



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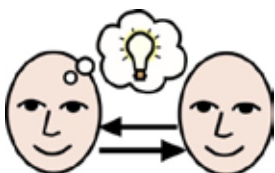
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Idea To Ponder....

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

Letter from the Editor



Fatherhood is often defined not by grand gestures, but by the quiet, steady presence of someone who shows up—day after day, year after year. On Father's Day, we pause to recognize the men who have shaped our lives in ways both visible and subtle, whose influence often speaks loudest in the smallest moments.

A father might not always have the perfect words, but his lessons are woven into everyday life: how to ride a bike without fear, how to shake hands with confidence, how to keep going when things don't go your way. These teachings rarely come with formal instruction. Instead they are passed down through example. Of course, fatherhood is not one-size-fits-all. It can be biological, adoptive, step-based, or chosen. Some fathers are storytellers. Others are quiet supporters, offering encouragement in a nod or simple "I'm proud of you." Some have been present every day while others are remembered through the lasting impact they made in a shorter time.

Father's Day can be complicated. For those who have lost their fathers, it may be a day of reflection and longing. For others, it may bring up difficult memories. What makes fathers remarkable is not perfection, but effort. So this Father's Day, whether you are celebrating a dad or remembering one, take a moment to appreciate the enduring impact of fatherhood. It's not just in who fathers are, but in what they inspire. Because in the end, being a father isn't about having all the answers. It's about being there, again and again, no matter what!



JUNE 21, 2026

Oh, The Places You'll Go!

With summer here, many of us will be taking a vacation during the next several months. According to AAA, July and August are the heaviest months for travel via automobile.

Although gas prices have affected many of our plans, some will still be driving to various destinations this summer on vacation. I would like to encourage everyone to send in a picture from their travels this summer. Please include the names of the people in the picture, location, and date of the trip. Let's see how many different locations we can get. Send it to tibreezes1@aol.com.



From the Manager's Desk



SUMMER CLOSURE

The Auditorium will be closed for the summer beginning May 1.

REMINDER – POOL RULES

Now that summer is here, we wanted to remind everyone of the pool rules:

- No glass or breakable items are permitted in the pool or hot tub/spa deck area.
- No food or beverages are allowed in the pool or hot tub/spa, or within 4' of the water.
- All trash and recyclables should be placed in the containers provided.
- Smoking is allowed IN designated areas only – smoking is NOT allowed in the fenced-in pool or hot tub/spa deck areas. This includes vaping or any similar device used for smoking, the chewing of tobacco and the use of marijuana. Please also properly dispose of all cigarette butts.
- Personal music must be kept at a low volume so as not to disturb others.
- Pets are NOT permitted in the pool or hot tub/spa deck area.

- Children under the age of fourteen (14) are only permitted in the pool and pool deck area between the hours of 11 AM-1 PM and 4:00-6:00 PM and must be always accompanied by an adult.

We kindly ask all residents to help us maintain the cleanliness and quality of our pool by taking a few simple precautions:

- Please wash swimsuits, towels, toys, and other water-related items after visiting other bodies of water before using our pool facilities.
- Please shower before entering the pool or hot tub each time you use the facilities.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SHOWER BEFORE ENTERING THE POOL

Our Rules and Regulations state:

7.5 Shower

The State of Florida requires all persons using a public pool or hot tub/spa to shower immediately before entering the pool and hot tub/spa. (FS 64E- 9.008) No shampoo or soaps are permitted in the pool or hot tub/spa deck area.

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Hurricane Season is Here – Be Prepared

Dear Residents,

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

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

Community Communication During Storms

The Management Team will share important updates via mass email (Mail Chimp) and post it on our official Facebook page:

• **Tropic Isles Co-Op, Inc.**

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

Hurricane Terminology to Know

Hurricane Watch: Conditions are possible within 48 hours.

Hurricane Warning: Conditions are expected within 36 hours or less.

Park Operations & Evacuation Notice

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

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

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

Important -- File Of Life

The File of Life pouch was distributed, door-to-door, to Co-op residents in March. **Please take the time to fill out the information card (in pencil) inside the pouch and attach the magnetic pouch to your refrigerator. Attach the red File of Life sticker to your window or door where the First Responders will see it.** It could be the difference between life and death. If you have not received your File of Life pouch, please contact John Giroux at 970-962-4061 to receive yours.

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Stay Informed

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Alert Manatee:

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

Prepare Now – Recommendations For All Residents

1. Secure Your Home and Lot.

Remove or tie down all outdoor items. If you'll be away, please make arrangements to have shutters closed and loose items stored. If you have a boat, make sure it is properly secured. Be sure to turn off the water to your home before you leave for the season.

2. Emergency Supply Kit

Assemble supplies now. An Emergency Supply Checklist can be found in this issue of the Breezes.

3. Review Insurance

Ensure your coverage is up-to-date. Take photos and inventory valuables. Store documentation in a waterproof container.

4. Special Needs Residents

If you require special assistance during an evacuation, YOU MUST pre-register with Manatee County. See enclosed information about the Manatee County Special Needs Program.

5. Plan Your Evacuation

Have transportation and a destination ready. Do not wait until the last minute. Leave early, especially if you are elderly or mobility-limited. When an evacuation order is issued, **everyone must leave the Park**. Emergency services and utilities will be suspended and staff will also evacuate.

6. Plan to Stay Away

Once evacuated, expect to remain away for several days. Authorities may restrict re-entry until conditions are deemed safe.

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

After the Storm

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

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

Warm regards,

Bobbie McEvoy, LCAM/CMCA

General Manager

On behalf of the Board of Directors & Staff

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~~~ Warning ~~~

Black Grasshoppers



Black grasshoppers, specifically immature Eastern Lubber grasshoppers are poisonous if eaten by pets or wildlife. While they do not bite humans, they secrete a foul-smelling, irritating foam and

contain toxins that can make animals sick, causing severe vomiting or even death in small predators. Early-stage nymphs are entirely black, sometimes with a faint red or yellow stripe. As they mature, they turn into large, flightless yellow, orange, or black adults. When threatened, they hiss and emit a foamy, foul-smelling spray. Wear gloves when handling or use a bucket of soapy water to remove them. They are known to feed on a wide variety of plants. They are best managed by hand picking or destroying them in soapy water or crushing them. If your pet eats one, contact a veterinarian.

(Thanks to Kathryn Wells and Bobbi Turnage for bringing this to everyone's attention.)

What's Not to Love About Lovebugs?



Lovebugs generally swarm twice a year, in May and September. Lovebugs signal changes in the seasons from spring to summer and again from summer to fall. They are closely-related to mosquitoes and

gnats. In nature, the adults live just long enough, about 3-4 days, to mate, feed, disperse, and deposit a batch of eggs. Male lovebugs fly above areas where the females will emerge from the soil. Once a female is grabbed, the pair will land on vegetation where sperm is transferred to the female. Sperm transfer requires an average of 12.5 hours, but the pair can remain coupled for several days, during which time they feed and disperse.

After mating, a female lovebug deposits an average of 350 eggs under decaying vegetation in a grassy or weedy area with adequate moisture. The eggs hatch in about 20 days. Females live for about 72 hours, whereas males survive for about 92 hours.

Lovebugs do not fly at night. You also won't see as many in the early and late parts of the day. Lovebug flight is initiated when the air temperature reaches about 68 degrees. That won't help you in the middle of Florida's summer. Heat has also been shown to attract lovebugs and contribute to their abundance on highways. Additionally, lovebugs seem to collect on light-colored buildings, especially when freshly painted. They are attracted to exhaust from automobile engines. Also, they feed on nectar in flowers along highways.

Some tips to follow if on the road [when lovebugs are swarming](#):

- Time your driving between peak periods. Lovebugs reach peak activity at 10 AM and stop flying at dusk.
- Traveling at slower speeds will reduce the number of bugs that will be spattered.
- A large screen placed in the front of the grill will keep the radiator fins from clogging, and will protect the finish on the front of the car.
- After smashing against cars, lovebugs should be removed as quickly as possible. A lovebug-coated surface exposed to the sun for an extended period of time may be damaged by the insects and when you do their removal.
- The front of a vehicle can be protected by coating it with car wax and removing the lovebugs within 24 hours.
- When lovebugs are numerous, motorists may choose to spread a light film of baby oil to help remove the flies later.

The good news is that lovebugs do not bite, sting, or transmit diseases, and are not poisonous.

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Attention Residents and All Lawn Service Providers!



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

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

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

BEST PRACTICES:

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

Safety For Seniors

FALL PREVENTION: YOUR BODY & HEALTH

- Talk to your doctor about exercises to improve balance and strength.
- Have your vision and hearing checked regularly.
- Some medications cause dizziness---ask your pharmacist.
- Get up slowly from a chair or bed---sit for a moment first.
- Use a cane or walker if recommended---do not be embarrassed!
- Stay hydrated. Dehydration affects balance.
- Vitamin D and calcium support strong bones.



WHAT TO DO IF YOU FALL

- **IMPORTANT:** If you fall and cannot get up---call 911.
- Stay calm. Do not panic.
- Check yourself for pain before trying to move.
- If you can, roll to your side, push up to your hands and knees, then hold a sturdy chair to stand.
- If you cannot get up or are hurt, call for help or use your medical alert device.
- Never go hours without telling someone. Call 911.

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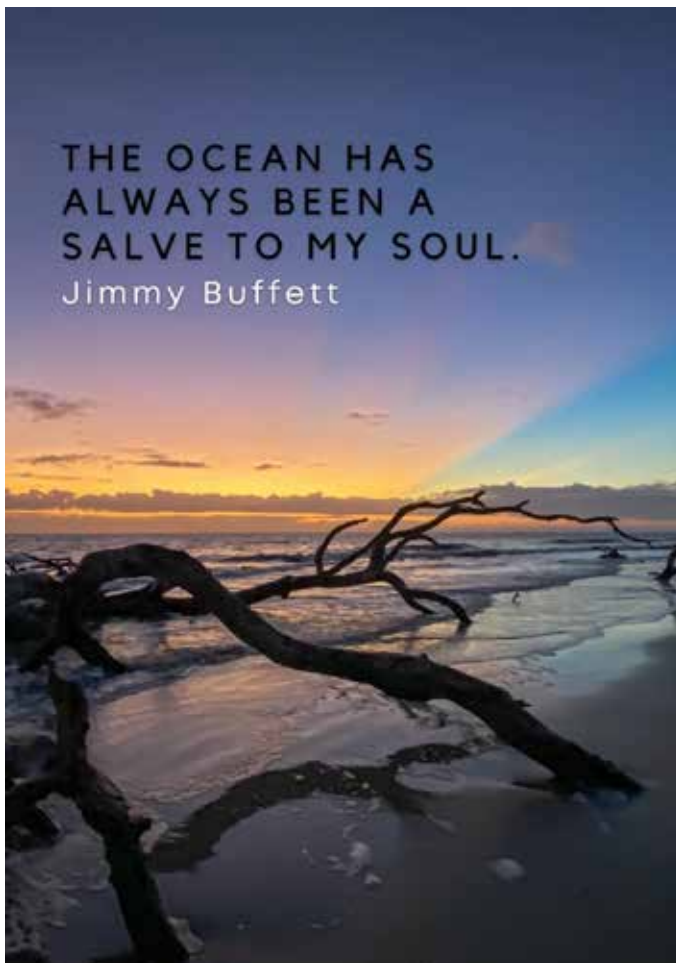
Love to cook? Or just love to eat great food? We are hoping to create another Tropic Isles' Cookbook with the recipes from our wonderful Tropic Isles' cooks. We did one in 2019 and again in 2022, so we thought it was time to create another one. If you are interested in submitting a favorite recipe and/or participating on the committee to create this cookbook, please call/text John Giroux at 970-962-4061 to show your interest.



~~Special Thanks~~

- A big "thank you" to all the ladies who volunteered to help out in the library this summer and in the coming season---**Linda Doll, Betty Moore, Bev Thompson, Irene Casey, and Wendy Verstringhe**. Your help is much appreciated!
- Thanks to **Steve Tourtillotte, Jim Gorton, and John Giroux** for volunteering to bag up the aluminum cans over the summer. Thanks also, to **Bill Pealer and Jeff and Nancy Cobb** for taking the cans to the recycling center.
- Thank you to **Chris and Sharon Wagner** for showing great movies on Movie Night.

Your Daily Dose of Vitamin Sea



Flag Day June 14, 2026



President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed June 14th as Flag Day in 1916. Congress established National Flag Day in August 1949. Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States of America by resolution of the Second Continental Congress in 1777. Displaying the flag honors the history and heritage of the American flag.

Fly your flag proudly on Flag Day—June 14, 2026.

Dining Out



By Kathryn Wells with Randy Blanton

After church one day in April, we went to Rincon Cubano for a Cuban dinner. Randy has been trying to find a Cuban restaurant and he found this one in Sarasota on Honore Blvd. He ordered the Picadillo ground beef dinner with yellow rice and black beans. I had grilled salmon with yellow rice and black beans. Our dinners also included fried bananas and bread. Coke was our beverage of choice. Dinner was pretty good. It didn't look like a lot to eat, but it was! In fact, I couldn't eat it all!





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New 2027

Resident Phone Directories

ALL RESIDENTS: If you need to make a change to the information in the current Resident Phone Directory, please send an email to tibreezes1@aol.com or text it to 608-212-8967 with your correction/addition.

NEW RESIDENTS: This is your chance to have your information included in the 2027 Resident Phone Directory. Please send me your name, TI address, phone numbers for each person in the household, email addresses, and northern information if you wish to have it included.

The deadline to get those changes to me is August 1.

~~ TO THE HEADS OF ALL ACTIVITIES ~~

The Tropic Isles' Resident Phone Directory includes all clubs and activities. If you have any changes to your officers, chairpersons, coordinators, date, time, or meeting place, please send it to me at tibreezes1@aol.com or text me at 608-212-8967. Check pages 4-7 in the 2025-26 directory to see what is currently listed for your activity.

I'd like to give a special "thank you" to all those people who take the time to update their information for the directory.

---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/additions to your current Directory.

Resident Listings:

BAILEY, Niki	Add an additional Mailing Address - P.O. Box 303. Change the phone number to 941-920-9659. Change the email address to 61136nikibai@gmail.com .
DRAKE, Kevin & Cheryl	NEW! Add 286 Nassau Dr., 663-340-5389
FILLION, Rita	Remove all phone numbers and add 613-724-8405.
KELLY, Angie	NEW! Add 17 Flores Dr., 512-695-2170
LARSON, Phyllis & Lawrence	NEW! Add 39 Montego Dr., 989-858-0200 (P) / 989-370-0433 (L)
NEUMANN, Susan	Change the phone number to 941-920-0600.
PEARMAN, Douglas Sr.	NEW! Add 251 & 252 Aloha Dr., 942-812-2391(son)
RANUCCI, Joe	NEW! 322 Terra Ceia Dr., 732-245-0600
TENBRAAK, Rene & Inez	NEW! Add 214 Bimini Dr., 770-310-1204 (I) / 770-310-1461 (R) itenbraak@yahoo.com (I)
WAKEFIELD, Robert & Alice	NEW! Add 230 Bimini Dr., 941-812-0637(A)

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Residents! Volunteers Needed! Please Help!



We have a need for volunteers in the following positions:

- **BOOK CLUB COORDINATOR:** We are looking for a volunteer to be the Coordinator for the Book Club. Contact Irene at 774-201-9444 if you are interested.
- **COFFEE HOUR COMMITTEE:** Additional volunteers are needed to be a part of the Coffee Committee that oversees the Saturday Morning Coffee Hour and purchases the supplies. Contact Drew Doll if you are interested.
- **ZOOM MODERATORS** for Co-op Board Meetings are needed. Contact the Office. You must be a Shareholder. We will train.

2026 Tropic Isles Book Club Reading List



June: *Buckeye* by Patrick Ryan

July: *The Director* by Daniel Kehlmann

August: *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell

September: *The Unraveling of Julia* by Lisa Scottoline

October: *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters

November: *When We Flew Away* by Alice Hoffman

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



Hurricane Season is Here!

Protect your home and your neighbor's.

Please secure all loose items around your home!



Laughter is the Best Medicine!

- I dream of a world where chickens can cross the road without having their motives questioned.
- Drink coffee. Do stupid things faster with more energy.
- We don't know how to act our age. We've never been this age before.
- Note to self: Don't sit on the floor without a solid plan on how to get up again.
- At our age. . . When an "all-nighter" means not getting up to pee. When "getting lucky" means finding my car in the parking lot. When the candles cost more than the cake. When all the names in my black book have M.D. after them.



"The last thing I remember is being thrown into the dryer."

There was an old man who lived in a forest. As he grew older and older, he started losing his hair, until one day, on his deathbed, he was completely bald. That day, he called his children to a meeting.

He said, "Look at my hair. It used to be so magnificent, but it's completely gone now. My hair can't be saved. But look outside at the forest. It's such a lovely forest with so many trees, but sooner or later they'll all be cut down and this forest will look as bald as my hair. What I want you to do..." the man continued. "Is, every time a tree is cut down or dies, plant a new one in my memory. Tell your descendants to do the same. It shall be our family's duty to keep this forest strong." So, they did.

Each time the forest lost a tree, the children replanted one, and so did their children, and their children after them. And for centuries, the forest remained as lush and pretty as it once was, all because of one man and his "re-seeding heirline".

Photo of the Month



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

Co-Op Board of Directors' Meetings

The Tropic Isles' Board of Directors usually meet every **third Thursday of the month at 9:30 AM in the Yacht Club**. 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 June 18 at 9:30 AM in the Yacht Club and via Zoom, if needed.



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

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Homeowners' Association

(TIHOA) 2026-2027

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

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



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Safety Tip Of The Month --

Car Theft Prevention Checklist

SIMPLE WAYS TO KEEP YOUR VEHICLES SAFE AT HOME

LOCK AND SECURE ITEMS

- ALWAYS lock your car, even in your driveway and parking lot.
- Close all windows and sunroofs completely.
- Never leave your car running unattended.

DON'T LEAVE VALUABLES INSIDE

- Remove purses, wallets, phones, money, and bags.
- Hide items out of sight (or take them with you).
- Avoid leaving spare keys or cell phones in the car.



PROTECT YOUR KEYS

- Keep keys with you, not near the door or entryway of your house.
- Never label keys with your name and address.

PARK SMART

- Park in well-lit areas whenever possible.
- Choose spots near entrances or security cameras.

USE SECURITY TOOLS

- Install motion-sensor lights near parking areas.
- Consider cameras or security systems.
- A visible camera can discourage thieves.

STAY AWARE

- Watch for unfamiliar people around parked cars.
- Report suspicious activity.
- Don't approach suspicious individuals alone.

BE PREPARED

- Keep a record of your vehicle's make, model, and VIN.
- Have insurance and registration up to date.
- Know who to call if your car is stolen.

Go Wild This Father's Day – Adopt a Manatee!



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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!

Fish On!

I guess there really is no place like home! I drifted from the coun-



try club all the way up through Peterson Bayou and didn't have a bite. I stopped at my brother's house and then headed home. I was almost home when I saw that the wind and the tide looked right to do a little drift fishing, so I stopped just north of the peninsula island. I have never caught anything with an artificial lure, so I thought for sure that I just had a snag. When I finally pulled it in, I had this 18-inch flounder!

–Sherry Novak



Thank you, Captain Dwayne, for another great day on the water. Great crew of Keith, Paulie, and Rick! Keith caught the biggest keeper, but Dwayne pulled in a bigger gag (out of season, so he poked it and sent it back for another day).

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.

Be kind to your furry friends and walk them in the cooler parts of the day.



Mosquito Prevention



The Florida Department of Health in Manatee County is reminding everyone on how to prevent contact with mosquitoes, especially during the heavy rains that we may be experiencing in the summer.

Mosquitoes are a nuisance and can spread diseases. Please remain diligent in personal mosquito protection. Here are some simple suggestions:

Drain and Cover

1. Drain standing water to stop mosquitoes from multiplying in anything where sprinkler or rainwater has collected.
2. Empty and clean birdbaths.
3. Protect boats and vehicles from rain with tarps that don't accumulate water.
4. Empty plastic swimming pools when not in use.

Cover Skin with Clothing or Repellant

1. If you work in areas where mosquitoes are present, wear long pants, long sleeves, shoes, and socks.
2. Apply mosquito repellant to bare skin and clothing. Read and follow label directions.

Cover Doors and Windows with Screens

Repair broken screening on windows, doors, porches, and patios.

The Florida Department of Health continues to conduct statewide surveillance for mosquito borne illnesses.



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Friends of the Pelicans



Friends of the Pelicans Inc., a nonprofit focused on rescuing injured seabirds, is preparing to turn the old county Animal Services campus into a rehabilitation center for pelicans and other seabirds rescued near the Skyway Fishing Pier and surrounding mangroves.

Founder Jeanette Edwards says the nonprofit has been searching for a permanent facility since 2021. Edwards says the organization was created after witnessing seabirds, especially pelicans, becoming injured by fishing hooks and tangled fishing lines near the Skyway Fishing Pier.

The nonprofit rescues more than 1,000 injured seabirds each year. Until now, volunteers have had to rely on facilities outside the county, including Save Our Seabirds in Sarasota and Seaside Seabird Sanctuary in Indian Shores, for treatment and rehabilitation. That made the need for a dedicated seabird rehabilitation center in Manatee County increasingly urgent.

County commissioners recently approved a lease agreement allowing Friends of the Pelicans to move into the former Manatee County Animal Services campus. Because the property already includes kennels and operating rooms, Edwards says it is an ideal fit for their needs. Before opening, the nonprofit still needs rezoning approval from Manatee County, as well as permits from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. The organization is also responsible for maintaining the property and covering all utility costs, including water and electricity. The goal is to have the new rehabilitation campus open within the next year and a half. **(In the fall, I am hoping to organize a class for interested residents who want to learn how to help rescue seabirds. Watch for more information in the October/November Breezes—Cindy Shaw.)**

Injured Wildlife? You can help!

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



If you see injured birds in or around Tropic Isles, please call:

FRIENDS OF THE PELICANS 941-447-0773

Keep these numbers handy to report an injured seabird.

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

Friends of the Pelicans	Bradenton
https://www.friendsofthepelicans.org	

Save Our Seabirds	Sarasota
https://www.saveourseabirds.org	

Seaside Seabird Sanctuary	Indian Shores (near St. Pete)
https://seasideseabirdsanctuary.org	

Wildlife, Inc.	Anna Maria Island
https://wildlifeinc.org	

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

Feeding Pelicans is Prohibited by Law!

(FAC 68A-4.001)

The intentional feeding or the placement of food that attracts pelicans and modifies the natural behavior of pelicans so as to be detrimental to the survival or health of a local population is prohibited.

DO NOT FEED THE SEABIRDS

Feeding seabirds causes them to congregate in areas where they are more likely to be hooked or entangled in fishing line, causing injury or death. Please discard carcasses and other fish cleaning waste in designated receptacles.

PREVENT FISHLINE ENTANGLEMENT

Cast away from birds and vegetation. Keep bait buckets covered. Take unused bait home or give it to another fisherman. Collect and store loose line for proper disposal/recycling.

DO NOT LEAVE YOUR LINE BEHIND

Improperly discarded fishing line causes devastating problems for marine life. Marine mammals, sea turtles, fish, and birds become injured from entanglements or ingesting the line, often dying as a result.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT

My FWC.com/unhook. You will find a downloadable Pelican Rescue Brochure, and video on how to safely handle hooked birds.

Report injured and entangled birds to:

FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION (FWC)
HOTLINE: 888-404-3922.

If You Hook a Pelican or Other Seabird, Do Not Cut The Line!



YOU CAN DO THIS!

- Put on glasses/sunglasses to protect your eyes.
- Reel the bird in slowly to reduce the risk of added injury.
- Use a net to carefully lift the bird from the water.
- Fold the bird's wings against its body and hold the beak firmly.
- Allow the beak to be open slightly to allow it to breathe.
- Cover its head and eyes with a towel or shirt to calm it.
- Clip the barb and back the hook out.

**If the bird is severely hurt or has swallowed a hook, call FWC
for a list of wildlife rehabilitators:**

888-404-3922

**If the bird appears healthy, it is okay to release it.
Place its feet on the ground and face it toward the water.
Stand back and release it, letting it take off on its own.
You have just saved a life!**



What's Happening In The Neighborhood?

JUNE



Sunday Night at the Movies



Our next Movie Night will be **June 14 at 7 PM in the Yacht Club**. **(Note: location change)** The movie will be **Eat, Pray, Bark**. It is a 2026 comedy about 5 dog owners and a legendary teacher in the mountains. You can bring your own comfortable chairs, snacks, and beverages if you choose. **MOVIE NIGHT** will continue throughout the summer **on the second Sunday of the month in the Yacht Club**. Come and join us **AT THE MOVIES!** Contact Sharon Wagner at 502-220-8557 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 through the summer. We play Dealer's Choice with **WILD CARDS** and nickel and dime antes. We are always eager to learn new games. We hope to see you there. Call Sherry Novak at 330-428-6005 with questions.



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.



Canasta/Hand, Knee, and Foot, Anyone?



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

Bid Euchre Anyone?

We play Bid Euchre every **Friday starting promptly at 6 PM to 9 PM** in the Yacht Club through the summer. 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 Sherry Novak at 330-428-6005 with questions.



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What's Happening In The Neighborhood?

Aluminum Can Recycling

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



The Caring Team



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

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

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

Here are some tasks that the Caring Team could provide:

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

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

Cindy Shaw, Caring Team Secretary



Library News



The Book Nook is open this summer for your reading enjoyment. Enjoy a movie DVD while you stay cool in your AC or choose a puzzle of your liking to complete. There are also a variety of magazines to choose from.

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:

Patti Tourtillotte of Terra Ceia Dr. (carpal tunnel surgery)

Shari Antcliff of 13th St. W. (medical issues)

Margo Sweeney of 31st St. W. (kidney stones)

Joan Richey of 12th St. W. (heart procedure)

Debbie Weaks of Montego Dr. (dog bite)

"Thinking of You" card was sent to:

Lisa Murphy of Edessa Dr. (medical issues)

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.**



Full Speed Ahead Fitness Center

The Fitness Center is located in the Yacht Club and is open 24/7. Inside you will find treadmills, weights, and other fitness equipment for your needs. **PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN OFF THE LIGHTS, FANS, AND MUSIC WHEN YOU LEAVE THE ROOM. The door to the hallway should always remain closed.**

Landscaping Advisory Committee (LAC)

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



Memorial Garden

The Memorial Garden contains a plaque for every branch of the service as well as Memory Bricks that are inscribed with the names of the people who are remembered by those in Tropic Isles. 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 Memorial Garden. Please contact Shirley Clarkson on obtaining Memory Bricks.



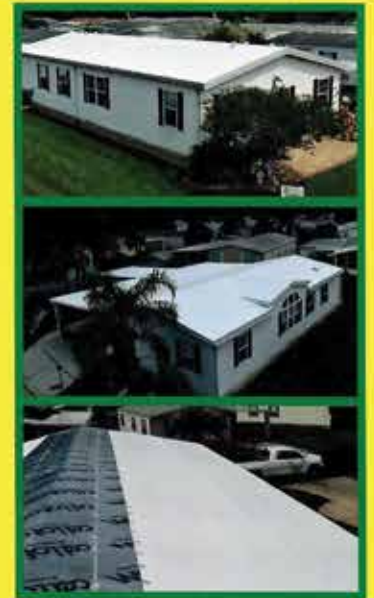
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 7:00 pm Movie Night - Y Flag Day Fly your flag proudly!	15	16 9:30 am ARC Meeting - SB	17	18 9:30 am Co-Op Board Meeting - Y and Zoom, if needed	19	20
21 Happy Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30		June 2026		
WEEKLY EVENTS						
	6:00 pm Poker - Y	2:00 pm Cards - Y		1:00 pm Knee, Hand, & Foot - Y	6:00 pm Bid Euchre - Y	

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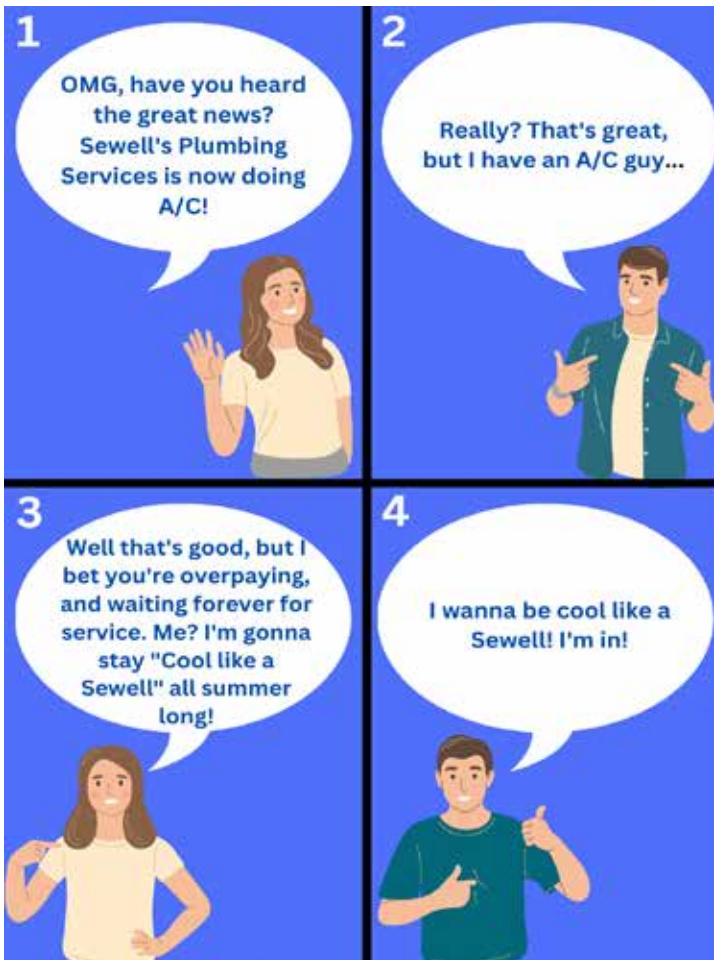
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July 3rd Picnic

Come and join us for our **JULY 3rd PICNIC at 2-6 PM** in the Dockside Room of the Yacht Club. This is a Co-op sponsored, private event for Co-op members only. The Activity Committee will provide the fried chicken from Publix. Please bring a side dish to share along with your favorite beverage. (Paper plates, silverware, and other tableware will be provided). Enjoy trivia, guitar music, plenty of

prizes, and a 50/50 drawing. There is no charge for this event. This celebration gives everyone the opportunity to celebrate our nation's 250th birthday with friends, while keeping the actual Fourth of July free to enjoy all of the holiday festivities and events around the area. Contact Sharon Wagner at 502-220-8557 with questions.

Out and About.... Around Town!

Palmetto's July 4th Celebration



The poster for the 15th Annual Palmetto Fourth Fest! features a patriotic theme with red, white, and blue stars and stripes. At the top left is a circular logo with 'Palmetto 4th Fest' and stars. To the right is a banner for 'UNITED on the Manatee River' with fireworks. Below this is a blue banner with the event details: '15th Annual Palmetto Fourth Fest! Saturday, July 4, 2026 5pm-10pm | Palmetto Riverside Park'. Underneath is a section for 'Featuring American Southern Rock Band' and 'SOUL CIRCUS COWBOYS' with a bull head logo. Four red circular buttons list 'FAMILY FUN', 'LIVE MUSIC', 'FOOD + DRINKS', and 'KIDS ZONE'. The bottom section highlights 'THE REGION'S MOST SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS SHOW!' in large, stylized letters. Below that, it says 'Free Admission and Free Parking in Historic Palmetto Trolley Service Available'. At the very bottom, it lists 'Proudly presented by:' with the City of Palmetto logo, 'In partnership with:' with the Bradenton logo, and 'Follow Us!' with a QR code.

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First Tuesday Cleanup

June 2, 2026

Coach Eddie Shannon Park
501 17th St. E.
Palmetto

July 7, 2026

Taylor Park
309 8th Ave. W.
Palmetto

August 4, 2026

Palma Sola Causeway
9917 Manatee Ave. W.
Bradenton

First Saturday Cleanup

June 6, 2026

Riverside Boat Ramp
857 Riverside Dr.
Palmetto

July 5, 2026

Beach Cleanup
52nd Street Beach Access
Holmes Beach

August 1, 2026

Rowlett Middle Academy
400 30th Ave. W.
Bradenton

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Palmetto Library Events In June



Drop-In Art – Looking for a creative way to unwind? Stop in on Mondays between 5:30 and 7:00 PM for Drop-In Art. Each month features a different craft. No registration is required and all supplies are provided. This month is foil embossing. July 6 will be 3D landscapes. August 3 will be custom tote bags.

Pilates – Tuesdays at 10 AM through June 23. (R)

Mindful Meet-ups with NAMI – Has your life been affected by mental illness? This program is designed to foster relationships and encourage self-expression. Tuesdays at 11 AM.

Chair Zumba – Wednesdays at 1 PM (R)

One-on-One Tech Help Appointments – Wednesdays at 2 PM and 2:30 PM (R)

(Book a 30-minute appointment with library professionals and get your tech questions answered.)

Mah Jongg Club – Fridays at 10 AM

The Palmetto Library is located at 923 6th Street West in Palmetto. The hours are 9 AM – 8 PM Monday -Thursday and 9 AM – 6 PM Friday and Saturday.

(R) To register for events, visit www.mymanatee.org/library-system and select “View Calendar” under “Events and Classes”. The Library also provides a FREE fax service.

Look  What's Coming!



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14TH AVENUE PARK



The groundbreaking at the 14th Avenue Park will take place this summer. The park will feature pickleball and basketball courts, a playground, a covered pavilion, a walking trail, and a multi-purpose field. Across the street from the new park, the Palmetto Cemetery received some improvements with new fencing on the 10th St. side of the cemetery.

TRIVIA Trivia Tidbits

- By Danish tradition, if you're unmarried by age 25, your friends and family get to tie you up and throw cinnamon powder on you on your birthday. If you're still single at age 30, you get pelted with pepper.
- At a Danish wedding, if the groom leaves the room during the party, Danish tradition demands that the groomsmen line up to kiss the bride. Equally, if the bride steps out, the bridesmaids kiss the groom.
- The Danish flag is the oldest flag still in use in the world. This red flag with a white cross has remained unchanged since 1219.
- Lego building blocks were invented in Denmark in 1958. The name is a combination of "leg" and "godt" which means "play well" in Danish.
- It is illegal to advertise to children under 12 in Norway. No commercials about action figures, dolls, or sugary cereals are shown.
- There is no life sentence in Norway, and there hasn't been since 1971. The maximum sentence is 21 years, in most cases. The reconviction rate is 20%.
- In Northern Norway, the sun never sets in the summer and it never rises in the winter. These events are called the Midnight Sun and the Polar Night, respectively.
- There is a small Norwegian town called "Hell" and it freezes over every winter.

Florida Fun Facts

In Dunnellon, Florida the historic Withlacoochee River flows backward during extreme tides when a Gulf storm surge pushes upstream, temporarily reversing the current and confusing fish that suddenly find themselves swimming against their instincts.



Florida is known as the Sunshine State.



This Florida fact may not surprise you, but why is it called that? Despite being only the 10th most sunny state in America, it is called The Sunshine State because it has sunshine almost all year and has a tropical climate due to its geography. Although famous for sunshine, the state does have rain in winter, but when it does, it doesn't pour for long!

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 you should never hit a pile of doggie-do-do with a weed whacker. -age 12
- I've learned that it's ok to feel sorry for yourself. Just don't let it last for more than 5 minutes. -age 57
- I've learned that when my grandson is pitching, they all look like strikes to me. -age 64
- I've learned that to stay away from a previous argument, you need to stay away from the person you're having the argument with. -age 18
- I've learned that the better the doctor, the harder it is to read his or her handwriting. -age 51
- I've learned that when my sister says that she'll be out of the bathroom in five minutes, I should just sit down and start reading War and Peace. -age 14
- I've learned that what I call "clean", my mom calls "messy". -age 12
- I've learned that when you've pushed yourself as far as you think you can go, you can always go just a bit further. -age 23
- I've learned that the only time you're guaranteed not to get something you want is when you don't try for it. -age 18
- I've learned that no matter how small the kitchen, never buy a table with 2 chairs. -age 42
- I've learned that it's best not to discuss how many children I want to have while my wife is pregnant. -age 31
- I've learned that a bottle of ketchup should be on the table 3 times a day if there is a child in the house. -age 60
- I've learned that the day the bill that you don't want your husband to see arrives, is the day he goes to the mailbox first. -age 32
- I've learned that nothing smells as good as my husband's favorite sweater. -age 39
- I've learned that people have no interest in going into a room until they see that the door is shut. -age 23
- I've learned that having someone tell you he loves you and having someone show you he loves you are two completely different things. -age 25
- I've learned that biscuits will not brown until you walk away from the oven . . . then they burn. -age 43

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Manatee County

Modified Phase III "Severe" Water Shortage Regulations



The District's Governing Board voted to declare a Modified Phase III "Severe" Water Shortage due to dry conditions throughout the region, which requires all residents, including those on private wells, in the cities and counties listed below to follow one-day-per-week watering restrictions.

The restrictions apply to all of Citrus, DeSoto, Hardee, Hernando, Hillsborough, **Manatee**, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota and Sumter counties; portions of Charlotte, Highlands, and Lake counties; the City of Dunnellon and The Villages in Marion County; and the portion of Gasparilla Island in Charlotte County from **February 8, 2026 through July 1, 2026**.

The district received below average rainfall during its summer rainy season and currently has a 13-inch regional rainfall deficit compared to the average 12-month total. In addition, water levels in the district's water resources, such as aquifers, rivers, and lakes, are continuing to decline and many are below normal. Public water supplies in the Tampa Bay area are lower than expected at this time of year.

Outdoor water use accounts for more than 50 percent of water consumed by households and residents should know and follow their local watering restrictions. Residents should check with their city or county for their allowable day and times as many have different schedules or stricter hours in effect. To get complete details on the requirements of the new order, visit WaterMatters.org/Restrictions.

In Manatee County, the standard one-day-per-week schedule is based on street address:

- Addresses ending in 0 or 1: Monday
- Addresses ending in 2 or 3: Tuesday
- Addresses ending in 4 or 5: Wednesday
- Addresses ending in 6 or 7: Thursday
- Addresses ending in 8 or 9, and locations without a discernible address: Friday



Additional provisions of the Modified Phase II Order include:

- Homeowners' associations and similar entities may not require increased water use for landscape appearance, plant replacement, or pressure washing.
- Residential car washing is allowed only on the assigned watering day.
- Aesthetic fountains are limited to eight hours of operation per day.
- Pressure washing is allowed once per year or when preparing surfaces for painting or sealing.

For full details on watering restrictions, visit mymanatee.org/waterrestrictions.

For water-saving tips and conservation resources, visit WaterMatters.org/Water101.



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Rule of the Month

HAVE YOU READ YOUR RULES LATELY?

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

III. DWELLING AND UNIT/LOT MAINTENANCE

3.5 Carport Use (Covered Area)

- Carports are primarily intended to be used for passenger vehicle parking.
- Carports cannot be converted to living or personal property storage space if vehicles are displaced to the street or other areas.
- All vehicles must be parked parallel to the carport. Parking across the end of the driveway is prohibited.
- Unoccupied campers, motor homes, travel trailers, watercraft trailers with or without watercraft, motorcycles, and utility trailers may be parked in a Resident's carport PROVIDING the item can be parked PRIMARILY* within the carport or on the driveway/parking pad in the RV Section, as long as the resident's vehicle is not displaced to the street or other areas for parking. (* to the greatest practical extent for the given space.)

3.6 Outdoor Furniture

- The only furniture permitted on open patios, lanais, decks, carports, or Units/Lots outside of a Dwelling is that which is specifically designed for outdoor use.
- Hot tubs/spas, Jacuzzis, saunas, and swimming pools are not allowed on Units/Lots.

IV. DWELLING AND UNIT/LOT EXTERIOR CHANGES:

Exterior Changes, Alterations, Improvements

4.1 Any exterior alterations, changes, or improvements MUST be approved via the ARC process.

4.2 The ARC approval process is required for, but not limited to, the following:

- A. Exterior improvements, changes, and additions to existing Dwellings and Units/Lots
(See ARC for approved color choices for Dwellings, trim, doors, sheds, and driveways.)
- B. New Home Installation
- C. Removal of a Dwelling from the Community

4.3 An ARC application may not be approved if the Unit/Lot or Dwelling has outstanding monies owed to the Association or compliance issues involving violations of the Governing Documents.

4.4 New structures or exterior renovations or additions to existing structures/Dwellings WILL NOT be considered until the Resident submits drawings and specifications via the ARC process and receives written approval to make said renovations or changes.

4.5 If a Resident is not doing the ARC-approved project themselves, the work should be completed by a licensed contractor for any work requiring a license.

4.6 Licensed contractors must file proof of Worker's Compensation Insurance and Liability Insurance with Management.

4.7 The Resident will be responsible for performance of the project in accordance with the approved application and all applicable Rules and Regulations. This includes contractor license and insurance information, noise control, incidental damage, trash management, storage and placement of equipment, construction change orders, erosion control, and final project clean-up.

4.8 If the project is not being constructed in accordance with an approved ARC application, Management/ARC has the right to issue a Stop Work Order.

4.9 If it is determined that the Resident did not receive permission prior to the installation or renovation, Management/ARC has the right to issue a Stop Work Order or demand the removal of said renovation or addition until approval is given.



Cook's Corner



CLASSIC SHRIMP SCAMPI

- Level: Easy
- Total: 30 min.
- Yield: 4 servings

Ingredients:

- Kosher salt
- 12 ounces linguine
- 1 1/4 pounds large shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 5 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1/3 cup dry white wine
- Juice of 1/2 lemon, plus wedges for serving
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into pieces
- 1/4 cup finely chopped fresh parsley

Directions:

1. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the linguine and cook as the label directs. Reserve 1 cup cooking water, then drain.
2. Meanwhile, season the shrimp with salt. Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the garlic and red pepper flakes and cook until the garlic is just golden, 30 seconds to 1 minute. Add the shrimp and cook, stirring occasionally, until pink and just cooked through, 1 to 2 minutes per side. Remove the shrimp to a plate. Add the wine and lemon juice to the skillet and simmer until slightly reduced, 2 minutes.
3. Return the shrimp and any juices from the plate to the skillet along with the linguine, butter, and 1/2 cup of the reserved cooking water. Continue to cook, tossing, until the butter is melted and the shrimp is hot, about 2 minutes, adding more of the reserved cooking water as needed. Season with salt; stir in the parsley. Serve with lemon wedges.

Friendly Reminders



- **The Auditorium is closed for the summer starting May 1.**
- Remember to save the calendar from the Breezes newsletter and keep it handy to find out what's going on in the park!
- Speed limits on the park streets are **15 MPH**.
- The speed limit along 28th Ave. is **25 MPH**. Please slow down.
- There is no parking of vehicles, boats, or trailers on the empty lots without permission.
- THERE IS NO PARKING ALONG 28TH AVE. SEE POSTED SIGNS ALONG THE FENCE.
- THERE IS NO PARKING ON THE STREETS OVERNIGHT.
- **THERE IS NO PARKING/DRIVING ON THE GRASS ANYWHERE IN THE COMMUNITY.**
- Know where the **AED units** are located at the Auditorium (outside), Yacht Club (inside), pool (outside) and Marina (outside). There is also an AED unit at the Office that can be checked out for Tropic Isles events off-site. It could save someone's life.
- If you need to borrow a medical appliance (wheelchair, walker, potty seats) contact Nancy Cobb at 941-730-0018 for assistance.
- If you rent out your house, RV, or empty RV lot it must be for a minimum of 30 days, renters must be 55 or older, and the renters must go through a background check. This is according to the Rules and Regulations of the park.
- **REMINDER: All ARC applications are due seven (7) days prior to the meeting. Any applications received after the deadline will be included on the next meeting's agenda. The only exception is for emergency applications, such as a roof or AC.**

Weeds, Weeds, Weeds



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

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

Summer Fun!



With summer already here, I would like to encourage everyone to send in a picture from your travels or fun activities this summer with family and friends. Please include the names of the people in the picture, location, and date. Email your pictures to tibreezes1@aol.com. Thanks, in advance, for your pictures.



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Summer Send-Off



By Rick Kropp, Marina Manager

As the season begins to shift and many of our friends prepare to head north to their summer homes, we want to wish everyone safe and smooth travels. Whether you're cruising up the coast or making the trip by land, we hope the journey is just as enjoyable as the destination.

Here at the Marina, we continue to appreciate the strong sense of community that makes this place special. The Marina amenity thrives because of your ongoing support, good spirit, and camaraderie. It's that shared connection that keeps this Marina more than just a stop along the water. It's a home port.

On another note, we remain committed to keeping our fuel prices as competitive as possible. Our goal is simple: to offer the lowest prices from the Green Bridge to the ICW while maintaining the quality and service you expect.

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Kayak Launch Use Reminders



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

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

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

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

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Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Procedure

ARC MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN THE SEABREEZE ROOM THIS SUMMER.

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

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

1. ARC application forms are available in the Office and on the website www.tropicisles.net. Fill out an ARC application and submit it to the Office. Make sure to include diagrams, drawings, or photos as needed. If possible, please show the neighbor's homes and the distance from each. Include the labels N, S, E, and W directions on your diagrams.
2. All applications must be logged in at the Office and assigned a date for review by the ARC Committee or 3-COR.
3. The ARC approval process begins with a preliminary review by a 3-person team, referred to as 3-COR. Simple improvements and replacement issues may be approved by this group and not require a review by the full ARC committee.
4. The ARC Committee needs a week to review the application and go to the lot before the next meeting date. If there is not enough time to do this, you will have to wait for a future date.
5. You will be notified when your request is placed on the agenda for an ARC meeting. You are encouraged to attend the meeting.
6. **NEW SCHEDULE:**

ARC Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 9:30 AM in the Seabreeze Room in the Yacht Club this summer.

3-COR Meetings will be held if needed.

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
Bill Eagle
Dennis Weber-Board Liaison

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Thinking of Installing a New Home?

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



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DISASTER SUPPLY KIT CHECKLIST



General

- ☐ Two week minimum supply of medication, regularly used medical supplies, and a list of allergies
- ☐ A list of the style, serial number, and manufacturer information of required medical devices
- ☐ Batteries
- ☐ Flashlights
Do not use candles
- ☐ NOAA Weather Radio
Battery operated or hand cranked
- ☐ Cash
Banks and ATMs may not be available after a storm
- ☐ Cell phone chargers
- ☐ Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

Phone Numbers

- ☐ Maintain a list of important phone numbers including:
County emergency management office, evacuation sites, doctors, banks, schools, veterinarian, a number for out of town contacts, friends and family

Clothing

- ☐ Rain gear such as jackets, hats, umbrellas and rain boots
- ☐ Sturdy shoes or boots and work gloves

Special Needs Items

- ☐ Specialty items for infants, small children, the elderly, and family members with disabilities

First Aid

- ☐ First Aid Manual
- ☐ Sterile adhesive bandages of different sizes
- ☐ Sterile gauze pads
- ☐ Hypoallergenic adhesive tape
- ☐ Triangular bandages
- ☐ Scissors
- ☐ Tweezers
- ☐ Sewing needle
- ☐ Moistened towelettes
- ☐ Antiseptic
- ☐ Disinfectant wipes
- ☐ Hand sanitizer
- ☐ Thermometer
- ☐ Tube of petroleum jelly
- ☐ Safety pins
- ☐ Soap
- ☐ Latex gloves
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Aspirin or other pain reliever
- ☐ Anti-diarrheal medicine
- ☐ Antacid
- ☐ Laxative
- ☐ Cotton balls
- ☐ Q-tips

Food and Water

- ☐ Food
Nonperishable packaged or canned food and beverages, snack foods, juices, baby food, and any special dietary items to last at least 7 days
- ☐ Water
1 gallon per person per day
- ☐ Non-electric can opener
- ☐ Paper plates
- ☐ Napkins
- ☐ Plastic cups
- ☐ Utensils

Important Documents

- ☐ Insurance cards
- ☐ Medical records
- ☐ Banking information
- ☐ Credit card numbers
- ☐ Copies of social security cards
- ☐ Copies of birth and/or marriage certificates
- ☐ Other personal documents
- ☐ Set of car, house, and office keys
- ☐ Service animal I.D., veterinary records, and proof of ownership
- ☐ Information about where you receive medication, the name of the drug, and dosage
- ☐ Copy of Will

**Items should be kept in a water proof container*

Vehicle

- ☐ Keep your motor vehicle tanks filled with gasoline

Pet Care Items

- ☐ Pet food and water to last at least 7 days
- ☐ Proper identification
- ☐ Medical records/microchip information
- ☐ A carrier or cage
- ☐ Muzzle and leash
- ☐ Water and food bowls
- ☐ Medications
- ☐ Supplies for your service animal

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Manatee County Hurricane Special Needs Program

Hurricane Season begins June 1 and runs through the end of November. You may need to evacuate your home from an impending hurricane if you are power dependent, live in an evacuation zone, or live in a mobile home. Residents are encouraged to use public sheltering **only** if no other options exist.

If you need evacuation transportation or require sheltering assistance, you must preregister. Annual registration is required.

What is the medical special needs shelter?

The Manatee County Special Needs Program is a two-part program: (1) transportation assistance to a shelter and/or (2) the medical special needs shelter. **Transportation assistance is available to any Manatee County resident who needs a ride to a general shelter. You must register before any pending storm for transportation assistance to a general shelter. We recommend that you apply early in the year, before hurricane season, to make sure that you get listed in the program.**

The medical special needs shelter is available for people who need medical assistance and cannot stay at a general shelter, but do not require hospital or nursing care. Transportation assistance is available to the medical special needs shelter. **You must apply for the medical special needs shelter each year.** Sending the application does not automatically grant entry into the medical special needs shelter. Sometimes your medical needs cannot be handled at the medical special needs shelter and you will need to work with your care team on what is best for you to do during a storm.

Remember that the medical special needs shelter is NOT a hospital. Public school buildings are used for the medical special needs shelters. There are no hospital beds or doctors. You must bring all your medicine, bedding, and medical supplies with you. You must be able to use a cot, chair, or floor mattress. Because shelter life can be very difficult, you should try to make plans to stay with family or friends before applying for the medical special needs shelter.

Eligible conditions for the Special Needs Shelter include, but are not limited to:

- Being dependent on supplemental oxygen
- Being dependent on electricity for survival
- Official Diagnosis of: Dementia / Alzheimer's Disease

Even if you have one of these conditions, all applications are reviewed by the Manatee Department of Health for approval or denial.

To apply for the medical special needs shelter:

Go to www.mymanatee.org/needs and fill out the printed form and mail it to:

Manatee County Emergency Management
PO Box 1000
Bradenton, FL 34206

Evacuation Checklist for Special Needs

You and your caregiver **MUST** be ready before an evacuation order is issued. Evacuations must be complete well before a storm arrives to make sure everyone is safe. A representative from Manatee County will call you to give you an estimated time of your transportation pick-up.

DO NOW: Make plans for your pets to be taken care of by your veterinarian, family, or friend. Only as a last resort, will dogs and cats be allowed in the designated pet area of the Medical Special Needs Shelter.

WHEN EVACUATING: Call your caregiver and family members including those out of state to inform them of your evacuation plans. Remember, you **MUST** bring your caregiver with you to the medical special needs shelter. Have all pets taken care of before your evacuation transportation arrives. If necessary, the emergency workers will try to assist you with your pets if you must bring them to the shelter.

PACK A BAG AND BE READY TO GO WITH:

- Medications for 3 weeks, list of medications, and name of doctor(s)
- Medical orders including "Do Not Resuscitate" order, if applicable
- Your walker, wheel chair, and other medical equipment
- Oxygen Concentrator (if on oxygen), bring all equipment. Emergency oxygen will be provided only at the Special Needs Shelter.
- Clean clothes for three days
- Extra eye glasses
- Blankets and pillows
- Personal hygiene items
- House keys and car keys
- Personal phone book or list of important numbers
- Important papers, including identification, sealed in zip-lock bags
- Cot and bedding
- Reading material
- Non-perishable snacks
- Non-perishable food items if you require a special diet

PET SHELTER CHECKLIST FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

Pet sheltering requirements and rules are important during disaster situations. Your cooperation is very important to make the shelter as safe as possible for everyone.

- Pet(s) must arrive with a carrier or cage. Cages will not be available on site.
- Pet(s) must remain in carrier (except at scheduled exercise and potty break times when the weather is safe to go outside).
- Owners must provide pet food and other pet supplies as needed.
- Owners must provide certification that each pet is current with rabies vaccination.
- Owners will not allow other people in the shelter to handle or approach any pets.
- Owners are responsible for the care, feeding, and handling of their own pets.

Pet survival kit for Pet Friendly Shelters:

- Proper ID collar and rabies license tag or certificate
- Carrier or cage
- Water and food bowls
- Medications
- Food supply to last about three days
- Special care instructions
- Newspapers/plastic bags for waste disposal
- Toys and comfort items
- Muzzles, if necessary
- First aid supplies
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