October’s “Home of the Month” belongs to Paul and Jan Fudally at 331 Terra Ceia Dr. What great curb appeal! Congratulations!

Meet Your New Neighbors
By Cindy Shaw

Please welcome VICKI and RICHARD (RICK) PIERI to 104 Del Rio Dr. They will be part-time residents here, spending the rest of their time in Portage, Michigan. They have known about Tropic Isles for some time since Vicki’s mother, Harriet Bloomfield, lived in the same house for many years and her brother, Rich, worked as a maintenance supervisor for Tropic Isles until his retirement in October of 2014. Vicki’s sister and brother-in-law also live in the park on Capri Drive.

The Pieris have a son, Derek, and two grandchildren—July Lynn (3) and Haven Rain (2). Rick worked as a tool room machinist for Parker Hanover for 20 years and Vicki was a school bus driver for 6 years. They are both newly retired.

The Pieris enjoy fishing, bowling, and going to car shows together. Rick takes pride in his “muscle car”—a ’66 Chevy II which he enjoys showing. Vicki has been participating in water aerobics and bingo here in the park and enjoys swimming. Rick enjoys golfing, but admits he hasn’t played in a while.

Please give Rick and Vicki a warm Tropic Isles welcome.

RICHARD MCDONALD is a brand, new face in Tropic Isles. He will be a part-time resident at 117 Capri Dr. Richard has spent some time in past years as a seasonal renter in Tropic Isles on Trinidad Way and 10th St. W. He is from Milford, New Hampshire and has worked as a quality control technician for the last 5 years.

He enjoys running, biking, kayaking, and hiking in his spare time. He has a son, Richard, a daughter, Kristen, and 2 grandchildren Alexis (20) and Liam (14).

Please welcome Richard to Tropic Isles. He is very happy to be here!

~~ Thought For The Day~~
It’s not what you look at that matters.
It’s what you SEE.
- Henry David Thoreau

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!
Oh, The Places You’ll Go!

A water spout was spotted over Terra Ceia Bay on August 25, 2017.

Doug Woulf caught a nice Bass up in Tupper Lake, NY on the Raquette River while fishing on vacation this summer. Tina says, “My fisherman always catches the fish wherever he goes!”

The Bartels and Brinks went to visit Sharon and Bob Williams on Devils Lake with their Harleys, so Bob got out his cycle! They had a fun day. The girls put on tattoos and had a lot of laughs.

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From The Editor
Welcome back to the first wave of snowbirds who will be arriving this month. Much has happened since you were away. We had a mandatory evacuation for Hurricane Irma and many new people have taken up residency in Tropic Isles. The full-timers haven’t been sitting idle while you were back at your northern residences. The “All Timers” kept an eye on the park while you were away. A new activity that started this summer was our monthly potluck get-togethers, where we shared great food and conversation, helping to build the feeling of community with our summer residents. Tropic Isles is growing and thriving with many new homes going in. A few other improvements in the park will help to make your stay here more enjoyable this season.
I encourage you to support the wonderful activities Tropic Isles has to offer this winter season. In my interviews with new residents, I frequently hear how much they enjoy Tropic Isles and how welcoming and friendly everyone is. Remember to invite the new residents on your street to come to an event that you are attending, so they can feel comfortable knowing someone there during their first visit. Make them feel welcome! As the author Henry James said, “Don’t wait for people to be friendly. Show them how!”
Get ready for a great season! Let the fun begin!

~Coming Events~
OCTOBER
3. ......... ARC Meeting
Yoga begins Tues./Thurs.
4. ......... Red Hat meeting
5. ......... Yoga
Manager’s Coffee
6. ......... Boosters meeting
9. ......... Red Hat Game Day
Columbus Day
10. ......... Writer’s Group
Yoga
11. ......... Shuffle Club Pot Luck/Mtg.
12. ......... LTSP meeting
Yoga
13. ......... Bloodmobile
17. ......... ARC meeting
Yoga
19. ......... Yoga
24. ......... Writer’s Group
Yoga
26. ......... Yoga
28. ......... Halloween Dance-Bobby Remp
31. ......... Halloween
Yoga

Idea To Ponder…
The person who views the world at 50, the same as he did at 20, has wasted 30 years of his life. – Muhammed Ali
Retired Hurricane Names That Won’t Show Up on the Atlantic Hurricane List

Each season, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) retires the names of the hurricanes or tropical storms that were particularly deadly or destructive. Requests from countries that were hit are taken into consideration.

The storms that are retired are the worst of the worst, and their names are not used again for sensitivity reasons, according to the National Hurricane Center. There are a few exceptions, including the use of a name associated with bad events or organizations, or for storms that were important in research.

Sometimes names are expired for no reason, as was the case with several names from the original list: Edith, Gracie, Judith, and Kristy. Other names, including Hannah and Sophie, had their names changed to different spellings over time.

Two additional names from 1959 survive today: Tanya and Vicky. They have not yet been used, but are in the 2019 and 2020 name lists, respectively.

Names that were retired due to damage are Beulah, Flora, Matthew, and Otto (Matthew and Otto were replaced with Martin and Owen.)

Debra, Lois, Orpha, and Penny were retired when male names were added. Rachel, Marsha, and Ellie were never used.

Retired storm names from 1957-1975 are Audrey, Camille, Eloise, and Flora. Retired storm names from 1999-2011 are Katrina, Rita, Irene, Wilma, Stan, Dennis, Lenny, and Floyd.

Hurricane Irene, 2011 (Originally on the 1959 names list.) Through 2013, Irene was the third-costliest tropical cyclone on record for the United States, causing at least $15.6 billion in damage as it paralleled the East Coast. That price tag doesn't include damage totals for the Bahamas or in the Caribbean. Irene was responsible for 49 direct deaths during its lifespan: 41 in the U.S., five in the Dominican Republic and three in Haiti.

It was a Category 3 hurricane with winds of up to 120 mph in the Bahamas, but weakened to a Category 1 as it approached North Carolina. Upon landfall, Irene's winds continued to weaken, but heavy rain caused flooding from the Carolinas into New England as the system roared northward.

Nobody can forget the 2005 hurricane season with its 28 named storms and 15 hurricanes. Some of those hurricanes were monsters, and five of them had their names retired.

Hurricane Dennis, 2005 (Originally on the 1981 names list) Dennis comes in at No.19 on the list of costliest U.S. hurricanes after storming ashore as a Category 3 hurricane July 2005 in the Florida Panhandle with maximum sustained winds of 120 mph. According to a new estimate in 2011, U.S. damage from Dennis was an estimated $2.545 billion, and in Jamaica, the toll was about $31.7 million. Dennis was responsible for 42 direct deaths – 22 in Haiti, 16 in Cuba, three in the U.S. and one in Jamaica – plus 12 more in Florida that were indirectly caused by the hurricane.

Hurricane Katrina, 2005 (Originally on the 1981 names list) Hurricane Katrina, the most destructive hurricane since 1900, made landfall on the northern Gulf Coast with winds of 125 mph and more than a foot of rainfall. But Katrina is known for the water that submerged New Orleans, caused misery for months across the region, and pushed storm surge miles inland in Mississippi and Louisiana. Katrina is the third-deadliest U.S. hurricane, claiming about 1,500 lives. It directly caused $108 billion in damage.

Hurricane Rita, 2005 (Originally on the 1981 names list, but was unused) Hurricane Rita, which was largely overshadowed by Katrina just a few weeks later, made landfall along the Texas and Louisiana border in September 2005 with winds of 115 mph. Estimates from 2011 suggest Rita caused about $12 billion in damage.

“The approach of Rita provoked one the largest evacuations in U.S. history. Media reports indicate that the number of evacuees in Texas could have exceeded two million,” according to the NHC's final report. Rita moved through Texas's offshore oil field and the highly populated and industrialized city of Houston, which escaped widespread damage. Farther east, the story was much different. Storm surge in portions of southwestern Louisiana caused complete destruction in several communities. Storm surge damage was reported as far east as New Orleans just weeks after Katrina. Damage from wind and tornadoes was reported in Louisiana, eastern Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, and the Florida Keys. Rita produced 90 tornadoes in the South, mainly on the northern and eastern sides of the hurricane, as it moved inland.

Hurricane Stan, 2005 (Originally on the 1981 names list, but was unused) Hurricane Stan moved across Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula and into southern Mexico in October 2005 as a minimal Category 1 hurricane. Guatemala was hit particularly hard with heavy rainfall enhanced by the hurricane, and landslides followed. Stan is thought to be directly responsible for 80 deaths in Mexico, but very heavy rains spread across Central America and may have caused as many as 2,000 deaths.

Hurricane Wilma, 2005 (Originally on the 1981 names list, but was unused) Hurricane Wilma, the most intense hurricane on record in the Atlantic Basin, rapidly intensified in the western Caribbean before it brushed the Yucatan Peninsula, weakened slightly, and accelerated across south Florida. Wilma made landfall near Cape Romano, Florida, with winds of 120 mph.

Wilma surpassed three other previously mentioned hurricanes on the list of most intense hurricanes in the Atlantic, in terms of pressure. The damage in Florida “included numerous downed trees, substantial crop losses, downed power lines and poles, broken windows, extensive roof damage, and destruction of mobile homes,” according to the NHC's final report. “Wilma caused the largest disruption to electrical service ever experienced in Florida.” At the time, Wilma, which caused $21.01 billion in damage in America alone, was the third-costliest hurricane in U.S. history, but has since been bumped down the list by Sandy and Ike. Twenty-three deaths in the U.S. and the Caribbean were attributed to Wilma.

Hurricane Floyd, 1999 (Originally on the 1981 names list) Floyd killed 57 people, mostly in the U.S., as it scraped along the coast from just off Florida to New England and southern Canada. Damage estimates as of 2011 were an estimated $6.9 billion, according to the final report issued by the NHC. Floyd made landfall in North Carolina with winds of 105 mph after it peaked with 155-mph winds east of the Bahamas days earlier. Most of the American victims drowned in freshwater after immense flooding from North Carolina to New England.

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Hurricane Lenny, 1999 (Name was only used once.) Often known as “Wrong-way Lenny,” this hurricane moved eastward through the Caribbean and caused damage in the Lesser Antilles as it moved into the Atlantic. One to 3 feet of rain fell from Guadeloupe to Puerto Rico as homes and other structures were damaged on several islands. According to the Hurricane Center’s final report, 17 deaths were directly associated with Lenny: three in Dutch St. Maarten, two in Colombia, five in Guadeloupe, one in Martinique, and six offshore. Several harbors were punished by waves and onshore winds, and numerous boats were lost.

Storm names have been on a rotating set of lists since 1979. These name lists repeat every seventh year, and the list of names for the 2017 Atlantic hurricane season has been used six times so far in its current form. So far, this season, we have had 13 named storms. Where will Harvey and Irma fall on the list of hurricanes that caused the most damage? Time will tell.

Hurricane Irma

(Author unknown)

Twas the night before Irma
And all through the house,
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.
The shutters were hung over windows with care,
In the hopes she’d shift East; our shorelines she’d spare.
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
Their life jackets beside them, our zone is in red.
Adults are full-clothed, we have spare water and boots,
In case MPH winds gets real and our roof becomes loose.
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the couch to see the rain splatter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash.
Then I realized that’s stupid, and went back to my snacks.
Bay News 9 is my “go to” for entertainment tonight.
Irma’s a big whirlwind, but Florida will fight.
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
I found Little Debbies! Now, how’d they get here?
Facebook is flooded with the tall tales Trifecta:
False reports, know it alls, who the heck is Rebecca?
Now some chose to leave, and some chose to stay.
Our stomachs are up in our throats either way.
The rain has picked up and I know she is close.
I listen for train whistles, I hate those the most.
Although this is scary, we have been here before.
Destruction was bad, I'm not ready for more.
But, looters get shot and mosquitos will bite.
When this is all over, Floridians unite...

Residents:

Please send me your pictures of Hurricane Irma’s aftermath including:
- Neighbors coming together to help one another
- Pictures of the storm phenomenon
- Damages and rebuilding

I would like to put together a picture collage in the November issue of the Breezes. Send them to tibreezes1@aol.com. Thanks!

Hurricane Irma—September 11, 2017

Hurricane Irma came knocking at the door of Tropic Isles on September 11, 2017. For many residents of Tropic Isles this was their first experience with hurricanes and a mandatory evacuation. Please send me a sentence or two about your experience with Hurricane Irma. I thought it would be interesting to share with other residents. Send your experiences to: www.tibreezes1@aol.com

Thanks! Cindy Shaw

~~Coming Events~~

(clip and save)

OCTOBER
13. .................................................. Bloodmobile
28 .................................................. Halloween Party

NOVEMBER
10 .................................................. Welcome Back Dance
23. .................................................. Thanksgiving Dinner

DECEMBER
8 .................................................. Christmas Dance
10 .................................................. Golf Cart Parade
15. .................................................. Bloodmobile
16. .................................................. Holiday Craft Fair
24 .................................................. Christmas Eve Social
31 .................................................. New Year’s Eve Dance

JANUARY
13. .................................................. Boosters Dance
20 .................................................. Jimmy Travis, comedy/music
27-Feb. 3 ........................................... Cruise

FEBRUARY
3. .................................................. Newcomer’s Party
10 .................................................. Red Hot Blue Collar, music/comedy
11. .................................................. Arts and Crafts Festival
16. .................................................. Bloodmobile
17. .................................................. Valentine’s Dance
24. .................................................. Trash & Treasure

MARCH
1. .................................................. Golden Circle Dinner
8, 9 .................................................. Tropicaires’ Show
11. .................................................. Ice Cream Social
17. .................................................. Tropicaires Dance
23 .................................................. Farewell Party

APRIL
8 .................................................. Pool Party
14 .................................................. CD Hop
20. .................................................. Bloodmobile

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From The Tropic Isles’ Office

SIGNING IN AND OUT—Please follow our policy of checking IN and OUT at the Office when returning to the park or leaving for an extended absence. To check in/out, all you need to do is sign the sheet on the Office counter to let us know. We will try to make the appropriate change of address in our computer system when necessary. Be sure to sign in when you return.

OFFICE HOURS—The Office switched to Seasonal Office Hours as of October 1, 2017. The Seasonal Office hours occur October-April and are 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The Office will not close for lunch.

DOOR CODES—Door codes were changed for the season on October 1. Contact the Office for the new codes. Doors at the Yacht Club and Auditorium will be unlocked during office hours, but you will need to use your code after hours and on weekends.

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES—If you see something that requires immediate attention, (i.e. broken water pipe, red light on the lift station flashing, sewer or electrical issues, etc.) and can be considered an emergency, but it is after hours that the Tropic Isles’ Office is open, please call 941-721-8888. This is the Tropic Isles Answering Service for after-hours emergencies. You will be connected to an actual person who will place a call to the Manager or Maintenance person on-call to handle the situation.

INFORMATION FORMS—Please make sure that you have completed an Information Form with all your important information. The Office needs your most current mailing address so that official notices can be mailed to the location you designate when you sign in/out. Please update your Information Form annually, as well, so that we can find you if there is an emergency at your home here. It is every resident’s responsibility to do so.

OFFICE EMAILS—To contact the office via email go to info@tropicisles.net.

NOTARY SERVICE—If you need a Notary, Barbara Welch in the Office is a licensed notary. The charge for Notary service is $5.00.

TROPIC ISLES FACEBOOK PAGE—Tropic Isles has their own Facebook page. Sign onto Facebook and search for “Tropic Isles Community and Yacht Club”. Then hit “Like” and you will get all the updates. Sharon Schumann is the webmaster and you can contact her to post your pictures, fun activities, and interesting events you want to promote.

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Cook’s Corner
BEER CHEESE

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Serve with crackers, bagels, or chips of your choice.

HOMEMADE IRISH CREAM

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Laughter Is The Best Medicine!

THINKING OF RETIRING?

(Submitted by Ann Miller)

A few years ago, my wife and I moved into a retirement development on Florida's southeast coast. We are living in the “Delray/ Boca/Boynton Golf, Spa, Bath and Tennis Club on Lake Fake-a-Hatchee”. (There are 3,000 lakes in Florida, but only three are real.)

Our biggest retirement concern was time management. What were we going to do all day? Let me assure you, passing the time is not a problem. Our days are eaten up by simple, daily activities. Just getting out of our car takes 15 minutes. Trying to find where we parked takes 20 minutes. It takes a half-hour in the check-out line in Wal-Mart, and 1 hour to return the item the next day.

Let me take you through a typical day: We get up at 5:00 AM, have a quick breakfast, and join the early morning Walk-and-Fart Club. There are about 30 of us, and rain or shine, we walk around the streets, all talking at once. Every development has some late risers who stay in bed until 6:00 AM. After a nimble walk, avoiding irate drivers out to make us road kill, we go back home, shower, and change for the next activity.

My wife goes directly to the pool for her underwater Pilates class, followed by gasping for breath, and CPR. I put on my ‘Ask me about my grandchildren’ T-shirt, my plaid mid-calf shorts, my white socks and sandals, and go to the clubhouse lobby for a nice nap. Before we know it, it’s time for lunch.

We go to Costco to partake of the many tasty samples dispensed by ladies in white hair nets. All free! After a filling lunch, if we don’t have any doctor appointments, we might go to the flea market to see if any new white belts have come in or to buy a Rolex watch for $2.00. We’re usually back home by 2:00 to get ready for dinner. People start lining up for the early bird about 3:00, but we get there by 3:45 because we’re late eaters. The dinners are very popular because of the large portions they serve. We can take home enough food for the next day’s lunch and dinner, including extra bread, crackers, packets of mustard, relish, ketchup, and Splenda, along with mints.

At 5:30, we’re home, ready to watch the 6 o’clock news. By 6:30, we’re fast asleepe. Then we get up and make five or six trips to the bathroom during the night, and it’s time to get up and start a new day all over again.

Doctor-related activities eat up most of our retirement time. I enjoy reading old magazines in sub-zero temperatures in the waiting room, so I don’t mind. Calling for test results also helps the days fly by. It takes at least a half-hour just to get through the doctor’s phone menu. Then there’s the hold time until we’re connected to the right party. Sometimes they forget we’re holding and the whole office goes off to lunch.

Should we find we still have time on our hands, volunteering provides a rewarding opportunity to help the less fortunate. Florida has the largest concentration of seniors under five feet and they need our help. I myself am a volunteer for ‘The Vertically Challenged Over 80.’ I coach their basketball team, The Arthritic Avengers. The hoop is only 4-1/2 feet from the floor. You should see the look of confidence on their faces when they make a slam dunk. Food shopping is a problem for short seniors, or ‘bottom feeders’ as we call them, because they can’t reach the items on the upper shelves. There are many foods they’ve never tasted. After shopping, most seniors can’t remember where they parked their cars and wander the parking lot for hours while their food defrosts.

Lastly, it’s important to choose a development with an impressive name. Italian names are very popular in Florida. They convey world travelers, uppity sophistication, and wealth. Where would you rather live: Murray’s Condos or the Lakes of Venice? There’s no difference -- they’re both owned by Murray, who happens to be cheap. I hope this material has been of help to you future retirees. If I can be of any further assistance, please look me up when you’re in Florida. I live in the Leaning Condos of Pisa in Boynton Beach.

MEANING OF LIFE IN 13 WORDS –
INSIDE EVERY OLDER PERSON IS A YOUNGER PERSON WONDERING WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED!
Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Calling All Residents!

We are looking for willing residents to chair the 2018 Golden Circle Dinner and Michigan Dinner!

This article is to promote and encourage park neighbors to step forward and volunteer to help plan and host two long-standing park dinners—the Golden Circle Dinner held to honor and celebrate marriage of couples together for 50 years; and the Michigan Dinner. It will be the Golden 50th Anniversary in 2018 for the Michigan Dinner—a real milestone for an event sponsored by Michiganders and welcomes other states to attend, space permitting.

It can be a rewarding experience to host, chair, or work on the committee, or serve at a party function, even if it is only a small task performed. The more people willing to assist lessens the burden on others. Attendees of these dinners come with warm hearts and appreciation for the planning and effort that goes into making the gatherings successful.

The dinner for either function can be catered, cooked in-house, main entree casserole baked, main entree bought pre-made, or serve a meat entree provided, and ask attendees to bring a covered dish. Entertainment is not required, but always enjoyed. A list of possible entertainers can be provided to committees. Residents who wish to help can co-chair the event with a friend or organize a committee to lighten the work load. You don’t have to do it alone.

It is beneficial for residents to keep park activities running that are well attended and enjoyed. We hope the torch is carried forward. Please contact Kay Lynn Duncan at DUNCANKL@att.net or 517-420-1590 or 941-722-0240; or any Tropic Isles Activity Committee Member if you'd like to help. Please help! We're counting on you!

Look What’s Coming!

“Coffee ‘n Conversation”, sponsored by the Tropic Isles’ HOA, will again take place once a month on Mondays at 10 AM in the Auditorium beginning in December. Featured speakers will be presenting interesting and important information to the residents of Tropic Isles. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Watch for more information in future issues of the Breezes.

Save The Date

WELCOME BACK DANCE—NOVEMBER 10
You asked for them and we got them!!! The very popular local band “soulRroaster” is signed up to headline our Welcome Back Dance on November 10, so be sure you are back! You know how hectic it is this time of year, so mark it on your calendar now. This very popular and charismatic band will be a great start for our party season next year. You won’t want to miss it! We will be here and we hope you will be too!

Tropic Isles’ Entertainment Committee

NEWCOMER’S PARTY – NEW DATE!

It’s time for the semi-annual “Newcomers Party.” All groups and organizations please note, the party has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 3rd from 7 - 9 pm. We’re hoping every activity will have a table at this event. To all people new to the park in the last 2 years - this event is for you! More information will be available in future issues of the Breezes.
“Coffee Talk”

This feature was interrupted by Hurricane Irma and Saturday Coffee was cancelled. Look for it again in the November issue of the Breezes. Stay well everyone!

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 or Nancy Grant at 941-729-4832.

Bingo News

Welcome to Bingo every Tuesday evening. We start promptly at 7 PM. You can get 4 hard cards for $1 and 2 “speedies” for $1. The Jackpot paper cards are $1 each and the bingo daubers are $1. Refreshments are also sold. Come join us.

Joy and Elaine

~~NEW~~

Fall/Winter Office Hours

On October 1, the Tropic Isles’ office switched to fall/winter Office hours. The fall/winter Office hours occur October-April, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The office will also remain open during the lunch hour. Door codes were also changed for the fall/winter on October 1. Contact the Office for the new codes.

Tropical Red Hatters

The Tropical Red Hatters meet at 10 AM in the Pretty Room on the first Wednesday of the month where they continue to plan fun activities for the upcoming season. Please join us!

Calling All Fishermen and Women!

Would you like to share a picture of your “catch of the day” from the nearby waters around Tropic Isles? Send it to tibreezes1@aol.com and it can be published in the next issue of the Breezes. Please include a sentence or two about where it was caught, what species it is, and its size. Any fish pictures will do—large or small—fish, that is!
## Special Thanks

Thanks to the Palmetto Police Department and special responders for helping to keep the park safe during the evacuation.

The residents of Tropic Isles need to give a very special THANKS to the Volunteer Resident Team and Staff who worked so diligently going door-to-door in Tropic Isles to prepare the park property and property of individual residents for the arrival of Hurricane Irma. They worked to secure hurricane shutters where possible. They also identified potentially dangerous items that were not secured in people’s yards and took action to remove them or secure them as much as possible.

Thanks to the Office staff and Block Captains who worked to identify residents who might need help evacuating and placed the calls to the appropriate entities.

Last, but not least, thanks to Myshell Benberg for providing lunch to all the workers! It was a small thing to do, but greatly appreciated.

A special thanks to all the residents who returned to Tropic Isles after the curfew was lifted to pitch in to do whatever it took to clean up the park, clear the streets, and assist other residents who needed help. It’s people like you who make Tropic Isles a great place to live!

Thanks to Jamie Meade for identifying the spider that is seen in the picture of the September issue of the Breezes. Jamie recognized it as a Spiny-backed Orb Weaver. He added that some are more brilliantly colored than others, but they are quite common. They are harmless and prey on insects.

--- Cindy Shaw

A big thanks to Pam Hennessy for taking over NHN this summer. Keep watching for the NHN plant sale date—a repeat of last year, offering annuals at a great price and convenient for snowbirds.

-- Jan Krueger

## Kayak-ity-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.

## 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 life is like a scooter car; not much happens unless you do some peddling. – age 79
- I’ve learned that most of the things I worry about never happen. – age 64
- I’ve learned that if someone says something unkind about me, I must live so that on one will believe it. – age 39
- I’ve learned that a patrol car behind me always makes me nervous. – 25
- I’ve learned that every great achievement was once considered impossible. – age 47
- I’ve learned that if you spread the peas out on your plate, it looks like you ate some. – age 6
- I’ve learned that every challenge of life is to decide what’s important and to disregard everything else. – age 51
- I’ve learned that just when I get my room the way I like it, Mom makes me clean it up. – age 13
- I’ve learned that you shouldn’t compare yourself to the best others can do, but to the best you can do. – age 68
- I’ve learned that you should never be too busy to say “please” and “thank you”. – age 36

## Tropic Isles Emergency Email System (“Email Blast”)

For many years, the Co-op has struggled with a quick way to communicate to all Tropic Isles residents. We are pleased to announce that a system has been put into place that will allow the Office and Secretary of the Co-op Board, the ability to instantly communicate with ALL Tropic Isles’ residents—Co-op, TIPOA, and TIHOA, separately or all together.

**This is how it works:**

A database of all known email addresses taken out of the Tropic Isles’ directory has been assembled. We have the ability to send messages to all or any segment of Tropic Isles separately. We are using a software program called “Chimp Mail”. This program DOES NOT share email addresses with everyone. It DOES NOT allow the recipient to “Reply to all”, and it also gives the residents the option to unsubscribe, if desired. Your privacy will thus be protected.

**What should you do?**

Check the directory to be certain your email address is correct. If a correction is needed or your email address is not in the directory, please see Barb or Jody in the Office if you want to be included on the emergency email list.

We understand that not everyone has an email address, so all messages will also be posted on the park bulletin boards inside the Yacht Club and Auditorium. If you know of a neighbor or friend who does not use email, please try to help keep them informed. This system will NOT replace notices that are legally required to be sent to all residents, but rather used as a quick method to keep as many residents as possible, updated on situations as they occur in the park that may affect them. This system came in very handy during Hurricane Irma, so make sure you get on the list for important information as it happens.
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Columbus Day

October 2017
Neighbors Helping Neighbors

**What we do** – We are here to help and assist those who may have challenges performing basic maintenance issues. We can help identify needs while assisting to improve our properties. We are hoping, with everyone’s help, to create a positive environment where all homes will be kept in a good state of repair so that they conform to the standards of the Park, maintain a desirable place to live, and at the same time preserve the value of our homes and our neighbor’s investment. We are asking that you walk around your home and inspect the premises for any of the following:

- Mold
- Weeds
- Rusty awnings and/or storage facilities
- Cluttered carports and driveways
- Items in the yard that may be considered an eyesore
- Visibly ripped window treatments
- Torn screens
- Broken windows
- Poorly kept landscaping

If you need assistance with any items listed or not listed above, we have a wealth of resources available to assist you with your specific needs. We are here to assist residents in working to improve their “curb appeal”. Call Jan Krueger at 262-617-0710, Jan Vern at 941-723-3780, and Sharon Williams at 941-212-4648 for assistance.

Out and About…Around Town

The **Bradenton Farmer’s Market** on Old Main St. opens for the season on October 7.

A new restaurant called **The Shore Longboat** started construction this summer on the former site of Moore’s Stone Crab Restaurant at 800 Broadway St. on Longboat Key, but construction has been put on hold with the City due to permit issues. The opening of the restaurant is uncertain at this time.

**One-on-One eBook and Tech Help** is available at the Central Library located at 1301 1st Ave. W. Library staff can help you learn how to download or stream eBooks, eAudiobooks, movies, and music from the library. Make a 30-minute appointment by calling 941-748-5555, ext. 6309. Appointments can be made during the following times each week, availability permitting:

- **Wednesday**- 2:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 3:00 pm, or 3:30 pm
- **Thursday**- 10:00 am, 10:30 am, 11:00 am, 11:30 am
- **Friday**- 12:00 pm, 12:30 pm, 1:00 pm, 1:30 pm
- **Saturday**- 4:00 pm, 4:30 pm
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Safety Tip of the Month---
NATIONAL DO NOT CALL REGISTRY

You can reduce the number of unwanted sales calls you get by signing up for the National Do Not Call Registry. It's free. Visit donotcall.gov to register your number. Most legitimate companies don’t call if your number is on the Registry. If a company is ignoring the Registry, there’s a good chance that it’s a scam. If you get these calls at 31 days on the Registry, hang up and file a complaint with the FTC.

• After your number is on the registry for 31 days, you can report unwanted sales calls.
• Robocalls: Report calls that use a recorded message instead of a live person (whether or not your number is on the Registry).
• Tell us what the call was about: Check the category that best describes what the call was about, for example debt reduction, home security, or vacations.

Reminder: Even if your number is registered, some organizations may still call you, such as charities, political organizations, and telephone surveyors.

THE BASICS

To get on the National Do Not Call registry, visit the Federal Trade Commission website, and enter up to three phone numbers that you wish to add to the list, along with your email address. After entering the numbers, respond within 72 hours to the email that you receive.

Once you register the phone numbers, the number of telemarketing calls you receive should begin to decline. If you receive telemarketing calls after 31 days, you have the right to file a complaint, in many circumstances.

The FTC registers both land lines and cellular devices on the website. Consumers needing to register more than three phones can return to the website and follow the same procedure for additional phones.

Charities, opinion polls, and political organizations are not subject to the registry and may continue calling. Having your name on the registry does not stop debt collectors from calling to collect a debt. However, debt collectors must follow federal guidelines when calling your phone. If they do not follow those guidelines, you have a right to file a complaint with the FTC.

Federal law prohibits telemarketers from using recorded messages to call your phone. Even if you have not registered your phone or you registered less than 31 days before the call, the FTC accepts complaints concerning this type of call.

The Federal Trade Commission warns that scammers have called users in the past and falsely offered them an opportunity to sign up for the Do Not Call Registry. The FTC explains that those calls do not come from the Registry or the FTC, and advises users to ignore them and only register their phone numbers via the appropriate section on DoNotCall.gov or by calling 888-382-1222. As of 2015, the FTC accepts complaints concerning this type of call.

Federal law prohibits telemarketers from using automated dialers to call cell phone numbers without prior consent. Automated dialers are standard in the industry, so most telemarketers are barred from calling consumers’ cell phones without their consent.

• There is only one Do Not Call Registry, operated by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), with information available at donotcall.gov. There is no separate registry for cell phones.
• The Do Not Call Registry accepts registrations from both cell phones and land lines. To register by telephone, call 1-888-382-1222 (TTY: 1-866-290-4236). You must call from the phone number that you want to register. To register online (donotcall.gov), you will have to respond to a confirmation email.
• If you have registered a mobile or other telephone number already, you don’t need to re-register. Once registered, a telephone number stays on the Do Not Call Registry until the registration is canceled or service for the number is discontinued.

What’s New In The Neighborhood?

Check out the improvements at the pool, in the Yacht Club, and Auditorium when you return.

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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 and all donated reading items will be taken to Bay Pines. Thank you for your contributions.

Trivia Tidbits

• The first owner of the Marlboro cigarette company died of lung cancer.
• Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.
• The world’s youngest parents were 8 and 9 and lived in China in 1910.
• Our eyes remain the same size from birth onward, but our noses and ears never stop growing.
• You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching TV.
• A person will die from lack of sleep sooner than from starvation. Death will occur about 10 days without sleep, while starvation takes a few weeks.
• Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying.
• The Mona Lisa has no eyebrows.
• When the moon is directly overhead, you weigh slightly less.
• Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, never telephoned his wife or mother because they were both deaf.

The Cynical Philosopher

• I think my neighbor is stalking me as she’s been googling my name on her computer. I saw it through my telescope last night.
• Money talks…but all mine ever says is goodbye.
• If you think nobody cares whether you’re alive, try missing a couple of payments.
• I can’t understand why women are okay that JC Penny has an older women’s clothing line named, “Sag Harbor”.
• My therapist said that my narcissism causes me to misread social situations. I’m pretty sure she was hitting on me.

Oh, The Places You’ll Go!

Thanks to everyone who submitted a picture of their travels and other activities this summer. If you would like to submit a picture from your travels or events this past summer, please include the names of the people in the picture, the location, and date of the trip and email it to Tibreezes1@aol.com.

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Soon our small community will be bustling with our friends returning from the North. So many changes to the marina have happened since they left. I hope everyone has the time to stop by and see them all. The latest addition to your marina is a flag pole and flag. Kudos to Mike Esgro for donating the material and labor. So many times, people have trouble finding our Marina from the Bay. The flag should help locate the Marina to boaters. So, tell your friends to look for the red and blue flag with the shrimp on it and they too can enjoy low prices on everything from beer to ice cream. The staff is planning a second open house in November. There will be free food and drink. The date is yet to be determined so keep an eye open. The shrimp tank is still suffering. Many things have been tried to reduce the mortality of the shrimp. Soon I will be speaking to a professional about this concern and hopefully have a recommendation in the near future.

10 cents off a gallon of gas on Mondays!

Move over Walmart and Shell. Starting in November the marina will sell gas at 10 cents off a gallon every Monday. Stop by, fill those gas tanks, and support your Marina.

Snook season has opened!

The recreational harvest season for Snook started September 1 statewide. However, Snook are closed to harvest December 1 through the end of February; and May 1 through August 31 in Gulf of Mexico state and federal waters. Only hook and line gear are legal. Snagging, spearing, or netting is not allowed and don't forget to purchase that Snook permit, if you are required to have a fishing license. The daily bag limit is one fish per person. Snook must be not less than 28 inches and not more than 33 inches total length. If you're like me, you catch the undersized fish and have to release it. Do you want to know the best way to handle a fish? Visit MyFWC.com/Fishing and click on "Saltwater Fishing," then "Recreational Regulations," and "Fish Handling."

After catching that Snook or any other fish as a resident of Tropic Isles you are invited to use the newly installed filet table at your Marina, but don't forget to invite the marina attendant to the fish fry! The Marina has everything you need to land that big Snook. Stop by and fulfill all your needs at the Tropic Isles’ Marina where the prices are low and the conversation is free.

Jim Kelly II, Marina attendant
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Say Goodbye To Summer!

Summer is over and it’s time to start thinking about what activities you might like to participate in this fall and winter at Tropic Isles. Do you enjoy exercising? Check out the Fitness Center. Try Aerobics, Fun and Fitness, Yoga, or Water Aerobics. Do you like to sing, dance, or perform? Join Tropicaires, Singspiration, or Line Dancing. Feeling sporty? Join Golf, Shuffleboard, Darts, Horseshoes, Bowling, or try out the ping pong and billiards tables. If you like to volunteer, offer to be a Block Captain, join the Entertainment Committee, Welcome Committee, or become a Booster. If boating and fishing are how you like to spend your time, join other like-minded people in the Boat Club. Put Bingo, Cards, Mahjong, Cribbage, Game Night, Red Hats, or Coffee Hour on your social calendar. There's something for everyone in Tropic Isles!

Pool Etiquette

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

- **ALWAYS remember to wear your pool bracelet at the pool.**
- **ALWAYS shower before entering the pool.**
- If you enjoy a beverage on the pool deck, please dispose of your can or plastic bottle in the receptacles provided for you. Do not put them in the ashtrays. Remember NO GLASS CONTAINERS at the pool.
- If you are a smoker, please smoke in the designated “SMOKE BREAK AREA”. Please put out your cigarettes in the ashtrays provided for you and do not use the deck area around the pool as your ashtray.
- Please remember to put down the pool umbrellas when you are through using them and return your noodles to their proper location.
- Use a towel to protect the chairs from sunscreen.
- Children’s hours at the pool are 11 AM to 1 PM and 4 PM to 6 PM.

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

First Blood Drive!

The Big Red Bus (Bloodmobile) will be in Tropic Isles on Friday, October 13 from 7:30am-12 noon. This will be our first blood drive of the season, so let’s have a good turnout. Do something wonderful for someone else by donating blood. You might ask, “Why donate blood?”

You don’t need a special reason to give blood. You just need to have your own reason.

- Some of us give blood because we were asked by a friend or relative.
- Some know that a family member or a friend might need blood someday.
- Some believe it is the right thing to do.

Whatever your reason, the need is constant and your contribution is important for a healthy and reliable blood supply. You’ll feel good knowing you’ve helped change a life.

WHEN YOU GIVE BLOOD…

You will receive a mini physical to check your:

- Pulse
- Blood Pressure
- Body Temperature
- Hemoglobin

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- Have a light meal and plenty to drink.
- Bring your donor card, or driver’s license, or two other forms of identification.
- Bring the names of medications you are taking.

Giving blood is a simple thing to do, but it can make a big difference in the lives of others. Help save a life today by donating blood to those in need. **Call Betty Smith at 729-1723 to make an appointment or get more information.** You can also just stop in to donate your blood on October 13 between 7:30 – 12. **This month, donors will receive a Cancer Awareness T-shirt AND will get to choose a coupon for either a McDonalds Value Meal or pint of Culvers frozen custard.**

Please Recycle Your Cans

Thank you so much for continuing to recycle your aluminum cans in the green box near the Office. This is for aluminum cans only. Please do not put plastic bags, trash, or any other food items in the box. The money collected from the cans is used on items for the park. The Boosters want to thank you very much for remembering to recycle!

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Manager’s Coffee Hour Resumes in October 2017

The Manager’s Coffee Hour will resume on October 5 at 9:30 AM in the Auditorium. The Coffee Hour will be held on the first Thursday of each month from October 2017 through March 2018. Cups, coffee, lightener, and sweetener will be provided. As always, the atmosphere at the meetings will be cordial and respectful. The purpose of these meetings is to give me the opportunity to hear what you have to say about Tropic Isles. We want to make sure that I, you, and the staff are all focused towards the same objectives and so that you, the residents, are having your needs met. I strongly encourage you to attend and participate in letting me know how to help make this a better community. I need to know what you want, if I am to have any chance of providing it to you. I hope to see you there!

Paul Smith, Manager

Reserving Tables For Dances

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Aerobics

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Rita Collins and Cindy Shaw

New Resident Shareholders and Homeowners

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October Fun Facts

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- October 12, 1492, Christopher Columbus landed in America.
- October 31, 1864, Nevada became the 36th state of the United States.
- October 18, 1867, The U.S. flag was formally raised over Alaska.
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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 to view or print a copy online.

II. RESIDENCY IN THE COMMUNITY

2.1 It is the intent of the Association that the Community be operated as “Housing for Older Persons” within the meaning of the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, 42 U.S.C. Sections 3601, et. Seq., and subsequent amendments thereto. Effective as of July 27, 2005, residency in the Tropic Isles Co-op, Inc. is restricted to persons, one of whom is fifty-five (55) years of age in the dwelling or who will attain the age of fifty-five years within twelve (12) months following the date of application for residency. Occupancy of mobile homes, park models, recreational vehicles, apartments, and cooperative units in Tropic Isles Co-op, Inc., is restricted to persons at least one of whom is fifty-five years of age or older. All other persons in occupancy of the same dwelling must be at least forty (40) years of age. The provisions of the foregoing sentence are prospective only and do not apply to persons who have applied for and been approved for ownership or occupancy prior to the effective date set forth above. However, if a mobile home owner, Unit/lot owner, or occupant vacates a Dwelling, the foregoing shall apply to subsequent ownership or occupancy by persons who do not meet the aforesaid minimum age requirements. The Association may grant exceptions for temporary occupancy of Dwellings in the Community to approved caregivers, which occupancy shall terminate upon the date on which the person being cared for vacates the Dwelling, or the caregiver is no longer needed. In the event that all of the occupants of a Dwelling who are fifty-five (55) years of age or older shall vacate the Dwelling, Management may terminate the occupancy of the Dwelling by all persons under the age of fifty-five (55) years of age or older. Surviving spouses who are under the age of fifty-five (55) years of age are exempted from this provision.

2.9 Census (Proof of HUD Compliance):
Between January 1st and March 31st of each even-numbered year, all existing Residents shall be required to provide to Management the names and proof of age of all current occupants of the Dwelling in order to maintain our 55+ status under HUD regulations. Whenever the occupancy status changes, it is the responsibility of the Resident to notify the Association of such change, in order to update the Census data.

Attention All Tropic Isles Residents!

GENERAL YARD WASTE REMINDERS

The following information was released by the City of Palmetto regarding the handling of yard waste:

Yard waste consisting of grass clippings, vines, leaves, and shrubbery cuttings are to be contained in cans or bins of the same weight and size as garbage cans. (The City will pick up yard waste that is placed in the old blue recycle tubs or in Rubbermaid cans.) Tree limbs and palm fronds are to be tightly tied in bundles about 4 feet long, 2 feet across, and no more than 50 pounds in weight. Plan to trim your trees and bushes for yard waste pick-up on Wednesdays. Yard waste is to be placed on the same side of the street as garbage and recycling to be picked up starting at 7 AM on WEDNESDAYS. If a pickup day falls on a holiday, pickup will be delayed by one day. DO NOT PUT YARD WASTE IN GREEN TRASH BINS.

New Residents: All yard waste, garbage, and recyclables should be placed on one side of the street for pickup. Please check with the Office or your neighbors as to what side of the street is used for collection.

JUNK PICK-UP

Residents may have large items picked up such as:
- Refrigerators
- Stoves
- Washers and dryers
- Water heaters

Removal of such items costs a fee and must be scheduled well in advance by calling Solid Waste at 941-723-4580 or you can donate your used/working appliances to Trash and Treasure in the park. Contact numbers for Trash and Treasure pick-up are listed in the front of the 2017-18 Resident Directory.
Greetings Fellow Shareholders and Home Owners,

Our office here at Tropic Isles is updating our files and need your help. Please complete this form (PLEASE PRINT) and return it to the office as soon as possible. Thank you for your co-operation and patience in this matter. This information will be used to update the new 2018-19 Resident Directory.

Sincerely,

Tropic Isles’ Co-op, Inc.

Name: __________________________________________________________________________________________

Resident’s Tropic Isles’ Address: __________________________________________________________________

Living in Tropic Isles: (circle one) Full-Time or Part-Time

Resident’s Tropic Isles’ Phone #: ______________________________________________________________________

Cell Phone #: ______________________________________________________________________________________

Email Address: _____________________________________________________________________________________

Northern Address: _________________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________________________________

Northern Phone #: __________________________________________________________________________________

Local Emergency Contact: Someone you trust to have your key in case of emergencies such as fire, flood, hurricane, water leaks, boat issues, etc.

Name: ___________________________________________________________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________________________________

Phone #: _________________________________________________________________________________________

Contact Person for maintaining your yard while you’re away? (grass cutting, flower beds, weed control, etc.)

Name: ___________________________________________________________________________________________

Phone: _________________________________________________________________________________________
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Happenings In Tropic Isles

Another gorgeous sunset over Tropic Isles in August.

Check out the new addition at the Marina. A new shrimp flag which can be seen from a distance will alert fishermen that our marina has bait.

Water from the Trinidad Canal drained out as Hurricane Irma approached on Sept. 10, 2017 (Taken by Tim Matthews)

Painting was completed in the Auditorium to give it a fresh new look!

A new floor was installed in the Pretty Room, Billiard Room, and hallway in the Yacht Club. Check it out!

The August pot luck was attended by about 30 All Timers. Will the good food and jokes ever cease?