

Home Of The Month



Bright and sunny! That's what great "curb appeal" can do for the neighborhood. March's "Home of the Month" belongs to Brian and Maureen Monford at 115 Bahia Dr. Great effort! Congratulations!

~ Thought For The Day ~

We are continually faced with great opportunities, brilliantly disguised at unsolvable problems.



Meet Your New Neighbors

By Cindy Shaw

Here are the two new faces of **RICK and ELIZABETH (BETH) WATKINS** at 184 Bimini Dr. They will be part-time residents from Cincinnati, OH. Rick and Beth have 4 children—Aimee, Jason, Amanda, and David and 8 grandchildren, ranging in ages from 1-21 years.



Rick and Beth are self-employed and own a Mailboxes by Design company which creates residential and commercial mailboxes and street signs. Before that, Rick did heavy highway construction for 30 years.

They enjoy camping, swimming, going to the beach, and hanging out together. They had been looking for a long time for a retirement home near Bradenton and St. Pete since they have relatives in the area. When they searched Google Earth they discovered Tropic Isles and now they are living the Florida lifestyle. Please welcome Beth and Rick to our tropical paradise.

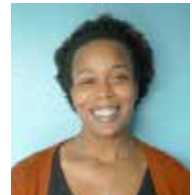
You may recognize this face as one that you've seen before. It belongs to **NEIL JACQUES** at 1305 28th Ave. Dr. W. Neil is originally from Attleboro, MA and will be a full-time resident here in Tropic Isles. Neil has lived on Snead Island, Siesta Key, Bradenton, and Naples over the years and is very familiar with the area, so finding a place in Tropic Isles was easy.



Neil has two daughters—Lisa and Kara and 3 grandchildren—Andrew (15), Ally (13), and Eva (7). He was the CFO of the Windward Design Group in Sarasota for 6 years, the CFO of the Sarasota Ballet for 5 years, and worked as a CPA in MA for 20 years.

Neil loves to dance and enjoys going out to lunch. He has been an avid sailor since 1974, owning many different sailboats over the years. He raced sailboats with the Bradenton Yacht Club for 5 years. In his early days, he loved to work on cars and ran his Corvette at Sebring. He also owned and rode motorcycles. Right now, he has a 17' Whaler that he uses to get out on the water. Neil is excited to be in Tropic Isles. Please give him a warm welcome.

I'd like to introduce you to **ANNA GLOVER**. She is a wonderful addition to our office staff. Her focus will be resident services here in Tropic Isles. Anna recently moved from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania to Bradenton, Florida with her two daughters, Kya (10) and Corina (7), and her fiancée, Michael Duncan. Anna is a Veteran of the Army National Guard as a Paralegal. She is very excited for the move to Florida as she hopes to finish her Corporate Communications degree as well as successfully launch her own photography company. Anna spends her free time reading and writing poetry, taking pictures, or watching Disney movies with her girls. She states that she is very excited to be working with Tropic Isles Co-Op. Everyone that she has met has made her feel welcome. She looks forward to spending many years in the employ of Tropic Isles.





Resident volunteers have worked to improve the area on "the spit" so that residents and guests will be able to enjoy sunsets and fishing.



Crafty ladies made cork wreaths taught by Rosemary Mix.



A full, blue, blood moon and partial lunar eclipse appeared in the morning sky on January 31, 2018.



Movie Night was attended by 72 residents in February. They enjoyed "Mark Felt—The Man Who Brought Down the White House".



Twenty-two residents in 10 convertibles enjoyed a "tops down" ride to Bunker Hill Winery for a wine tasting event in January.



There was a great turnout for the Booster's pancake breakfast. Many volunteers worked hard for this annual event.



Paintings by TI artist, Terry Carlson, will be hanging in the library for the month of March. Please come in and enjoy local landscapes, done in pastel and acrylic.

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Letter From The Editor

I have owned a home in Tropic Isles since 2001 and lived here full time since 2008, yet I have not experienced a hurricane until Irma. Many people say, we were very lucky that Irma didn't come in as a Category 3 like first predicted, but even as a Category 1, Irma caused plenty of damage. The damage it caused and the stress that we felt is still very fresh in our minds, so it makes sense that we remember what happened and learn from our past experiences. There are plenty of examples where complacency, indifference, apathy, and a lack of awareness to disaster warnings have taken their toll. Whether we believe the old Indian legend that says that the Tampa Bay area is protected from hurricanes because 3 bodies of water come together, or we just don't think a hurricane is likely to hit here because of years of history, doesn't allow us to become complacent to the fact that when you leave Tropic Isles for your northern residences you need to make sure that your Tropic Isles' home is "hurricane ready".

Last September, as Hurricane Irma was approaching, teams of residents who were in the park at the time, spent hours going house-to-house removing items in yards that could become missiles in high winds, and securing shutters and carport poles before Irma arrived. They shouldn't have to do this! **Every resident in Tropic Isles needs to be responsible for their own property and prepare accordingly.** Please take the time to better prepare your house/yard for this 2018 hurricane season.

On March 5, Coffee 'n Conversation presents "Hurricane Preparedness" with speaker Sharon Terman, from the Tampa Bay Emergency Preparedness Council. Please attend this very important event and be part of the discussion in learning how to prepare your homes/yards here in Tropic Isles before you leave for your northern homes this year. It's good to see Homeowners, Shareholders, and Property Owners coming together to think about preparing for the next hurricane season. There was a lot to do before Irma, taxing the staff and full-time resident volunteers. Most importantly, things got done, but it could have been a lot less stressful if EVERYONE—snowbirds and all-timers—had prepared their homes before Irma decided to come our way. If another hurricane never happens to come this way, we can celebrate together and be grateful. In the meantime, let's learn what we need to do to prepare our homes and our little community. We need to be proactive to get ready for the 2018 Hurricane Season, June 1-November 31. **Thanks, in advance, for doing your part!**



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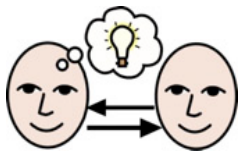
Tropic Isles' 2018-2019 Resident Directories

The new 2017-2018 phone directories were distributed in November to residents, one per household, by the Block Captains if you are listed in the directory this year. If your residence looked unoccupied, it was returned to the Office. You may pick up your copy from the Office at your convenience.

Once you receive your new directory, please check to see if your information is listed correctly. If you find an error in the directory, please contact me by calling 941-722-4037 or send an email to tibreeces1@aol.com with your correction. I will be happy to print the correction in next month's issue of the Breezes and make the change in the directory for next year.

If you are a **new resident to Tropic Isles** and are not included in this year's directory, please complete an Information Form and return it to the Office. Your information will be included in next year's directory and in the next issue of the Breezes in the interim. If you are a resident who has had **NO CHANGES** to your information, you **do not** need to complete a new form. Forms can be picked up in the Office.

Cindy Shaw, Editor



Idea To Ponder....

The world is changed by your example, not by your opinion.

Corrections For The Directory

Please make these corrections or additions to your directory. If you have a change to submit, please send it to tibreeces1@aol.com or call Cindy Shaw at 941-722-4037. Interim changes will be posted in each newsletter until the next directory is published in the fall of 2018.

Community Listings:

- Bouwma, Ron & Fran** remove local number and northern number 616-284-7088 (R)
- Bradley, Bob & Marilyn** change local phone number to 212-6943 and remove 613-925-3573; correct northern address to be 495 Kings St. W. Box 9; add northern phone number 613-925-3573.
- Buchanan, Norman** change local number to 527-5447
- Dennis, Walter & Brooks** ... remove local number 508-747-2644; add northern address 61R Warren Ave. Plymouth, MA 02360 and northern phone 508-747-2644
- Dolan, Roberta** remove 203-437-5657, add 203-437-5659
- Matchim, Jim and Angela**
remove 9 Basin from the address listing and leave 17 Basin; change local number to 506-961-9895; change northern address to 10 DuRivage Rd. Cocagne, New Brunswick, CAN E4R 2N7 and northern phone to 506-961-9895
- Nosbisch, May Jean** add May to the first name
- Stubbs, Anne & John** remove 311 Dundas Street East #56 Trenton, ONT, CAN K8V 1M1 and put in its place United Kingdom

Email changes:

- Bradley, Bob & Marilyn** shipsanchorinn@ripnet.com
- Buchanan, Norman** lwmnbuchanan@outlook.com
- Matchim, Jim** jim.matchim@icloud.com
- Ness, Genevieve** remove email address: bobjen9@juno.com
- Sanborn, Ken & Nola** ken4nola@gmail.com



Trivia Tidbits

- A rat can last longer without water than a camel.
- Your stomach has to produce a new layer of mucus every two weeks or it will digest itself.
- The dot over the letter "i" is called a tittle.
- A raisin dropped in a glass of fresh champagne will bounce up and down continuously from the bottom of the glass to the top.
- A female ferret will die if it goes into heat and cannot find a mate.
- A duck's quack doesn't echo. No one knows why.
- Because metal was scarce, the Oscars given out during World War II were made of wood.
- There are no words in the dictionary that rhyme with orange, purple, and silver.
- The first CD pressed in the US was Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the USA".
- The phrase "rule of thumb" is derived from an old English law which stated that you couldn't beat your wife with anything wider than your thumb.

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To All Tropic Isles' Snowbirds:

If you are flying the coop and returning to your northern nests, please take the time to properly prepare your homes and yards for the 2018 hurricane season. It is unfair to ask or expect those who remain at Tropic Isles to tend to your homes, when they could be using that time to prepare themselves for whatever Mother Nature may have in store for us. Use the checklist below in preparation for your departure. Have a safe trip and a wonderful summer!

Checklist For All Residents Leaving For The Season

CLIP AND SAVE

- Put in a change of address with the post office.
 - Stop your paper delivery.
 - Make sure your home has been recently power washed. The mold grows quickly in the summer heat and humidity.
 - Check the skirting or blocking around your home. Be sure it doesn't need painting or repair.
 - If you have a sprinkler system, make sure it is functioning properly and set the timer for the proper day.
 - Remove all annuals from your garden. Once you stop watering them they turn to weeds.
 - Clear carports and yards of everything that isn't growing in the ground or attached to your house. Do not leave **ANYTHING** in your yard.
 - DO NOT leave ladders, cement blocks, wood, kayaks, or any loose items in your carport or yard.
 - Trim all shrubs and trees way back before you leave.
 - Mow your lawn. (If the Co-op has to take care of these items, you will be charged.)
 - Ask someone to take care of your weeds and fruit trees before you leave.
 - Put your garbage and recycle bins, lawn furniture, barbecue grill inside your shed or house.
 - Make arrangements with someone before you leave to take care of your home should the mold start to grow on the house or the weeds start to grow in the yard or planters.
 - If you have a boat on a lift, tie the boat to the cradle and tie the cradle to the pilings. RAISE your lift as high as you can.
 - If possible, take your boat out of the water if you are leaving for the summer. It is much safer to have your boat on a trailer sitting on land.
 - Make sure the water is turned off to the house. (inside and outside)
 - Turn electric power off in your house.
 - Lower and secure your awnings. **Make sure that the latches are functional.**
 - Secure the pole in your carport to hold the roof. **Make sure it is secured into the driveway.**
 - Sign out in the Office when you are leaving.
 - Make sure the Office has a current contact phone number and emergency contact information on file.
- Please remove and store these items inside your home, shed, or under your house. Do not leave them in your carport, yard, garden, lanai, or front planter.**
- Decorative statues
 - Yard/home decorations
 - Lawn/deck furniture
 - Pots with or without plants
 - Wind chimes, birdhouses
 - Flags on flagpoles, garden flags
 - Door mats
 - Fire pits, chimineas (outdoor fireplaces)
 - Bricks, boards, pavers, ladders, construction materials, etc.
 - Items stored behind your house
 - Kayaks, small boats
 - Hoses, hose reels
 - Signs, house decorations
 - Garbage and recycle bins
 - Clothes trees
 - Anything loose, not planted, or attached to your house securely

BABY

March 1-18

Follow three very different couples on their way to parenthood, including the cosmic highs, desperate lows, and the swing of emotional stresses and triumphs.



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So....I reminded them of what the sales guy told me last year. "These windows will pay for themselves in a year". Hellooooo? It's been a year ... they're paid for. I bet he felt like an idiot.

KIDS WILL BE KIDS

- The law of gravity says no fair jumping up without coming back down.
- In South America, they have cold summers and hot winters, but somehow, they still manage.
- There are 26 vitamins in all, but some of the letters haven't been discovered yet. Finding them all, means living forever.
- Someday we may learn how to make magnets that can point in any direction.
- A vibration is a motion that can't make up its mind which way it wants to go.
- You can listen to thunder after seeing lightning and tell how close you came.
- Why did the tomato turn red?
Because he saw the salad dressing.
- What happened when the shark became famous?
He turned into a starfish.
- What is a bee that can't make up his mind?
A maybe.

"Sugar, why don't you sit down by the table and we'll start supper," said Dorothy to her husband of 50 years.

"Sure thing," said her husband settling himself down.

"Now, darling, would you like the soup first or the salad?" questioned Dorothy.

"Umm, I guess I'll take the soup," he responded.

After a whole meal of one endearing term after another, their guest, Bob, couldn't contain his curiosity any longer. Bob snuck into the kitchen and asked, "Dorothy, do you always talk to your husband like that?"

"Bob, I'll be honest with you," Dorothy replied. "It's been five years now and I just can't remember his name. I am just too embarrassed to ask him!"

Cook's Corner

APPLE SQUARES

Ingredients:

- 1 c. flour
- 2 Tbsp. baking powder
- 1 c. sugar
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 2 eggs
- 3/4 c. chopped nuts
- 3 large apples, diced
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Directions:

Mix all ingredients together. Pour into 9x13 pan. Sprinkle with brown sugar. Bake 35 to 40 minutes @ 375 degrees. Cool. Cut into squares.



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Bingo News

Please join us every Tuesday in the Auditorium. Attendance is over 100, so payouts are very good. We start promptly at 7 PM, so come a little early to pick out your cards, visit with your friends, and get a good seat. We have wonderful callers, but need a couple more to help fill in, especially in the summer. Please let us know if you are willing to help us out and learn to call. Thanks so much. See you Tuesday!

Joy and Elaine



Tropical Red Hatters

The monthly meeting will be Wednesday, March 7 at 10 AM in the Yacht Club.

The Red Hat group will attend the **Tropicares** production as a group on Friday, March 9. Shirley Clarkson is in charge of this activity.

Game day is Monday, March 12 at 11 AM in the Yacht Club. Members should bring a sack lunch and their drink.

On March 17, we are going to the First United Methodist Church **luncheon and fashion show**. Tickets are \$15 and must be paid in advance. Contact Ann Miller at 941-962-0606 or Jeanette Quesenberry at 941-729-7391.

On March 27, the Red Hatters will attend BINGO as a group in Red Hat dress.

In April, we will try a change in meeting time. We will meet on Wednesday, April 4 at **4:00 PM** in the Yacht Club. After the meeting, we will carpool to the Moose for Taco Night. There have been many conflicts with the 10 AM meeting time, so we will give this a try. Come join us for fun and fellowship.

Ann Miller, Scribe
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Saturday Morning Coffee Hour

TIME CHANGE TO 8:30 AM



Tropic Isles "Coffee Hour" is a weekly event held on Saturday mornings. All residents, newcomers, or long-timers, are encouraged to come join us at 8:30 AM in the Auditorium. Coffee Hour is the longest continuously run park activity. It creates an opportunity to meet with your neighbors, greet/meet and welcome new residents, and serves as a core hub for sharing news and promoting park festivities and ticket sales.

All for the price of \$1, you can enjoy coffee and tea, sweet rolls, donuts, and hard rolls and some good ole fashioned table talk. Attendees need to bring a coffee cup, small plate, and pocket change for a 50/50 ticket. Coffee Hour is hosted by various park clubs who use their portion of 50/50 money to help sponsor their club treasury. Hope to see you there!

Kay Lynn Duncan, 722-0240, Coffee Hour Chair

"Coffee Talk"

This feature will be run throughout the year, sharing the names of those people who have received "We Care" cards from their friends and neighbors here in Tropic Isles.

Get Well cards were sent to

- Marilyn Arp** of Tampico Dr. (hospitalized),
- Peggy Kuehn** of Flores Dr. (shoulder surgery),
- Ken Price** of Trinidad Way/New York (heart attack),
- Ron Antcliff** of Trinidad Way (triple bypass surgery),
- Gary Reese** of Bimini Dr. (surgery),
- Renee O'Donald** of Bahama Dr. (broken collarbone),
- Tom Valcich** of Terra Ceia Dr. (recovering from a fall),
- Ed VanVoorhis** of Nassau Dr. (health issue),
- John Jackson** of Trinidad Way/Ohio (surgery), and
- Chuck Chambers** of Terra Ceia Dr./Kentucky (broken tailbone).



Sympathy cards were sent to

- Ginny Roth** and family of Edessa Dr./Ohio on the passing of Herman,
- the family of **Joyce Horner** of Trinidad Way on the passing of Joyce,
- Catherine Gardina** and family of 12th St. W. on the passing of Jerry Gardina,
- Tim Bartels** and family of Edessa Dr. on the passing of Tim's brother, and
- Jeff Gerstenslager** and family of Aloha Dr. on the passing of Jeff's dad.

It was also announced that former resident, **Janet Dubey**, of Montego Dr. passed away.

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 Nancy Grant at 941-729-4832.



Manager's Coffee Hour

The next Manager's Coffee Hour will be held on **Wednesday**, March 14 at 9:30-11 AM in the Auditorium. I strongly encourage you to attend and participate in letting me know how to help you make this a better community. I need to know what you want, if I am to have any chance of providing it to you. The final date for the last Manager's Coffee is April 12, so mark your calendar.

Paul Smith, Manager



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Coffee 'n Conversation

After Irma, now what??

Hurricane Preparedness in 2018

Most everyone agrees that our Tropic Isles' community was very fortunate considering what and where Irma was predicted to go. Now that Irma's behind us, it's a good time to reflect on what could have been done better before Irma, and what we should be doing in 2018 to prepare for another hurricane, just in case. **On Monday, March 5th at 10 AM in the Auditorium, Sharon Terman from the Tampa Bay Emergency Preparedness Council will be at Coffee and Conversation to give us tips on how to best prepare for hurricanes.** We'll also hear from Tropic Isles' people who were part of the team readying the park for Irma. The event is co-sponsored by TIHOA, TIPOA, and Co-op Shareholders. We all agree preparing for emergencies like this should be something we work on together. As usual, we will have coffee and doughnuts, and time for questions.

Please plan to attend this very important gathering. As a resident of Tropic Isles, it is your responsibility to prepare your home and yard for hurricane season before you leave for your northern homes. We were lucky last time with Hurricane Irma. Let's make sure we are ready for the next one. Hope to see you there!

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Safety Tip Of The Month



The Palmetto Fire Department, part of the North River Fire District, sent 4 representatives to speak to the residents of Tropic Isles on January 15 at our second Coffee 'n Conversation event sponsored by the TIHOA. The fire department provided residents with a [Fire Safety Checklist Booklet for Older Adults](#), spoke on the common fire hazards, and answered questions.

Older adults (age 65 and older) are more than twice as likely to die in fires than the Nation's population as a whole. Older adults also have a higher risk of injury from fires. Here are some safety tips to help seniors and their caregivers learn about safety. First ask yourself these simple questions:

- Do you have working smoke alarms in your home?
- Do you stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling food?
- Are any space heaters you have placed at least 3 feet or more away from things that can burn?
- Are all electrical cords in good condition (not damaged or cracked)?
- Do you know two ways out of every room in your home?
- Do you know what to do if your smoke alarm sounds?

Smoke Alarms

Smoke alarms warn you when there is a fire before you see, hear, or smell it. Smoke alarms give you extra time to escape.

- Test each alarm monthly using the test button.
- Dust or vacuum smoke alarms.
- Replace the entire smoke alarm every 10 years or sooner if it does not respond properly when tested.
- People who cannot hear the smoke alarm while they sleep need special smoke alarms. These alarms flash a bright light or shake their beds to let them know there is a fire.
- DO NOT put smoke alarms too close to the kitchen or bathroom. Steam from the shower or smoke from cooking can set off the alarm.
- Interconnected smoke alarms are best because if one sounds, they all sound.

Smokers

Smoking is the leading cause of home fire deaths for adults 65 and over. It is also the third leading cause of fire injuries for older adults.

- If you smoke, smoke outside.
- Never smoke in bed, while drowsy, or while under the influence of medication or alcohol.
- Use deep, sturdy ashtrays.
- Before you throw out your cigarette butts and ashes, make sure they are completely cool.
- Check furniture and places where people smoke for smoldering cigarette butts and ashes, especially before going to bed.
- Never smoke where medical oxygen is used.
- Keep smoking materials up high and out of reach of children.

Fire Safe Cooking

Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires in America. Many older adults experience burn-related injuries during cooking.

- Don't cook if you are sleepy, have consumed alcohol, or taken drugs or medication that make you drowsy.
- Stay in the kitchen when you're frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.

- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly. Use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep burning surfaces clean and free from anything that can catch fire.
- Turn pot handles away from the stove's edge.
- Never lean over a burner.
- Wear short, close-fitting, or tightly rolled sleeves while cooking. Loose clothing can catch fire.
- Check the kitchen after you finish cooking. Make sure the oven, burners, and other appliances are off.
- If a fire starts, stay calm and GET OUT! Once out, call 9-1-1 from your cell phone or a neighbor's phone. Have an outside meeting place that is a safe distance in front of your home where first responders can see you.

Heat Your Home Safely

When it's cold outside, we heat our homes to stay healthy and warm. But heating equipment can cause fires if not used correctly.

- Keep children, pets, and things that can burn at least 3 feet away from radiators, space heaters, fireplaces, wood stoves, and furnaces.
- Turn off space heaters if you leave the room or are going to sleep.
- NEVER use an oven, stovetop, dryer, or grill to heat your home.
- Store propane and other heating fuels outside of your home.
- To prevent scalds, set the temperature of your water heater no higher than 120 degrees F.
- Make sure all fuel-burning equipment is safely vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.
- Install CO alarms. Test at least once a month. Maintain and replace CO alarms according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Practice Electrical Safety

Older homes are more likely to catch fire from electrical issues than newer homes. Older wiring may not have the capacity to safely handle newer appliances and the equipment might not have the updated safety features.

- Electrical work should be done by a licensed electrician.
- Check all electrical appliances often. Replace cracked, damaged, and loose electrical cords.
- Replace outlets if plugs do not fit snugly or the outlet does not accept plugs with one blade larger than the other.
- Major appliances should be plugged directly into the wall outlet.
- Plug only one high-voltage appliance into an outlet at a time.
- Avoid using extension cords.
- Find the reason for a blown fuse or tripped circuit breaker.
- Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on the lamp or light fixture.

Candle Safety

Candles are pretty to look at, but remember it is an open flame and can easily ignite anything that burns around it.

- Only burn candles when you are in the room.
- Never light candles when you are tired and might fall asleep.
- Consider using battery-operated flameless candles. They look, smell, and feel like real candles, but won't cause a fire.
- Use sturdy, safe candleholders.
- Protect candle flames with glass chimneys or containers.
- Keep candles at least 12 inches from anything that can burn.
- Never use candles in bedrooms.
- Never use a candle where medical oxygen is being used.
- Always use a flashlight---not a candle---for emergency lighting.

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Plan Your Escape

Planning what to do in case of fire can make the difference between life and death.

- Know and practice two ways out of every room.
- Make sure that all doors and windows that lead outside open easily.
- Clear all clutter that may block your escape route or make you trip and fall.
- If you use a walker or a wheelchair, discuss your escape plans with your family and neighbors.
- Keep eyeglasses, keys, hearing aids, and a phone within reach next to your bed.
- Have an outside meeting place that is a safe distance in front of your home where first responders can see you.
- Make a plan and practice your home safety fire escape drill.

What to Do in Case of Fire

Practice how to get outside quickly. In a fire, you may have only seconds to escape safely after you hear the smoke alarm.

- Stay calm when the smoke alarm sounds. Get out fast and STAY OUT. Never go back inside for people, pets, or things.
- Feel the doorknob and the cracks around a door before opening. Leave the door closed, and use the second way out if you feel heat.
- Smoke is poisonous. If you must escape through smoke, get low and go under the smoke to your way out. Use towels or clothing to cover your mouth and nose to breathe through.
- If you can't get out, keep the door of your room closed, and cover vents and cracks around doors with cloth or tape to keep the smoke out.
- If you can't get out and there is a phone in the room, call 9-1-1. Stay where you are, and signal for help at the window with a light-colored cloth or flashlight.



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 sheds

Help to tame overgrown trees and shrubs

Plant annual flowers

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

Jan Krueger 262-617-0710

Jan Vern 941-723-3780

Sharon Williams 941-212-4648

Pam Hennessy 941-447-6228

Florida Friendly Pollinators

We currently have 20 million people in Florida with 1000 more coming in every day. These people are using lots of water with Florida having the highest irrigation rate in the USA. Facts support that less than 1% of all water on earth is drinkable. This same water is being used for watering lawns to the tune of 33 gallons/minute from a standard hose. The water running down our streets is our drinking water, except for a few areas in the park. There are things we can do to save water and make the water we do have--safe. The water table is low in our area and any pesticides we use seep into our drinking water. Here are some things we can do:

- Use native plants.
- Plant drought tolerant plants.
- Use ¾" FLORA mulch (Florida friendly).
- Decrease use of pesticides and fertilizers.
- Check your landscaping companies for use of systemic fertilizers. (They are not good.)
- Use a 10 feet barrier of native plants up to the water, not grass.
- Use slow release fertilizers. A good organic fertilizer is Thurcide.
- Do not rake your leaves.
- The IPM system is best for pests because it is natural.
- Check position of downspouts and direct them to plants.

Native plants are the best for Florida since once they are established, they do not need watering. Some of the common ones are:

- Native honeysuckle vines
- Wild coffee
- Gaillardia
- Beach sunflower
- Purple coneflower
- Black-eyed Susan
- Salvia
- Bee balm
- Coral nymph
- Blood berry bush
- Fire bush
- Red fire spike
- Powder puff shrub
- Kings mantle (large shrub)
- Yellow elder (small tree)
- Coontie
- Jatropha
- Sable palm
- Walters Viburnum



We also want to encourage our pollinators who love native plants and blooms. They pollinate 75% of the world's food and include bees, moths, bats, and hummingbirds many of which come out at twilight and at night. What kills pollinators? These products do:

- Bonide
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Native nurseries will also recommend the best products for us to use in maintaining our landscapes. **REMEMBER to always get permission from the Tropic Isles ARC Committee for any major landscaping projects.**

Jan Krueger, NHN



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Boat Club News



Yes! The season is flying by and it's March already! Our annual picnic on March 3 will be held at 12 noon for Boat Club members. Overnight guests can attend for the cost of \$7.50 per guest. The picnic will be held at Seabreeze Park on Terra Ceia Bay. There will be live music, food, games, and a fish toss event. Come prepared to have boat loads of fun. Single members are allowed to bring a guest at no cost.

The Kayak Club will raffle off a Yeti 45 Tundra Cooler at our March 21 Social Meeting.

Last month, Dean Sumler and crew cleaned and mowed the Boatyard which gave us more room to store boat trailers.

The sailboat races are being held on Tuesdays at 1 PM on Terra Ceia Bay. More Committee Boats are needed to officiate the races. Please volunteer to help!

Please save up your "bent prop" stories to share. The "Bent Prop Award" will be given out at our fish fry dinner.

Kayak-Ity-Yak



We are kayaking on Wednesday mornings and are hoping to plan some exciting kayak adventures in the future. If you are interested in joining us, you are welcome to attend even if you do not own a kayak or have any experience. We are here to get as many people out on the water as possible and many of us have extra kayaks, but we need to know ahead of time if you want to borrow one. Emails are being sent out with information about each outing. Let Sue Weaver know at smweaver2@stny.rr.com or Chuck Harding at mncootcookers@hotmail.com if you want to be included in the email. Kayak on!!

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.

~~Special Thanks~~

(If you have a certain someone or a special group of people that you would like to thank or show appreciation to, please send your request to tibrezes1@aol.com. I'd be happy to print it.)

I'd like to give a very special thank you to all those people who attended the funeral mass for Lenny Antonacci. It meant so much to me.

Anna Antonacci

Spring is in the air. The birds are flying, and folks are flocking to Tropic Isles. No wonder! The kindness that is shown by everyone daily is unbelievable. On behalf of my husband, Tom, I would like to sincerely thank you for the beautiful get-well card which is stunning, and the many who signed the card at Saturday Coffee Hour. May God continue to bless you and angels protect Tropic Isles Mobile Home Park and all its residents.

Tom and Olga Valcich

Thank you to all our Tropic Isles' friends and neighbors for all the kind words and support after my surgery. Tropic Isles is the best!

Ronnie Antcliff

I would like to thank all those people who sent cards and our neighbors who sent all the good food. Tropic Isles is just like family. So wonderful!

Carol Spycher

A very SPECIAL thank you to all the members of the Entertainment Committee who worked so hard to provide such fabulous entertainment for the park this year! Your hard work is greatly appreciated!!!!

Tropic Isles Residents

Thanks to all the people who volunteered to cover and uncover the pool this winter. We had some really cold weather in January and the new cover did its job.

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From The Manager's Desk

The new ADA doors at the Auditorium, Yacht Club, and Office are now working. The new FOB security system has been installed and is fully functional. FOBs were assigned to residents during two days in February. If you were not in the park at the time the FOBs were issued, you can pick up your FOB from the Office. If you are renting your home, you will need to complete an authorization form to issue the FOB to your tenant. To open the doors using your FOB, simply place the tip of your FOB on the small, black pad near the automatic door opener and the door will unlock. Now that the FOB system is live, the doors at the Auditorium and Yacht Club will be locked 24/7. The Office will revisit this policy in April.

Memory Bricks

Memory Bricks may be purchased from Jean Volkens (563-564-9056) for \$30. You may use three lines of thirteen letters on each line. Memory bricks will be placed in May in the Memory Garden in front of the Yacht Club. It is a great way to honor a loved one or friend that is no longer with us.



Library News



Many of you are aware of the support Tropic Isles' residents give to the Southeastern Guide Dogs. This, in large part, is due to the dedication of Florence Lundy. Florence was a long-time resident of Tropic Isles and very involved in many activities within the park. It was in the early 1980's that she brought her enthusiasm for the guide dogs to our park. Through her efforts, from 1993-2012, the park raised over \$59,000 and was given the honor of naming 16 dogs, one of whom was named Flo. At the age of 98, Florence participated in her last Southeastern Guide Dog Walkathon. In memory of Florence, Extraordinary Dogs - Transforming Lives has been placed in our library. The book contains thirty inspirational stories of the bond made between people in need and their Southeastern Guide dogs. You will very much enjoy this truly inspirational book given in memory of a truly inspirational woman.

The Library Committee wishes to thank the Booster Club for purchasing two magazine racks for our library. The attractive oak racks give us the ability to have more magazines, along with more variety, available for our residents.

We hope you have enjoyed viewing the art work of Fred Bloye during the last three months. Thank you, Fred, for sharing your talents with us. This month, please come into the library to enjoy the art of Teresa Carlson.

During the "short" month of February, our library received over 100 donations. New additions include 35 hardcover books, 21 mysteries, 18 romance books, and 12 DVD's.

Our next meeting will be in the library following Saturday's (March 3) coffee. If you are interested in becoming a library volunteer, please join us at the meeting or call Phyllis Ann Smith (941-932-5654).

*Phyllis Ann Smith,
President, Library Committee*



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NEW MANATEES IN TOWN

Here's a deal for you! On March 3, instead of the Senior admission price of \$17, go on the first Saturday of the month after 3 PM and get in for \$8. Although Snooty died last year, there are currently two manatees in rehab in the Aquarium. On Family Night at the Museum, the **first Saturday of most months**, the Museum stays open late for an evening of family fun! Every month there is a different theme with hands-on activities and special films or performances **beginning at 3 PM**. You can also enjoy an additional manatee presentation, specially scheduled Planetarium shows, and the *Rock Hall of Fame* show at 7:15 PM (unless otherwise noted). Visit www.southfloridamuseum.org to find out more.

Educational Gardens- Monthly Guided Tours

The Manatee County Agriculture and Extension Office at 1303 17th St. W. in Palmetto is holding monthly guided tours of the Educational Gardens. The tours will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10 AM. Guided tours are with certified Extension Master Gardeners lasting approximately 1 hour. The gardens illustrate a variety of garden styles and techniques, demonstrate Florida friendly landscaping principles, educate residents about plants that perform well in Florida landscapes, and inspire garden visitors to follow recommended gardening practices at home. All class sizes are limited; minimum class size is required. Register in advance online at <http://manatee.ifas.ufl.edu> or by calling the Master Gardener Plant Diagnostic Clinic at 941-722-4524.

Yoga Classes

The Palmetto Library at 923 6th Street W. is offering FREE Yoga classes on Tuesdays from 2-3 PM in March. The dates are 13, 20, and 27. All levels are welcome. Please bring a mat or a towel. Call 941-722-3333 for more information.

Marauder's Baseball Fan Club ATTENTION BASEBALL FANS!



The cold weather does not encourage one to think about summer baseball, but I am trying to get an early heads up. Last year we had 23 on the email list and a few who do not do email, but appreciated a contact and joined us for some games.

Suggestions: go to your web browser and look up Marauders baseball. Some great sites are available with information on the schedule for summer baseball, who's who in the summer league with win/loss records for 2017 and much about this year's team. Print the schedule and make suggestions for games. I am expecting, as a group, we will get some freebies and everyone seemed to like Thirsty Thursday. As long as we have ten attendees we can go as group anytime. If Florretta and I cannot make a particular date, we are happy to get the tickets. It makes it easier for us if you pay your \$10 before I go to the gate for tickets and then I will deliver your ticket. Once the ballgame starts, you may wander around or sit somewhere else. Right now, the group will still be on the 3rd base side. The new safety net should be up by then. If you know of someone that might like to join us, have them send me their email address. Thanks.

Leonard & Florretta
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941-721-8917



Shuffleboard News



The Shuffleboard Schedule for March

Sundays	2:00 PM	Shuffleboard
Mondays	10:00 AM	Shuffleboard, 1 PM Beginner Lessons
Tuesdays	10:00 AM	Shuffleboard, 1 PM Hoss Collar
Wednesdays	10:00 AM	Shuffleboard, 1 PM North Shore League
Thursdays	10:00 AM	Shuffleboard Yellow & Black, 1:00 PM Intermediate Lessons
Fridays	10:00 AM	Coach House
Saturdays	10:00 AM	Shuffleboard

Special Events:

Tuesday, March 6	Guy Manchester Tournament	10:00 AM
Tuesday, March 13	Men Versus Women Tournament	10:00 AM
Wednesday, March 14	PotLuck/BusinessMtg.	5PM Auditorium
Tuesday & Wednesday, March 27, 28	Dean Cone Memorial Tournament	10:00 AM both days
Tuesday, March 27	The District Amateurs play	
Wednesday, March 28	The Pros play	

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 nothing is more fun than a job you enjoy. -age 29
- I've learned that education, experience, and memories are three things no one can take away from you. -age 67
- I've learned that you can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk. -age 7
- I've learned that it's taking me a long time to become the person I want to be. -age 51
- I've learned that self-pity is a waste of time. -age 81
- I've learned that when your husband cooks, you should compliment everything he fixes. -age 77
- I've learned that my mother is always happy to see me. -age 44
- I've learned that it's best not to quit at quitting time. -age 37
- I've learned that the greater a person's sense of guilt, the greater his need to cast blame on others. -age 46
- I've learned that you shouldn't look back except to learn. -age 70

Shuffleboard...Defined

There are two kinds of shuffleboard games - recreational and competitive. In our daily games at the park, we play at a recreational level. Even playing a social game, however, there are rules and a definite structure to preserve the integrity of the game. It is relatively easy to start to play and a cue stick is available for a newcomer's use. Wear rubber-soled shoes. It has been a joy to see an average of ten beginners attending the classes offered by Gary and Pam White and 10 Intermediates attending classes organized by Anne Lounsbury, with assistance from myself, Shirley Pendergrass, and Elaine Antalya. The first of two Turkey Shoots was held on January 9th. This is a fun tournament, but the use of skills and strategies is a definite advantage. For past non-winners, who were eligible for trophies, Nancy Grant had the high lady's score and Bob Saunders was high man. The second Turkey Shoot was held on February 6th. The highest score on either of the two days culminates in a win. Nancy increased her lead, but Bob was surpassed by Dick Rice. Anne Lounsbury and Carl Olmstead had the high scores of previous winners. Club members continue to do well in District Amateur, State Amateur, and Pro tournaments outside the park. The results are reported by John Brown in the Bradenton Herald. Congratulations to our Tropic Isles' winners! There are many.

The Guy Manchester Tournament will be held Tuesday, March 6th at 10:00 AM. This tournament is open to all members of the Shuffleboard Club. As well, the Men vs Women Tournament is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13th at 10:00 AM. Shortly after that, the Dean Cone Memorial Tournament takes place on March 27 and 28. It is a two-day event (both days at 10:00 AM). The District Amateurs play on Tuesday, March 27th (which is open to all members who play in the park) and those with State Amateur designation. The Pros play on Wednesday, March 28th. You might want to bring a snack, if you continue to win games and therefore advance through the tournament brackets. So... as you can see, a lot is happening at the shuffleboard courts - fun, social interaction, and a good chance for mental and physical activity. Show up at least fifteen minutes before game times for two reasons: those running the games know how many players to set up for and we can always use help in putting out equipment for play. For event times, check the board at the courts and in the Breezes.

*Respectfully submitted,
John Lounsbury, Past President*



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				4 4:00 pm	Nassau/Jamaica Block Party - Y	5 10:00 am	Coffee 'n Conversation - Hurricane Prep - A	6 10:00 am	Guy Manchester Tournament	7 10:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	10:00 am Red Hat Meeting - PR Western NY Reunion Lunch noon - A Tropicaires Dress Reh - A Boat Club Mtg. - Y	8 9:00 am 7:00 pm	LTSP Meeting - PR Tropicaires Show - A
11 6:30 pm	Daylight Saving Time Hymn Sing - A	12 10:00 am 11:00 am	TIPOA Members Meeting - Y Red Hat Games - Y	13 8:30 am 10:00 am 1:00 pm	Writer's Group - PR Men vs Women Tournament Book Club - Y	14 9:30 am 10:00 am 3:30 pm 5:00 pm	Manager's Coffee - A Activity Mtg - Y Canadian Pot Luck - Y Shuffle Pot Luck - A	15 9:00 am 7:00 pm	LTSP Meeting - PR Movie Night - A	16		17 7:00 pm	St. Patrick's Day Tropicaire's Dance - A
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Remembering Tropic Isles Activity Groups Over The Years!

Fun N Fitness - 1997
Chris Wild, Shirley Kaye, Addie Peterson



FUN & FITNESS CLASS

Country Western Line Dancers 1997



COUNTRY WESTERN LINE DANCERS



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MODERN WESTERN SQUARE DANCE

Life Writing Group - 2007



Singspiration Circle

More Remembering Tropic Isles Activity Groups Over The Years!

Softball Team - 2012



Troubadours

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Tropicaires Cast - 2012



Womens Club- 2007



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Tropic Isles' HYMN SING

Come and join your fellow neighbors for song and fellowship at our Hymn Sing on March 11 at 6:30 PM in the Auditorium when we will have 2 special guests. Gail and Karen, from St. Mary's Episcopal Church, who sing and play the piano will be here. We thank them for coming to share their talent with us. Mark your calendars. Hope to see you there!

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 of 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.

X. GUESTS

10.1 Registration

- Guests who stay in the Community for more than 48 hours, must check-in with the office on the next business day.
- Guests under the age of 55 may stay in the Dwelling, provided the permitted Residents are then in occupancy and further provided such stay does not exceed a total of thirty (30) days in any twelve (12) month period (MFOA p. 5, #16).
- The Association's facilities are primarily for the use and enjoyment of the Residents.

10.4 Resident's Responsibility

- Guests are entirely (financially and legally) the responsibility of their host Resident and must comply with all Association's Rules and Regulations.
- Residents will be responsible for violations or damage caused by their Guests, regardless of whether or not they are present at the time of the violation or damage.
- All guests under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult to use any of the recreational facilities in the Yacht Club or Auditorium.
- Consideration for the rights of others is encouraged and common courtesy is expected.

10.5 Guests with Pets

See Section XI – "Pets" for additional rules governing pets.

10.6 Swimming Pool and Hot Tub/Spa

See Section VII- "Swimming Pool and Hot Tub/Spa".

10.7 Guest Parking

- Residents may request parking permits at the office to allow Guests to park in common parking areas such as at the Auditorium, Yacht Club, and the area commonly referred to as Bimini Point.
- Guest parking should only be temporary and infrequent so that available parking is not overburdened. In general, a 48-hour pass will be issued.
- Guests are subject to the same rules and penalties as Residents, including towing.
- See Section XII- "Vehicles and Parking" for additional rules governing parking.

Property Owners Meeting Schedule (TIPOA)

2017-2018

Board Meetings

March 9, 2018

April 6, 2018

Membership Meetings

March 12, 2018-Annual Meeting

April 9, 2018

Please note: All Board meetings will commence at 9:00 AM in the Yacht Club "Pretty" Room.

All Membership meetings, including the annual meeting, will commence at 10:00 AM in the Yacht Club "Main" Room.

It is expected that most meetings will last 1-2 hours with the exception of the Annual Meeting which will include a luncheon while the election results are being verified.

What's New In The Neighborhood?



New Book in Tropic Isles' Library

Tropic Isles has been a long-time supporter of Southeastern Guide Dogs. Recently we were given a book entitled "Extraordinary Dogs, Transforming Lives". This book contains stories about ordinary people who have been helped by SEG.D. One story is from Taya Kyle who has been given an emotional support dog. She is the widow of the US Navy Seal veteran, Chris Kyle. The movie "America Sniper" is based on him. Another must-read is about Millie and Yvonne Sica and their Canine-Connections' dog named Miracles. Other stories about facility therapy dogs, guide dogs, service dogs, and emotional support dogs will pull at your heart strings. Take a moment to stop by the library and spend some time reading this amazing book. Just remember to have some tissues handy. Thank you all for helping Tropic Isles support this amazing organization.

New Homes

There are 3 new model homes in the park. They are located at 257 Jamaica Dr., 139 Capri Dr. and 95 Del Rio Dr. Stop by and take a look!

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Homeowners Association Meeting Schedule (TIHOA) 2017-2018

- March 2 TIHOA Board Meeting, Yacht Club 1 PM
- March 5 **Open meeting, Auditorium 10 AM (Coffee 'n Conversation-Hurricane Preparedness)**

All TIHOA meetings take place on Mondays. Following the pattern of last season, Open Meetings in the Auditorium will feature speakers addressing topics of interest to all Tropic Isles' residents. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Congratulations to the New 2018-2019 HOA Board!

- Linda Diesing President
- Terry Foley..... Vice-President
- Jan Vern Secretary
- Judy Reed Treasurer
- Jim Nitti Director



Daring Wildlife Rescue

(Thanks to Irene Casey for sharing this story with us.)

A live, pre-Super Bowl show unfolded in the middle basin when a pelican with an injured wing was spotted sitting on the seawall on Terra Ceia Dr. A call was made to a woman who is known to rescue and rehabilitate sea birds. She arrived just as an intense storm broke out. That did not deter her. The pelican dove into the water, so she borrowed a kayak and bravely went out into the storm. After a short time, she rescued the bird. Her passion for saving our seabirds goes above and beyond all expectations.

The woman was Beth Weir. She has a bird rehab and sanctuary in West Bradenton on 100th St. W. She usually comes as soon as she is called. She is unbelievable! I could not believe it when she kayaked out to reach the bird with lightning, thunder, and torrential rain going on. She said the pelican had a hook in his wing, but it was not broken. She was going to remove the hook after giving him some pain meds. She said after he heals, she will release him back into the wild. She also said I could go and visit the bird. Please save these numbers in case you need to call for help for an injured bird.

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General Yard Waste Reminders

The following information is from 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. 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 CARTS.**

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.

DO NOT PUT YARD WASTE OR TRASH ON THE EAST SIDE OF 28TH AVE. W. ALONG THE FENCE FOR PICK-UP. THAT IS NOT A COLLECTION AREA.

Recycle Aluminum Cans

Thanks to everyone who deposits aluminum cans in the large green box near the office.



The recycling facility cannot take plastic bags, plastic bottles, cardboard, or glass. Only aluminum cans are collected. Thanks to all for recycling.



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!

Praying the Rosary

Join us to pray the rosary on Fridays at 11:30 AM in the Yacht Club, Pretty Room. All are welcome to attend. If you can't join us, but have a specific prayer request, feel free to pass it along. We will keep your prayers in our intentions. Contact Kathleen Metzler at 212-530-4290 if you have any questions or have a prayer request.



~Coming Events~

(clip and save)

MARCH

- 1.....Newcomer's Party
- 2..... Movie Night
- 5..... **Coffee 'n Conversation (Hurricane Preparedness)**
- 7..... Western NY Reunion
- 8,9..... Tropicares' Show
- 10..... SEGD Walkathon
- 11..... **Daylight Savings Time**
- 11..... Hymn Sing-special guests
- 13..... Writer's Group
- 13..... Book Club
- 14..... **Manager's Coffee**
- 14..... Canadian Pot Luck
- 15..... Movie Night
- 17..... **Tropicares Dance**
- 23..... **Farewell Party**
- 25..... **Anniversary Celebration**
- 27..... Writer's Group
- 28..... **Annual Co-op Meeting**
- 29..... Movie Night

APRIL

- 1..... **Easter**
- 8..... **Pool Party**
- 10..... Book Club
- 12..... Manager's Coffee
- 14..... **CD Hop**
- 20..... Bloodmobile

Daylight Saving Time-March 11



Set your clocks ahead one hour.

March Activity Meeting



We will have our meeting on Wednesday, March 14th at 10 AM in the Yacht Club. All Activities in the park should send a representative or two. This month we will be voting on our new slate of officers, and promptly after the vote, the installation of the new officers will take place.

It has been my great pleasure to serve as the President of the Tropic Isles' Activity Board for the past few years and I want to thank all the residents for their help and support. Tropic Isles has a beautiful location, it is true, but the people are the reason it is GREAT!!!!

Sharon Schumann, Activity Board President

ARC Committee Meetings

As of January 1, 2018, the ARC Committee Meetings are being held on Wednesdays at 9:30 in the Yacht Club Pretty Room twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The new ARC Committee Chairman is Tom Hennessy. The ARC request process for any changes to your home or lot remains the same. Contact the Office for an ARC request form.

Boosters

Booster's is an organization of volunteers who work together on a number of fundraisers to make improvements to the park.

Once again palm trees are available. The trees are available to all residents within the park. Trees will be placed and planted under the supervision of Boosters. Trees will be fertilized at no cost to homeowners, BUT you will be responsible for watering. If you are interested in obtaining a tree, there is a form in the Office that you will need to fill out. There will be a limited number of trees available and will be available on a first come, first served basis. The trees enhance the value of your property, so if you are interested, please respond promptly.

Soup Supper was a great evening. The weather was a bit chilly and the soup was good and hot.

Our Pancake Breakfast was also a great success.

Trash and Treasure was like each and every year, with very busy days, and a great success. We'll let you know what profits we made in the April Breezes. **A very big THANK YOU to all of the volunteers.**

The wonderful thing about Boosters is we get everyone in the park involved. It's great for all of us to work together. **OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, BOOSTERS HAS PROVIDED OVER \$40,000.00 FOR PARK IMPROVEMENTS. WAY TO GO!**





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MARCH

Mark Your Calendar! Don't Forget the Newcomers' Party! The semi-annual "Newcomers' Party" will be held on Thursday, March 1st from 7- 9 PM. This party is for all residents new to the park in the last two years, but "old-timers" are welcome also. The purpose of this event is to formally welcome our new residents and let them know more about what the park has to offer in the way of activities and groups. If you are a Newcomer, please come. Beverages will be provided by the Activity Committee. All "old timers" are asked to bring a dessert. Anyone in attendance will be eligible to win a door prize. Hope to see you all on March 1st.



Movie Night in Tropic Isles

Movie night returned to Tropic Isles on Thursdays in the Auditorium at 7 PM. The schedule for the rest of the season is below:

Friday, March 2: TBD
Thursdays, March 15 & 29: TBD

There is no admission-- just a casual explanation of the film in a relaxed atmosphere. Bring a comfortable chair, beverage, and snacks. Enjoy an evening out with your Tropic Isles "family"! Any questions? Give me a call---Mark Krueger at 262-617-9636.

Western NY Reunion

The Western NY Reunion will be held at the Auditorium on **Wednesday, March 7**. Coffee and donuts are at 10 AM and lunch will be at noon. Bring a dish to pass that will serve eight and your own table service. There is a \$3 per person donation with registration at the door. There will be a short business meeting, roll call of counties, and door prizes will follow lunch. All are welcome to attend. Please join us and other Western New Yorkers for fellowship and camaraderie. For info: Jackie Adinolfi 941-722-8569.



Tropicares' "Country Roads" MARCH 8 and 9th

We are pleased to announce the addition of several new talented cast members this year. Tickets will be on sale at Saturday Coffee or by contacting Mary Buckley at 847-833-6955 for **Thursday, March 8th** tickets or Jan Krueger at 262-617-0710 for **Friday, March 9th** tickets. Doors open at 6:30 with the show starting time at 7:00 PM. Please remember to bring your own snacks and beverages. Make plans to join us and enjoy the show!!!
 Director: Bev Obrien - 941-779-4068
 President: Milly Sumler - 941-799-4783

Southeast Guidedog Walkathon

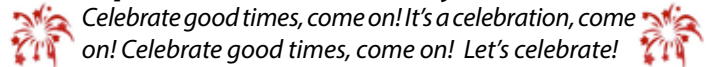
Southeastern Guide Dogs is an exceptional organization which provides service dogs to the visually impaired, to Veterans who suffer from service related injuries, and to others in need of support because of health issues. These dogs are the ticket for many individuals so that they can be independent and safe in the community. We have been successful in raising enough funds the last few years to name a puppy. We are hoping for that honor again in 2018. The Bradenton Walkathon will be held on **March 10th** at Rossi Park in Bradenton. The Walkathon starts at 8:30, opening ceremonies are at 9:30, and the walk itself starts at 10:00 AM. Please consider walking with us or helping to raise money for the event. Contact Sue Weaver at 941-981-5844 or smweaver2@stny.rr.com for more information.



Farewell Dance

It's hard to believe that it's that time of year already, but on **Friday, March 23** we will be having our Farewell Dance with the popular Patsy and Majella. Our theme this year is "Ship-Wrecked" (or Gilligan's Island) and although many people will come in some sort of costume, it isn't necessary. We just want to have fun! This dance is usually very well-attended, so please get your tickets in advance from Jean Volkens by calling 563-564-9056. Seating will be reserved, in advance, for this dance. Tickets are \$6. Hope to see you there!

Tropic Isles' Anniversary Celebration



Celebrate good times, come on! It's a celebration, come on! Celebrate good times, come on! Let's celebrate!
 Please join us for the 15th Anniversary of the Co-Op and 60th Anniversary of the park for a celebration on **Sunday, March 25, 2018!** We'll have lunch, history, and fun. It will be a gathering of friends and neighbors celebrating the PAST and the PRESENT in Tropic Isles.

Learn about the history of the park, have a free lunch, see an aerial video of Tropic Isles, and enjoy an afternoon of music and fun. Don't forget to bring your money. We will have a pop-up store selling Tropic Isles' merchandise.

- o Sunday, March 25, 2018
- o 12 noon – 5:00 PM History of Tropic Isles in the Yacht Club
- o 1:00 - 2:30 PM Lunch -- Auditorium
 - o Free lunch
 - o BYOC - We'll have tables and chairs, but you can bring your own chair for seating outside too!
 - o BYOB also!
 - o Music, video, and surprises!

Hope to see you there! IT'S A CELEBRATION!

Save the Date for the Pool Party!

Our annual Tropic Isles' **Pool Party** will be **Sunday, April 8th**. The wonderful Daryl Lane will be playing music poolside from 5-8 PM. Tickets will be \$6 each, which includes dinner. Tickets will go on sale March 24th. Come and join us for some **FUN IN THE SUN** at one of the last events of the season. This party is "rain or shine", so if the skies dare to rain on us, we'll move into the Yacht Club. More details will follow in the April Breezes.



Next Season's Line-up!

We have just put the finishing touches on our dance schedule for next year and our line-up is so great, we just have to tell you in advance. We are so excited to bring so many first class acts to Tropic Isles because our mission is to "Entertain You!" Here is a preview of what we have in store for the rest of 2018:

- For our **Welcome Back Dance** on November 10, 2018 we have the awesome "Soul R Coaster!"
- For our **Christmas Dance** December 7, 2018, we talked "Ricki and Frankie" into coming back!
- On **New Year's Eve**, we have "Taylor and Taylor" to ring in the New Year!

We also have a few new things up our sleeves and you will be hearing about those closer to the dates. It has been our pleasure to serve you this year, and we all look forward to another exciting season.

Tropic Isles' Entertainment Committee

Calling All Bookworms!



Many here at Tropic Isles love to read, so let's get together to discuss interesting books and share tips on other great reads. We will meet every second Tuesday of the month through May. We will meet in the Yacht Club from 1-2:30 PM. Subsequent discussions will be as follows:

March 13: **The Identicals** by Elin Hilderbrand

April 10: **Into the Water** by Paula Hawkins

Bring along a beverage and share the joy of reading with TI residents. Call Irene Casey with questions at 941-417-7198.

The History of Tropic Isles

In July 1957, Florida Trailer Parks Inc., purchased a tomato farm in Palmetto, FL and sold shares of stock entitling a shareholder to a 99-year lease on a lot/s, depending on their investment.

In 1959, ground was broken, canals, and streets were established, and development was underway with Unit 1. The development and community became known as Tropic Isles Mobile Home Estates and Tropic Isles Mobile Home Park and Yacht Club.

In 1961, Suncoast Lands Inc. purchased this property. Lots were then sold outright. Shareholders of the original developers (Florida Trailer Parks Inc.) were paid off in lot/s in Tropic Isles Mobile Home Estates. By 1966, most lots had been sold, but only a portion was occupied. The Yacht Club was built, with the Sales Office and a small kitchen in it.

In 1966, the remaining property owned by the developers was sold to new owners, Bill Munroe and David Tyree. They finished developing the property south of 12th Street to 10th Street and that property became the rental section surrounding Tropic Isles Mobile Home Estates. People then began renting lots.

Bimini Drive was developed in 1967 with a beach and park at the point of Bimini. Picnic tables and fireplaces were used enthusiastically by the growing community at the park. Boating and recreational water sports were also prime enjoyment by the residents. Good publicity stunts and a ski show featuring Miss America resulted in near full occupancy very soon. Under the Munroe and Tyree ownership, the mangrove swamp north of the Auditorium was cleared out and filled. Canals were put in place and the retirement park for adults was one big happy family.

1967 saw the present number of shuffleboard courts added to the original two, the Auditorium built, and the swimming pool ready for use.

In 1970, Tropic Isles Mobile Home Park was sold to Michael (Mick) Vorbeck and Wayne Rickert, for the sum of \$1,290,000. Under Vorbeck Management, a second basin at the North end was built and the RV section was enlarged. Building improvements were made to the Yacht Club to include a hot tub, fitness center, and card room for the enjoyment of the residents.

In late 2001, the Tropic Isles Mobile Home Park was purchased from Vorbeck and Rickert by the homeowners living in the rental section of the park. The park officially became a Co-op on November 13, 2002. The park management is maintained by its residents and continues to remain one of Florida's few pristine Gulf Coast mobile home parks located on the Sunshine State's prime coastal shoreline of salt water. It is the true desire of its residents that "Tropic Isles" always and forever remain a mobile home park community for its residents.

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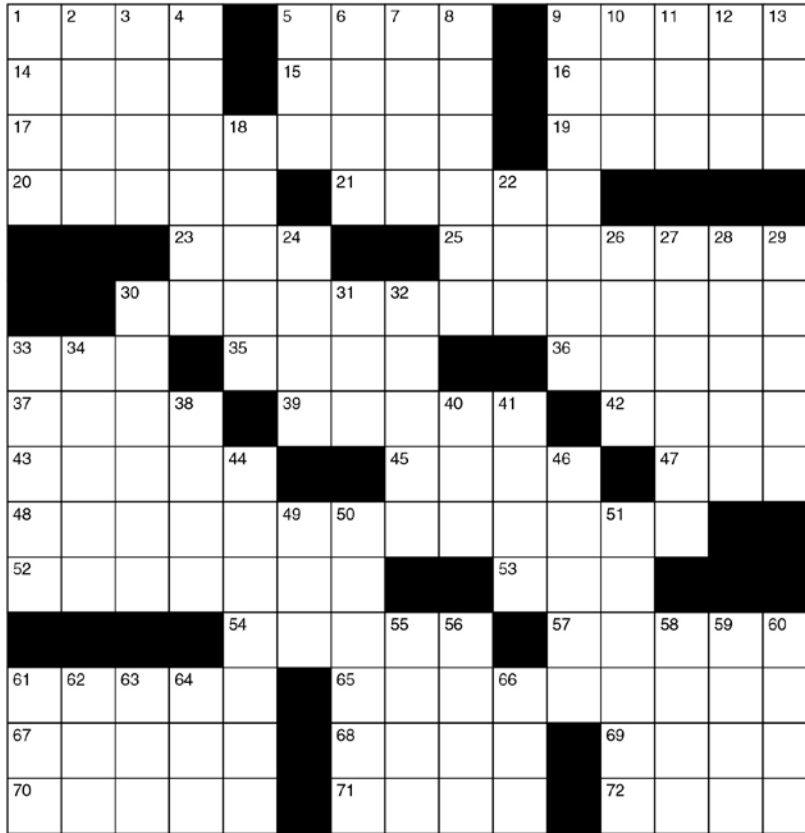
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Down

1. Mother goddess on Pandora
2. Tsp. or tbsp.
3. Many holidays fall on these, for short
4. Knitted blanket
5. "Ruh ___!" (Scooby-Doo utterance)
6. "Movin' ___" ("The Jeffersons" theme song)
7. Part of Saigon's current name
8. Luanda's land
9. Father Damien's island
10. "Yes, madame"
11. Carribean clock setting, maybe
12. Highest
13. Compass dir.
18. TV star, e.g.
22. Small bird
24. Brain wave
26. Volcano in Sicily
27. Reproductive cell division
28. Pre-natal test, informally
29. Considers
30. Hors d'___
31. ___ Landers
32. Safe blowers
33. Overdo it on stage
34. Hannah of "Splash"
38. Qui-Gon portrayer
40. Carrier to Singapore (abbr.)
41. Shih ___ (Tibetan toy dogs)
44. Smiled scornfully
46. Forum
49. Houston-to-Dallas dir.
50. Ineffective
51. Seventh of eight, now
55. Zips
56. Goopy mass
58. Gumbo need
59. Actresses Tilly and Ryan
60. Annoys something fierce
61. Old fireproofing material (abbr.)
62. Qty. of heat
63. ___ polloi (common people)
64. Harry's Hedwig, e.g.
66. "The Daughter of Time" novelist Josephine

Across

1. Gwyneth Paltrow title role
5. "Arrivederci" city
9. Painful cries
14. "___ little faith"
15. "Door's open, come ___!"
16. Forces to leave
17. New Wave band formed in 1980
19. Limber
20. "Steady ___ goes"
21. Word before essay or finish
23. Will Smith role
25. Frantically
30. 1970 Baez album
33. Utrecht neighbor
35. "Nota ___" (note well, classically)
36. ___ fell swoop
37. More than manhandle
39. Inner tension
42. Three Dog Night tune "Sure ___ Sittin' Here"
43. Sporting goods company since 1856
45. Pyramid place
47. Apple's mobile platform
48. ___ rex
52. Fire or water
53. To be, in Toledo
54. Former Knick center Patrick
57. Supermodel Campbell
61. Find repugnant
65. Exxon Valdez, e.g.
67. "Uncle Tom's Cabin" penner
68. Plumlike fruit
69. Strongly advise
70. Develop
71. TV sports award
72. Show impudence



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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: _____

Fish On!



Tom Hennessy had a great day on the Manatee River by Desoto Point catching dozens of oversized 30" redfish.



Jeff Donahue caught this Sheepshead on January 11 off Egmont Key.

Tommy DeSisto caught a nice 20" redfish in Terra Ceia Bay.



Oh, The Places You'll Go!



In January, Mark and Jan Krueger and Bob and Cindy Shaw took a cruise to Havana, Cuba with stops in Nassau, Bahamas and Key West Florida.



Jan Krueger and Cindy Shaw enjoyed their Dolphin Encounter with Clifford, the dolphin, in Nassau, Bahamas!



The Tropic Isles' HOA held their second Coffee 'n Conversation event with speakers from the Fire Department in January. Many helpful ideas were presented, and a Q & A session followed.



82 residents came to listen and ask questions of Mayor Shirley Groover Bryant, Allen Tusing-Director of Public Works, Jim Freeman-City Clerk, Police Chief Scott Tyler, and a County Commissioner at our Coffee 'n Conversation event in February.

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