



Meet Your New Neighbors

By Cindy Shaw

You may recognize the friendly face of **GEORGE SCHUSS** at 76 Edessa Dr. George is a full-time resident from Cicero, Illinois where he was self-employed, owning a Snap-On Tools franchise. George has two daughters—Stephanie (47) and Wendi (45) and 6 grandchildren—Brennan (16), Shannon (14), Camron (10), Anderson (10), Owen (7), and Arden (2). When George's daughter said she was moving to Florida to be near her mom, George decided that Florida might be the right place for him too, so he searched the Internet for waterfront communities, senior 55+ mobile home parks, and Co-ops. He started his search by looking in Jacksonville, down the east coast and up the west coast of Florida, until he discovered Tropic Isles. He enjoyed fixing up his place in what he calls the "retro nautique" style. He shares his home with his best friend and companion, his 10-year old rescue peek-a-poo, Cody.



George enjoys boating, walking his dog, swimming in the pool, exercising, and spending time with his family. Please give a warm Tropic Isles welcome to George and Cody!

I'd like to introduce you to our new, full-time neighbor, **CAROL FULLER**, at 105 Del Rio Dr. Carol is originally from Westfield, PA, but has lived in Bradenton for the past 41 years. She worked as a waitress in Bradenton while raising her 3 children—Lorie, Laurin, and Mark. She has 14 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.



Carol enjoys doing puzzles, using the computer, and spending time with her grandkids and great-grandkids. She shares her home with her 2-year old, long-haired chihuahua, Fluffy. Carol was living in Palmetto for a few years when she decided that her home was too big. She drove up and down the streets looking for a smaller place and found Tropic Isles. We are happy to welcome Carol and Fluffy to our community.

KATHRYN WELLS is our new, full-time resident at 24 Montego Dr. She was born in Washington, DC, grew up in Fairfax County, VA, and moved to Florida in 1982. In 1998, Kathryn moved to South Carolina to be near family, but returned to Florida in 2017 and purchased her home here in Tropic Isles. Kathryn has 2 children—Ronnie (50) who lives in VA and Anita (48) who lives in PA. She also has 8 grandchildren—Bethany (23), Emme (19), Amber (17), Colton (4), Breanna (16), Aubrey (14), and the twins, Ava and Sophia (12). Kathryn



worked as an executive assistant for a mortgage banker for 12 ½ years. She is an avid biker and celebrated her 70th birthday by taking a bike tour from Miami to the Everglades and on to Key West. Kathryn enjoys sewing, walking, hiking, traveling, and wants to learn to kayak. She shares her home with a 13-year old Yorkie, Olive, and a 9-year old Yorkie-poo, Feebee.

Kathryn searched Zillow and RealEstate.com on the Internet for a waterfront community that accepts dogs with a lower monthly fee than she was paying. That's when she discovered Tropic Isles and purchased her home on Montego Dr. Please welcome Kathryn, Olive, and Feebee to Tropic Isles.

(To all the new residents that I have interviewed, please know that since we have had so many new residents move into the park, it takes awhile to get through the backlog of people before it's your turn to be highlighted on the front page. Never fear! I haven't forgotten you.)

Home of the Month



April's "Home of the Month" belongs to Jackie and Terry Davies! What a beautiful job they have done to enhance their curb appeal at 17 Flores Dr.! Congratulations!

~~ Thought For The Day ~~

Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend.





The Boat Club held their annual picnic at Seabreeze Park where they had their first Mullet Toss.



Sam Geoffrion took first place in the Women's Division and Mel Oliver took first place in the Men's Division.

Out and About



11 cars and 23 residents took part in the 2nd Convertible Ride to Linger Lodge with tops down on a gorgeous day in February.



Ted Chatterley, Sue Weaver, and Dale Koester, ran the Sasquatch 5K and Lisa Thurlow ran the 15K trail run near Venice, Florida.

Tropicares "Country Roads"



38 members of the cast of Tropicares performed "Country Roads" in March, directed by Bev O'Brien.

A vital element to the successful performance of the show is the Tropicares' production staff.



On The Water...



Richard Bell does not go fishing very often, but when he does...Wow!

Sailboat racing took place on Terra Ceia Bay most Tuesdays this season when the wind cooperated.



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Letter From The Editor

As the season draws to a close, our "snowbird" friends and neighbors will be returning to their northern homes. While the winter months may have been harsh in the North, we enjoyed the warm sunshine and milder temperatures here in the South. Those of us who remain behind, serve as caretakers of the Co-op and will keep it in good hands until you return. You must remember that Tropic Isles doesn't close its doors and go to sleep while you are away. We, who are "full-timers", keep the wheels in motion, deal with all the construction projects, and continue to work to make Tropic Isles a place we can all be proud of. As you head to places north for the summer, you will be taking with you memories of good times spent with family, friends, and neighbors doing things that you enjoy. Before you leave, please prepare your home properly for the summer and the coming of hurricane season.

If you would like to stay connected to Tropic Isles over the summer, check us out on [Facebook](#) by typing into the subject bar "Tropic Isles Community and Yacht Club". You can also go to the Tropic Isles' website at www.tropicisles.net. Click on "Resource Center and More". From there, you can access the latest Breezes newsletter to find out what's going on in Tropic Isles. If you are a Shareholder, you can "sign in" in the upper right-hand corner of the page. Once you are signed in using a password you created, you can access the "Board Meeting Minutes." Staying connected to Tropic Isles while you are away is easy.

With summer soon approaching, I would like to encourage everyone to send in a picture of your pets and from your travels or fun activities this summer. Thanks, in advance, for your pictures! Safe travels and happy trails until we meet again.

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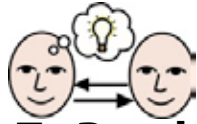
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Idea To Ponder....

"Holding a grudge is like taking poison and expecting the other person to die.

Don't take that poison. Forgive, forget, and move on with your life."

Newcomers' Party in Review

The Newcomers' Party is history for another two years. Over 100 phone calls were made to invite people new to the park in the last two years. Many of those honored guests came and hopefully enjoyed themselves. We had 56 new people sign in. The groups and organizations in the park were well represented and their give-away gifts were top notch. Many people left with door prizes and a belly full of desserts. Thanks to everyone who helped out and to those who attended. See you again in 2020 for the next Newcomer's Party.

April Blood Drive!



The Big Red Bus (Bloodmobile) will be in Tropic Isles on Friday, April 20 from 7:30-12. This will be our last blood drive of the season. Do something wonderful for someone else by donating blood.

Come prepared.

- Have a light meal and plenty to drink.
- Bring a 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 April 20 between 7:30 – 12.

This month, donors will receive a One Blood T-shirt and a your choice of a special coupon from Culvers (FREE Value Meal) or Mission BarBQ (FREE sandwich).

Thank you

Blood Donor Honor Roll

WOW – another very successful blood drive! 24 donors came onboard. There were 5 deferrals and 19 successful donations – saving as many as 57 lives! Incredible!! Thanks to everyone who came out to donate blood at Tropic Isles on Friday, February 23.

Beverly Butts	Brenda Thompson	Connie Potter-Miccoly
Cynthia Myers	Darlene Mallory	Diane Rosenberg
Elizabeth Gorkowski	Jerry Quesenberry	Keith Dey
Mel Oliver	Rita Collins	Tom Barlow
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Picture Perfect Pets of Tropic Isles



Tropic Isles is a pet-friendly park. Our pets are a part of our family and bring so much comfort and joy to our lives. I would like to feature our Tropic Isles pets in a future issue of the Breezes. Please send me a picture of your pet (dog, cat, bird, or other) to tibrezes1@aol.com with their name, breed of cat or dog, age, and any other information about your pet (i.e. quirky habit, etc.) you'd like to share. Once I gather enough pictures, I will dedicate a page to the pets of Tropic Isles.

Tropic Isles' Marina



The month of February went well for your Marina. The weather has been great, and the fish are biting. AJ has been showing anglers which tackle to use for each type of species they may be targeting. These warm water temps have brought lots of bait back into the area and has brought a lot of Snook out of their winter hiding spots.

Another species that has migrated back into Tampa and Terra Ceia Bay with the warm temps is the mackerel. Both king mackerel (kingfish) and Spanish mackerel have started showing up in numbers.

Many of the fish caught in Tampa Bay have a minimum length required before they can be kept, and some have a maximum length, too. Fish are measured either to the fork of the tail or the fish's total length. Pick up a copy of the current regulations at the Marina. The red tide has left us alone, so get out there and fish.

Unfortunately, George Martin, a long time Marina employee, has decided to hang it up. He and his wife, Lynn, have decided to move to South Carolina. We wish him and Lynn the best of luck. So again, we are looking for someone to step up and work at the Marina. Please contact me, Jim Kelly, at the Marina if you or someone you know is interested. Until then Keith, AJ, and I will try to cover the 70 hours a week at the Marina where the prices are low, and the conversation is free.

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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 a good reputation is a person's greatest asset. —age 74
- I've learned that attractiveness is a positive, caring attitude and has nothing to do with face lifts or nose jobs. —age 56
- I've learned that everyone is attractive when they smile. —age 51
- I've learned that a sunroof is worth the extra cost. —age 29
- I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back. —age 64
- I've learned that you should always leave loved ones with loving words. It could be the last time you see them. —age 60
- I've learned that even a doctor with the best training and intentions can be wrong about a diagnosis. —age 58
- I've learned that wealthy people are no happier than those of modest means. —age 68
- I've learned that I do not have to be perfect all the time for my family to love me. —age 18
- I've learned that I should make the little decisions with my head and the big decisions with my heart. —age 52



Cook's Corner



INSIDE-OUT SPAGHETTI PIE

Servings: 3-5 Prep Time: 20 minutes Cook Time: 50 minutes

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. ground beef
- ¾ cup breadcrumbs
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1 small onion, small diced
- 2 tsp. oregano
- 1 ½ T Worcestershire sauce
- 4 T Parmesan cheese
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 ½ cup mozzarella cheese
- 6 oz. spaghetti, cooked
- 8 oz. marinara sauce
- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. pepper

Directions:

1. Preheat your oven to 350F. In a large bowl, combine the ground beef, breadcrumbs, milk, onion, Italian seasoning, oregano, and Worcestershire sauce. Blend well with your hands.
2. Press the beef mixture into the bottom of a well-greased 2 or 3-quart casserole dish. Press the meat up on the sides as well.
3. Place the dish into the preheated oven and bake for 20-30 minutes, or until the beef has browned.
4. Meanwhile, cook the spaghetti according to package directions. Once cooked, quickly toss together with beaten eggs, Parmesan cheese, salt, and pepper.
5. Remove the dish from the oven. Coat the beef with half of your marinara sauce. Evenly spread the spaghetti on top, and then coat the spaghetti with the remaining marinara sauce. Cover it all up with mozzarella cheese.
6. Place the casserole into the oven and cook for another 20 minutes. Allow to cool for 10 minutes. Then serve with a side of crusty garlic bread and a salad.

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Trivia Tidbits

- Roses may be red, but violets are indeed violet.
- By raising your legs slowly and lying on your back, you cannot sink into quicksand.
- An old law in Bellingham, Washington made it illegal for a woman to take more than 3 steps backwards while dancing.
- The glue on Israeli postage is certified kosher.
- The Guinness Book of World Records holds the record for being the book most often stolen from public libraries.
- Bats always turn left when exiting a cave.
- Stewardesses is the longest word typed with only the left hand.
- The name of all of the continents end with the same letter that they start with.
- The word "racecar" and "kayak" are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left.
- The electric chair was invented by a dentist.

Laughter Is The Best Medicine!

HOW TO START A FIGHT



One year, I decided to buy my mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift.

The next year, I didn't buy her a gift.

When she asked me why, I replied, "Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!"

And that's how the fight started...

My wife and I were watching "Who Wants to Be A Millionaire" while we were in bed. I turned to her and said, "Do you want to have sex?"

'No,' she answered.

I then said, 'Is that your final answer?'

She didn't even look at me this time, simply saying, 'Yes!'

So, I said, "Then I'd like to phone a friend."

And that's when the fight started...

I took my wife to a restaurant.

The waiter, for some reason, took my order first. "I'll have the rump steak, rare, please."

He said, "Aren't you worried about the mad cow?"

"Nah, she can order for herself."

And that's when the fight started...

My wife and I were at her high school reunion. She kept staring at a drunk swigging his drink as he sat alone at a nearby table. I asked her, "Do you know him?"

"Yes", she sighed, "he's my old boyfriend. He began drinking right after we split up years ago, and hasn't been sober since."

"My God!" I said, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?"

And then the fight started...

When our lawn mower broke my wife kept nagging me to get it fixed, but I always had something else to take care of. Finally, she thought of a clever way to make her point.

I found her seated in the tall, unmown grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of scissors. I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I was gone only a minute, and when I came out again I handed her a toothbrush. I said, "When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway."

The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp.

My wife sat down next to me as I was flipping channels. She asked, "What's on TV?"

I said, "Lots of dust."

And then the fight started...

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 165 in about 2 seconds."

I bought her a bathroom scale.

And then the fight started...

After retiring, I went to the Social Security office to apply for benefits. The woman behind the counter asked me for my driver's license to verify my age.

I looked in my pockets and realized I had left it at home. I told the woman I would have to go home and come back later.

The woman said, "Unbutton your shirt". So, I opened my shirt revealing my curly silver chest hair. She said, "That silver hair on your chest is proof enough for me" and she processed my Social Security application.

When I got home, I told my wife about my experience at the Social Security office. She said, "You should have dropped your pants. You might have gotten disability too."

And then the fight started...

My wife was standing naked, looking in the bedroom mirror. She was not happy with what she saw and said to me, "I feel horrible. I look old, fat, and ugly. I really need you to pay me a compliment."

I replied, "Your eyesight's damn near perfect."

That's when the fight started . . .

I rear-ended a car this morning . . .the start of a really bad day! The driver got out of the other car, and he was a DWARF!! He looked up at me and said, "I am NOT Happy!"

So, I said, "Well, which one ARE you then?"

That's how the fight started.

(Thanks to Don Stotts for sending the jokes!)

THE PELICAN



A wondrous bird is the pelican
His beak holds more than his belly-can
He can take in his beak enough food for a week,
I don't know how the hell-he-can!

(Submitted by Jean Volkens)

Southeastern Guide Dog Update

By the time you read this, the Southeastern Guide Dogs' Bradenton Walkathon will be history and you all helped to make it a success. At this time, over \$3,000 has been raised by Tropic Isles to help this organization help those in need. Final counts will be shown in the May Breezes.



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“Coffee Talk”

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GET WELL CARDS WERE SENT TO

- **Fred Whitely** of Montego Dr. (surgery),
- **Tom Tuttle** of 12th Street W. (shoulder surgery),
- **Mike Jenkins** of Trinidad Way (surgery),
- **Ann Harwood** of 12th St. (hospitalized with the flu),
- **Virginia Guest** of Terra Ceia Dr. (surgery),
- **Flo McKeever** of Montego Dr. (hospitalized with health issues),
- **Gary Thompson** of Capri Dr./Canada (health issues),
- **Paula Maltby** of 13th Street (broken hip),
- **Joyce Stover** of 13th Street (hospitalized due to complications with an infected cut),
- **Roger and Mary Pike** of Montego Dr. (son in an accident, he’s ok, but serious enough for them to go home).



SYMPATHY CARDS WERE SENT TO

- **Don Del Brocco** and family of Terra Ceia Dr. on the passing of his mother;
- **Jack Bulmer** and family of Bimini Dr./Canada on the passing of his wife, Elaine;
- **Olga Valcich** and family of Terra Ceia Dr. on the passing of her husband, Tom;
- **the Nancy Neeland** family of Tampico Dr./NY on Nancy’s passing.

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 FINAL Manager’s Coffee Hour will be held on Thursday, April 12 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.

Paul Smith, Manager



Tropical Red Hatters

The Tropical Red Hatters meet the first Wednesday of each month year’round. **This month please note a change in the time: We will meet at 4:00 PM in the Yacht Club Pretty Room.** We will then go to the Palmetto Moose for Taco Night.

We are discontinuing Game Day on the second Monday of the month. We may bring it back for special occasions. We reserve the right to change our mind.

Our annual Pajama Breakfast will be at 9:15 AM on Wednesday, April 18 at the Riverside Cafe. Dress appropriately. We will meet at the YC and carpool.

Plans are in the works for a trip to the Village of the Arts Art Walk, a thrift shop tour, a trip to the beach, and a visit to the South Florida Museum, Aquarium, and Observatory. Bring other ideas to the next meeting.

Ann M. Miller

Tropical Red Hatters Scribe

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Tropic Isles' 2018-2019 Resident Directories

Work on next year's Tropic Isles 2018-2019 Resident Directory has begun. Residents must complete an Information Form from the Office if your information has changed. Any TIPOA changes should be sent to cfaulkner2@tampabay.rr.com or by calling Elaine at 941-723-9591.

THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT CHANGES IS JUNE 1, 2018.

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. You can obtain an Information Form from the Office or one is provided for you in this issue of the Breezes.

Cindy Shaw, Editor

CORRECTIONS FOR THE DIRECTORY

Please make these corrections or additions to your directory. If you have a change to submit, please send it to tibreezes1@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:

- Cruise, Bill & Doris**.....remove northern address, local phone number is 941-729-2421
- Fosco, Don**.....remove 531-2077 in both local and northern phone numbers, add 585-342-8859 for cell number.
- Frystak, Karol & Jerry**.....add cell number for Karol 608-264-5607 (K) and add 941 to the local number and northern number of 729-6686.
- Furbeck, Noureen**.....change phone number to 941-721-8156.
- Hoekzema, Al & Marilyn**.....change northern address to 0-11170 8th Ave. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534
- Leakey, Ellie & Gunsinger, Dale**.....remove local number 479-7775, add cell number 613-531-2446, add 613-531-2446 to northern number
- Nosbisch, May Jean**.....remove all northern information
- Pierson, Gene & Barnett, Dori**.. add cell phone numbers 941-518-5678(G) 941-345-9386(D)

Email Changes:

- Barnett, Dori**.....dori.barnett39@gmail.com
- Cruise, Bill & Doris**.. wecruise34@gmail.com
- Watson, Lois**.....remove email address LJW129@hotmail.com



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 for 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

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.



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Boat Club News



With live music, games, a mullet toss, and plenty of good food our picnic at Seabreeze Park was a great success!

Coming up we have our fish fry to be held on April 4 at 5 PM in the Auditorium. Come hungry! This will be my last event as your commodore. Our club will be in great hands with Sue Weaver at the helm.

Thanks to all the volunteers for all your help. You make it easy for our club to have all the fun events that we have. Thank you!

Signing off.....

Lance Linke, Past Commodore



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
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- 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

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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.
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Safety Tip of the Month

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



- Remember to always secure your car doors when parking your vehicle, even for just a few minutes. It takes just a matter of seconds to enter an unsecured vehicle.
- Do not leave valuables, such as purses, cell phones, portable radios, packages, etc. in plain view inside your vehicle. Secure them in a glove box, center console, or even better in the trunk. Thieves will search other vehicles that are easier targets if they do not see anything of value in your car.
- Lock your car doors while your car is in the driveway, especially at night.
- Park in well-lighted areas at night. Light up your residence. Light is an enemy of thieves.
- Keep your shed door or garage door closed and locked at night. Many burglaries to sheds/garages occur with doors left wide open. An open shed or garage door is an invitation to a thief to take anything in sight.
- Be suspicious of anyone approaching your vehicle or roaming your neighborhood.

The MOST important thing YOU can do is CALL THE POLICE to report a CRIME or any SUSPICIOUS activity. You have to be the eyes of your neighborhood. Remember you can always remain a pair of anonymous eyes!



Security Reminder

The Tropic Isles' Office has three engravers for use by Tropic Isles residents. They are as easy to use as a ballpoint pen. Before leaving for the summer, it would be prudent to engrave your valuables (golf cart, kayaks, boat motors, bikes, electronics, etc.). All things stored in carports and the boatyard are tempting to thieves. They should be engraved with your driver's license letters and numbers to discourage theft and to facilitate recovery.

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 the 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 Staff person on-call to handle the situation.





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Tropic Isles' Marauder's Fan Club



Hello, TropicIsles' Summer League baseball fans. The Marauders will start the Summer League April 7. Play begins at 6:30 pm. This is a Saturday and the first game of the summer with fireworks at the conclusion of the game. For \$10 we have choice seats protected by the new safety screen, probably a hat, and one free 32 oz. soft drink. This year, I may list more than one game and you can chose which one or even both games you want tickets for. You must email me, so I know how many tickets you want and for one game or two. Just let me know.

Game 1: Saturday, April 7 starts at 6:30 pm with the St. Lucie Mets game

Game 2: Thursday, April 19 starts 6:30 with the Palm Beach Cardinals

Invite someone to join you as the prices are the same for them. If you know of someone that might be interested, have them email or call me and I will include them into our group. The month of May has 4 Thirsty Thursday (special beer price) games. What say you? Do one, two, three, or four. Check the Marauders website for all kinds of information. Email leonard2807@tamapabay.rr.com or call 941-721-8917.

Thanks, Leonard & Florretta



Florida Sea Turtles



Five species of sea turtles inhabit Florida's waters though only 3 species nest on Florida's beaches. Florida is one of the largest nesting areas of the world for sea turtles. Nesting season is from March 1 through October 31. When visiting Florida beaches during this time, it is not unlikely that you will see areas marked or roped off where a sea turtle nest is. Sea turtles are protected by the Florida State Statutes, Chapter 370.12. Most beaches where they nest have a "lights out" policy after a specified time to prevent the sea turtles from going toward the lights.

Sea turtles can lay several nests in one season, in each nest laying approximately 100 eggs. The female covers the eggs with sand and then leaves the eggs to incubate for 2 months. The temperature of the nest actually determines the sex of the turtles. When the eggs hatch, the hatchlings race toward the water. A very small percentage of the hatchlings ever survive and live to adulthood. The female sea turtles who do survive, always return to nest on the same beach where they hatched.

Tropic Isles' Facebook Page

Facebook is the most popular media site and "seniors" are the fastest growing segment of Facebook users. There isn't any better way to let all your friends and relatives know how beautiful it is here and how much fun you are having. Tropic Isles' Facebook page has over 200 followers and if you aren't one of them yet, here's how easy it is.

Sign into the Facebook search engine. Type Tropic Isles Community and Yacht Club into the space and we should pop up. Hit "like" and you will get all the updates. Send us your pictures to post on the Tropic Isles' Facebook page. Send anything you want to share or brag about this summer. Send your photos to Sharon Schumann at FL34221@aol.com. Send the names of the people in the photos and any information you want to include. Get permission from the people in the picture to post it on Facebook. Please send your photos. It's easy enough to do.

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Property Owners Meeting Schedule

(TIPOA) 2017-2018

Board Meetings

April 6, 2018

Membership Meetings

April 9, 2018

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

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

Congratulations to the 2018-2019 TIPOA Board!

President.....Rene Belanger
 Vice President.....Lance Linke
 Treasurer.....Rita Collins
 Recording Secretary.....Jackie Adinolfi
 Corresponding Secretary/Liaison.....Vicki Massaro
 Director.....John Bailey
 Director.....Kay Lynn Duncan
 Director.....Karol Frystak
 Director.....Wayne Randle

Co-Op Shareholder Meetings

The Board of Directors have agreed to hold regularly scheduled board meetings on the third Thursday of the month at 9:30 AM beginning in April. **The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 19 at 9:30 AM.** (Subject to change). Shareholders can request to have an item placed on the agenda by giving their request to a Board member at least two weeks before the meeting. The President has the final say as to what is placed on the agenda. All shareholders are invited to attend the meetings. Let your voices be heard!

Congratulations to the Newly Elected Activity Board!

President..... Pat Brazil
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2:00 pm 4:00 pm	Shuffleboard Mahjong - PR	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 12:30 pm	Aerobics/ Exercise - Y Fun and Fitness-Y Water Aerobics Shuffleboard Pinochle - PR	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 7:00 pm	Aerobics/ Exercise - Y Fun and Fitness-Y Shuffleboard Water Aerobics Yoga - A Bingo - A	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 12:30 pm 7:00 pm	Aerobics/ Exercise - Y Fun and Fitness-Y Water Aerobics Shuffleboard Kayak Group Bridge - Y Pinochle - Y	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 12:30 pm 6-8 pm 7:00 pm	Aerobics/Exercise - Y Fun and Fitness-Y Water Aerobics Shuffleboard Yoga - Y Canasta - PR Mahjong - PR Darts - Y	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 11:30 am 7:00 pm	Aerobics/ Exercise - Y Fun and Fitness - Y Shuffleboard Water Aerobics Rosary Group - PR Euchre - Y	8:00 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 11:30 am 7:00 pm	Aerobics/ Exercise - Y Fun and Fitness - Y Shuffleboard Water Aerobics Rosary Group - PR Euchre - Y	8:30 am 10:00 am	Coffee Hour - A Shuffleboard

Shuffleboard News

Happy spring, on behalf of the Shuffleboard Club members. If you are not one of us, what's holding you back? The equipment is free and ready for your use and players are ready to assist. So, come on down and try out the game. There's a lot more to it, than first appearances. Sometimes there are competitions, especially in late February and March. The following members have been recognized as recent tournament winners:

Beginner's Tournament- 1st place winner was **Sunny Guest** and **Larry Reese** took 2nd place as runner-up.

The Intermediate Tournament 1st place winner was **Miriam Grossi**, and 2nd place was captured by **Karol Frystak**.

The Guy Manchester Tournament 1st place trophy went to **Wilma Terwilliger** and the runner-up was yours truly.

I could not help but comment on the preparation that goes on early in the morning before a tournament and we're talking early! Steve Grant, Joanne Miller, Gary White, and Al MacKenzie can be spotted washing and drying the courts--sweeping and dust-mopping with microfiber cloths. We do have some of the best courts around to play on. Jerry Rahl takes care of polishing the disks. We have so many great volunteers in the Shuffle Club!

Our recent Spaghetti Dinner fundraising effort brought out many club members in full force to help feed over 460 diners. Some extra reinforcements showed up as well, making the days of preparation and the meal service run ever so smoothly. A big shout out to Shirley Pendergrass for a terrific effort in leading

this event. Thank you, as well, to everyone who purchased dinner tickets and supported this annual event.

As the season moves on, shuffleboard play is more in the form of pick-up games through the summer for all skill levels. Have a look. The courts are ready for your playing pleasure.

*John Lounsbury,
Past President of the Tropic Isles' Shuffleboard Club.*

THE SHUFFLEBOARD SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

Sundays 2:00 PM..... Shuffleboard
 Mondays 10:00 AM Shuffleboard
 Tuesdays 10:00 AM Shuffleboard
 Wednesdays..... 10:00 AM Shuffleboard
 Thursdays 10:00 AM Shuffleboard
 Fridays 10:00 AM Shuffleboard
 Saturdays 10:00 AM Shuffleboard
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Out and About...Around Town



Educational Gardens-Monthly Guided Tours

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Dramature

ENJOY PERFORMING AND BEING ON STAGE?

DraMature is Manatee Performing Arts Center's resident theatre troupe. The ongoing program gives those people age 55+ opportunities to learn and practice their new acting skill. Participants stage productions on a regular basis at Manatee Performing Arts Center, Bradenton. They also take their shows on the road and perform at various communities throughout the area. In January, they staged *Guys and Dolls Sr.* They're always looking for new troupe members. You can join at any time. If stepping on stage has been on your bucket list, cross it off and join DraMature.



On April 11, they will be performing *DraMature's Greatest Hits* at Manatee Performing Arts Center. Tickets can be purchased at the box office, Tuesday-Friday, 10-5, and Saturday, 10-2, by phone at (941)748-5875, or online www.ManateePerformingArtsCenter.com. Tickets are \$6. Come on down and see what it's all about!

Boosters Update

We want to thank everyone who throughout this season helped in all the ways that were needed. Without all of you, we could not do what we do.

This season we bought 60 palm trees which now have been planted. If you want one for next year, go to the office and fill out the paperwork. I'm sure next season we will buy more, if needed.

Again, there is no way to thank everyone for their help with Trash and Treasure. Everyone works so hard. We need you and love you.

Our Trash and Treasure presale brought in \$5068. We made \$926.55 from selling metal and \$563.25 from selling aluminum. PLEASE save your cans and metal scraps.

The one and half days of the sale, after expenses, netted approximately \$5800. So once again thank you to everyone.

Milly and Don



What's New In The Neighborhood?

New homes went in at 2816 14th St. W., 2843 Trinidad Way, and 213 Bimini Dr.

An additional phone and AED were installed inside the Yacht Club.

More hurricane damaged homes have been repaired.

60 new palm trees were planted to beautify the park.

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Library News



Congratulations to June Wyss who, at the New-comers Party, won our gift certificate to Books-A-Million. If you are a newcomer who hasn't visited our library, please come in to see what we have to offer.

This past month we have enjoyed the beautiful art work of Terry DeAvilla Carlson. Thank you, Terry, for sharing your talent with us. We hope to see more of your work in the future.

Since the last issue of the Breezes, the library has received over 130 donations. Fifty-nine DVD's have been added. Our children's section has 10 new items. We have 11 new inspirational books and 18 new mysteries are now on our shelves.

To all of you who so graciously donate items to our library, thank you. Also, the veterans at Bay View Pines Veterans Hospital appreciate your donations. For the last several months, Frank Lord has taken donated books and magazines to the hospital. Thank you, Frank. Donations will continue to be taken to Bay View Pines throughout the summer.

Thank you to Irene Casey, Elaine Faulkner, Anne Nitti, Eva Mae Lake, Sharon Olmstead, Shirley Pendergrass, Nancy Larsen, and Denise Votow for their work in keeping the library in order and running smoothly. Irene Casey has agreed to serve as Vice-President for next year. Thank you, Irene.

The last meeting of the Library Committee will be April 7 following Saturday's coffee. If you are helping us during the summer months, please plan to attend.

For those of you who will be leaving us for the summer, we wish you a safe journey and a healthy, happy summer.

*Phyllis Ann Smith
President, Library Committee*



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!

Writing Group

Tropic Isles has so much to offer you
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A writing group, yoga, aerobics in the pool,
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Join the Writing Group in the Pretty Room of the Yacht Club on
the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 8:30-10:00 AM.

Debbie Miller-Phillips and Lois Watson

~~Coming Events~~

APRIL

- 1 **Easter**
- 8 **Pool Party**
- 10 Writer's Group
- 10 Book Club
- 12 Manager's Coffee
- 14 **CD Hop**
- 19 **Co-op Board Meeting**
- 20 Bloodmobile
- 24 Writer's Group
- 27 Arbor Day

Memory Bricks

Last call for Memory bricks this season! If you are interested in purchasing a brick in memory of a friend or loved one, call Jean Volkens (563-564-9056) with information as to what you want on the brick. Cost is \$30. You can have three lines with 13 letters per line!



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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.

3.8 Required Upgrades

All Dwellings must be upgraded to horizontal siding within one (1) year after the sale. Any other part of the dwelling which is deemed by Management to be in need of replacement due to age or deterioration, must be corrected within the same time frame.

3.9 Maintenance

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

3.10 Exterior Cleaning

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

4.3 Trees

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

4.8 Outdoor Furniture

The only furniture permitted on open patios, carports, or yards is that which is specifically designed for outdoor use. All outdoor items must be removed and safely stored, or secured with tie-down straps during extended periods of absence, ESPECIALLY DURING HURRICANE SEASON.



April Activity Meeting

April's Activity meeting on the 11th will be the last meeting for the season. All Activities/clubs/groups, should send a representative to report on the season, and all board changes will be noted. As always, see you at 10 AM in the Yacht Club on Wednesday.

The Tropic Isles' Activity Board

Tropic Isles' Singles



I have had numerous requests from single people in the park for a venue to meet other single folks. Their aim isn't always to "date", as much as it is to have someone to go out for a meal, movie, or cultural event with.

Snowbird season is about to end and with it will go a large part of Tropic Isles' population, so I think that we should plan for next year if anyone is interested. I would be very happy to help anyone that wishes to pursue this, set-up a time and space, and brainstorm a few ideas to get the group started. As I am not "single", I will only help get it started and those folks in the group must take the lead and follow up. If you are interested in leading a group like this, please call me at 203-813-2540.

Tropic Isles has numerous events every day that welcome people without partners. May I suggest joining Shuffle Club, or if you have a boat, join the Boat Club. Boosters is a huge group of folks with all sorts of opportunities to help around the park! The Red Hatters are for ladies, but they have trips all year. All of these are large groups of residents that meet regularly and have tons of fun, no partners necessary. Or, check the TI calendar for cards and games played nearly every afternoon in the Yacht Club. There is line dancing on Mondays. We have beginner's classes every year in the fall, if you don't know how. Movie Night is a great place to come to get out of the house, mingle, and watch a great movie. There is also aerobics, water aerobics, golf league, kayaking group, bowling, game night, Bingo, and coffee.

If you went to everything around here you would be exhausted, so get out there and join something, maybe a few somethings! As the saying goes, "God helps those that help themselves!" and good luck.

Have a great summer to all the folks, single or not, and have a safe trip north if you are traveling.

Sharon Schumann



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:

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.



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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.**
 - Make sure the Office has a current contact phone number and emergency contact information on file.
 - **SIGN OUT IN THE OFFICE WHEN YOU ARE LEAVING.**
- 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**

Other Helpful Household Tips

When Closing Up for the Season

- Place Damp Rid or charcoal in containers around the inside of your house to ward off dampness and lessen mold and mildew.
- Close the stopper in all sinks and bathtubs.
- Cover both the toilet bowl and tank with Saran Wrap and replace the top. This prevents moisture from evaporating.
- Spray for insects inside and out. Place ant traps around the house on windowsills, shelves, and countertops.
- Flush the garbage disposal with hot water while the disposal is running. Stop and pour in ¼ cup of cooking oil to keep the disposal lubricated.
- Clean out the refrigerator/freezer. Unplug it or trip the breaker and leave the doors slightly ajar.
- Set the thermostat and de-humidistat.
- **Turn off the electricity, then the water.**



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Driving Directions in Florida

- When giving driving directions in Florida, you must always start with the words, "take I-75," "take I-4," "take I-10" or "take I-95."
- When crossing the border into Florida, forget all driving rules you ever knew. If you're a snowbird or a non-working retiree, you absolutely cannot drive between the hours of 6 AM to 10 AM and 4 PM to 7 PM. This is considered to be RUSH HOUR and you are not in any rush. NO EXCEPTIONS, but you will drive anyway.
- Freeways can only go north and south. Not east and west except Alligator Alley.
- Tolls are a fact of life. The state has to make money, so deal with it!
- I-275 (Tampa area) will always be under construction. That's the law and there is nothing anyone can do about it!
- 'A1A' and 'Alt. A1A' are the same road.
- Traffic lights are not timed and never will be.
- If you travel more than 20 miles on any road in any part of Florida without seeing an orange barricade, you're lost!
- If you miss your exit on I-75, I-4, or I-275, its perfectly acceptable to BACK UP!
- Every street in Florida has both a name and a number (i.e. Manatee Ave.= Rt. 64) just for the heck of it and for the pleasure we get from the reaction of visitors when we give them directions.
- Once the light turns green, only 3 cars can go through the intersection, but eight more go through on yellow, and 4 more on red.
- Know the difference between SunPass, SunFest, Sun-Sentinel, and SunTrust.



This would be even funnier if it weren't so true!

~~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 tibreezes1@aol.com. I'd be happy to print it.)

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of the Hurricane Preparedness gathering for Coffee 'n Conversation. We worked together as a TEAM and Together Everyone Achieved More.

Many thanks to Diane Rosenberg, Cindy Shaw, Patti McBride, Mark Krueger, Pat and Dave Clarke, Pam Hennessy, Donna Rockafellow, Bev MacKenzie, Jan Vern, and Bev Butts who helped to distribute flyers to remind residents to properly prepare their homes for the coming hurricane season.

Jan Krueger

A BIG THANK YOU to all the shufflers and attendees for helping to make the Shuffle Club Spaghetti Dinner so successful.

Shirley Pendergrass

Thanks to everyone who helped cover and uncover the pool through March. It is greatly appreciated.

Carol Hallman & Cindy Shaw

A BIG thank you to all the people who attended the Tropicaire's Country Roads shows this year! Thanks for coming and "Happy Trails to you."

Bev O'Brien and Milly Sumler

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to Sharon Schumann for the 7 years she served as President of the Activity Committee. Thank you for your dedicated service to Tropic Isles!

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APRIL

Tropic Isles' POOL PARTY

SUNDAY, APRIL 8



Our annual Tropic Isles' POOL PARTY will be Sunday, April 8th. The wonderful Daryl Lane will be playing music poolside from 5-8 PM. We will be serving Sloppy Joe sandwiches and dinner service will start at 5:30 PM. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share, as well as BYOB in **non-glass containers** for poolside enjoyment. Tickets are \$6.00 each. Purchase your tickets from Pat Brazil (612 669 9462), Rosemary Mix (231-360 6759), or at Saturday Coffee. Please purchase your tickets in advance so we can estimate the amount of food we will need, although a few tickets will be available at the door, too.

If you want to bring a comfortable chair for poolside, that's cool too! Don't forget your money for 50/50! Come and join us for FUN IN THE SUN at one of the last TI events of the season. This party is rain or shine! If the skies dare to rain on us, we'll move into the Yacht Club.

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 share it with 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

CD Hop



The Entertainment Committee would like to invite you to our last dance of the season on **April 14 at 7 PM!** We play our own music and basically have a party with anyone that wants to come. It is \$1 at the door. We supply ice and music. You bring friends, and your own drinks and snacks. We will have a 50/50, which may be your last chance to get rich before you head north! Dress casually, dance or visit, and enjoy yourself.

The Entertainment Committee would like to thank all the folks that have attended our events this year. We work hard to bring quality entertainment to our park and spend whatever profits we make on supporting smaller or start up activities and upgrading our amenities.

The Entertainment Committee



Next Year's Farewell Dance Theme

In case you missed the announcement, our theme for our next year's Farewell Dance (March 2019) will be "The Circus". So, think on what sort of "Act" you might like to be and scour thrift stores or tag sales for costumes! We always have a good deal of fun at our costumed events, and although you do not have to be in costume to attend, it does add to the fun! Have a great summer!

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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: _____

What's Happening In Tropic Isles?



The Newcomer's Party welcomed 52 new residents.



A successful Trash and Treasure Sale was held in February with the help of many volunteers.



Volunteers from the Boosters planted 60 palm trees throughout the community to beautify the park.



Movie Night brought many residents to the Auditorium to view The Darkest Hour.



Most activity groups were represented at the party.

What's Happening In Tropic Isles?

Beginners



Intermediate



The Beginners and Intermediate Tournaments were held in February.



Shown here is the winner of the Guy Manchester Tournament--Wilma Terwilliger, runner-up--John Lounsbury, step-daughter of Guy Manchester--Diane Schetrompf, and tournament organizer--Carl Olmstead.



32 residents attended the 6th annual Nassau-Jamaica Block Party. The "Tropic Isles Trivia" game was won by Julie Bruursema, who was crowned "Queen of TI Trivia".

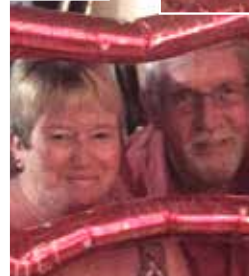
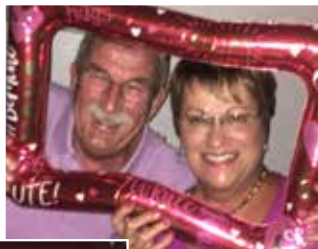


Many residents attended the Hurricane Preparedness seminar in March to learn how to properly prepare their homes for the 2018 Hurricane Season.



35 residents participated in the Southeastern Guide Dog Walkathon to raise money for this worthwhile organization. Some residents were joined by their 4-legged friends.

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