



Meet Your New Neighbors

By Cindy Shaw

You may recognize these two familiar faces. They are **Bob Alford and Christine Forcier**, now at 329 Terra Ceia Dr. They are originally from Long Island, New York and will be part-time residents here in Tropic Isles. Bob and Christine each have one son—Bob has Bobby and Christine has Ryan. Bob is retired from Kone Elevator Company after 25 years as an elevator mechanic. Christine runs her own catering business for corporate and private parties with 10-15 employees and has done that for 27 years.



They both enjoy boating, motorcycling, fishing, and bicycling. Christine wants to join the Bowling Club and Bob likes restoring old cars.

Bob owned a home at 27 Flores for 8 years after his mom passed away, but recently sold it to purchase their current home on the water on Terra Ceia Dr. Welcome to the water, Bob and Christine!

New to the neighborhood is **Gloria Machado** at 25 Montego Dr. Gloria was born on the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, Cuba. Her grandfather was recruited and came over from Spain to work as an engineer on the base when it was first created. Gloria moved to Miami and lived there from 1962-1976 where she did some modeling of bathing suits and sportswear for Burdines Department Store from the ages of 11-17. She was “discovered” while standing in the DMV line with her mother. She left Miami and lived in Huntington Beach, California for a time. She then moved to the Florida Keys and finally settled in Bradenton, Florida where she’s lived since 1996 until moving to Palmetto.



Gloria has 5 children—Michelle, Jaimie, Leslie, Jade, and Jake. She has one child in Palmetto, 2 in Miami, one in Palm Beach, and one in Virginia. Gloria also has 5 grandchildren—Jovanna (18), Ryson (17), Alexa (16), Mya (15), and Liana (11). When she isn’t working as an emergency medical tech and private home healthcare provider, she is also a life coach therapist for seniors. In her spare time, she enjoys salsa dancing, tennis, pickleball, and beach volleyball. At one time, she competed professionally in tennis around the country.

Please give your very best Tropic Isles welcome to Gloria Machado.

Thought For The Day

The bad news is that time flies.

The good news is that you are the pilot.

New to 180 Bimini Dr. are **Jeff and Chris Anderson**. They will be part-time residents from Ham Lake, Minnesota, spending their summers at their cabin at Mille Lacs Lake, MN. Jeff’s mom has lived in Tree Lakes, Palmetto for 20 years and the Andersons have rented on Anna Maria Island for the last 4 years, so they are very familiar with the area. They had been looking for their own place over the last 4 years and finally decided that it was the right time to purchase their current home on Bimini Dr.



Jeff has had his own lawn service/landscaping/snow removal company for the last 30 years and does aluminum welding on the side. Chris has worked for an insurance company for 22 years and has been able to work from home for the last 6 years.

In their spare time, Jeff and Chris enjoy entering bar-b-que rib cooking contests, and catering for fun at weddings, graduations, and birthdays.

The Andersons have two daughters—Amanda (Dayne) and Sara (Nate). Amanda and Dayne have twins—Elsie and Blake (2), and Sara and Nate have Sutton, born December 20, 2022.

Both Chris and Jeff enjoy traveling, boating, fishing, spending time at the beach, and time with their family. Please continue to make Chris and Jeff feel right at home here in wonderful Tropic Isles.

Home Of The Month



July’s “Home of the Month” belongs to Bobbi Turnage at 259 Jamaica Dr. Bobbi added a new butterfly garden to her front yard with many colorful plants, creating an attractive haven for the butterflies and making for great “curb appeal”. She works hard to keep her place looking great! Congratulations!

Tropic Isles' Happenings

Residents had a unique opportunity to ride on the North River Fire Rescue Boat on May 23 that is moored at the Tropic Isles Marina. Once out onto Terra Ceia Bay, the captain hit the throttle on the twin 300 engines! The best part was watching the fire hose demonstration! Thank you to the North River Fire Station and the FEMA funds for this rescue vessel. Thanks also to Al Harris for organizing the fire department demonstration and to Rick Kropp for cooking the hot dogs that everyone enjoyed.



A special Landscaping Beautification Committee spread mulch at the 28th Ave. entrance. The heat was tolerable, but the fire ants were around to keep them on their toes.



This is my newest addition. I used to bird-sit while Jim Peltier went away, and he thought I could provide a better home. He gave me full custody and no more child support. He is a Sun conure, so I renamed him Sunny, and he is 1 year old. They live to be 30. I gave Sunny a bath. I have more pictures of this bird than my second born.

—Cyndi Belle



Tropic Isles

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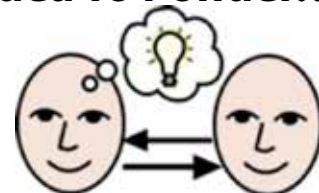
Letter From The Editor

People always ask me, "As a full-time resident, what is summer like in Palmetto, Florida?" Here are some things that come to mind....



- The weather is consistently nice—sunny and warm.
- We have lots of sunshine and use lots of sunscreen.
- The beach is popular, but you don't want to go without a beach umbrella.
- You make plans to do any outdoor work before 10 AM or after 3 PM to stay out of the heat of the day.
- You go from an air-conditioned house to an air-conditioned car to an air-conditioned business.
- There is great fishing of all kinds, but fishing for tarpon at the Sunshine Bridge is quite an adventure. (The water is so warm that when you catch a fish, it's already cooked.)
- You can take a drive in your convertible and have the AC on at the same time.
- Finding shade becomes a priority in whatever you do outside.
- You can find a parking space close to the door of your favorite restaurant or even in the parking lot of the Moose on the Beach.
- There is no waiting at many popular restaurants and some offer special "meal deals" to keep customers coming throughout the summer months.
- The traffic is light, and it doesn't take forever to cross the Green Bridge.
- There are fewer people everywhere.
- After the heat of the day, the clouds can build up to produce afternoon thunderstorms, but the storms don't last very long. These thunderstorms are quite awesome with beautiful cloud formations.
- There is usually an afternoon sea breeze to enjoy while you sit out on your deck with your favorite beverage.
- There aren't any mosquitoes or bugs to bother you.
- You can view breath-taking sunsets from the pool deck while enjoying a swim, as the sun slowly descends below the horizon. Take a swim under the new lights.
- If you're here for the 4th of July, Anna Maria Island has a wonderful parade along Gulf Drive. Watch the fireworks over the Manatee River from either side of the river.
- You can try your hand at catching bay scallops in the Gulf during scallop season. Mmm...good!
- If the heat really gets to you, you can travel to cooler places to get some relief from the heat.
- Compare 5 months of cold, ice, snow, and gloomy days in the North to 5 months of sunshine and air-conditioning in the South I'd pick Florida any day. It's a great place to live!

Idea To Ponder....



A friend is someone that does things that count but doesn't stop to count them.

From The President

Happy 4th of July! Let us all be thankful for this great country and what it stands for. Enjoy your holiday and summer. Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Al MacKenzie, Co-op President



From The Manager's Desk

Our summer projects are progressing nicely! Some of the items that have been addressed so far are signposts throughout the park have been painted, new benches have been installed at the kayak launch and Terra Ceia/Tampico, new signs have been ordered to replace some of our weathered signs, all the parking bumpers are being painted, etc. We have a long list of projects, and our team is doing a great job checking jobs off the list!

In the Marina, we upgraded our software to a system that can track our inventory, prepare accurate sales reports, etc. It's a huge leap forward! We have some new items for sale, including SPF shirts with the Tropic Isles' Marina logo! We are also actively marketing the Marina on Facebook and other social media outlets and getting great feedback! You can find the Marina Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/tropicisles.marina>. Take a look and give us a "like."

Bobbie McEvoy, Manager

Tropic Isles' Compliance Policy

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

TROPIC ISLES CO-OP INC.

COMPLIANCE POLICY 2023

COMPLIANCE GOAL:

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

The obligation of the residents of Tropic Isles to maintain their homes and property are found in the Governing Documents, as follows:

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

COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES:

- Email communication to advise resident, as well as owner of the property, of compliance issue with request to resolve within seven (7) days.
- Rules & Regulations Compliance Request Notice: If the violation is not remedied within seven (7) days, the Manager (at the direction of the Board) shall provide written notice to the resident alleged to be in violation, as well as the owner of the property, of the specific nature of the alleged violation, including a statement setting forth the provision(s) of the documents allegedly violated. This document requires compliance within seven (7) days.
- Final Notice of Violation: If the violation is not remedied within seven (7) days, the manager (at the direction of the Board) shall send a Final Notice of Violation, which is required to be sent via certified mail.
- If the violation is not remedied within ten (10) days of the Final Notice of Violation, the matter will be referred to the Executive Committee of the Board to impose a fine and/or proceed with further enforcement action as set forth in Article 12.1 of the Bylaws.

Prior to a fine being imposed, the Board shall:

Appoint a Fining Committee of at least three (3) members appointed by the Board who are not officers, directors, or employees of the Co-Op, or the spouse, parent, child, brother, or sister of an officer, director, or employee.

When an issue is sent to the Fining Committee, it is because the Board has determined to levy a fine. The amount of the fine

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will be determined by the Board in accordance with the powers granted by the Governing Documents and Florida law. As of the writing of these guidelines, the fines per violation have been set at a maximum of \$100.00 per day or \$1,000.00 in the aggregate for continuing violations.

If the Board has approved the levying of a fine, the Board will provide at least fourteen (14) days' written notice to the unit owner and, if applicable, any occupant, licensee, or invitee of the unit owner sought to be fined or suspended, and an opportunity for a hearing before the Fining Committee at a duly called meeting of said committee. The date and time of the hearing will be included in the notice. The alleged violator shall have a right to be represented by counsel and to cross-examine witnesses. If the Fining Committee, by majority vote, does not approve a proposed fine, it may not be imposed. The role of the Fining Committee is limited to determining whether to confirm or reject the fine or suspension levied by the Board.

If the fine is confirmed by the Fining Committee, the Co-Op must provide written notice of such fine by mail or hand delivery to the property owner, and, if applicable, to any tenant, licensee, or invitee of the owner.

No further notice or hearing shall be necessary to enable the Board to levy fines for an uncorrected violation or violations, or for recurring or continuing violations substantially similar to violations for which a hearing opportunity was previously provided and that occur within one (1) year of the last date a previous violation occurred or was ongoing.

PAYMENT OF FINES:

Fines shall be paid no later than five (5) days after notice of the imposition of the fine. In the event that the fine is not paid when due, the Co-Op may pursue legal action against the owner to recover the fine, as well as recover all legal fees incurred.

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

Important Information from the Tropic Isles' Office

The Tropic Isles' Office staff is working on updating the residents' **Emergency Contact Information**. Why? So that if anything happens unexpectedly to you or other occupants at your residence, we will have a way to reach a friend or family member that could follow up with the response that is needed. We are asking you to either **email frontdesk@tropicisles.net**, **stop in the Office**, or **call 941-721-8888** with the following items if you have not recently supplied this information, or if your contact information has changed.

- 1) Your name
- 2) Your Tropic Isles' address (You don't need to include city/state/zip)
- 3) Name of your preferred **Family Contact** (other than yourself) --someone who can make decisions regarding your health needs, living concerns, emergency situations, etc.
- 4) Best phone # of **Family Contact** and their **relationship to you**.
- 5) Name of a **Local Emergency Contact person** who has your key in case of fire, flood, hurricane damage, water leaks, boat issues, etc. at your home in Tropic Isles.

If you want to provide 2 Family Contacts instead of one, you certainly can. We simply ask that you have at least 1 Family Contact on file with us. Email: frontdesk@tropicisles.net or phone: 941-721-8888. Thanks in advance for your assistance with this!

Becky Schellinger, Front Desk - Resident Services

**LOOK
WHAT'S
NEW!**

- 1) New Instagram account for the Marina:
<https://www.instagram.com/tropicislesmarina/>
- 2) New Facebook Tropic Isles' Marina account which is:
<https://www.facebook.com/tropicisles.marina>
- 3) Check out the Tropic Isles' website which has been recently updated: <https://www.tropicisles.net>

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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, please bring a paper copy to the Office or call 941-722-4037. You can text your pictures to 608-212-8967 or email them, but they must be in jpeg format.

Be sure to thank your Block Captain for the volunteer work that they do in delivering your Breezes to you.

Cindy Shaw, Editor

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! Here's a great recipe that is cheaper and safer, yet still gets the job done. Residents are responsible for taking care of their weeds.

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

The 2023 Hurricane Season-NEW



The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30. The areas covered include the North Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, and the Caribbean Sea. The National Hurricane Center released

an updated seasonal outlook at the end of May. The latest forecast for the 2023 Atlantic hurricane season predicts a 40% chance of a "near-normal" season, a 30% chance of an above-normal season, and a 30% chance of a below-normal season.

NOAA is forecasting a range of 12-17 total named storms with average winds of 39 MPH or higher. Of those, 5-9 of those storms are projected to be hurricanes with average wind speeds of 74 mph or higher, including 1-4 storms to become major hurricanes of Category 3, 4, or 5 with wind speeds of 111 mph or higher. NOAA has 70% confidence in these ranges.

One or more of the 12-17 named storms forecast to develop this season could hit the U.S. or none could affect us. Therefore, residents of the coastal United States should prepare each year no matter what the forecast is. We cannot stop hurricanes, but we can be prepared for them. Be prepared! It only takes one!

The National Weather Service defines a hurricane as "an intense tropical weather system with well-defined circulation and sustained winds of 74 mph (64 knots) or higher."

A hurricane watch indicates the possibility that a region could experience hurricane conditions within 48 hours.

A hurricane warning indicates that sustained winds of at least 74 mph are expected within 36 hours.

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- When one door opens and another one closes, you're probably in prison.
- To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.
- Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 PM is the new midnight.
- The older I get, the earlier it gets late.
- When I say, "the other day", I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.
- I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.
- I had my patience tested. I'm negative.
- Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.
- I finally got 8 hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.
- I run like the winded.
- I hate it when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning, so I don't know whose side I'm on.
- When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"
- When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?
- When I ask for directions, please don't use the words like "east".
- Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes. That would be boring.
- Spend 30 seconds in my head. That'll freak you out!
- Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops.
- My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb.

Two nuns were shopping at a 7-11 store. As they passed by the beer cooler, one nun said to the other, "Wouldn't a nice cool beer or two taste wonderful on a hot summer evening?"

The second nun answered, "Indeed it would, sister, but I would not feel comfortable buying beer, since I am certain it would cause a scene at the checkout stand."

"I can handle that without a problem," the other nun replied, and she picked up a six-pack and headed for the check-out.

The cashier had a surprised look on his face when the two nuns arrived with a six-pack of beer. "We use beer for washing our hair," the nun said. "Back at our nunnery, we call it Catholic shampoo."

Without blinking an eye, the cashier reached under the counter, pulled out a package of pretzel sticks, and placed them in the bag with the beer. He then looked the nun straight in the eye, smiled, and said: "The curlers are on the house."

2024 Resident Phone Directory

ALL RESIDENTS: If you need to make a change to the information as seen in the current Resident Phone Directory over the summer, **now is the time to do so.** Please send an email to: tibreezes1@aol.com with your correction/addition. I will be happy to print it in next month's issue of the Breezes in the interim and make the change in the 2024 directory. Thank you to all those residents who take the time to update their information.

Cindy Shaw, Editor

Additions/Corrections For The Directory

Please make these corrections or additions to your directory. Interim changes will be printed in the Breezes until the next directory is published in November.

Community Listings:

ANDERSON, Ron	Remove 722-4146. Add 810-750-1625. Add northern phone number 810-599-5902.
BAILEY, Niki	Remove all phone numbers, add 941-786-4593.
CHRISTIANSON, Dennis & Debbie	Correct the northern address to be 7440 152nd Ave. NW Add email address for Jeff jeffcobbfl@gmail.com .
COBB, Jeff	Remove email lazycrowe@aol.com .
CROWE, Burt & Carol	Add 715-441-1944(T)/715-441-6493(B)
JOHNSON, Tom & Barb	Add northern information 6248 N. Morning Lane, Stone Lake, WI 54876.
SCHETROMPF, Diane & Bonnie	Designate Diane's phone number 315-871-7808(D). Add Bonnie's (sister) number 315-946-9546(B). Remove all northern information.
STOVER, Joyce	Remove 419-438-1217.
MIX, Phil & STUART, Rosemary	Correct northern address for Rosemary Stuart from the June Breezes -- 2373 Ellis Rd.



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Rule Of The Month

Have You Read Your Rules Lately?

This serves as notification that the 2022 Rules and Regulations are now in effect and being enforced. Please take the time to read over the Rules and Regulations and become familiar with them. Residents are also responsible for making sure your guests follow the rules. Landlords are responsible for making sure their renters are following the rules of Tropic Isles.

All residents are expected to know and abide by these rules to avoid receiving a compliance notice for rule violations. **The Compliance Policy and Procedures** have been sent out to all residents via Mail Chimp. If you did not receive the Mail Chimp notice, there is a copy of the Compliance Policy and Procedures in this issue of the Breezes. Clip and save it for future reference.

RESIDENTS, Please remember that it is your responsibility to monitor your property over the summer for things such as grass cutting, weed control, and mold/mildew growth on the outside of your home. Designate someone who is here who can check on your property to make sure that the grass is being cut and the weeds are being controlled. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Please help to keep Tropic Isles looking beautiful!

Here are a couple of rules to remember:

3.10 Grills, Fire Pits, Other Flammable Appliances

- Grills, fire pits, or other open flame appliances using firewood are NOT permitted.
- Open flames are NOT permitted within or under carports or covered patios.
- Outdoor gas or electric grills and appliances used for cooking are permitted and must be used according to manufacturer's specifications.

3.11 Driveways

- Oil stains are to be promptly removed from driveways.
- Carport surfaces are to be kept clean and smooth.
- Painting of carport surfaces must be approved via the ARC process. (See ARC for approved color choices.)

4.10 Required Upgrades

- All Dwellings must be upgraded to horizontal siding within one (1) year after the sale of the Dwelling.
- Seashells on the Unit/Lot must be removed within one (1) year after the sale of the Dwelling or at a time when new landscaping is done. (**See APPENDIX 2: ARCHITECTURAL GUIDELINES**)
- Required upgrades must be corrected within one (1) year of purchase by the Resident. The process will be handled via the estoppel letter during the sale.

Trivia Tidbits

- An estimated 1 million dogs in the U.S. have been named 'primary beneficiary' in their owners' wills.
- If drivers adhere to the 45 mph speed limit on a stretch of Route 66 in New Mexico, the road's rumble strips play a rendition of "America the Beautiful."
- The annual number of worldwide shark bites is 10 times less than the number of people bitten by other people in New York.
- The ampersand symbol(&) is formed from the letters in *et*. It's the Latin word for *and*.
- Bubbles keep your bathwater warmer longer.
- There are 71 streets in Atlanta with *Peachtree* in their name.
- A new baby can cost new parents 750 hours of sleep in the first year.
- The plural of *cul-de-sac* is *culs-de-sac*.
- There's a medical term for ice cream headaches. It's *sphenopalatine ganglioneuralgia*.
- In 1999, the U.S. government paid the Zapruder family \$16 million for the film of JFK's assassination.
- In Switzerland, it's illegal to own only one guinea pig. The law aims to prevent guinea pigs from getting lonely.
- When times get tough, elephants will comfort each other by stroking loved ones with their trunks and emitting small chirps. Young elephants will also suck their trunks to comfort themselves.
- The Mobile Phone-Throwing World Championships are held in Finland. One past winner said he prepared for the event by "mainly drinking."
- LEGO has a temperature-controlled underground vault in Denmark. It contains every set they've ever made.
- China owns all of the giant pandas in the world. They rent them out for about \$1 million a year.



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July

Palmetto's 4th of July Celebration



Palmetto's 4th of July celebration will include an evening of music on the Sutton Park stage and a spectacular fireworks display over the Manatee River. The opening act, country music singer Darryl Worley, will begin at 5 PM followed by classic rock-n-roll music from Great White. Fireworks will follow the musical event. Make plans to be there!



Tropical Red Hatters

We will still be meeting in the Yacht Club during the summer months on the 1st Wednesday at 4 PM. The next meeting is Wednesday, July 5. On July 7, we have scheduled a trip to the beach. We will be going for the "best" hamburgers to this little place called "Skinny's". Then on to "Café on the Beach" for entertainment....and perhaps ice cream! As of this writing, we are scheduled to go to Linger Lodge on the 27th of June. It should be very interesting!

Sadly, in loving memory, Sharon Duval passed away. She was a beautiful, kind lady who was very active in the Red Hatters. We will miss her greatly. Beverly Crabtree has also passed. May she RIP. We sent our condolences to their families.

Anne Miller, an active Red Hatter, fell, causing several injuries and leaving her unable to speak at this time. We are praying for a speedy recovery.

Please call Shirley Clarkson or Anne Antonacci to answer any questions.



Look What's Coming



September 4

Come and meet other full-time residents of Tropic Isles! All residents and their guests are invited to attend a potluck dinner on **Monday, September 4** in the Yacht Club. Mark your calendar. See the August Breezes for more details.

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What's Happening In The Neighborhood?

**Tuesdays at 2:00
(For Those With Nothing To Do)**



Join your fellow residents in the Yacht Club on "Tuesdays at 2:00 - For Those With Nothing To Do". Come on down for some socializing, an opportunity to meet other full-time residents who live in the park, and have some fun playing cards, board games, dice, pool, ping pong, or whatever interests you. Contact Sherry Novak at 330-428-6005 if you have any questions.

Bingo News!



Bingo continues **every Tuesday** throughout the summer, so plan to join us in our Auditorium. Doors open at 6:00. Bingo starts at 7:00. There are 11 games for \$15. The food truck is available from 4-7 PM. Two door prizes are awarded, and we have great payouts. Call or text Cyndi Belle for information at 845-807-2206.



Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN)

Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN) continues to answer calls for various needs relating to park compliance issues, special concerns, or hardships. This service is needs-based and on a limited basis. We welcome all calls and strive to resolve matters privately and as quickly as possible. If you see a neighbor who may benefit from some help...let us know. If we cannot help directly, we have a list of referrals which we have approved which may help.

Unsure of what we do? Want to volunteer to help or take calls? Please call Pam Hennessy at 941-447-6228.



Tropic Isles' Book Club



We will continue to meet on the **second Tuesday of the month** at 1 PM in the Yacht Club. Members who are part-time residents can call/send in comments when they are away that will be shared with all.

—Irene Casey

TI Book Club 2023 Book Selections

July What Happened to the Bennetts? by Lisa Scottoline
August Other Birds by Sarah Addison Allen
September Lucy By The Sea by Elizabeth Strout
October MARIE BENEDICT MONTH! Your choice!
The Mitford Affair or The Personal Librarian or any other by her
November Stranger in the Mirror by Liv Constantine
December Saving the Music by Vincent B. Lococo
January 2024 . . The Secret Life of Sunflowers by Marta Molnar



Mahjong

For the summer months, June through September, the few mahjong players here in the park are cancelling the time we play on Thursday (6-8 PM). Instead, we will play on Wednesdays from 11:00 AM to 1 PM in the Auditorium. In addition, Mahjong will continue on Sunday in the Social Room from 4 PM to 6 PM. We will resume Mahjong again on Thursdays at 6 PM in October.

Irene Casey, Coordinator

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What's Happening In The Neighborhood?

Memory Brick Garden



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What's Cooking?

By Jim Kelly

It started out as a 3-person, after-dinner challenge. Who could cook the best ribs? The challenge turned into 7 contestants—Bob Montie, Steve Tourtillotte, Doug Woulf, Roger Morgan, John Schuckert, Kevin Sauntry, and Jim Kelly. There were 5 judges—Myshell Benberg, Tammy Morgan, Patty Tourtillotte, Heather Meeks, and Charlyn Montie. The Judges awarded the prestigious honor of Tropic Isle's first rib cooking contest winner to Roger Morgan.



The Chefs



The Judges with the Winner



The Prize

Out and About . . . Jiggs Landing Outpost

Check out the new menu at Jiggs Landing Outpost. Breakfast starts at 8 AM with a free coffee with each purchase. The lunch special is an all-beef Sabrett's hot dog with chips and your choice of a draft beer or soda for \$7.99. Check out their summertime Happy Hour Monday through Friday 12 PM to 3 PM with \$3 and \$4 drafts and \$4 poured wines. Stay and enjoy music on Thursday through Sunday 5:00 - 8:00 PM and their Idle Hour drink specials from 4 - 6 PM, which includes \$1 off poured wine, Bud Light, and Yuengling drafts. Their appetizer and dinner menu offers many different and unique selections. Come to Jiggs Landing on the Braden River to enjoy the sun, music, good food, great people, and an amazing sunset.

New at the Sunshine Skyway Bridge -- WADS

Drivers and fishermen who frequent the Sunshine Skyway Bridge may notice large concrete pyramids near the pier. In a news conference, officials from the Florida Department of Transportation discussed wave attenuation devices, or WADs. The structures will be put in place to help prevent erosion along I-275 and the Skyway pier. They range from 8-10 feet tall and will be placed in the water, partially submerged, about 200 feet from the shoreline. FDOT will construct two rows of them, placed just inches from each other, along the southern end of the bridge.

The WADs work by reducing the momentum and energy of large waves as they travel over and through the structure. This will help stabilize the shoreline and protect infrastructure, while providing a safe habitat for marine life and plants. Officials predict that, given the shallow waters, the WADs will create an ideal environment for sea grass to thrive. Sea grass provides food for wildlife like manatees, serves as habitat for fish and other sea life, and helps keep the water clear.

Sea grass levels are at historic lows in Tampa Bay waters, with Old Tampa Bay losing 12% of its seagrass between 2020 and 2022, according to the Tampa Bay Estuary Program. Manatee deaths have been attributed to loss of sea grass across Florida. The WADs will only be partially submerged, meaning boaters will be able to spot them in the water. Officials estimate a few feet of the pyramid will be visible, sticking out of the water. FDOT said signs will be posted in the area to warn boaters.



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Summer Saturday Coffee



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Irene Casey, Summer Coffee Chair

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:

John Elias of Bimini Dr. (heart surgery)
Jan Cote of Capri Dr. (hospital stay)
Don Stotts of Bimini Dr. (health issues)
Ann Miller of Bimini Dr. (fall with injuries)
John Myers of Bimini Dr. (heart surgery)
Al Harris of the Marina (ill)

A "Thinking of You" card was sent to:

Bill Cruise of Terra Ceia Dr.

Condolences were sent to:

The family of **Jean Nosbisch** of Jamaica Dr. on her passing.
The family of **Bev Crabtree** of 13th St. on her passing.
The family of **Sharon Duval** of Terra Ceia Dr. on her passing.
Linda Coleman of Bahia Dr. on the passing of her husband, **Bill**
If you know of someone who needs a "Get Well" or "Sympathy" card, please send your requests to Cyndi Belle by calling or texting her at 845-807-2206.

Calling All Fishermen and Women!



Would you like to share a picture of your "catch of the day"? 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, what species it is, and its size. Any fish pictures will do—large or small—fish, that is! Come on ladies! Show us your stuff!

~~Special Thanks~~

(If there is an individual or group of people that deserve special thanks, please submit your request to tibreezes1@aol.com)

- Special thanks to **Al Harris** for organizing the demonstration by the North Manatee Fire District fire boat and to **Rick Kropp** for cooking the hot dogs for the demonstration gathering.
- Thanks to **Pat Brazil** and her volunteers for the flag "planting" to remember those that have served our country on Memorial Day.
- A big thank you to **Irene Casey** and her crew for stepping up to do Summer Coffee for the residents of Tropic Isles.
- Thank you to **Cyndi Belle** and her callers for continuing to offer a great Bingo experience for everyone who attends.
- A very special thank you to all the **Activity heads** that made their activity a success this past season and enjoyable for all the residents.
- A special Landscaping Beautification Committee "thank you" to Bobbi Turnage, Rick Antcliff, Kurt Hahn, Mark Roth, Mike and Bev Thompson, and Mark and Jan Krueger for spreading 20 bags of mulch at the 28th Ave. entrance. The heat was tolerable, but not the fire ants, which can be deadly and are prevalent at both entrances. Thank you to our maintenance staff for taking care of that problem.

Correction - Blood Drive Dates

Thank you to ALL the SUPERHEROES that donated blood this season at Tropic Isles. Don't forget to mark your calendars for next year's blood drive dates.

December 1, 2023
February 9, 2024
April 12, 2024.
December 6, 2024



Co-Op Board of Directors Meetings

SUMMER MEETINGS OF THE TROPIC ISLES BOARD OF DIRECTORS will be held on the third Thursday of the month, as needed. Meetings will be announced via Mail Chimp prior to the meeting and Shareholders will be 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.

2023-2024 Co-op Board of Directors Email Addresses

Al MacKenzie, President	president@tropicisles.net
Bob Shaw, Vice President	vp@tropicisles.net
Dennis Butts, Secretary	secretary@tropicisles.net
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2	3	4 Happy Independence Day!	5 9:30 am ARC Meeting - A 4:00 pm Red Hats Meeting - Y	6	7	8
9	10	11 1:00 pm Book Club - Y	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 9:30 am ARC Meeting - A	19	20 9:30 am Co-op Board Meeting - A and Zoom (if needed)	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					
WEEKLY EVENTS						
2:00 pm Shuffle 4:00 pm Mahjong - Y	10:00 am Shuffle	10:00 am Shuffle 2:00 pm Tuesdays at 2 - Y 4-7 pm Food Truck - A 7:00 pm Bingo - A	10:00 am Shuffle 11 am-1 pm Mahjong	10:00 am Shuffle 12:30 pm Canasta - Y	10:00 am Shuffle	8:30 am Summer Coffee Hour - A 10:00 am Shuffle

****Attention All Residents****

Work on next year's Tropic Isles 2024 Resident Phone Directories is coming to a close.

Any Co-op directory changes, corrections, or additions must be sent to TIBreezes1@aol.com or by calling Cindy Shaw at 941-722-4037 in order to be included in next year's Resident Phone Directory. Any TIPOA changes should be sent to cfaulkner2@tampabay.rr.com or by calling Elaine at 941-723-9591. **If you have different last names and want to be listed twice, once for each last name as it appears first in the directory, you can make that request on the form.**

NEW RESIDENTS-- It is important to have your current northern address and contact number on record with the Office in case they need to reach you. Make sure to include your email address so you can be placed on the "Mail Chimp" notification list for important information related to Tropic Isles while you are away. You will be asked to designate a **Local Emergency Contact Person**—someone you trust to have your key in case of emergencies such as fire, flood, hurricane, water leaks, boat issues, etc. and a **Contact Person** for maintaining your yard while you are away. **NEW! MOST IMPORTANTLY**, please designate a **Family Contact**—a member of your family that can make decisions regarding health needs, living concerns, etc.

You can obtain an Information Form from the Office or print a copy from the website. We'd like to give a special thank you to all those people who take the time to update their information. We can only be as accurate as you help us to be.

Cindy Shaw and Elaine Faulkner

Stay in Touch with Tropic Isles!

Throughout the upcoming months, all residents can stay connected to the activities and events going on in your second home here in Tropic Isles. Check out the website where you can see the latest on what's happening. **Go to www.tropicisles.net and click on "Residents" at the top of the page. From the dropdown menu, you can choose "Community Resources", "Breezes Newsletter", and "Calendar" to keep abreast of what's happening.**

Co-op Shareholders can read the minutes of the Board meetings held throughout the coming months by logging onto www.tropicisles.net. Click on "Resident Portal". From there you can choose to "Log in" or "Get Started" to set up an account. To "Log In", enter your sign-in name (email) and your own password. New shareholders can create their sign-in name and password by clicking on "Get Started" and completing the registration form. Once you are inside the portal, click on "Shared Documents" in the menu bar at the left side of the page. There you will find "Board Meeting Minutes" and more.

You can also visit the Tropic Isles Facebook page by going to www.Facebook.com and searching for "Tropic Isles Community and Yacht Club". There you will find all sorts of information and pictures to see what's going on in the park. It's just a click away!

Facebook Over the Summer

Over the summer, we love to put photos up on FB! Those of us that go north, love to see what is happening down here while we are away, and those that stay, love to see what is going on up north! Send photos to FL34221@aol.com.

A few things to keep in mind:

- Photos on FB are public and forever.
- Be sure that anyone named in the photos has given you permission to publish them. Please include the names of the people in the photos.
- No advertising is allowed.
- Minors will not be named.
- If you wish to be "tagged" you may have to give us permission to do so.
- Occasionally a photo is deemed inappropriate for FB. If this is ever the case, we will let you know.
- Remember this is an "Activity" page, just for fun, so no politics, religion, or anything controversial will be posted.

Have a great summer and keep those photos coming!

Sharon Schumann, Tropic Isles Activity FB Administrator

Get Connected to

"Friends of Tropic Isles"

If you haven't become a member of the "Friends of Tropic Isles" page, what are you waiting for? You can go to Facebook and type in "Friends of Tropic Isles" to join. If you send a request to join the group, include your address. This is a closed group and only community residents can join. Friends of Tropic Isles is a Member Only page where you can post information to benefit the community. It's a great place where our community can share positive ideas, items for sale, homes for rent, restaurant recommendations, ask questions, and post other items of interest that our friends and neighbors might find helpful. You can announce a "get-together" or post a favorite picture. All posts and member requests will be reviewed prior to posting and to having your member request accepted. No outside solicitation will be posted. Mary Fazio is the administrator of the "Friends of Tropic Isles" page.



~~Pool Participants and Sun Worshipers~~

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CLOSE AND TIE UP THE POOL UMBRELLAS AFTER EACH USE. With the afternoon thunderstorms, the pool umbrellas can become damaged if left up in the strong winds. Return the pool noodles to their proper place. Thanks for your co-operation.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO SHOWER BEFORE ENTERING THE POOL

Our 2022 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.

(Our shower at the pool is disguised as a palm tree and after a minute or so gives you a nice warm shower to remove any soaps or oils on your skin which keeps the water in the pool and spa cleaner.)

Pool Etiquette



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

- The pool is now open 24/7. Please remember to be respectful of the neighbors nearby. Remember the quiet hours are 10 PM to 8:30 AM.

- You will need your fob to enter the pool area.
- You are no longer required to use your pool bracelets at the pool.
- ALWAYS shower before entering the pool.
- 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 four (4) feet of the water.
- 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, chewing tobacco, and marijuana. Smoking IS allowed in designated areas only.
- Please remember to put down the pool umbrellas when you are through using them and return your noodles to their proper location.
- Use a towel to protect the chairs from sunscreen.
- Children's hours at the pool are 11 AM to 1 PM and 4 PM to 6 PM.
- Remember to be considerate and respectful of others. Keep the volume of your music low so as not to disturb others.
- Disorderly conduct, public intoxication, and profane language will not be tolerated.

We all want to have an enjoyable experience down at the pool, so let's try and work together to make it that way!

Picture-Perfect Pets of Tropic Isles



Tropic Isles is a pet-friendly park. Our pets are a part of our family and bring so much comfort and joy to our lives. We have so many new pets in the park, and we'd like to get to know them better. Please send me a picture of your pet for a future issue of the Breezes. Send your pictures to tibreezes1@aol.com or text it to 608-212-8967 with your pet's name, breed, age, and any other interesting tidbits that you'd like to share (quirky habit, etc.). Thanks, in advance, for your pictures!

Cindy Shaw, Editor

Think of Your
4-Legged Friends
Be kind to your furry friends and walk them in the cooler parts of the day.



TOP 10 TRAVEL TIPS



- 1 Obey all speed limits.** Be aware of changing speed limits. The limit will never be higher than 70 mph.
- 2 Drive sober and only sober.** Plan ahead - designate a driver or call a service.
- 3 Eliminate distractions.** Keep your hands on the wheel, eyes on the road, and mind on driving.
- 4 Don't drive drowsy.** Make sure you get plenty of rest before setting out on a long trip. Take breaks every 100 miles or 2 hours.
- 5 Move over** for stopped emergency and law enforcement vehicles. Drive on the right side of the road.
- 6 Buckle up.** Make sure everyone in the vehicle is safely secured at all times.
- 7 When it rains,** turn on your wipers and headlights - not your hazard lights.
- 8 Be prepared.** Keep your driver license, proof of insurance, registration or car rental documents with you at all times.
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Safety Tip Of The Month "Neighborhood Watch"

Now that our northern friends and neighbors have left us, the park becomes more vulnerable to vandalism and break-ins. For those of us left in the park, please be more attentive than ever! Keep your eyes on the common areas for any trespassers. If you see anyone questionable who may be living or hanging around on your block, please alert the Office. Please be alert to your surroundings and any strangers in the park. If there are people in the pool, Yacht Club, or Auditorium who do not belong, please contact the Office during office hours or call the police after office hours. As the saying goes, "If it looks suspicious, IT IS SUSPICIOUS! **Call the Palmetto Police Department with any non-emergency information at 941-721-2000, ext. 4, OR call 911 with an EMERGENCY!** Each time the police receive a report, they increase patrols in the area. Please don't hesitate to call. You can make the difference! We ALL need to do our part to keep Tropic Isles a safe place to live!



Business Trespass Program

In the summer and at other times throughout the year, we've had problems in the pool, at the Marina, and other common areas with non-residents. The police were called. The issue of non-residents on the property has been an on-going issue. The Palmetto Police Department has developed a program to help us at Tropic Isles. On June 19, 2018, Tropic Isles enrolled in this program, the Business Trespass Program. The program must be renewed each year and Tropic Isles is again enrolled for 2023-24.



You may have noticed the signs that are up at the entrances on 28th Ave. and Aloha Dr., the pool, Office, and peninsula. These signs are part of the program. The program works this way. **If you see a non-resident who you believe is trespassing anywhere in the park, call the police. DO NOT CONFRONT THEM.** Tell the police that you live in Tropic Isles and that we belong to the Business Trespass Program. The police will come out to Tropic Isles and determine if that person is in the "Trespass database". If they are, they will be immediately arrested. If not, they will be given a warning and placed in the Trespass database. If they are caught on the property another time, they will be arrested. Our participation in this program prevents the need to file a complaint each time a trespass occurs. It also raises the awareness level of non-residents of the seriousness of their actions. A non-resident is a person who has not been invited to be on the property by a resident of Tropic Isles. Again, please do not confront these people. Do not tell your neighbors! Call the police!

The direct line to the Palmetto Police Department is 941-721-2000 and press # 4 for non-emergency concerns or call 911 for all emergencies.

Palmetto Police Local Number 941-721-2000, EXTENSION 4

Many Tropic Isles' snowbirds have headed north and as our population decreases the incidents of trespassers, theft, and vandalism may increase. Please remember our local Palmetto

Police are very prompt in their response time if we call them, but they can be delayed if you dial 911 on your cell phone, **especially if your cell phone is out of state.** Please add the local police number, 941-721-2000, ext. 4, into your cell phone and do not hesitate to call and report suspicious activity.

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- Learn a card trick.
- Give people the benefit of the doubt.
- Decide to get up thirty minutes earlier. Do this for a year and you will add 7 ½ days to your waking world.
- Make someone's day by paying the toll for the person in the car behind you.
- Don't make the same mistake twice.
- Don't drive on slick tires.
- Keep an extra key hidden somewhere in/on your car in case you lock yourself out.
- Never buy something you don't need just because it's on sale.

Boat Club News

Hello from sunny Tropic Isles!



Our efforts to keep our Boatyard open have failed. I am saddened to say that unless a miracle happens, the Boatyard will be closed in July. We were hopeful that we could convince the City that their plans for the property made little sense as they are actually losing water storage capacity, but our concerns fell on deaf ears. I, along with many others, still believe their proposed development may never happen because of numerous environmental concerns, but that doesn't help us now.

As of this writing in June, the City still has not closed on the property as there are legal or other matters between the seller and the City that we, in the Boat Club, are not involved with. We were hoping for a six-month lease extension, but because the City still does not own the property, it has not happened.

We have been fortunate that we have had the Boatyard for so many years. It is sad to see our use of it come to an end. I want to thank Tropic Isles Co-op and all those Tropic Isles residents that have helped with management of the Boatyard for so many years. Thank you all!

Denny Vitton,
Tropic Isles Boat Club, Commodore



Tropic Isles' Marina

MARINA HOURS

Daily 7 AM to 5 PM

MARINA STAFF

Al Harris, Marina Manager

Rick Kropp

Jerry Quesenberry

Allan Gilbert

Boat Launch Permits

If you are a resident launching your boat at the Marina, temporary parking is available for your vehicle/trailer with a parking permit from the Office. Contact the Office for details.



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.



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Uncovered 10'X20' \$152.00/month Garage 10'X 20' \$189.00/month 10'X 25' garage \$319.00/month

Canal RV & Boat Storage (941)722-8866 2003 16th Ave. East, Palmetto

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Simply Self Storage (941)479-6400 2100 US 301, Palmetto

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Palmetto, room for 5 trailers located at 113th St. East.

Cost \$80/month. Call Mark Miller at 941-920-2475 to make an appointment before visiting the property.

Elks Club of Palmetto will be providing storage for trailers. As of now, up to 60 spots may be available. The cost for trailer storage will be \$300 per year and may be prorated for part-year storage. You must be a local Elk Lodge member to use the facility. The cost for membership is \$92.50 per year. Please contract George Ord by calling 724-640-2024

1002 Bud Rhoden Rd. (Ellenton-Gillette Rd. + Moccasin Wallow Rd.)

Cost \$50/month. Secure, fenced, private farmland. Trailers will not be seen from the roadway. Contact info: Bill Doyle: 941-504-6311 Don Stotts: 804-855-4721

As a reminder, the current lease for the Boatyard will expire on June 30th, 2023.

Kayak-It-Yak

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.



Kayak Rack Storage

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

Be advised, that the kayaks may only stay on the racks over the summer months, if YOU are staying over the summer yourself. The kayaks are at risk in the event of a hurricane and to theft when there are fewer people in the park. In the event of a hurricane, as predicted by the National Weather Service, you are responsible for removing your kayak(s) from the storage area prior to the storm. **So, 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.**

REMEMBER TO LOCK YOUR KAYAKS TO THE RACK!

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 at 941-447-0773, Denny Vitton 231-645-5021, Neal Woolson 941-723-0785 for assistance.**

(Clip and save)

FRIENDS OF THE PELICANS 941-447-0773

In Tropic Isles call:

Denny Vitton 231-645-5021

Neal Woolson 941-723-0785

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
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Booster News



YOU ARE A BOOSTER!
WE ARE ALL BOOSTERS!

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?

- Community Sales, Annual Sale
- Palm Trees – Purchase & maintain palm trees
- Recycling - collect & redeem aluminum cans
- Financial Support – Contribute financially to further the efforts of other park groups.
- Tropic Isles' t-shirts sales
- Social Activities – please READ the Breezes Newsletter

When do they meet?

- We meet the **first Friday of each month** in the Auditorium, Nov. – April at 9 AM
- Meetings are informative and open to all.
- Meetings are well run, enjoyable, and open to suggestions!

Aluminum Can Recycling



Aluminum cans will continue to be collected during the summer months in the can collection box near the Auditorium by the Boosters. Due to the number of Boosters that will be returning north for the summer, we will be collecting **only aluminum cans after May 1. NO steel, iron, or scrap metal will be collected after May 1** due to the limited number of Boosters that will be present to load and transport metal during the summer months. We plan to start collecting steel, iron, and scrap metal again in October.

Tropic Isles' Community Sale (TICS) News



Nancy and Jeff Cobb have volunteered to step up during the off-season to manage the Community Sale items. If you have any large items that you would like to have picked up to donate this summer, please contact Nancy at 941-730-0018. She will make the decision if we can take them or not and make arrangements to pick up what we will take. If you have a need, you can call Nancy and she can let you know what we have available. Thank you to both of them for keeping this program running smoothly!

As a reminder as to what we do and do not accept for donations, we do not accept large furniture such as armoires, sofa beds, or anything that would be difficult to carry out. You can call Habitat for Humanity and make arrangements for them to be picked up at 941-355-7082. Their website lists items that they will and will not take. It is at <https://manateehabitatrestore.com/pages/donate>. The City also offers pick-up weekly of most items. You can set it out at the curb on your trash pick-up day by your container. This does not include appliances, TV's, electronics etc. You can call them at 888-827-9234 to schedule a pick-up of these items. If they are in good working condition, please contact Jeff and Nancy to donate to the Community Sale as we are always looking for working appliances.

Please do not drop off broken TVs, tires, paint, or mattresses as these are all unsalable and cost us to dispose of them. You can drop furniture off at 21 Flores. Please place behind the black curtain that can be opened on the right-hand side and replace the ties upon leaving. If you have small household items, please make sure they are in good working condition and drop them off at 34 Flores on the loading dock. We accept clothing, but please make sure they are in good condition, up-to-date styles with no stains, no wear, or tears. These items can also be placed at 34 Flores Dr. on the dock.

A reminder that the items that are dropped off are donations to the community and are not to be taken from either location. If you see something that you would like, please contact Nancy and she will work with you on the process. Thank you again for your donations.

Cheryl and Bill, Co-Chairpersons

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Architectural Review Committee "ARC"

"ARC" is the Architectural Review Committee that makes architectural and landscaping decisions serving in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors based on the current Rules and Regulations of Tropic Isles. The responsibility of the ARC is to oversee ALL improvements on the exterior of the Dwelling and the Unit/Lot.

Basically, YOU NEED ARC APPROVAL to do anything that happens outside on your Dwelling or in your yard, whether you need a permit from the City or not! When in doubt, complete an application. It is better to be safe than sorry. The ARC procedure is as follows:

1. Fill out an ARC application and submit it to the Office. Please scan and email your application to the office email at info@tropicisles.net or to bring it to the Office in person. **DO NOT SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION ONLINE**. 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 on your diagrams.
2. All applications must be logged in at the Office and assigned a date for review by the ARC Committee. **APPLICATIONS MUST BE TURNED IN BEFORE TUESDAY THE WEEK BEFORE THE MEETING.**
3. The Committee needs at least a week to review the application and go to the lot before the next meeting date.
4. If there is not enough time to do this, you will have to wait for a future date. Emergencies may be an exception, as determined by Management/ARC.
5. You will be notified when your request is placed on the agenda for an ARC meeting. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the month at 9:30 AM in the Auditorium. You are encouraged to attend that meeting.
6. During the busy time of year for house and yard projects, **get your application in before TUESDAY THE WEEK BEFORE THE MEETING** to make the deadline. **We must have a week lead-time.**
7. **Once your application has been reviewed and a decision is made, we will contact you to inform you of the results.**
8. If denied, you can appeal the decision to the Board of Directors, if you so choose.
9. **To obtain a permit from the City, you must first receive the Architectural Review Application approval, signed, and stamped by the ARC committee. The City will not give you a permit without it!**
10. You must also provide a copy of all required permits to the Office.
11. **BOTH THE ARC APPLICATION AND THE CITY PERMIT NEED TO BE POSTED ON THE FRONT OF THE HOME BEFORE THE WORK CAN BEGIN.**

No work should begin on your project until your final approval from the ARC is given. If you fail to get ARC approval for your project before you begin, you may be asked to deconstruct it. Residents are responsible for making sure that their approved ARC request is completed as approved. Call Rick Johnston at 863-255-4152 if you have any questions.

ARC Committee Members

Rick Johnston-Chairman
Randy Blanton Mike McBride July 5 (due to the holiday, 18
Bob Shaw Steve Tourtillotte August 1, 15

Summer Meeting Dates **(if needed)**

ALL APPLICATIONS AND ACCOMPANYING PAPERWORK MUST BE TURNED IN BY TUESDAY THE WEEK BEFORE THE MEETING TO GET PLACED ON THE ARC AGENDA.

When Is ARC Approval Needed?

(Clip and Save)

ARC approval is needed for any work that is done on the outside of your home or lot. See Appendix 2 ARC Guidelines. This list is NOT intended to be all inclusive, but it can be clipped and saved for future reference. Refer to your copy of the 2022 Rules and Regulations for more detail.

- Installation of a Dwelling (p. 33-34)
- Installation of utility building, steps, porches, decks, patios, and other exterior accessories (p. 29-31)
- Exterior improvements/modifications (p. 31)
- Exterior painting (p. 29, 31)
- Landscaping and exterior lot changes (p. 28-32)
- Planting or removal of trees (p. 28-29)
- Storage on exposed areas (9, 29)
- Applying driveway sealers or stains (p.9)
- Painting driveways (p. 30)
- Installation, expansion, modification of docks, lifts (38-39)

Rules 4.8 and 4.9 state that "If it is determined that the Resident did not receive permission PRIOR to the installation or renovation, the Management has the right issue a "Stop Work Order" or demand the removal of said renovation or addition until approval is given." When in doubt as to whether something needs ARC approval, check with the ARC Chairman and read your 2022 Rules and Regulations.



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Cook's Corner



(If you have a favorite recipe that you'd like to share, please send it to tibreezes1@aol.com)

YUM-A-LUM CASSEROLE

Yum-A-Lum Casserole gets its name from the sounds people make after taking their first bite.

Ingredients:

- 1 stick salted butter, plus more for the pan, divided
- 1 yellow onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 16 ounces sour cream
- 2 (10.5-ounce) cans condensed cream chicken soup
- 1 (30-ounce) bag frozen shredded hash brown potatoes, thawed
- 8 ounces cheddar, shredded
- 1 cup breadcrumbs
- 1 tablespoon parsley, chopped

Directions:

Step 1 -Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.

Step 2 -Grease a 3-quart casserole dish with butter.

Step 3 -Heat a medium skillet over medium heat.

Step 4 -Add 2 tablespoons of the butter to the skillet.

Step 5 -Add the onion and cook for 5 minutes.

Step 6 -Add the garlic and cook until the onion is slightly softened, and the garlic is fragrant, about 2 minutes.

Step 7 -Transfer the mixture to a plate and let cool slightly.

Step 8 -In a large mixing bowl, combine the sour cream, the chicken soup, the hash browns, the cheddar, and the onion mixture.

Step 9 -Transfer the hash brown mixture to the prepared casserole dish.

Step 10 -Cover the casserole dish and bake for 45 minutes.

Step 11 -In a small microwave-safe bowl, place the remaining 6 tablespoons of the butter.

Step 12 -Cover the bowl and microwave until melted, about 45-60 seconds.

Step 13 -Mix the breadcrumbs and the parsley into the melted butter.

Step 14 -Top the casserole with the breadcrumb mixture.

Step 15 -Bake, uncovered, until the top is golden brown, and the casserole is bubbly all over, about 25-30 minutes.

Step 16 -Serve hot.

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Summer Fun



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For Your Summer Enjoyment...

Don't forget that during the summer months, we continue to enjoy many things in Tropic Isles...



- Bingo meets every Tuesday at 7 PM in the Auditorium.
- Visit the Food Truck from 4-7 PM on Tuesdays before Bingo.
- Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month in the summer with lots of good books to enjoy.
- The Red Hatters meet the first Wednesday of the month and have activities all summer long.
- The shuffle courts are available for your use at any time.
- Saturday Summer Coffee Hour is held at 8:30 AM in the Auditorium for \$1.
- The Fitness Room, game room, and library are always available for your use.
- Mahjong meets twice a week in the Yacht Club on Sundays and Wednesdays.
- Boating and fishing are good. Beaches are less crowded.
- The kayak launch is always available for use.
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Do Your Part! Help To Conserve Water!

CLIP AND SAVE



These water conservation tips are simple and practical ways you can conserve water at home. For most, conserving water means lower water bills (which are continually rising) while helping to meet local water conservation targets. Here are several ways to conserve water indoors, outdoors, and in landscaping. This is something we must take seriously. It is our responsibility to conserve water whenever possible. We, as Americans, waste gallons of water every day. With some of these tips, the savings are two-fold: you can conserve water, as well as energy use, and that means more money in your pocket. Whether you need to conserve water to save on the family budget or help with local water conservation efforts, saving water just makes good practical sense.

Dishwasher. Use your automatic dishwasher only when you have a full load. Your dishwasher uses the same amount of water for a small load of dishes as it would for a full load.

Washing Machine. When using your automatic washing machine, adjust the water level to the correct setting for the size of load you plan to wash.

Don't Leave Water Running. If you wash dishes by hand, don't let the water run down the drain. If you have two sinks, fill one with soapy water and one with water for rinsing. If you have only one sink, gather washed dishes in a dish rack and rinse them with a spray device or a pan full of hot water.

Drinking Water. Try keeping a pitcher or bottle of water in the refrigerator for cool drinking water. Running tap water to cool it off for drinking water is wasteful. Also, if you don't drink all the water in your glass, rather than dumping the rest down the drain, use it to water a plant.

Check for Leaks. Often faucets and pipes can have leaks and we don't even notice. Even the smallest leak can waste up to 20 gallons of water a day. Leaks waste water 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and can often be repaired with only an inexpensive washer.

Check Your Toilets for Leaks. Put a little food coloring into your toilet tank. If the color begins to appear in the bowl, without flushing, you have a leak that should be repaired as soon as possible.

Don't Use the Toilet as a Waste Basket. Every time you flush a facial tissue or other small bit of trash, you waste five to seven gallons of water.

Showers. Take shorter showers. Long, hot showers can waste five to ten gallons every unneeded minute. Limit your showers to the time it takes to soap up, wash down, and rinse off. You can also install a water-saving shower head to help reduce the amount of water used during a shower.

Baths. Take baths instead of showers. A bath in a partially filled tub uses less water than all but the shortest showers.

Brushing your Teeth. Turn off the water while brushing your teeth. There is no need to keep water pouring down the drain. Just wet your brush and turn off the water. You can turn the water back on when you are ready to rinse.

Use the Proper Size Cooking Pot. We often tend to reach for a large pot to boil potatoes or pasta when mid-size cookware is sufficient. Using the size of pot that is adequate for the contents has two benefits. You'll save on the amount of water to boil those potatoes and the pot will heat up faster, which means you'll also save on energy. Covering the pot will also help to reduce water evaporation, as well as speed up cooking time.

Recycle Water and Use Less in the Kitchen Your plants would love the water you boiled potatoes, pasta, or other vegetables in, since it would have composting qualities - but cool it first. Water from boiled potatoes is also great for gravies. It adds flavor and the starch helps with thickening. When cleaning vegetables, rather than running water, fill a medium bowl with water and wash vegetables in it. Don't throw out the water after you clean the vegetables. Water your plants with it.

WATER CONSERVATION OUTSIDE

Please Don't Water the Sidewalk

Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street. Choose shrubs and groundcovers instead of turf for hard-to-water areas such as steep slopes, isolated strips, and patches of lawn.

Don't Water During the Day

Smart gardeners have a secret to share--water your lawn and garden in the morning or evening when temperatures are cooler to help minimize evaporation.

Run-off? Shorten Your Watering Time

Have you ever noticed that water runs off your lawn easily and hits the sidewalk or street? Try dividing your watering time into shorter periods to allow for better absorption.

Don't Water on Windy Days

Don't water your lawn on windy days when most of the water blows away or evaporates.

Do You Water When It Rains?

Install a rain sensor on your irrigation controller so your system won't run when it's raining.

An Inexpensive Water-Saving Device: The Broom

Use a broom or leaf blower instead of a hose to clean your driveway and sidewalk. It saves water every time.

Check Your Hoses for Leaks

We're more likely to notice leaks indoors, but don't forget to check outdoor faucets, sprinklers, and hoses for leaks.

Check Valves for Leaks

Remember to check your sprinkler system valves periodically for leaks and keep the sprinkler heads in good shape. Catch water in an empty tuna can to measure sprinkler output. One inch of water on one square foot of grass equals two-thirds of a gallon of water.

Set Your Mower on 'High'

Adjust your lawn mower to a higher setting. A taller lawn shades roots and holds soil moisture better than if it is closely clipped.

Still Washing That Car? Use a Hose Nozzle & Save 100 Gallons

Use a hose nozzle or turn off the water while you wash your car. Better yet....do a "Florida carwash" and put your car outside when it rains.

Report Broken Pipes

Do you notice something's amiss with outdoor pipes or sprinklers or the lawn stays wet in certain areas? Report broken pipes, open hydrants, and errant sprinklers to the Co-op or your water provider.

Summer Scavenger Hunt

Take a ride around the park to see if you can locate all of these items on houses or in people's yards that are shown here.



Out and About . . .

In late May, Randy Blanton and I spent a week in Sylva, NC in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Our first day was spent walking around the town of Sylva. We got to spend two days



with my brother, sister-n-love, and their two granddaughters. Both families rented homes through vacation rental services. Our rental was a "barn-dominium", a condo in a portion of

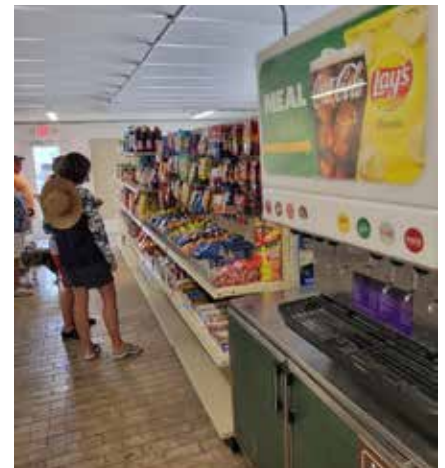
a barn. A blacksmith also rented a section of the barn for his work. Another day was spent taking a 4.5 hour round trip train ride in the Great Smokey Mountains. We rode in one of the "open" cars to get the full effects of an older train ride. The seats were a bit hard, but we were getting up often to look at various sites along the way. On the return trip, Ole Big Foot made an appearance! We were glad to be on the train and moving! ---Kathryn Wells

Snead Island Outpost Grand Opening

Bob Helfrich stopped by for the Grand Opening of the Snead Island Outpost which took place on May 20. The owners--Devin Twietmeyer, Brianna Bevelock, and Robert Leshner, were there to welcome everyone with free hot dogs. They wanted to let Tropic Isles know, "If you need anything, let us know."



The owners--Devin Twietmeyer, Brianna Bevelock, and Robert Leshner



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Our grandson, Joe Huber, is ranked number 1 by the Professional Football Focus Organization among Big Ten offensive linemen. Joe is also ranked number 5 in the Nation as a returning offensive lineman. In January, the football coach of the University of Cincinnati, Luke Finkle, transferred to Wisconsin. Joe was one of two Cincinnati players that Luke Finkle asked to transfer with him. Joe is currently a Wisconsin sophomore and listed at 6'5" and 310 pounds. Joe is studying to be a mechanical engineer. Go Badgers! As you can see, Joe is the spittin' image of his grandpa. Many people think we're twins. I'm the one on the right.

Bob Williams



PFF HIGHEST-GRADED OFFENSIVE LINEMEN		
RETURNING IN THE BIG TEN		
1	JOE HUBER	80.6
2	DRAKE NUGENT	80.5
3	TRENTE JONES	78.0
4	DONOVAN JACKSON	76.7
5	QUINN CARROLL	76.0
6	ZAK ZINTER	75.7
6	MATTHEW JONES	75.7
8	J.D. DUPLAIN	75.4
9	ISAIAH ADAMS	75.2
9	COREY BULLOCK	75.2



A Fond Memory of Sharon Duval...

Sharon was very proud of showing off her light-up sneakers at Bingo!

--- Cyndi Belle



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