Home Of The Month



This newly landscaped home at 1605 28th Ave. W. belongs to Don and Janet Baas.

Congratulations on being chosen May's "Home of the Month"!





Meet Your New Neighbors

By Cindy Shaw

New to Tropic Isles are **PAULA JORDAN and GERRY WICKY** at 315 Bahama Dr. who will be full-time residents from Tampa, Florida. Paula is originally from Albany, Oregon and Gerry is from Buffalo, New York, but they have lived in Tampa for over 30 years. Paula continues to work full-time as a professor of economics and finance at



National Louis University, a private non-profit university, located in Chicago, IL. Gerry has his own accounting and bookkeeping practice. They both love anything outdoors including kayaking, bicycling, golf, softball, and boating. While driving around looking for property, they stumbled upon Tropic Isles and decided to build a new home at their Bahama Dr. location. They are settling in after finishing the construction process last summer. Please welcome Paula and Gerry to Tropic Isles!

Living across the street from Wayne and Betty Randle in Auburn, Indiana and renting 6 doors from the Randles in Tropic Isles for 4 months in 2015, gave **WAYNE and JUNE WYSS** an opportunity to experience living here. They en-



joyed it so much, that they bought a property, 7 doors down, in December of 2016, installed a new home at 2904 12th St. W. the following year, and have become full-time residents.

For 37 years, Wayne was a high school teacher of social studies, physical education, and guidance. June was in banking and worked as a manager for deposit operations and did financial reporting for 25 years. They both enjoy playing bridge and love to travel.

They have 4 children—Gueral (62) and Kelly (59) live in Florida and Jackie (55) and Debbie (53) still reside in Indiana. Wayne and June have 11 grandchildren that range in ages from 15-46. They also have 11 great grandchildren ages 2 to 26 years and a new great, great-grandson named Arlo born in December of 2017. They share their home with Maggie, a 6-year old, black and white Lhasa Apso who is growing accustomed to her new home.

Please welcome Wayne, June, and Maggie to Tropic Isles.

~~ Thought For The Day~~

I've come to realize that the only people I need in my life are the ones who need me in theirs, even when I have nothing else to offer them but myself.

----Anonymous

Tropic Isles' Happenings





The 15th/60th Anniversary Celebration brought out many people to enjoy the history presentation created by Kay Lynn Duncan and a free lunch.



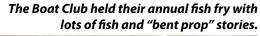
120 people enjoyed the first "Hot Dog Thank You Party" in appreciation for all donations given to the Southeast Guide Dogs.



Tropic Isles earned the privilege of naming another puppy. The honor went to Barb Martin who chose the name "Clyde". We are all very happy and excited for her.



Farewell to line dancing for the season.





The annual Pool Party was enjoyed by all the party goers, including this gecko (John Metzler)!



Tropic Isles

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Letter From The Editor



Spring is in the air, and this month it's finally here! This season brings extended daylight, rising temperatures, and the rebirth of flora and fauna.

When you start to feel that warm weather and see the green grass growing, the leaves coming back to life, you get that warm feeling inside knowing that spring is here. To me, it means that summer is just around the corner. Visitors to Florida say that Florida doesn't have seasons, but we do. They just aren't as dramatic as in the North. Flowers bloom and trees bud. The rains green up the grass. Signs of spring are all around us.

Spring has been celebrated throughout human history as a time of organic and spiritual rebirth following the "dying of the year" in winter. "Spring cleaning" may hold different meanings to different folks. To some, it may mean clearing out stale energy from their lives, and to others it may quite literally mean cleaning out their cluttered spaces.

Spring is the time when hibernating bears and bumblebees emerge from their hiding places to stretch their sleepy legs. The coming days are a flutter with renewed signs of life everywhere you turn and the spirit of starting anew begins to take hold. As we step into springtime, embrace the warm fresh air and give yourself a fresh clean start.



Happy Mother's Day - May 13, 2018



Manners are a sensitive awareness of the feelings of others. If you have that awareness, you have good manners, no matter which fork you use. ~ Emily Post



2. Red Hat meeting 5. Summer Coffee begins Cinco de Mayo 8. Writer's Group Book Club 9. ARC meeting 13. Mother's Day 17. Co-op Board Meeting (optional) 18. Endangered Species Day 19. Armed Forces Day HHW and E-scrap Collection Day/Bradenton 22. Writer's Group 23. ARC meeting 28. Memorial Day

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Tropic Isles' Marina

I would like to thank all of the people who have supported the Marina. A lot has been accomplished this season and it could not have been done without your support and the financial support of all the organizations. We are close to purchasing a new bait tank and chiller that should provide years of live bait for fisherman and women.

Storing your boat when you leave? You should definitely cover the boat. Maybe use some covers for the trailer tires to prevent premature rotting from the sun. In the summer, the boat will be exposed to extreme heat, even under the cover. The sun will target the gelcoat. You will have some rough weather like wind, rain, and blowing sand which can cause more problems. Protect or cushion the areas where your straps contact the boat to prevent scratches and scrapes from the constant movement caused by the blowing wind. Blowing sand will still find its way inside the cover, so you will just have to wash it out when you return. Try to allow air to flow through and under the cover. That will help with any mildew. It doesn't hurt to add a gas additive in the gas tank to reduce moisture while you're gone too.

To all you snowbirds, I hope you have a safe trip home and we will see you again next winter. For those of us who live here all year round, we will have to carry the burden of living in paradise while our friends are up north. It's a tough job, but somebody has to do it. Have a great summer and hurry back to your Marina where the prices are low, and the conversation is free.

Jim Kelly, Marina Manager



Cook's Corner CRUNCH BEEF CASSEROLE



2 cups uncooked corkscrew macaroni

1 lb. ground beef

1 can (10 1/2 oz) condensed cream of mushroom soup

1 can (14 1/2 oz) whole tomatoes

3/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese

3/4 cup (optional) green pepper

3/4 teaspoon seasoned salt

1 can (3 oz) French Fried Onions

Directions:

- 1. Cook macaroni as directed on package; drain.
- 2. Brown ground beef; drain fat.
- 3. Combine all ingredients, except French Fried Onions.
- 4. Pour into greased 2 qt. casserole dish.
- 5. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.
- 6. Uncover and top with French Fried Onions.
- 7. Bake 5 minutes longer.

Summer Co-Op Board Meetings

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

Milly Sumler, Co-op President

Southeastern Guide Dog Update

You did it again, Tropic Isles! You donated a whopping \$5,654 to Southeastern Guide Dogs and their mission to help those in need. Those nickels, dimes, and pennies thrown in the jug at Coffee Hour really do add up. Since 1991, you have



been responsible for giving the dogs \$82,613.26. Florence Lundy is smiling down on us.

We had 35 walkers for the Bradenton Walkathon on March 10th. Over 120 guests, plus eleven dogs, attended our "Hot Dog Thank You Party" in the Yacht Club on March 28th. If you missed either event, no fear - we will be doing it all over again in 2019. The Hot Dog Party next year might even feature a Pet Parade with prizes, so get your best friend's costume ready.

Thank you for your donations.

Sue Weaver





Calling All Park Artists!



Are you interested in meeting other artists once a week at the Yacht Club? All levels are welcome. This would be just a casual time to work on your sketches or paintings with other like-minded people for a few hours. If you are interested, please

contact me at my email address because I left for my home in Canada on April 15th. Once I get enough interested people, I will make arrangements for a date/time with the Office. Please reply ASAP as the TI calendar for next winter will fill up quickly. Please reply to catheezart@hotmail.com. Thank you.

Cathy Marshall

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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 any activity becomes creative when you try to do it better than you did it before. –age 48
- I've learned that you should never pay for a job until it is completed. –age 37
- I've learned that people are about as happy as they decide to be. –age 79
- I've learned that the quickest and best way to appreciate other people is to try and do their job. –age 51
- I've learned that it's easier to stay out of trouble than to get out of trouble. –age 14
- I've learned that days are long, but life is short. -age 88
- I've learned that singing "Amazing Grace" can lift your spirits for hours. –age 49
- I've learned that there's nothing you can't teach yourself by reading. –age 78
- I've learned that humming a tune when you're upset can ease your mind. –age 18
- I've learned that there are four ages of a man: 1) when he believes in Santa Claus, 2) when he doesn't believe in Santa Claus, 3) when he is Santa Claus, and 4) when he looks like Santa Claus.
 age 51



Tropic Isles' 2018-2019 Resident Directories

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

THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT CHANGES IS JUNE 1, 2018.

Cindy Shaw, Editor



- The average man has a higher blood count than a woman. Men=1.5 gal. Women=.875 gal.
- Men have a higher chance of protracted hiccups than women and it is harder for them to get rid of them.
- The formation of dimples is the by-product of where the skin is attached to the muscle on your face.
- The brain functions upon nerve impulses that travel back and forth at speeds of up to 250 mph.
- In 1972, a report was published claiming that the common cold can be cured by freezing your big toe.
- On average, one red blood cell takes 20 seconds to complete one cycle of circulation in the body.
- When you sneeze, the burst of energy that comes out of your mouth can be as fast as 100 mph.
- The amount of heat given off by the human body in ½ hour can boil a gallon of water.
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Corrections For The Directory

Please make these corrections or additions to your directory. If you have a change to submit, please send it to <u>tibreezes1@aol.com</u> 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:

	Remove 607-739-3447 as the local
	number, add 607-425-8693
Butts , Dennis & Bev	Change northern address to 256 Bay Village Drive, Irondequoit, NY 14609, remove northern phone 607-478-8154
Cone, Teresa	Add northern address 1306 39th St., Moline, IL 61265 and phone 309-721-2408
Crocker, Donald	Add 19 Flores Dr. 941-729-2615
Fredrick, Bill & Judy	Remove 721-8068 and add 616- 534-9352
Hooven, Charles & Ann	(New listing) 58 Montego Dr., 484- 432-2564, add northern info: 1482 Birdell Rd., Coatesville, PA 19320, 610-384-5632
Johnston , Wilson & Barbara	Add 39 Flores Dr., 479-4100, northern info: P.O. Box 221, Embro, ONT. CAN NOJ 1J0, 519-475-4982
Kelly, James & Joanne	Add cell phone number 248-709- 2497
Kelly , Robin	Change local phone number to 941-845-426 and remove the others, add northern address: 1 Morrow Ave. Brighton, ONT CAN KOK 1H0
Landes, Bob & Karen	Remove local number, add cell number 765-610-5827 (K)
Maltby , Kleo	(New listing) 18 Montego Dr., 231- 342-9229, northern address: 5341 Haydens Way, Bellaire, MI 49615
Sherman, Gail	. Remove the local number, add cell number 941-357-6954
Slater , John & Melody	(New listing) 3106 10th St. W., 716-

378-8841/716-378-2816, northern info: 82 Kent Blvd., Salamanca, NY

14779, 716-945-5438

Weaver, Sue & Chatterley, Ted.. Correct the spelling of the name of Chatterley. Add this cell number 716-450-5077(S) to the local numbers and correct the northern

number to be 716-484-2028(S)

Email changes:

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"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

Dorothy Kellogg of Del Rio Dr. (broken hip); **Ed VanVoorhis** of Nassau Dr. (fell);

Jean Warren of Del Rio Dr. (health issues);

Wayne Wyss of 12th Street W. (back surgery);

Chuck Kellogg of Del Rio Dr. (health concerns);

Pat Nizborski of 12th Street W. (illness and hospitalization);

and Mark Krueger of Nassau Dr. (surgery).

Sympathy cards were sent to

William Vest and family of Del Rio Dr. on the passing of his wife, <u>Jeanette</u>;

Chris and Jim Gorton of 13th St. W. on the passing of Chris' sister; **Sonny Damvelt, Karla**, and family of Tampico Dr./Michigan on the passing of his wife/ Karla's mother, Barbara;

To the family of **Roberta Ramirez** of 12th St. W. on her passing; To **Tom McKeever** and family of Montego Dr./PA on the passing of Flo.

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 or Anne Nitti at 508-873-6205.

Summer Saturday Coffee

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

Summer Coffee Committee

Tropical Red Hatters

The Tropical Red Hatters will meet Wednesday, May 2, at 4:00 PM in the Yacht Club. This change in time has worked well. Each member should bring a dish to share and their own place setting and drink. Chicken will be provided. Also, bring

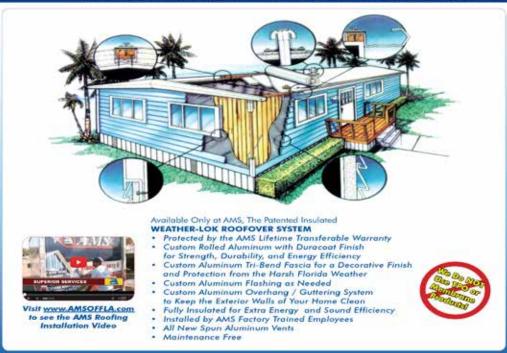
Red Hat items for a swap.

On Saturday, May 5 we will go to the South Florida Museum for family night. Admission will be \$8.00 for seniors after 3 PM. We will then go to dinner at about 5 PM at a place to be determined. Although it is Cinco De Mayo, we will decide on a location for dinner at the meeting. Other May activities include Mother's Day (May 13), the Royal Wedding (May 19), and Memorial Day (May 28). Within the month, we will find time to spring clean and organize the storage closet.

Ann M. Miller, Tropical Red Hatters' Scribe









Laughter Is The Best Medicine!

- My goal for 2017 was to lose 10 pounds. Only 15 to go. Ate salad for dinner. Mostly croutons and tomatoes. Really just one big round crouton covered with tomato sauce... and cheese. FINE, it was a pizza. I ate a pizza.
- How to prepare tofu: a. Throw it in the trash. b. Grill some meat.
- I don't mean to brag, but I finished my 14-day diet food in 3 hours and 20 minutes.
- A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.
- Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young, I
 had to walk 9 feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel.
- I may not be that funny or athletic or good looking or smart or talented. I forget where I was going with this.
- Bread is like the sun. It rises in the yeast and sets in the waist.

I AM A SEENAGER

I JUST discovered my age group! I am a Seenager (Senior teenager). I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 55-60 years later.

- I don't have to go to school or work.
- I get an allowance every month.
- I have my own iPad/cell phone.
- I don't have a curfew.
- I don't have acne.
- I have a driver's license and my own car.
- I have an ID that gets me into bars and the wine store. I like the wine store best.
- The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant. They aren't scared of anything. They have been blessed to live this long, so, why be scared?

Life is Good! Also, you will feel much more intelligent after reading this, if you are a Seenager.

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much. People do not decline mentally with age; it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains. Scientists believe this also makes you hard of hearing as it puts pressure on your inner ear. Older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem. It is nature's way of making older people do more exercise. SOTHERE!!

FLORIDA IDIOSYNCRASIES

- Flip flops, tank tops, and baggy shorts are also known as business casual.
- The wearing of plaids and stripes of different colors at the same time are the norm.
- Your car's signal blinker means nothing. It should be left on at all times.
- English is our first and second language.
- It is perfectly acceptable to brag about the size of your emergency generator.
- We have alligators here in Florida and they WILL bite you. Don't be stupid and try to feed or pet one.
- When a hurricane is headed our way, even though you have advance warning and you are told to be prepared, you're not a true Floridian unless you wait until the absolute last minute to go to Home Depot to pick up plywood or to Publix to stock up water, ice, and potato chips.

- You know how to spell Okeechobee. There is an Okeechobee Lake, Town, County, Blvd., Street, and Avenue.
- A true Floridian does NOT own a boat. They make friends with someone who already owns one. That way you don't have to deal with any of the headaches.
- You weren't born here. If you were, you're angry that anyone else has moved here.
- There's always a Walgreens across the street from a CVS on nearly every corner with more being built every day.
- It's normal to sweat when you are putting up your holiday decorations.
- In south Florida, the four seasons are summer.
- There is a city called 'The Villages' where over 100,000 old people live that all drive golf carts and dance in the streets.
- Jupiter is a city, not a planet.
- Seniors have to do their errands during the weekdays, not weeknights or weekends. That's for the working folks.
- There are three types of dolphins: Mahi-mahi, Flipper, and also a football team.
- Don't say; 'This is how we did it up north.' If you think that way, then go back up north and do it that way.
- Just remember I-95 and I-75 run both ways.
- No matter what they decide in Tallahassee, you will never, ever be able to figure out your property taxes.
- Learn how to dress in layers. It will be 95 degrees outside, but inside any restaurant or business it's 65 degrees.
- With the slightest hint of a hurricane, your house insurance will be cancelled.
- The biggest Asian pythons are in the Everglades.
- You want to live on a lake? Dig a hole.
- Early bird dinner starts at 4:00 but be there at 3:00. Always have plastic bags in your purse or pocket for the packets of sugar, Splenda, or additional servings from the buffet, etc.
- True Floridians rarely go to the local beach except in Miami. They are recognized by their tobacco-colored leather skin.
- Don't think of going to Boca Grande unless you are wearing at least one piece of gold lame'.
- Always be observant of cars backing through store windows or into canals and swimming pools.
- Most cars are driven by headless drivers. When seen, the head always has white hair and over-sized, black wrap-around sunglasses.



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Bingo News



Please join us every Tuesday in the Auditorium. Attendance is up, 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 we 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

~~Special Thanks~~

(If you have a certain someone of 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.)

My family and I would like to thank everyone who expressed condolences and sent cards and concerns. God bless!

Cathy Gardina

Thank you, everyone, for the prayers, cards, flowers, the many meals, and kind words after my accident. It means so much to me!

Paula Maltby

I would like to thank all the people at Saturday Coffee Hour who signed cards for me while I was in the hospital.

Ann Harwood

Thanks so much to all my line dancers for the appreciation you all show me. Because we all enjoy getting together on Monday night, I will be leading line dancing again next season. We start in November with beginner classes at 6:30 PM and intermediate classes at 7:00 PM. I will hold beginner classes during November and January. Thanks again and keep on dancing.

Sincerely, Karol Frystak

Thanks to Judy Reed for scheduling the speakers for Coffee 'n Conversation this past season and setting up the coffee and donuts. The speakers were very informative.

A BIG thank you to Pat Brazil and a team of volunteers who worked so hard to create a wonderful 15/60th year Anniversary Party for all of Tropic Isles.

A very SPECIAL thank you to Kay Lynn Duncan for all the hard work she put into compiling the history of Tropic Isles which was on display at the Anniversary Party.

Extra special thanks to Terry Foley for acting as "photographer at large" this season. Your photographs were enjoyed by many.

Cindy Shaw

Boat Club News

Hello, friends and neighbors. As most of you know, I am the new Commodore of the Tropic Isles' Boat Club. I am not quite sure of what I've gotten myself into because it is a never-ending job and I have some big boat shoes to fill. I want to thank Lance Linke for all his help in getting me ready for the upcoming season when I will be at the helm. A lot more goes on behind the scenes with the Boat Club than most people realize, and I know I will make some mistakes, so please understand that. I am looking forward to the challenge and to the fun I know we will have as a club. See you in the fall and stay safe on the water.

Sue Weaver, Commodore

Kayak-Ity-Yak

The Tropic Isles' kayakers have been a busy group this winter. We have gone out from the TI launch

on most Wednesdays when the weather cooperated. During April, we enjoyed an amazing paddle down Frog Creek and then traveled to Bradenton to paddle the Braden River. Some of us launched at Jiggs Landing and enjoyed a four-mile trip to Linger Lodge. Along the way we met up with a group who launched at Linger Lodge and paddled downstream. We enjoyed a delicious lunch with lots of laughs. Two brave souls, Linda Coleman and Sue Weaver, paddled the four miles back to Jiggs. Not bad for two old gals! They logged over 3.5 hours paddling the 8 miles. Anyone is welcome to join us. If you don't have a kayak, we can help you find one to borrow. Contact Sue Weaver at smweaver2@stny.rr.com or Chuck Harding at mncootcookers@hotmail.com. Enjoy your summer!

Sue Weaver



Safety Tip Of The Month –

Wet Weather Driving

Wet season is here in Florida and lasts from May through October, which can make driving conditions more hazardous. Although it might seem like a good idea to turn on your emergency lights while driving in heavy rain, don't do it. It's illegal to use your emergency lights if your car is moving — and it's dangerous.

"Other drivers now think that your vehicle is stopped and may or may not take evasive actions to avoid your car," said Steven Montiero, with the Florida Highway Patrol. "Meanwhile, you are still moving, but you are telling another driver that your car is stopped in the roadway. You may be causing a crash while you think you are avoiding a crash."

What other tips do you need to know about for wet season?

- · Check your tires.
- Avoid cruise control. It's great for dry conditions, but when it's raining, your chances for losing control increase.
- Use your headlights when it's raining, but not your highbeams. You don't want to blind other drivers, and the extra light could reflect off the rain and reduce your visibility. Remember this: When the windshield wipers are on, your lights should be on.
- Slow down and make sure you leave plenty of room for other drivers. Slowing down can be critical to reduce your chances of hydroplaning. "The second you start to feel that your vehicle is no longer in contact with the road and you think you need to stop that car, we are telling you to pump the brakes," Montiero said. "There is no reason to slam on your brakes. Pump the brakes until you come to a complete stop."

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Palmetto Police --

Many Tropic Isles' snowbirds are heading north and as our population decreases, the incidents of pool trespassers, theft, and vandalism may increase.

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Please remember that our local Palmetto Police are very prompt in their response time IF we call them. Please add the local Palmetto Police number to your cell phone and do not hesitate to call and report suspicious activity in our community.

How to Lock a Golf Cart: Security Ideas

Golf cart security is important as long as there are thieves willing to jack your cart. It's really not that difficult for a thief to steal your golf cart and

take it away. Think about it, there's no breaking-in involved, a quick hot wire will get it started, and next thing you know your cart is on eBay about to be sold to the highest bidder. Unless your cart really stands out in a crowd, it is unlikely that any witnesses will be able to pick it out of a line-up. Here are some simple and inexpensive ways to make your golf cart more secure.

Install a unique key switch. One of the most common and inexpensive methods to lock a golf cart is to install a unique key switch. Standard golf carts of the same brand use generic common keys, so everyone has basically the exact same key. Many manufacturers offer unique key switches for their brands to give you a different key option with your cart. Now someone else with a common key cannot start your cart and drive off.

Install a pedal lock. Installing a pedal lock is yet another way to lock a golf cart. There are several pedal lock boxes on the market which prevent the accelerator pedal from being pressed by locking it into the upright position. If you can't press the pedal down, you can't drive it off.

Install a steering wheel club. Just like in the automotive market, there are various "club-like" products available to lock your steering wheel into an undesirable and un-drivable position. If you can't steer, it is difficult to drive off.

Install a wheel lock boot. It's kind of clunky and cumbersome to travel with, but a wheel lock boot will definitely prevent your wheels from rolling. It is better suited to lock a golf cart at home with this device.

Lock and Chain. A good old-fashioned chain might be enough to detour any potential thieves. If you have a long enough chain, you can run it through all four wheels which would not only detour the thief from stealing your cart, but also from stealing your wheels if you've got custom rims.

Nothing you do is fool proof. If a thief wants your golf cart bad enough, he can probably find a way to get it. Even if they can't start your cart, they can still pick it up and put it on a trailer. So, putting it in your carport close to your door and parking your vehicle behind it will be a good deterrent for any thieves. Yes, it's somewhat inconvenient, but it is more inconvenient to have to call the police, fill out a report, and then go shopping for another golf cart.

Florida's Rainy Season

The wet, or rainy season, in Central Florida lasts an average of five months. It generally begins in late May and runs through mid-October. 61% of our total

annual rainfall is received during these five months. There really isn't a definitive start day or time, but there are a few signals that alert us to the fact that the rainy season may be beginning.

- Cold fronts stop moving through Central Florida.
- Frequent, almost daily, showers and/or thunderstorms form, mainly along sea breeze collisions.
- The low temperature and dew point temperature is consistently 67-70 degrees.

Forecasters at the National Weather Service office in Melbourne, Florida, make the official call of when the wet season has begun for Central Florida. They usually wait a few days, or sometimes weeks, after we think the season has started before determining the official start date for that year.



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 <u>free</u> service for park residents of Tropic Isles.

For a **FREE Florida-Friendly Landscaping Guide to Plant Selection and Landscape Design, visit www.WaterMatters.org (Southwest Florida Water Management District). Select "Documents and Publications" (on left). Click on "Free Publications". Under "View by Subject" click on "Florida-Friendly Landscaping". Scroll down to "Florida-Friendly Landscaping Guide to Plant Selection and Landscape Design". Then download or choose to have it mailed to you.



Oh, the Places You'll Go!!!!

With the summer soon approaching, I would like to encourage everyone to send in a picture from their travels this summer. Please include the names of the people in the picture, location, and date of the trip. Let's see how many different locations we can get. Send it to TIBreezes1@aol.com.

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 a picture of your pet (dog, cat, bird, or other) to tibreezes1@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. Thanks to those that have already submitted their pet pictures!



Tropic Isles' Cruisers

Join other Tropic Isles cruisers on the Royal Caribbean's "Harmony of the Seas" when they cruise from Ft. Lauderdale, FL to Phillipsburg – St. Maarten, San Juan-Puerto Rico, and Labadee- Haiti for a 7- night cruise on January 20-27, 2019. For reservations, contact Palmetto Travel at 941-722-0545 or 1-800-393-0545. You can call Joan Richey at 941-721-7288 or email her at jrich2909@yahoo.com for more information.



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!



Anniversary Celebration Video For Sale!

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

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 400 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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Out and About...Around Town



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.

SOUTH FLORIDA MUSEUM AND AQUARIUM

There are two new manatees in for rehab at the South Florida Museum and Aquarium. They are Tannenbaum and O'Neil, along with a returning manatee, Baca. Check them out at www.southfloridamuseum.org. On Family Night at the Museum,



the first Saturday of most months, the Museum stays open late for an evening of family fun! Go on the first Saturday of the month after 3 PM and get in for \$8.

2018 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) AND E-SCRAP COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Collections are held the 3rd Saturday of every month at the Lena Road Landfill, 3333 Lena Rd., Bradenton (3rd traffic light east of I-75 off State

Road 64) from 9 AM-3 PM. The next collection date will be May 19th, 2018.

Tropic Isles' Marauder's Fan Club



The TI Marauders Fan Club consisting of 12-15 members three years ago has grown to 50+ members. Many first timers and snowbirds are joining us for the April and May games before heading home. Summer baseball shows

off the minor league kids just out of high school or attending college trying to make the big leagues. It is great baseball to view in a super stadium that has been copied by other grapefruit major league teams for their home stadiums in Florida. The micro brewery just down the street from Lecom Stadium has started up just this year, brewing a beer for the Pittsburgh Pirates. I am sure many club members will try their beer on Thirsty Thursday. Game time is usually 6:30 for the summer league as it is much cooler then. There are 6 minor league teams in each division. All teams are located in Florida and make for a great night out. Send me an email or call and join us for a game as the season doesn't end until the last Saturday in August.

Leonard & Florretta 941-721-8917 leonard@tampabay.rr.com

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

24 members (half of the club membership) of the Tropic Isles' Marauders Fan Club attended a game on Saturday, April 7. It was the opening of summer league baseball at Lecom Park. Dennis Foley (new member) ran into someone he knows from his home town in Connecticut. Can you believe that? Steve Grant caught a Marauders' shirt that was tossed into the stands. The Kayes, Tom and Shirley, and Gale Smith won a Marauder's banner. The Reases won a coupon from Pier 22. After one and a half innings, with the Marauders ahead 4 to 1, the rains came with strong winds. One hour later, the play continued. The Marauders won 5 to 2 and the game closed with about 20 minutes of wonderful fireworks, thanks to Budweiser brewery. Fun was had by all.

Leonard & Florretta



It's Spring and the Manatees Are On The Move!

In balmy spring weather, both manatees and boaters are cruising through Florida's waterways. For manatees, it is a seasonal ritual when they

abandon winter retreats and head north along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts and through inland waters. For boaters, it is a critical time to be on the lookout for manatees to avoid colliding with these large, slow-moving creatures.

From April 1-November 15, seasonal manatee zones require boaters to slow down in certain areas to prevent manatees from being struck by motorboats or personal watercraft.

Because manatees are difficult to detect when underwater, operators of boats, including personal watercraft, need to take basic steps to avoid causing injury to manatees.

- Wear polarized sunglasses to help spot manatees.
- Look for large circles on the water, also known as "manatee footprints", indicating the presence of a manatee below.
- Look for a snout or what looks like a "rock" which is their back sticking out of the water.
- Follow posted manatee zones while boating.

The FWC also asks anyone who sees an injured, distressed, sick, or dead manatee to call the agency Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922) or dial #FWC or *FWC on a cellphone.

ADOPT-A-MANATEE this Mother's Day.

Call 1-800-432-5646 or go to www.savethemanatees.org



- SUMMER OFFICE HOURS ARE:
 9 AM TO NOON AND 1 PM TO 3 PM.
- Discover the new "Private Property-No Trespassing" and "Neighborhood Watch" signs posted along 28th Ave. along the park perimeter.

Celebrate Endangered Species Day on May 18, 2018



Endangered Species Day highlights the plight of numerous at-risk and significantly endangered types of wildlife. It is an opportunity for people of all ages to learn about the importance of protecting endan-

gered species and everyday actions they can take to help protect them. By protecting endangered species, we are also protecting our future. Check out the website www.fws.gov/endangered to learn more.



Out and About...Having Fun!



Sometimes it's okay to have a monkey on your back. Sue Weaver was having fun in Roatan until the monkey bit her finger.



The Red Hatters enjoyed taco night at the Moose in April. Ted Chatterley, Lisa
Thurlow, and Sue
Weaver had one last run
before heading north.
They participated in the
Manatee County Law
Enforcement Torch Run
on April 7th to benefit
the Special Olympics.
Lisa ran a great race
taking 2nd in her age
group.



24 residents
attended the
opening game of
the Marauder's
summer baseball
season and saw
a great game
with fireworks
afterwards.







Shuffle Fun!



2018 Shuffleboard Club members





Men vs Women Shuffle Tournament is held every year.



Turkey Shoot winners were Nancy Grant for the women and Dick Rice for the men. Tournament director, Carl Olmstead (I), stepped down after serving many years with the shuffle club. Thank you, Carl. Bob Hallman will serve as the new Tournament Director (r).

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New Shuffle Club officers were sworn in.

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Summer Shuffling

Starting in May, there will be open shuffling on the courts. Everyone is

welcome. It is a great opportunity to practice your game or learn the game. Sticks are available to use for those who do not have one. See you at the courts!

Shuffle Updates

Carl Olmstead has stepped down as Tournament Director after serving many years with the Shuffle Club. Thank you, Carl, for your years of service. Bob Hallman will serve as the new Tournament Director.

The new Shuffle Club officers were also selected. They are **President**: John Stuart, **Vice President**: Kay Lynn Duncan, **Secretary**: Diane Schoettle, **Treasurer**: Wilma Terwilliger, and **Directors**: Bob Hallman and Joann Miller.

In the large scheme of things, Tropic Isles' Shuffleboard Club falls under the jurisdiction of The Southwest Coast District of Florida. There are 7 Florida districts in all. Tournaments for the districts have now finished, and we have some congratulations to extend. In the District Masters competitions, the following Tropic Isles players reached the pinnacle level of the sport: **Pat Antalya, Elaine Antalya, Kay Lynn Duncan** and **Pat Tomko**. At the local club level, **Eva Mae Lake** was the winner of the Dean Cone Memorial Tournament, with **Dave Oliver** as a close second place finisher in the Pro/ State Amateur Division. In the Club Amateur/ Park Player Division, **Gary White** was the winner, with **John Epley** as runner-up. This tournament was played in memory of another of our favorite players, Jerry Duval. **John Stuart** prevailed at the North Shore End-of-Season Tournament, a very competitive event for players from all clubs that took part in league play.

On behalf of the Tropic Isles' Shuffleboard Club members, I wish you a summer full of happiness, as well as shuffle play, whenever and however an opportunity arises.

Past President, John Lounsbury



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.

5.2 Watering Restrictions

Watering of lawns and shrubs is permitted in accordance with the restrictions imposed by the City of Palmetto, Manatee County, and the Southwest Florida Water Management District. The current restrictions are published daily in the Bradenton Herald and may be found by going to www.watermatters.org. Resident-owned irrigation systems should be properly used and maintained. Excessive water run-off into the streets must be avoided. Water conservation is encouraged.

9.5 Sub-leasing of Docks

Docks may be sub-let to Co-op and TIPOA Residents only and a copy of the lease agreement and/or registration must be submitted to the Association office.

12.6 Carport Use

- Carports are primarily intended to be used for passenger vehicle parking.
- However, unoccupied campers, motor homes, travel trailers, boats on trailers, motorcycles, and utility trailers may be parked in a Resident's carport as long as the item can be parked completely within the carport.
- Carports cannot otherwise be converted to living or personal property storage space if vehicles are displaced to the street or other areas.

14.1 Noise Restrictions

Out of consideration for your neighbors, quiet is required between the hours of 10:00 PM and 8:30 AM. Individuals may contact the Palmetto Police Department (941-721-2000) to report noise ordinance violations.

14.2 Unacceptable Conduct

Disorderly conduct, public intoxication, and profane language will not be tolerated. Residents or Guests causing a disturbance or being a public nuisance will be required to cease the behavior immediately or be removed. Call the Palmetto Police Department (941-721-2000) at the time of the offense to report any violations of the law or City Ordinances.

16.5 Liability Insurance

All Residents are encouraged to maintain adequate liability insurance coverage on their Dwelling and their Dock.

April 26-May 13 **May 19** May 30-June 10 Four women. Nothing in common This hilarious musical An authentic recreation pokes fun at the Prohibition of the music, magic, and except a black lace bra, hot flashes, incredible stage production era in a clash of elegant socialites night sweats, and memory loss. of the legendary This parody is set to classic tunes and boorish bootleggers, all Stevie Nicks and Fleetwood Mac! of the 60s, 70s and 80s. set to the glorious songs of

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Changing Of The Guard



At the Activity meeting in April, Pat Brazil was chosen as the new president of the Activity Board. Jan Krueger was also chosen to replace Jan Vern as Recording Secretary.

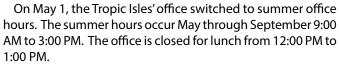
A party was held to thank Sharon Schumann for her years of service to Tropic Isles as Activity President.





The Tropic Isles Co-op Board chose new officers for 2018-19. They are President: Milly Roy-Sumler, Vice President: Don Stotts, Secretary: Gary Rease, Treasurer: Jeff Wallace, Directors: Wayne Geoffrion, Butch Minnick, and Hank Vitan.

Summer Office Hours



Remember that the doors to the Yacht Club and Auditorium are kept locked at all times for security reasons, so you will need to use your FOB to enter.



TI Book Club

We will continue to meet every month going forward on the second Tuesday of each month from 1-2:30 PM in the Yacht Club. If you are away

until next "season", please join us in reading an eclectic selection of books while you are away. Members at the March Book Club meeting selected the following books for May through December of 2018, until y'all come back. Some are new, and some are old favorites of some of the members. We hope to challenge and widen everyone's interests whether you read for pleasure and to escape the real world for a bit, to learn about new cultures, peoples, and places, or whatever, so here goes.....

May Olive Kittridge by Elizabeth Strout

June Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson

July Fervent by Priscilla Shirer

August The Women in the Window by A.J. Finn

SeptemberLook for Me by Lisa GardnerOctoberThe Nightingale by Kristin HannahNovemberCutting for Stone by Abraham VergheseDecemberBefore We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate

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

Irene Casey



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

- 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 guickly 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. <u>Make sure that the latches</u> are functional.
- Secure the pole in your carport to hold the roof. <u>Make sure</u> 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.

<u>Please remove and store these items inside your home, shed, or under your house.</u> 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







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

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!

Coming Soon.... June



The All-Timers (residents who live here full-time) will continue the tradition of hosting summer pot-lucks on the second Wednesday of the months in June, July, August, and September for all residents and their guests. **The first pot-luck will be held on Wednesday, June 13 at 5 PM in the Yacht Club**. Please bring a hot or cold dish to share, your own table setting (plate and silverware), and beverage. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Auditorium and Yacht Club. Reminders will be placed in the Breezes and on the marquee at the Auditorium. Contact Jan or Mark Krueger if you have any questions. Hope to see you there for some good food, conversation, and a few laughs!

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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:
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Northern Phone #:
Local Emergency Contact: Someone you trust to have your key in case of emergencies such as fire, flood, hurricar 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:

Out On The Water!



It was a breezy day in March, but Doug Woulf and Jim Murphy stayed in our area and caught their trout limit using plastic jigs. It was a great day on the water.



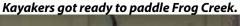
Eleven boats from Tropic Isles competed in the annual Boat Club's Fishing Derby in March. Nine boats went off-shore and 2 boats fished inshore. The winners of the off-shore division for the most fish were Doug Woulf, Rene Belanger, Steve Zeluff, and Jim Murphy.



Bob Shaw had a great day in late March catching 4 keeper trout off Bird Island in Terra Ceia Bay.



The inshore competition had 2 awards given. The winners for the most fish of the inshore division were Tim Bartels and Ron Bouwma.









The winners with the largest fish of the inshore division were Dick Labrecque and his brother, Gill. Congratulations to all the winners!

Paddling on the Braden River to Linger Lodge.

Farewell Festivities

The "Shipwrecked" Farewell Dance was enjoyed by all the Howes, Mary Anns, Gingers, Professors, Skippers, Gilligans, Castaways, those that fell overboard, and a colorful cast of characters. Even Popeye made an appearance!



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