

## Home Of The Month



This newly landscaped home belongs to Tom and Pam Hennessy at 221 Bimini Dr. Congratulations on being selected August's "Home of the Month"! Beautiful job!

## Meet Your New Neighbors

By Cindy Shaw

You may recognize this new part-time, possibly full-time neighbor, at 347 Terra Ceia Dr. Her name is **SHERRY NOVAK** and she is originally from Homeworth, OH, near Canton. She rented for 2 years in Tropic Isles at 7 Basin St. and was already familiar with the park. She has two brothers who have homes in Bay Colony, so she decided to stay in the area and purchase her current home. She has two grown sons, Justin (36) and Sean (32).

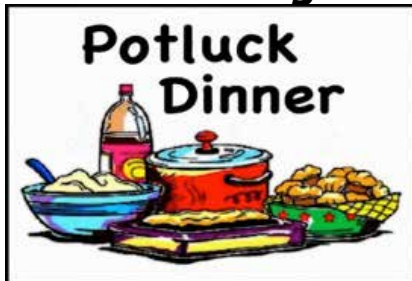


Sherry owned a septic pumping business for the last 20 years. For the 20 years prior to that, she managed a credit union and worked for several other financial institutions.

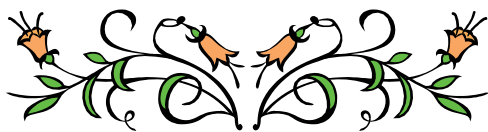
Sherry has always considered herself a "tomboy" and owns her own Harley Sportster. She has enjoyed dirt biking, rock climbing, sky diving and other adrenaline producing activities in her past, but now her life has taken her on a less active path. She loves to bike, fish, and kayak in her free time.

She shares her home with two cats, Romeo (4 months) and Sassie (4 years). Sassie was not interested in having her picture taken, but Romeo jumped at the chance. Please give a warm Tropic Isles welcome to Sherry, Sassie and Romeo!

## Pot Luck – August 8



*Details inside!*



~~ Thought For The Day ~~  
 Sunshine comes to all who feel rain.

**BURT and CAROL CROWE** were living in San Antonio, TX for the past 4 years in their RV when they decided to look for a place to settle. Burt and Carol grew up in Michigan, but Carol moved to Bradenton, FL in 1970, so she was familiar with the area. They were looking for a home in a 55+ community, not necessarily on the water, and not a condo. They found their potential home at 95 Del Rio Dr. where the model was for sale and made the purchase. They will be full-time residents here in Tropic Isles.



Carol has a daughter, Christine, who lives in Texas and Burt has 2 sons, Mike and Mark, that live in Georgia. They have 8 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

Burt was a fleet maintenance manager for 15 years at Tropicana and retired in 2004. He also worked for FedEx Ground for 7 years in Georgia. Carol retired from working at Edward Jones Investments for 12 years and for Siemens Generation Services for 8 years.

Burt has a passion for shooting sporting clays and has participated in national competitions. He also enjoys fishing. Carol loves Mahjong, scrapbooking, line dancing, the arts and theater. Please welcome Burt and Carol to their new neighborhood in Tropic Isles.

## Tropic Isles Happenings



*This beautiful sunset over the Marina was sent in by Jim Kelly.*



*Another beautiful sunset over the pool in July sent in by Jan Krueger.*



*Another one bites the dust. A new home is going in at 258 Jamaica Dr.*



*The Neighbors Helping Neighbors' crew have gotten 2 unusual requests over the years. One was to open a jar of pickles and the other was to give a buzz haircut. Seen here is Jan Krueger giving that "buzz" to Fred Bloye.*



*Dressed in red, white, and blue residents enjoyed lunch in the Yacht Club on the 4th of July! A trivia game, door prizes, and great food were enjoyed by the many who attended.*



*A wave for the Breezes from all the residents at the second All-Timers "pot luck and a movie" after a good meal and a great movie.*

## Tropic Isles

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The summer office hours are from 9:00 AM to 12:00 and 1-3 PM. The office is closed for lunch from 12-1 PM. Other than office hours, your call will be forwarded to an (live) answering service. You may call the regular office phone number at any hour of the day or night for urgent matters. For emergencies, dial 911.

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## Letter From The Editor



Schools are back in session on August 13, so it's important that you pay special attention to school buses and school crossing zones. Many drivers are confused about the exact school bus laws and proper "right of way" rules because many states are different. Do you know when to stop and when not to?

### School Bus Right of Way Rules for Non-Divided Highways

In almost all states, it is law to stop for a stopped child-carrying bus whether you are approaching or are behind the bus on a non-divided roadway. As long as you are on a non-divided roadway, you must stop for a bus unloading or picking up school children. As a driver, you never know when a child may be crossing the street to get on or get off their school bus before or after school.

### School Bus Right of Way Rules for Divided Highways

On a divided highway, you do not have to stop for a stopped school bus, even if the lights are flashing, as long as you are in the opposing traffic lanes.

### School Zones

Pay special attention to the flashing lights in school zones. When the light is flashing you must reduce your speed limit to 20 MPH until you reach the "end of school zone" sign. Watch for the crossing guards and be prepared to stop if they are signaling to drivers that children are crossing the street. Not only is it dangerous to drive too fast in a school zone, but fines are also usually doubled in these areas, so it is also extremely expensive. No matter what your reason, it just makes sense to slow down whenever you're driving in a school zone. Let's all be safe on the road and watch out for our little ones.

### Watch Out!



Keep our kids safe!!

Remember to watch for stopped school buses and crossing guards. PLEASE slow down in school zones.

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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...

- Red Hatters meet the first Wednesday of the month and have activities all summer long.
  - You can use the shuffle courts at any time. Equipment is available for use.
  - Saturday Coffee Hour is held at 8:30 AM in the Auditorium.
  - The Fitness Room, game room, and library are always available for your use.
  - **The All-timers hold monthly pot lucks in the Yacht Club from June-September on the second Wednesday of the month.**
  - Boating and fishing are good.
  - The kayak launch is always available for use.
- Come and join us at the pool for the beautiful sunsets this summer.



## New At....



### BUSINESS TRESPASS PROGRAM

On the weekend of June 16-17, we had problems in the pool area with non-residents. The police were called. The issue of non-residents on the property has been an on-going problem. The Palmetto Police Department has developed a program to help us at Tropic Isles. On June 19, we enrolled in this program, the Business Trespass Program. You may have noticed the signs that went 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, call the police. **DO NOT CONFRONT THEM.** The police will come out to Tropic Isles and determine if they are 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. The police are well-trained and can spot a person lying to them. Again, please do not confront these people. You never know who is violent. Call the police!

*Paul Smith, Manager*

## ~~~Pool Participants and Sun Worshipers~~~

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



## ~~~Final Call~~~

for the 2018-2019 Tropic Isles' Resident Phone Directory



If you have any changes to be made in your personal information for the 2018-2019 Tropic Isles' Resident Phone Directory, this will be your last chance. Please email me NOW at [tibreezes1@aol.com](mailto:tibreezes1@aol.com) or call me at 941-705-4485 with your new information!

*Thank you!  
Cindy Shaw, Editor*

### NEW TROPIC ISLES' WEBSITE

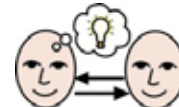
We are well into the implementation of our new property management's software system. This software consists of two separate pieces – a new website and a resident portal.

The new website is designed for general public information. The website not only provides information about our lifestyle at Tropic Isles, but it communicates information regarding our marina, boat slip rentals, RV site rentals, general forms like ARC requests, copies of the Breezes, and more. **This is a work in progress.** It may take a few weeks to ensure that all the links are working. We are developing a procedure for any resident who wishes to advertise their home for sale or rent. Once completed, we will communicate this process. The new website has gone live and can be seen at [www.tropicisles.net](http://www.tropicisles.net).

The resident portal is operational, however, we are implementing each feature in stages. Our goal is to have the portal fully operational in the fall. At that time, we will communicate how a resident is able to gain access. We are almost finished migrating our accounting from QuickBooks to the portal. The conversion of our compliance process has started. Once this is complete, we will begin the maintenance feature. All documents that are confidential to shareholders will be available in the portal only to shareholders.

*Paul Smith, Manager*

## Idea To Ponder....



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# Laughter Is The Best Medicine!

I've been to a lot of places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone, you have to be in Cahoots with someone. I've also never been in Cognito, either. I hear no one recognizes you there. I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport---apparently you have to be driven there.

Did you hear about the restaurant on the moon? The food is great, but there's no atmosphere.



## RETARDED GRANDPARENTS

After summer vacation, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holiday away from school. One child wrote the following:

We always used to spend summers with Grandma and Grandpa. They used to live in a big brick house, but Grandpa got retarded and moved to Florida. They go to a building called a wrecked center, but they must have got it fixed because it is all okay now and do exercises there. There is a swimming pool, too, where they all jump up and down with hats on.

At their gate, there is a doll house with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day, so nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out. They go cruising in their golf carts. Nobody there cooks. They just eat out and...they eat the same thing every night: early birds.

Some of the people can't get out past the man in the doll house. The ones who do get out, bring food back to the wrecked center and call it pot luck.

My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retarded someday too. When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man

in the doll house. Then I will let people out, so they can visit their grandchildren.

## MORE RIDICULOUS ANSWERS FROM KIDS ON TESTS

Question: Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?  
Answer: At the bottom

Question: What did Mahatma Gandhi and Genghis Khan have in common?  
Answer: Unusual names

Question: What are 3 things you want to do in the future?  
Answer: 1. Get a girlfriend 2. Kiss her 3. Rule the world

Question: What is the strongest force on Earth?  
Answer: LOVE

Question: I think my mom should do less of this?  
Answer: Drink wine.

Question: Miranda can't see anything when she looks down her microscope. Suggest one reason why not.  
Answer: She is blind.

## FIFTH GRADERS SPELLING TEST

(Notice which word he got right.)

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| civilization (civilization) | emphise (emphasize)           |
| monarkey (monarchy)         | cloreen (chlorine)            |
| domonints (dominance)       | earisponsibal (irresponsible) |
| illiterate                  | sucsetion (succession)        |





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## Cook's Corner

### PICNIC PERFECT PASTA SALAD

(Serves 6-8)



#### Ingredients:

- 8 oz. elbow macaroni
- ¼ cup mayonnaise
- ¼ cup low-fat sour cream
- 2 T fresh lime juice
- Salt and pepper
- 3 peppers (red, orange, and green) roughly chopped
- 2 stalks celery, finely chopped
- 1 cup corn, drained
- 2 scallions, thinly sliced
- 1 jalapeno, finely chopped (optional)
- ¼ cup pickled sweet red cherry peppers, finely chopped
- ½ cup cilantro, chopped

#### Directions:

1. Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain and run under cold water to cool.
2. In large bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, sour cream, lime juice, and ½ tsp. each of salt and pepper.
3. Add cooled macaroni and toss to coat. Fold in peppers, celery, corn, scallions, jalapeno, cherry peppers, and cilantro.
4. Chill for 3 hours before serving.

### CREAMY, 3-INGREDIENT, NO CHURN CHOCOLATE ICE CREAM

This recipe is made to be a little less sweet than most traditional recipes, as it only uses about 1/4 the amount of sweetened condensed milk when compared to most recipes out there. You'll get plenty of sugar-rush from the chocolate syrup, but if you've got a sweet tooth, then add a little more sweetened condensed milk if you like. We enjoy eating the ice cream about 4-5 hours after it's frozen because it's still slightly soft. Next day is great too. But the longer you freeze it, the more firm and icy it can become. So, if it's been freezing for a few days, allow it to soften a bit at room temperature so it becomes easier to scoop.

#### Ingredients:

- 2 cups cold heavy whipping cream (cold)
- ¼ cup [sweetened condensed milk](#)  
(not to be confused with evaporated milk)
- ¾ cup chocolate syrup
- (optional) pinch of sea salt

#### Directions:

1. In large bowl and using an electric mixer, add all the ingredients: heavy whipping cream, sweetened condensed milk, chocolate syrup and/or sea salt (optional).
2. Whip the chocolate heavy cream mixture on high speed until stiff peaks form. Be careful not to over mix or "break" the whip cream mixture.
3. Pour the whipped mixture into a freezer safe container. We like to use a bread pan. Cover and freeze for about 4-5 hours. In about 3-4 hours, you can have a "soft serve" type ice cream. If you prefer a firmer texture, freeze for at least 5-6 hours or overnight.
4. Now eat and enjoy this creamy, luscious, delicious dessert! Add extra chocolate syrup on the top if you like!

## Live and Learn and Pass It On

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

- I've learned that the person who says something can't be done is often interrupted by someone doing it. –age 43
- I've learned that you should treat everyone with respect, and demand respect in return. –age 51
- I've learned that every time I'm on a trip I wish I were home, and every time I'm at home I wish I were on a trip. –age 59
- I've learned that you can keep going long after you think you can't. –age 69
- I've learned that my success stops when I do. –age 44
- I've learned that young people need old people's love, respect, and knowledge of life, and that old people need the love, respect, and strength of young people. –age 85
- I've learned that leisure isn't enjoyed unless it's been earned. –age 51
- I've learned that any place I haven't visited offers the same potential for adventure and excitement as any other. –age 45
- I've learned that if you want to go to parties, you have to give some parties. –age 38
- I've learned that the wealthy person is the one who's content with what he has. –age 67

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- The word "Pennsylvania" is misspelled on the liberty bell. Because no clearly accepted spelling of the colony's name existed at the time the Liberty Bell was cast, the state's name on the bell is misspelled-Pensylvania.
- There is enough water in Lake Superior to cover all of North and South America in 1 foot of liquid.
- There is a town in Washington called Longview, with treetop bridges made specifically to help squirrels cross the street.
- In 1872, Russia sold Alaska to the US for about 2 cents per acre.
- It would take you more than 400 years to spend a night in all the Las Vegas hotel rooms.
- Shelby, Michigan is home to a giant lavender labyrinth so big you can see it on Google Earth.
- There is an island full of monkeys off the coast of South Carolina called Morgan Island, not open to humans.
- As of 2017, more people live in New York City than in 40 of the 50 states.
- There is enough concrete in Hoover Dam to build a 2-lane highway from San Francisco to New York City.
- Alaska and Hawaii are the only states now that don't observe Daylight Saving Time. (Sometimes mistakenly referred to as Daylight Savings Time).

## Summer Hours for the Real Estate Sales Office

The Sales Office is now located at 139 Capri Dr. on the corner of 28th Ave. W. Beginning June 1, 2018 to September 4, 2018, office hours are as follows:

- Sunday – closed
- Monday – by appointment
- Tuesday – 12-3 PM
- Wednesday – by appointment
- Thursday – 12-3 PM
- Friday – by appointment
- Saturday – 12-4 PM

I am taking all calls, so please contact me, **Barbara Curtis** at 941-720-2513, call or text **Elizabeth Baldwin-Gregson** – 941-704-6003, or call **Linda Rogers** – 813-334-7628 - Tropic Isles' resident.

We will make every effort to meet your needs during the summer months.

*Barbara Curtis, Broker  
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## The Gift That Keeps On Giving

*As told by Vicky Williams*



**Vicky Williams**  
organ donor

"It was a great experience and a scary one at the same time. I am an organ donor anyway, but to be able to see what the donation does for someone is just a great feeling. The way it came about is we were talking after golf one day and my friend Joe said, 'Tommy needs a kidney. Why don't you give him one?' I think I surprised Joe when I asked what I had to do. I really didn't think I would be a match, but I started the process and it turned out we were a match. I called and told Tommy it was going to happen. I don't think he believed me. He had been on the transplant list for two and a half years. It happened on June 13 and we are both doing well."



## Tropical Red Hatters

The Tropical Red Hatters meet the first Wednesday of each month. On August 1 at 4:00 PM, we will meet in the YC Pretty Room. Recently, those who worked the Saturday morning coffee received credit toward lunch.

At the August meeting, we will review the research done by Muriel Van Norman for upcoming activities and schedule them for upcoming events. All ladies in the Tropic Isles' community are welcome to join us.

*Anna Antonacci, Queen  
Ann Miller, Scribe*

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DISCOVER

## "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

**Bev O'Brien** on 13th Street (hospitalized with an infection),  
**Tom Beck** of Terra Ceia/Canada (knee replacement),  
**Al Harris** of our maintenance staff (medical leave),  
**Don Crocker** of Flores Dr. (ongoing health issues), and  
**Vicky Williams** of 13th St. (kidney donation). (Both she and the recipient are doing well. Read Vicky's personal story on page 9.)

### A SYMPATHY CARD WAS SENT TO

**Bev and Al MacKenzie** of Edessa Dr. on the passing of her mother.

### A "THINKING OF YOU" CARD WAS SENT TO

**Pat and Keith Clevenger** of Montego Dr. (Keith has just entered a memory care facility and Pat is adjusting.)

If you know of someone who needs a "Get Well" card or a family who has lost a loved one in need of a "Sympathy Card", please contact Anne Nitti at 508-873-6205.

## Summer Saturday Coffee



Come to Saturday Coffee held in the Auditorium at 8:30 AM. The cost is \$1 per person. Coffee and donuts are served. Please bring your favorite cup and plate. This is a great time to spend with friends and neighbors. There are many informational announcements about folks and events in our community. Hope to see you there!

Coffee Committee

## ~~Special Thanks~~

A special thanks to **Pat Brazil** and her team of volunteers for organizing the 4th of July Party in Tropic Isles. A good time was had by all!

Thanks to the **Red Hatters** for sponsoring Saturday Coffee for the 5 weeks in June.

Tropic Isles received a lovely "thank you" from the **Culbreth** family.

A special thank you to all the Tropic Isles' residents for their prayers, cards, visits, and offers for rides. What a blessing to be living in Tropic Isles! -- **Jeanette Quesenberry**

## Bingo News



At this time, we are planning to resume Bingo on Tuesday, September 11. If by any chance we can start earlier, we will contact as many of you as possible, so you can get the word out. We have missed all of our Bingo friends and are eager to see you all in September!!

Joy & Elaine

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Monday hours will be 7 AM to 3 PM

Tuesday - Sunday will remain at 7 AM to 5 PM

A big thank you goes out to Les Sutton, Jim Gorton, Jeff Donahue, and the entire staff of the Marina for helping to install the new bait tank. The bait tank has been a challenge. However, I believe that we have turned the corner and accomplished the stability in the tank to keep more shrimp alive thus selling more shrimp to anglers. In the past, during this time of the year, we were losing 50% of our stock due to heat. With the new water chiller and tank, that number has been reduced dramatically. Our next challenge is to achieve the ability to store and sell live greenbacks, pinfish, or white bait. If all goes well, by winter we could have a variety of live bait for our residents to enjoy. Additionally, kudos to Doug Woulf and Jerry Quesenberry for helping me install additional directional signage in the Terra Ceia Bay's channel to our main basin. Many boaters have expressed to us that this was their first visit to our Marina and would surely return.

While performing their duties, Marina employees have seen many Tarpon being caught right here in the main basin. What a sight to see those beautiful large fish jumping out of the water hooked by an amateur angler who just purchased tackle and gas out our Marina! The fishing report we are hearing is that live shrimp under a popping cork and casting jigs all produced fish on the deep grass flats in 6-10' of water. Speckled trout, Spanish mackerel, bluefish, mangrove snapper, gag grouper, ladyfish, and jack crevalle are being caught. Snook are thick near structure and docks. Free line a shrimp up close and hold on!

So far, we have been lucky that the Red Tide is staying south of us. According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (MyFWC.com/redtidestatus) there have been reports of fish kills in the Sarasota, Siesta Key, and Englewood beach areas. This information, including maps and reports with additional details, is also available on the FWRI Red Tide website. Some of those anglers have experienced respiratory irritation due to the Red Tide. How lucky we have it here in Tropic Isles not to have go through that.

So remember, if you have a suggestion, help find the solution to that suggestion. If you can take time to complain, take time to commend. We are truly in paradise. Who could ask for more than neighbors giving a helping hand, a park with waterfront homes, and a Marina where the prices are low and the conversation is free?

# Tropic Isles Boatyard

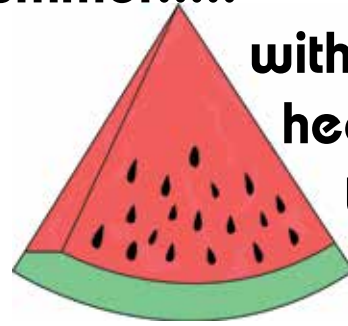


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			<b>1</b> 4:00 pm Red Hat Meeting - PR	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
	<h1>August 2018</h1>					
<b>5</b> Friendship Day	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:30 am ARC Mtg. - PR 5:30 pm Pot Luck and a Movie - Y	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 1:00 pm Book Club - Y	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:30 am Co-op Board Meeting (optional) - A	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:30 am ARC Mtg. - PR	<b>23</b> Autumnal Equinox	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	
WEEKLY EVENTS						
4:00 pm Mahjong - PR	8:00 am Aerobics/Exercise - Y 12:30 pm Pinochle - PR	8:00 am Aerobics/Exercise - Y	8:00 am Aerobics/Exercise - Y 12:30 pm Bridge - Y 7:00 pm Pinochle - Y	8:00 am Aerobics/Exercise - Y 12:30 pm Canasta - PR 6-8 pm Mahjong - PR	8:00 am Aerobics/Exercise - Y 7:00 pm Euchre - Y	8:30 am Coffee Hour - A

## Reading Material for Vets



This summer, we will continue to collect reading materials for Vets. Magazines are great (for men or women), as are books. The library at Tropic Isles will be donating any books that are duplicates and those books that are too old to shelve. There will be a collection box in our library underneath the magazine racks. Someone will take all donated reading items to Bay Pines over the summer. It may seem like a small thing to do, but it is greatly appreciated.

## Summer Fun



With summer already here, I would like to encourage everyone to send in a picture from their travels or fun activities this summer. Please include the names of the people in the picture, location, and date. Email your pictures to [TIBreezes1@aol.com](mailto:TIBreezes1@aol.com) for the Breezes and to [f134221@aol.com](mailto:f134221@aol.com) for our TI Facebook page. Thanks, in advance, for your pictures.

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN)




**NHN CONTINUES SERVING THE COMMUNITY DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.** NHN Volunteers are looking for projects to assist our neighbors here in Tropic Isles. Listed below are projects we can help with:

- Cleaning Mold
- Weeding
- Clearing Away Clutter Under Carports
- Painting Outside Sheds & Awnings
- Help To Tame Overgrown Trees And Shrubs
- Plant Annual Flowers

If you need assistance with any items listed above, or if you have questions, please call one of the Coordinators listed below. Remember, this is a free service for residents of Tropic Isles.

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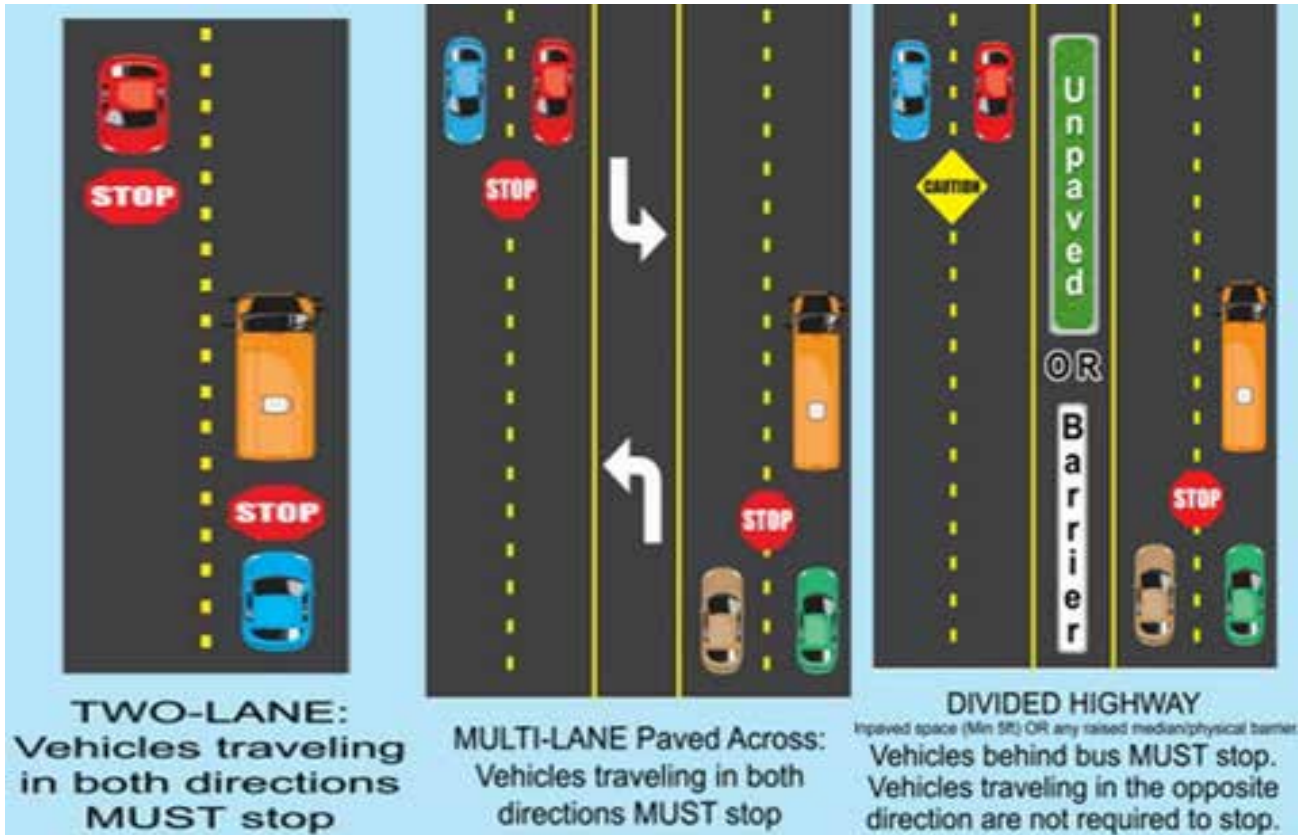
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## Safety Tip of the Month – School Zones

School is back in session as of August 13, so follow the safety rules around school zones. School zones are put in place to ensure the safety of children in and around schools. While class is in session, drivers are responsible for maintaining safety and awareness on the streets surrounding schools. All children should be able to walk or bike to and from

class without fear of being hit by passing vehicles. As drivers, we must not be careless around school zones. We must understand the traffic laws for these locations and follow them at all times. Here's a reference to those that may question when stopping for a school bus in the opposite direction is optional. Please watch out for children walking or riding bikes everywhere as well.



A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe, now that school is back in session:

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you. This could put them in the path of moving traffic.
- In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection.
- Always stop for a school patrol officer or crossing guard holding up a stop sign.
- Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas.
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.
- If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.
- Never pass a bus from behind – or from either direction if you're on an undivided road – if it is stopped to load or unload children.
- If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop.
- The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children. Stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and exit the bus.
- Be alert! Children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks.

### ~~Important~~

**If You See Something, Say Something!**



With fewer people in the park over the summer, we need to keep a keener eye on the vacant houses on our streets. Items have gone missing from the Trash and Treasure houses recently. Please be alert to your surroundings and any strangers in the park. If there are people in the park who do not belong, please call the police. You do not need to confront the person, just place the call. There is a phone on the pool deck, in the Auditorium, and in the Yacht Club that can be used for emergencies or to call the police for any trespassers. **Call the Palmetto Police Department with any non-emergency information at 941-721-2000, ext. 4, OR dial 911 with an EMERGENCY!** If in doubt, CALL. We ALL need to do our part to keep Tropic Isles a safe place to live!

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## Rule Of The Month

This is a reminder that the 2014 Rules and Regulations are in effect and being enforced. All residents and their guests are expected to know and abide by these rules. Each month, I will highlight a section of the current Rules and Regulations in the hopes of increasing awareness. If you need a copy of the 2014 Rules and Regulations, you may pick up a copy at the Office or go to [www.tropicisles.net](http://www.tropicisles.net) to view or print a copy online.

### IV. UNIT/LOT (DWELLING SITE)

#### Trees

The Association is responsible for the trimming of one palm tree in the front yard of a Unit/Lot. Responsibility for the care of all other trees and plants is the Resident's. Management, via the ARC, must give prior written approval for the planting or removal of any live trees in the Community. All permits are the responsibility of the requestor. Units/Lots must be kept free of fallen fruit, dead trees, leaves, needles and shrubs.

### VII. SWIMMING POOL AND HOT TUB/SPA

#### 7.8 Food, Beverages, Smoking at the Pool

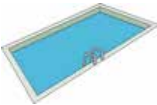
No glass or breakable items are permitted in the pool or hot tub/spa deck area. No food or beverages are allowed in the pool or hot tub/spa, or within four (4) feet of the water (FS 64E-9.008). Smoking is allowed in the designated "Smoke Break" area ONLY. All trash and recyclables should be placed in the containers provided.

## Please Wear Your Pool/Hot Tub Bracelets ("Passes")

It is especially important for **Residents and Guests to wear their bracelets at the pool/hot tub** to avoid any problems with people asking you if you are a resident or guest here. If you have not yet received your pool bracelets, please check with the office. Section VII of our 2014 Rules and Regulations regarding the Pool and Hot Tub/Spa states:

#### 7.2 Pool and Hot Tub/Spa Passes

All Residents and their Guests must display Tropic Isles "pool passes" when using the pool and hot tub/spa facilities. Each Resident will be issued 1 "pool pass". Temporary "pool passes" are available at the office for Guests. Residents must sign for the pool passes for their Guests. A proper ID is required to obtain pool passes. A fee may be charged for the replacement of lost "pool passes".



## Please Remember To Shower Before Entering The Pool



Our 2014 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 tucked behind the palm tree on the west side of the pool near the boat docks. (It 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.)**

## What's New In The Neighborhood?



• **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS ARE**  
9 AM TO NOON AND 1 PM TO 3 PM.

The office is closed for lunch from 12-1 PM.

- **HELP!** I am looking for someone who would be willing to serve as Block Captain in the summer/fall (May-October) for Aloha Dr. It means you would pass out the Breezes to the homes that are occupied on Aloha Dr. during the summer/fall months. Contact me at 941-722-4037 or at [tibreazes1@aol.com](mailto:tibreazes1@aol.com) if you would be willing to help.

## Out and About...Around Town



- Dog Owners Rejoice! A new dog park is coming to Blackstone Park, 2112 14th Ave. W. in Palmetto. Construction is scheduled to begin by April 2019 with an opening to take place in the fall of 2020. It will accommodate large and small dogs with a pavilion and access to water.



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## Summer Co-Op Board Meetings

Summer Co-op Board meetings will be announced as necessary. If a Board meeting is needed, one will be scheduled on the third Thursday of the month at 9:30 AM, if possible.

*Milly Sumler, Co-op President*

## TI Book Club

We will continue to meet every month going forward. If you are away until next "season", please join us in reading an eclectic selection of books while you are away. Members at the March Book Club meeting selected the following books until y'all come back. Some are new, and some are old favorites of some of the members. We hope to challenge and widen everyone's interests whether you read for pleasure and to escape the real world for a bit, to learn about new cultures, peoples, and places, or whatever, so here goes.....

**August** ..... The Women in the Window by A.J. Finn  
**September** ..... Look for Me by Lisa Gardner  
**October** ..... The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah  
**November** ..... Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese  
**December** ..... Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate

For those who are away for those months, you are encouraged to email your comments and reviews to [irene5381@gmail.com](mailto:irene5381@gmail.com) or text 774-201-9444 by the second Tuesday of the month. Please start thinking of your book selections for 2019. Stay safe and keep on reading!

*Irene Casey*



## ~Coming Events~



### AUGUST 8

The All-Timers (residents who live here full-time) will continue the tradition of hosting summer pot-lucks on the second Wednesday for all residents and their guests. **The next Pot-Luck followed by a movie will be on Wednesday, August 8 at 5:30 PM. Check the marquee for the location.** Please bring a hot or cold dish to share, your own table setting (plate and silverware), and beverage. Bring a comfortable chair, if you choose. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Auditorium. Contact Jan or Mark Krueger if you have any questions. Hope to see you there for some good food, conversation, and a few laughs!



### AUGUST 14

## TI Book Club



The book this month is The Women in the Window by A.J. Finn. We meet in the Yacht Club at 1 PM.

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# The Sinkhole Phenomenon

As we prepare for Atlantic hurricane season, which officially started June 1, some experts in Florida are cautioning heavy rain may lead to additional sinkholes.

Sinkholes are, unfortunately, nothing new in Florida, where the underlying geography of limestone and dolostone reacts with groundwater and readily dissolves, making the terrain prone to caves and depressions - and sinkholes. Additional rainfall can exacerbate the problem. Dr. Randozzo said last year's Hurricane Irma caused some 400 sinkholes. While it is still early in the season to see any tropical development this year, the past few weeks of heavy rainfall funneled up over the state have likely had a role in sinkhole development.

The United States Geological Survey defines a sinkhole as "a depression in the ground with no natural surface drainage". That means that any water that collects above a sinkhole will drain into the rocks beneath the surface.

Sinkholes form when these rocks made of minerals that are soluble in water, usually limestone (karst) or salt dissolve. As the water from the surface seeps down into the rocks, it dissolves some of the minerals away, leaving cracks and later holes and caverns. Over time, the soil and sediments above these holes start to slump downwards, and a sinkhole is formed. Sinkholes can form gradually or suddenly. They vary in size from 1 to 600 meters.

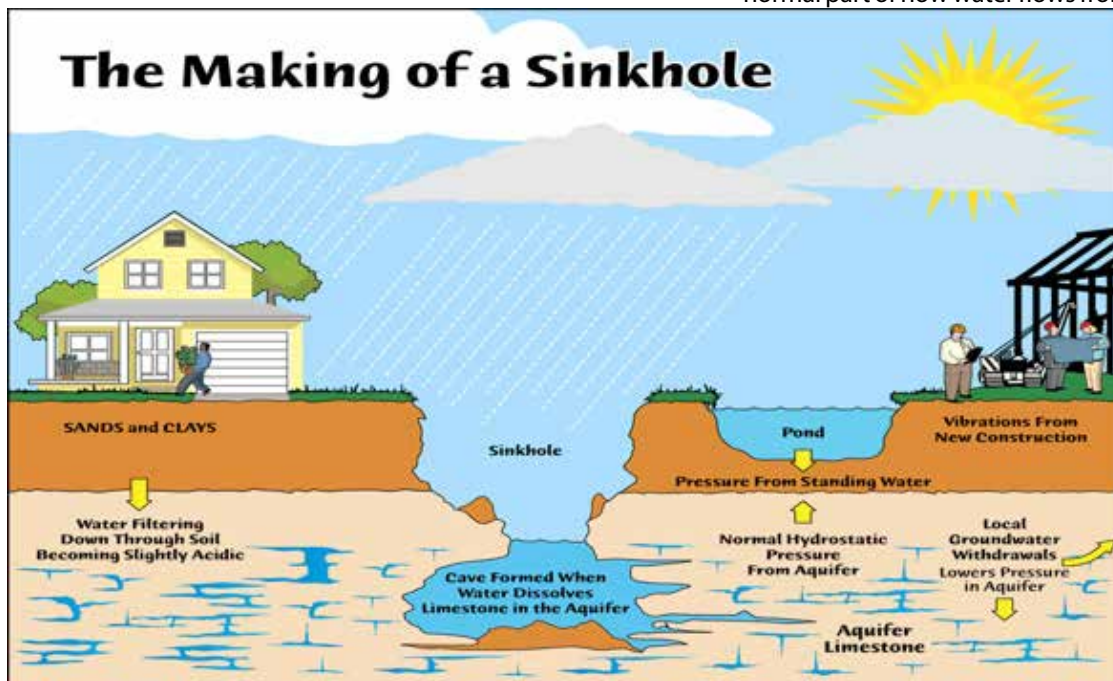
arch. Over time, the surface layers above the sinkhole become thinner, and eventually collapse when the weight of the ground becomes too much to support. Cover-collapse sinkholes are the most difficult types of sinkholes to detect and predict, as they can grow underground without any visible signs on the surface, and usually collapse suddenly with no warning.

Sinkholes are a common naturally occurring geologic phenomenon and one of the predominant land forms in Florida. Many of the lakes in Florida are relic sinkholes. They are typically circular but can develop in other shapes depending on the soils and geology. Sinkholes can be classified as geologic hazards sometimes causing extensive damage to structures and roads resulting in costly repairs. Sinkholes can also threaten water supplies by draining unfiltered water from streams, lakes and wetlands directly into the aquifer (underground water supply). Sinkholes are found all over the world. In the U.S., sinkholes are especially common in Texas, Alabama, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, and Florida, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. Florida is said to have more sinkholes than any other state in the USA. This is because of the geology - most of the state is underlain by limestone or evaporites - and the climate. The plentiful rainfall means there is water to dissolve the rocks, while the presence of wet / dry seasonal changes can make sinkholes more likely to collapse.

Sinkholes are part of Florida's natural environment - they are a normal part of how water flows from the surface to the groundwater stores, and how the land changes over time. In many cases, when they form out in forests or fields, people may not even notice them. However, when they occur in populated areas, they become a source of concern.

The risk of sinkholes, and the most likely type to occur, varies across the state, as the geology and thickness of the soil and sediments changes. However, all parts of the state can be affected.

Florida's so-called "Sinkhole Alley", include the counties of Pasco, Hernando, and Hillsborough in the west central area of the state, close to Tampa, and account for more than two-thirds of



There are three major types of sinkholes. Which of these develops depends on the types of sediments in the soil.

**Solution sinkholes** - these occur where the rock is exposed at the ground surface or has only a thin covering of soil. They are often visible as dips filled with water.

**Cover-subsidence sinkholes** - these happen when the soil and sediment above is sandy and doesn't stick together well. As the hole in the underlying rocks forms, the sediments trickle down into it gradually, causing subsidence on the surface.

**Cover-collapse sinkholes** - if the soil has a lot of clay in it, then the sediments will stick together more. Rather than subsiding down into the hole, the surface of the soil forms a hollowed-out

sinkhole claims reported between 2006 and 2010.

Experts say that thousands of sinkholes form in Florida each year. In addition to sitting on highly porous limestone, the state has additional factors that can lead to the formation of sinkholes, including extreme weather and aquifer pumping.

Given sinkholes start out underground, and can be quite advanced before obvious signs are seen on the surface, how can people find out if sinkholes are present on or near their property?

Unfortunately, the answer is that there are no guarantees. This is partly because there is no 100% accurate way of detecting a sinkhole before it is visible on the surface, and partly because

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## Sinkholes *(continued from page 20)*

sinkholes are a constantly changing phenomenon, and may form or enlarge after an area has been investigated.

### What are Sinkhole Warning Signs?

- Fresh exposures on fence posts, foundations or trees that result when the ground sinks around them;
- Slumping, sagging or slanting fence posts, trees or other objects.
- Doors and windows that fail to close properly or exhibit changed behavior such as doors remaining open where they had previously closed of their own accord.
- Small ponds of rainfall forming where water has not collected before.
- Wilting of small, circular areas of vegetation. This happens because the moisture that normally supports vegetation in the area is draining into the sinkhole that is developing below the surface.
- Cloudy water is pumped from nearby wells where the water was previously clear.
- Cracks in walls, floors, pavement and the ground surface. This is most noticeable in a concrete block structure and is different from a few hairline cracks normally seen between blocks.

### Sinkholes can be triggered by human activities such as:

- Over pumping of groundwater
- Diverting surface water from a large area and concentrating it in a smaller area
- Artificially creating ponds of surface water
- Drilling new water wells
- Construction of roadways or structures

### What to do if a sinkhole opens on your property:

- Keep children and animals away!
- Make sure the area is fenced or roped off clearly. In some areas a local enforcement agency may be able to assist. The property owner could be liable if someone is hurt in the sinkhole.
- Damage to your house or other structure (but not to your land) is generally covered by homeowner's insurance policies. If your home is threatened or damaged, contact your insurance company.
- If damage to your house occurs, get out immediately! You may be able to go back and retrieve valuables once a professional has determined that the situation has stabilized.
- Monitor for signs that the sinkhole is enlarging, especially toward buildings, septic tanks, drain fields, or wells (flowing water into a sinkhole will continue or even accelerate its growth). You can monitor the hole by marking the sides with stakes or paint. You

can also use a thin hard metal rod that can be pushed into the soil. Areas near the sink will offer less resistance to the rod than the unaffected soil.

- Monitor damage to structures. The width of cracks on houses can be measured and the size recorded by pencil or marker. If damage is severe, water, gas and electricity should be turned off and the Fire Department notified.
- Do not throw any waste into the sinkhole. Fill the hole only with clean sand.
- Do not use the sinkhole as a drainage system. Pesticides and other wastes seep easily through the sinkhole and into the aquifer - your drinking water.
- Generally, the size of a sinkhole will not increase after the first day or two except where the vertical banks collapse to form less steep slopes. However, where there is water flowing into the hole it may continue to expand.

To prevent injuries, deaths, and property losses caused by sinkholes, scientists have tested various methods of detecting the underground cavities that can lead to sinkholes. These include radar, seismography, and electrical resistivity testing. Methods for mapping sinkhole risks are improving all the time.

But despite efforts to spot sinkholes before they occur, there are still plenty of unpleasant — and occasionally tragic — surprises. Ultimately, living in Florida means living with the risk of a sinkhole developing, in the same way that people in Southern California live with the risk of earthquakes. Asking questions, researching online and in local resources, and talking to experts are all things that can help people decide what level of risk they are comfortable with.

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

## Tropic Isles' Facebook Page

Please send us your pictures to post on the Tropic Isles' Facebook page. Send anything you want to share or brag about this summer. Email your photos to Sharon Schumann at [FL34221@aol.com](mailto:FL34221@aol.com). Send the names of the people in the photos and any information you want to include. Get permission from the people in the picture to post it on Facebook. Please send your photos. It's easy enough to do.

*Sharon Schumann, Website Administrator*

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## Happy Father's Day



**Jim Kelly II is seen here with his 96-year old pop, Jim. Jim Sr. has been a Tropic Isles' snowbird since 1980 and still coming down.**



**Jack Miller spent Father's Day with his son, Mark. Mark made a nice dinner for Jack and Joanne and they spent the day swimming.**



**Bobby Norman is seen here with his grandson, James, driving the boat on Lobdell Lake in Linden, MI.**

## More Picture-Perfect Pets In Tropic Isles



**"This is Harry. He is 18 years old, and was a feral kitten born outside our house in Iowa in the dead of winter. He is a real sweetheart, but not too fond of dogs!" (Barb Martin)**



**"We were camping in Ludington State Park in Michigan and Oreo found a buddy to hang out with." Oreo is the 10-year old Shih Tzu on the left in the picture. (Steve and Rhonda Zeluff)**



**"Yeti celebrated the 4th of July at Lake Erie." Yeti is a Shi-Poo (Shih-Tzu, Poodle mix). (Mark and Phyllis Ann Smith)**



**Georgia, a miniature schnauzer, is a rescue dog owned by Dave and Jeanne Oliver.**



**"Jack, 14-month old Cavachon breed, was hanging out with one of the locals. His full name is Captain Jack Sparrow, but his friends call him "Jack". (Bob and Carol Hallman)**



**Fifi makes the trip down to Tropic Isles every winter from NH. "He wasn't being cooperative in putting his "tuft" fully up. He's like a couple of the grandkids when it comes to pictures." (Patti and Mike McBride)**

## Summer Fun



**Jim and Margo Sweeney and Jan and Dale Burbie visited Jeff and Cindi Wallace in Rhinelander which is the home of the Hodag! "It's always fun to have TI friends visit."**



**Mike McBride got a wet hug from his granddaughters, Liv and Chloe, after they took a romp in the sprinkler.**



**Mike and Patti McBride spent time at Bedde Falls in Sandwich, NH with their grandkids Devin, Liv, and Chloe.**



**Jim and Elaine Schipper and Cindi and Jeff Wallace went fishing in Ontario, Canada in June.**

**Don Denby and Al Eaton, Don's son, Reid and his friend, Ramsay were fortunate enough to catch 13 nice pickerel out on Lake Erie.**



**Karen and Lance Linke paid a visit to Kathleen and John Metzler in Richboro, PA in June. Good food, drink, and merriment was shared by all.**



## What's New at the Marina?



**A new bait tank was installed at the Marina in June to improve the stability in the tank to keep more shrimp alive with the new water chiller.**



**Get to know your Marina crew.**

**Back row - Jim Kelly  
Middle row (l to r) - Russ Trudeau, Chet Reid  
Front row (l to r) - Keith Chamberlin, A.J. Gilley**