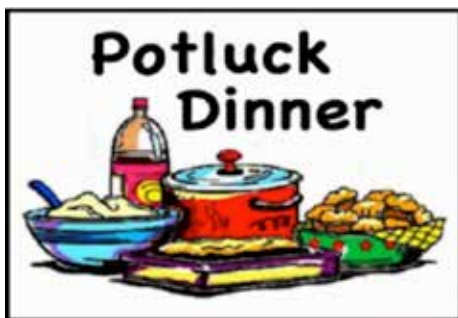


Home of the Month



September's "Home of the Month" features Mark and Jan Krueger's beautifully landscaped home at 294 Nassau Dr. Congratulations!

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Details inside!

~~ Thought For The Day~~

Believe you can and you are halfway there!



Meet Your New Neighbors

By Cindy Shaw

There are two new faces, **LARRY and SHELIA GALLAGHER**, at 72 Edessa Dr. They will be part-time residents from Thornville, Ohio. The Gallagher's have friends in Palmetto and while visiting them here, spent some time driving around looking for places on the water. They discovered Tropic Isles in the process.



Larry and Shelia are both accountants and are both retired from the Department of Defense. Shelia also works in a family business with her mom and sisters doing taxes in the winter. They have 4 children—Kristen, Kara, Amy, and Patrick. Larry and Shelia are avid race fans and Larry is an amateur race car driver. Their son, Patrick, is a Mazda factory professional race car driver and has recently won the 2017 Mazda MX-5 Cup Championship in road racing. They will readily admit that they spend most of their free time at the track following their son's racing career. Needless to say, Larry and Shelia are very proud of their son's racing accomplishments.

They also enjoy spending time with family, boating, fishing, and many sporting events. Larry is also a self-taught guitar and banjo player.

Please give a warm Tropic Isles' welcome to Larry and Shelia Gallagher.

You may recognize these two new, part-time residents in Tropic Isles. They are **CHARLIE and KAROL HARDING** at 9 Basin Dr. They rented at 3 Basin and on 13th St. over the past three years and finally decided to purchase a home here in Tropic Isles. They discovered Tropic Isles by searching online for rentals and while visiting friends in Bradenton.



Charlie and Karol are originally from Clear Lake, Minnesota. The Hardings have 3 children—Tony, Beth, and Jolene and 7 grandchildren—Jake, Ali, Lauren, Ryan, Kate, Charleigh, and Vivian. Charlie retired from Thermal King Corporation—a transport refrigeration engineer, where he worked for 40 years as a manufacturing engineer. Karol retired from a bakery equipment company where she worked for 20 years.

The Hardings enjoy fishing, kayaking, swimming, boating, and reading. Charlie also uses his free time to carve canes and walking sticks.

Please welcome the Hardings as "official" residents of Tropic Isles!

Tropic Isles Happenings

New houses went in at



106 Capri Dr.



258 Jamaica Dr.



3006 13th St. W.



2843 Trinidad Way



The third "pot luck and a movie" of the summer took place in August with 40 people attending.



Tommy Barlow submitted a beautiful picture of the sunset reflecting in the Main Basin in Tropic Isles.



Dori and Fred Bloye celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 10th by bringing a cake for everyone to share at the pot luck. Congratulations!



Jake, a 6-year old Maltese/Terrier mix, is well known throughout the park. He takes Jim for a walk around the north side of the park and then "drags" him off to the Marina where the staff provides him with treats. (Jim Gilroy)

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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

Welcome back, early birds! Some of you are returning to Tropic Isles after a summer spent in your northern locations. The "All Timers" kept an "eye" on the park while you were away. We continued with our monthly Pot Lucks, but this time we added a movie. The dinners and movies were well-attended sharing fellowship, good food, and a deeper sense of community. Some older homes were removed on 13th St., Jamaica Dr., and Bimini Dr. getting ready for more new homes. Another new home was placed on an empty lot on Capri Dr. Tropic Isles is alive and well.

I want to thank everyone who contributed a "pet picture" for the July and August edition of the Breezes. We are a pet-friendly park and love our furry "family" members. I also want to thank anyone who sent in pictures over the summer from their trips, family gatherings, and let's not forget those gorgeous sunsets! The pictures you send in help to make the Breezes what it is---a newsletter "of the people" in Tropic Isles.

If you have anything that you want to submit to be published in the Breezes, the deadline to get your items to me is by the 10th of each month, for the following month. Anything that comes in after the 10th will be used in a later issue. I love getting pictures of residents doing fun things in or around Tropic Isles. If you have a recommendation for "Home of the Month", you can call or email me with your suggestion. If I haven't used them before and they grant permission, I will be happy to put them into a future issue of the Breezes.

Once you settle in after returning, think about what activities you would like to participate in this season. This community thrives on the work of volunteers in many aspects of the park. Volunteers are always needed and welcome! Many more activities will be starting up soon, but here are some things you might enjoy in September. There's something for everyone in Tropic Isles!

~COMING EVENTS~



- 5..... Red Hat meeting
- 9..... Grandparents' Day
- 11..... **Book Club**
- Bingo resumes-Yeah!**
- 12..... ARC meeting
- Pot Luck and a Movie**
- 22..... Autumnal Equinox
 (correction from last month)
- 26..... ARC meeting



~~ To the Heads of All Activities ~~

Since Tropic Isles has changed to a new website, it is important that you check with Anna in the Office to fill out a Building Reservation Form for any 2019 Events. Some events were booked as annual events for many years and the Office just wants to start fresh with the new calendar. This way, Anna can be sure all events have been transferred to the new calendar and if there is something missing, it can be added prior to the month of the event.

The Office wants to thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



Summer Hours For The Real Estate Sales Office

The Sales Office is now located at 139 Capri at 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** at 941-704-6003.

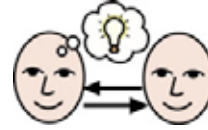
As of September 4, the office hours are 9 AM - 3 PM

Monday-Friday. Saturday and Sunday by appointment.

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*BARBARA CURTIS, BROKER
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Idea To Ponder....



"I am thankful for small mercies. I compared notes with one of my friends who expects everything of the universe and is disappointed when anything is less than the best. I found that I begin at the other extreme, expecting nothing, and am always full of thanks for moderate goods.

~~~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

## Did you know?...

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- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 can evaporated milk (large)

#### Directions:

1. Combine and heat to boil.
2. Simmer 10 minutes.
3. Cool thoroughly.

### Part two:

#### Ingredients:

- 1 pkg. regular size Oreo cookies with filling, crushed
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1/2 gal vanilla ice cream, softened
- 1 lb. salted Spanish peanuts

#### Directions:

1. Combine crushed cookies with melted butter.
2. Pat in a 13 x 9 pan.
3. Cover with ice cream and sprinkle with peanuts.
4. Place in the freezer.
5. Pour chocolate mixture over ice cream and refreeze.
6. Store in the freezer.

## TRIVIA Trivia Tidbits

- Kansas produces enough wheat each year to feed everyone in the world for about 2 weeks.
- Oregon's Crater Lake is deep enough to cover 6 Statues of Liberty stacked on top of each other.
- The Empire State Building has its own zip code.
- The LA Coroner's Office has its own quirky gift shop called Skeltons in the Closet.
- The Library of Congress contains approximately 838 miles of bookshelves—long enough to stretch from Houston to Chicago.
- At 46 letters, Massachusetts' Lake Chargoggagoggmanchaug-gagoggchaubunagungamaugg, also known as Webster Lake, has the largest place name in the US. (It is based on a joke: "You fish on your side. I'll fish on my side and nobody fishes in the middle.")
- In 1922, a man built a house and all his furniture entirely out of 100,000 newspapers. The structure still stands today in Rockport, MA.
- The entire Denver International Airport is twice the size of Manhattan.
- In 1893, an amendment was proposed to rename the country the United States of Earth.
- A highway in Lancaster, CA plays the "William Tell Overture" as you drive over it, thanks to some well-placed grooves in the road.

## Fantasy Football, Anyone?



Are you interested in Fantasy Football? I am looking for 11 other teams to participate in the first annual Tropic Isles' Fantasy Football League. This is how it works. You draft your team of players and play against other teams on a weekly head-to-head basis with the winner getting a "win" and the loser a "loss". There are playoffs at the end of the year with a final Super Bowl to determine a league champion. If I can get a total of 12 teams, I will forward the link to the complete rules for drafting, team structure, scoring, etc.

The cost to play is \$200 and the entire pot gets paid out to the winners (minus league expenses) and must be paid in full before the draft. We will have the actual draft in the Auditorium when you will pick your team. Please email me at [jwsunstate@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jwsunstate@tampabay.rr.com) or call me at 727-560-3830 if you have any interest. As soon as I get 12 teams, I will forward more information.

*Jerry Wicky, Bahama Dr.*

## Co-Op Board Meetings

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*



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## Laughter Is The Best Medicine!

MY 93-YEAR-OLD grandmother had been coddled by her family all her life, protected from any unsettling or unpleasant event. And always she was the last person to be told. Obviously, Granny had been wise to our ways. When she took a turn for the worse and was confined to a geriatric hospital, one of the doctors told us what she had said: "When I die, don't tell my family. Throw a party in my name and tell them I was transferred to another city."



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MY GRANDMOTHER, 75 at the time, went downtown to see her ophthalmologist, whose office was in a large hotel. But there was a door at the end of a corridor she couldn't open. She gave the knob a good, hard twist but that didn't help. Then she tugged and rattled the handle quite vigorously. Suddenly she heard a voice say. "Take it easy, lady! The bar doesn't open for another two hours!"

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A FRIEND was making dolls for her grandchildren. As she was painstakingly finishing a dimpled knee, the phone rang. "Hi, Mom, what are you doing?" came her son's cheery voice. Removing pins from her mouth, my friend answered, "Making babies." There was silence at the other end. Then, quietly, "Oh, is Dad home?"

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WHEN my daughter Caroline asked me if I would baby-sit for her six-month-old identical twins, I was hesitant. "How am I going to tell April from Stacey?" I asked. Caroline was busy getting ready to leave the house. "Just ask Rick," she said, nodding at her four-year-old, who was engrossed in a cartoon show on TV. "He knows."

Confidently, I undressed the twins and put them in the bath. When I was ready to dress them, I called to Rick. "Which one is which?" "That's easy," he yelled back, eyes still riveted on Bugs Bunny. "April always wears blue."

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MY TWO daughters often tease their grandfather about being stubborn, a trait he strenuously denies. One day Grandpa was telling them about a horse-pack trip he had taken up the Continental Divide. "The guides felt that the personalities of horse and rider should be compatible," he related. "They matched us up carefully." "What was your horse like?" one daughter broke in.

Grandpa's answer was reluctant. "They gave me a mule," he said.

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**Retirement** = 2 times as much spouse, half as much money.



The first senior moment.

## 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 tooth fairy doesn't always come. Sometimes he's broke. -age 8
- I've learned that no one can keep a secret. -age 17
- I've learned that if you can't forgive and forget, you can at least forgive and move on. -age 77
- I've learned that I have never regretted being too generous, but often regretted not being generous enough. -age 76
- I've learned that spite is a boomerang even if it's never acted out. -age 46
- I've learned that you should keep your promises no matter what. -age 81
- I've learned that regardless of which bank teller or grocery clerk's line you get in, the other ones move faster. -age 32
- I've learned that love will break your heart, but it's worth it. -age 26
- I've learned that categorizing people is destructive and unfair. -age 39
- I've learned that as long as I have my health, older is better than younger. -age 72

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## “Coffee Talk”

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**A GET WELL CARD WAS SENT TO**  
**Ed Van Voorhis** of Nassau Dr./NY (hospitalized),



**A SYMPATHY CARD WAS SENT TO**  
**Hank Vitan** and family of Terra Ceia Dr. on the passing of his father-in-law, Dr. Elmer Waters.

**THINKING-OF-YOU CARDS WERE SENT TO**  
**Diane Schoettle** of Tampico Dr.,  
**Miriam Grossi** of Capri Dr./ Ohio, and  
**Tom Desisto** of Jamaica Dr.

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.

## ~~Special Thanks~~

- Special thanks to all the **Summer Coffee volunteers** who made it all possible each Saturday for the residents of Tropic Isles.
- Thanks to all the **Block Captains** who so willingly delivered the Breezes over the summer in the heat. Also, thanks to those people who filled in while some of the Block Captains were away on vacation.
- We’d like to thank **Don Stotts** for delivering all the library donations to the Bay Pines VA over the summer!
- Thanks to **Bev Crabtree** for volunteering to serve as the summer Block Captain on Aloha Dr.



## Tropical Red Hatters

The Tropical Red Hatters will have their next regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 5 at 4:00 PM in the Pretty Room of the Yacht Club. It is suggested that upon adjournment, we go to the Villa Italia Café. The Villa Italia Café is the new Italian restaurant next to the laundromat on 10th St.

*Ann Miller, Scribe*

## Bingo News



Welcome back to Bingo on Tuesday, September 11 at the usual time, starting promptly at 7 PM. It will be great to see you all again and bring a friend!!

*Joy and Elaine*



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# Tropic Isles' Marina

**SUMMER HOURS June-October**  
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**Tuesday - Sunday will remain at 7 AM to 5 PM**

September is here and summer is almost over. To serve you better, beginning the first weekend in November and continuing for the winter season, your marina will be open from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Saturdays and Sundays. On Monday thru Friday we will be open 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Your Marina has done well this summer with your continued support. However, the Gulf is under siege. Over the past couple of weeks in July and August there has been several fish kills due to the RED TIDE. It was reported in two locations in Manatee County, and multiple locations in Sarasota County and Charlotte County, in and offshore of Lee County, and in and offshore of Collier County. More detailed information is available at <http://myfwc.com/fishkill>. Respiratory irritation was reported over the past week on:

- 7/26-7/28, and 7/31-8/3 at Manasota Beach;
- 7/26-8/3 at Nokomis;
- 7/26 and 7/30-8/2 at Siesta Key;
- 7/28 in Sarasota County;
- 8/1-8/2 at Lido Key;
- 8/3 in Manatee County at Coquina Beach.

The Red Tide is a harmful algae bloom, caused by a higher-than-normal concentration of a microscopic alga (plantlike organism). In Florida and the Gulf of Mexico, the species that causes most red tides is *Karenia brevis*, often abbreviated as *K. brevis*. Although not directly related to manmade pollution, it is believed that chemical run off can help the algae thrive.

We must do more to prevent water pollution. When boating, please do not discard garbage into the water. If something blows out of the boat, stop and pick it up. If you see something floating such as cans or plastic, grab it, and dispose of it properly. According to Ocean Conservancy, it takes 1000 years for plastic to begin to break down. This means that every plastic bottle ever made is still in existence! Eight million metric tons of plastic goes into the ocean every year! **Unless we reduce this figure, by the year 2050, there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish!**

## What can we do?

One thing we can all do is contribute to the Oceans Conservancy Good Mate program. The Ocean Conservancy (founded as The Delta Corporation) is a nonprofit environmental advocacy group based in Washington, D.C. The organization helps formulate ocean policy at the federal and state government levels based on peer-reviewed science. The Ocean Conservancy is one of the few organizations that helps protect wildlife in the ocean. You can contact them by writing or emailing them at:

1300 19th Street NW - 8th Floor - Washington, DC 20036.

<https://donate.oceanconservancy.org>

This organization is dedicated to stopping ocean pollution. So, let's all help to save our bodies of water. The solution to pollution is dilution. If the largest bodies of water are unable to dilute our garbage fast enough, then we will all have more to worry about than dead fish.

That brings me back to the Marina. The only dead fish we want to see are the ones you caught on the tackle you purchased at the Marina. A filet table is available for your convenience at the Marina. While you are filleting your catch, have a beverage, sandwich, or snack. Before you leave, don't forget to fill up your boat with our special blend of 90 octane fuel. We are the only place on the water where the prices are low, and the conservation is free.

*Jim Kelly, Marina Manager*



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## Safety Tip of the Month

Here are a few crime prevention tips to help keep us from becoming the victim of a burglary or theft:

- Remember to always secure your car doors when parking your vehicle, even for just a few minutes. It takes just a matter of seconds to enter an unsecured vehicle.
- Do not leave valuables, such as purses, cell phones, portable radios, packages, etc. in plain view inside your vehicle. Secure them in a glove box, center console, or even better in the trunk.



~~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. We have had intruders at the pool this summer. Residents! Please wear your pool bracelets! 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. 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!

## Out and About...Around Town



A new restaurant, **Louisiana in a Box**, can be found where Kevin's Crab Shack was located on 10th St. W. in Palmetto.

**Detwiler's Farm Market** opened for business on July 18 and has been busy ever since. Sign up online to receive their weekly fliers with special food deals.

## TI Book Club

We will continue to meet every month on the second Tuesday of the month at 1 PM in the Yacht Club. Here are the book selections for the rest of the year.

**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*

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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. If you need of 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.

In working towards better "curb appeal", the following rules are being mentioned as reminders this month.

### 3.9 Maintenance

The Shareholder or Homeowner is responsible for the overall appearance of the Dwelling. Dwellings shall be kept clean, sanitary, and in good repair as described in the Master Form Occupancy Agreement, Section 48B. The Dwelling must comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations of state, county, city, and the Association's governing documents.

### 3.10 Exterior Cleaning

The exterior of all manufactured homes, park models, and recreational vehicles must be kept clean and free from mold and mildew. Dwellings must be cleaned a minimum of once each calendar year. Dwellings not maintained to the satisfactory standards of the Association may be maintained by the Association at a cost to the Resident.

### 3.11 Painting

If the Resident intends to change the existing color, Management must approve the color. All exterior painting of existing Dwellings and/or trim must have written approval by Management.

### 4.1 Maintenance of Unit/Lot

The Shareholder or Homeowner is responsible for the overall appearance of their Unit/Lot including the mowing, trimming, and weeding of their Unit/Lot, with the exception of the RV Section. The Unit/Lot must comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations of state, county, city, and the Association's governing documents.

## 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.

Your help in taking good care of our launch is appreciated.

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



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## ~Coming Events~



**September 12**



The final "Pot-Luck and a Movie" for this summer will be held on **Wednesday, September 12 at 5:30 PM in the Yacht Club**. 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!

### TI Book Club

Tuesday, September 11  
at 1 PM in the Yacht Club  
September's book selection is  
Look for Me by Lisa Gardner



# BINGO

**Bingo resumes on Tuesday, September 11 at 7 PM!**  
Hope to see you there!



## Summer Fun

With summer almost over, 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 [fl34221@aol.com](mailto:fl34221@aol.com) for our TI Facebook page. Thanks, in advance, for your pictures.

## Anniversary Celebration Video For Sale!



Did you enjoy the video that was shown in the Auditorium during the 15th/60th Anniversary Celebration? Well, you're in luck! The DVD video (photos and aerial video) is for sale for \$5 per copy. There will be a limited quantity to start, but if there is enough interest we will order more. Contact Pat Brazil at 612-669-9462 to order your copy.

## 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.

- **THREE SLIPS IN THE MAIN BASIN ARE AVAILABLE FOR RENT. CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR DETAILS.**
- **Three kayak spots on the racks behind the Auditorium are available for rent to residents only. Contact the Office for details.**
- The aluminum can recycle box has been relocated to the north side of the Auditorium. Please recycle your cans!
- The **Villa Italia Café**, located next to the laundromat on 10th St. opened at the end of July. Check it out and support your local establishments!



- The maintenance corral was enlarged to enclose the additional equipment.



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Hank Vitan's father-in-law, **Dr. Elmer Waters**, passed away August 1, 2018. Dr. Waters was 90 years old and a holocaust survivor. He is survived by Constance, his wife of 70 years, and his daughters, Alyson and Leslie, Hank's wife.

## Happy Grandparents Day!

SEPTEMBER 9, 2017



## Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN)

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 OF SHEDS AND AWNINGS
- HELP TO TAME OVERGROWN TREES AND SHRUBS
- PLANT ANNUAL FLOWERS

**Mark your calendar for the annual Plant Sale on November 10, 9-11 AM at the Auditorium sponsored by Neighbors Helping Neighbors.**

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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If you need some help, give Neighbors Helping Neighbors a call. Let's all work towards great "curb appeal", both on the street side and canal side. Thanks for all your efforts!



# Top 10 Things to Do BEFORE the Storm

1. Make your Family Disaster Plan. It's not hard. Talk with your family. If you need help, go online to [www.tampabayprepares.org](http://www.tampabayprepares.org) and [www.floridadisaster.org](http://www.floridadisaster.org) and call your local emergency management agency or local chapter of the American Red Cross.
2. Refer to the Hurricane Evacuation Map inside the local Disaster Guide. Locate where you live and your evacuation zone. Determine, if and when, you would have to evacuate.

### REMEMBER:

**All mobile home residents must evacuate, regardless of location.**

**If you need help determining your zone, go online or call your local emergency management office BEFORE THE STORM THREATENS.**

3. Decide NOW where you would go if ordered to evacuate (a friend or relative, a hotel or motel, or as a last resort, a public shelter or out of the region). REMEMBER, if you are going to leave the area or go to a hotel, do not delay. Determine your route, leave early and travel the shortest distance possible. Think tens of miles, not hundreds.
4. Check your Disaster Supply Kit and obtain any items you need.
5. Make plans and purchase materials, such as storm shutters, to protect your home before the storm.
6. Keep your home in good repair. Tacking down loose roofing, securing all loose outdoor articles, trimming trees and keeping gutters clean are good places to start.
7. Purchase a battery-powered weather alert radio and a non-electric land-line phone. Even though phone service may not be disturbed, cordless phones will not work during power outages. Cell phone signals will be overburdened, so make sure your friends and relatives know where you plan to be during the storm. Save them the heartache of looking for you.
8. Inventory your property and possessions (on paper) and take a video survey of your property. Store with insurance and other important papers in a safe place and send a copy to a relative out of the area.
9. **Make sure your street address number is clearly marked on your home.**
10. Whether you rent or own your home, review your insurance with your agent now.



**Happy Labor Day!  
September 3**

# When You Must Evacuate

September is the peak of hurricane season. If you are at Tropic Isles when an evacuation order is given, don't panic. Move at a steady pace and be sure you leave enough time to get to where you will weather the storm. DO NOT take chances with your life by staying at home or waiting until the weather turns bad!

- Make sure your destination is not within a zone that has been ordered to evacuate.
- Take enough supplies for your family.
- Take your pets. Don't forget their supplies.
- Take important papers, including your driver's license, special medical information, insurance policies, your insurance agent's name and number, and property inventories.
- Take irreplaceable items, such as photos or keepsakes.
- Let friends and relatives know where you are going.
- Make sure your neighbors have a safe ride.
- Turn off your electricity, water, and gas if officials tell you to do so.
- Lock your windows and doors.
- Stay tuned to your local radio and television station for emergency broadcasts.

### LEAVING COASTAL AREAS

If you are leaving the area, remember to take supplies with you. Move inland away from the storm surge and inland flooding, but it is not recommended that residents try to leave the region. Roads will be heavily congested, and you run the risk of being caught on the highway without a safe refuge or running into the storm if it takes a different track.

### HOTEL OR MOTEL

If you plan to go to a hotel or motel, you will need to check for availability and make your reservation well in advance. Some hotels/motels have standing reservation hurricane programs, and some relax their pet restrictions in an emergency. Again, make sure your destination is not in an evacuation zone.

**If you are at Tropic Isles when an evacuation order is issued, you WILL be required to evacuate.**

**Be prepared.**

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## EVACUATING: WHAT TO DO FIRST!

*(Clip and save)*

- When you are ordered to evacuate, go immediately.
- Turn off gas, electric, and water.
- Move valuables that you cannot take with you to higher points in your home.
- Deploy hurricane shutters/storm panels.
- Have a full tank of gas in your car.
- Know your evacuation route and leave early, during daylight if possible, to allow sufficient time to reach your destination.
- If taking more than one car, have a way to communicate with the persons in the other car.
- Take your disaster kit and supplies and proceed to your location.
- Take your pet and their supplies.
- Once there is an active hurricane, Manatee County's home page at [www.mymanatee.org](http://www.mymanatee.org) becomes the emergency management page and will keep you posted throughout an event.



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### 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*

### 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 will also be providing several classes in the fall for training on the portal. 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*

## Attention All Returning Residents!

- Sign in at the Office to let them know that you have returned.
- If you have not yet received your "fob" to be able to enter the buildings, please pick one up at the office.
- If you are a new resident to Tropic Isles or need to update your personal information, please complete an Information Form which you can pick up in the Office. This information will be added to the 2019-2020 resident phone directory.
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~~Inspirational Interest~~

*Inspiration*

A few months ago, I was searching around the Internet for my family ancestors in Ireland, the Moran family. I came across a WikiTree with the name that was similar to my Aunt Mary's, so I emailed the administrator of that WikiTree, saying I thought she was my aunt. As it turns out, the administrator is my Aunt Mary's granddaughter! She knew very little about the Moran's side of the family, but I was able to fill her in with the little information that I knew, as my father passed away when I was a small child. Since then, we have been trying to get together. She lives on the Atlantic side of Florida in Palm Coast. We finally made it happen on July 23rd! I drove over to the East Coast with my two little pups, Olive and Feebee, and met with her. We spent a couple of days there, the two of us, getting to know each other. This is a picture of us with my two babies.



Kathryn Wells  
24 Montego Dr.

(Thanks to Kathryn Wells for sharing her personal story.)

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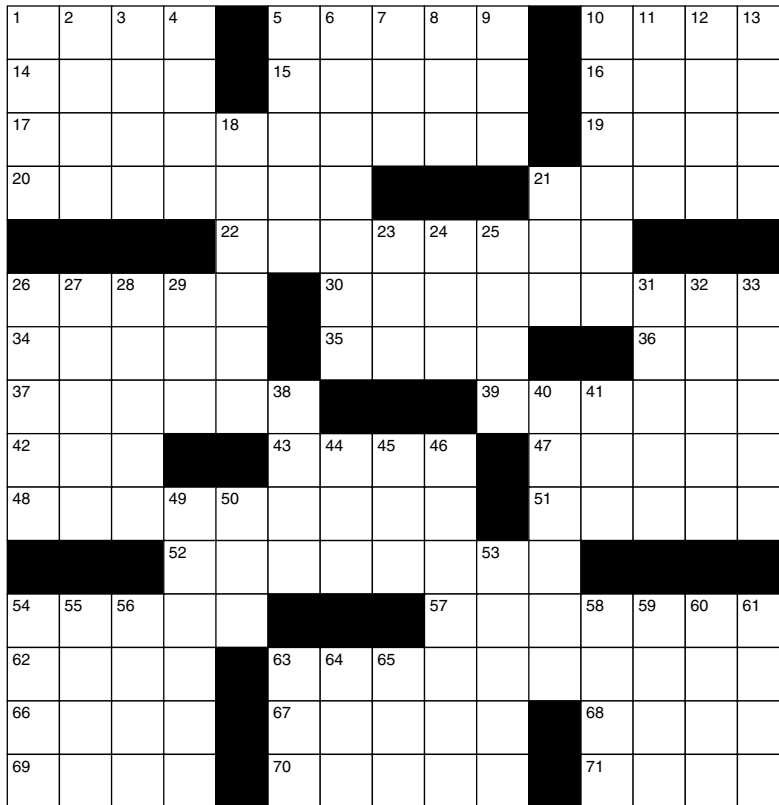
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## Crossword #588ZN6PH



### Across

1. Kipling mongoose Rikki-Tikki- \_\_\_\_
5. Big mix-up
10. Coll. sports org.
14. \_\_\_\_ Nordegren, ex-wife of Tiger Woods
15. Neighbor of D
16. Internet addresses
17. Conform to a standard
19. Composed
20. Packard partner
21. Makeup maker
22. Goes to prison
26. Former Knick center Patrick
30. Steering system
34. Severe pang
35. Catcher's need
36. Part of IOU
37. Shag, for instance
39. Sorkin and Eckhart
42. Overhead railways
43. Haydn's nickname

47. Mail a payment
48. Prepared for a show
51. Mean-spirited
52. Part of an arch
54. Early Mexican
57. Deteriorate
62. 1957 Harry Belafonte hit
63. "Presumed Innocent" author
66. Shade of beige
67. Swords for pentathletes
68. Therefore, in Paris
69. Attempt at a basket
70. Confident, as an attitude
71. First-year Spanish verb



### Down

1. Hebrew letter before Yod
2. Lotion additive
3. Range of sight
4. Pt. of IHOP
5. Take responsibility for
6. Professional athletes working together
7. \_\_\_\_ G (Sacha Baron Cohen character)
8. Supporter
9. Western tribe
10. Cell parts
11. Study at the last minute
12. \_\_\_\_ breve
13. " \_\_\_\_ mother would say..."
18. Bet conservatively
21. Sound booster
23. \_\_\_\_ generis (of its own kind)
24. "Lord of the Rings" film subtitle of 2002 (abbr.)
25. Infinitesimal amount
26. Anesthetic
27. Ambergis source
28. Dublin-born
29. Neither partner
31. Appears dramatically
32. Accept responsibility for a failure
33. Quick to get angry
38. Venue for Minnie Pearl
40. Gulf War correspondent Peter
41. "V for Vendetta" actor Stephen
44. Dolt
45. Stroke gently
46. Took as one's own
49. Scrape by
50. NRC predecessor
53. Bonkers
54. Summer coolers
55. Natalie's "Garden State" co-star
56. Beginner
58. Kind of awakening
59. Love deity
60. Typeface
61. Rec. center for girls
63. Small part of an hr.
64. Tax preparer, briefly
65. Vintner's prefix

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## Out and About



**Tim Matthews celebrated his 60th birthday with Vicki Massaro and 25 friends and neighbors at the Anna Maria Oyster Bar in July.**



**Jan and Mark Krueger traveled to Milwaukee, Wisconsin to celebrate the wedding of their son, Eric, to Kellie on August 4th.**



**Fred and Dori Bloye, seen here with their eight beautiful, talented, strong, and brilliant grandkids, were in Michigan for a surprise anniversary celebration in June.**



**Doug and Tina Woulf met up with Dave and Jeannie Oliver in Keeseville, NY (small town USA) for lunch. They finally found a local joint that had beer and had a great time.**

## Fish On!



**Donelle and Frank Shaft of Bahama Drive went fishing offshore in the Gulf of Mexico. She caught her first Kingfish and he caught his first tuna. Great job!**



**Leonard and Florretta Krueger were fishing in NW Michigan on Lake Leelanau near Traverse City. Florretta caught this 21-inch small mouth bass while fishing for walleye. You go, girl!**



**Dave Spangler is seen here on a "Tuna Wars 8-day trip" fishing for Wahoo and Roosterfish off of Mexico.**



**John and Niki Bailey, Mark and Phillis Ann Smith, Dan and Eva Mae Lake, and Bill and Becky Clark all met in Port Clinton for their annual fishing trip.**

