**Home Of The Month**

January’s “Home of the Month” belongs to Dennis and Beverly Butts at 338 Terra Ceia Dr. Irma took out their carport, which motivated them to do a general “paint spruce up” after it was replaced. By painting all the concrete surfaces under the carport, repainting all exterior foot traffic surfaces, and the front planter; and freshening up the pelican accents out front they added to their home's curb appeal. Beautiful job! Congratulations!

~~Thought for the Day~~

The best sermons are lived, not preached!

**Meet Your New Neighbors**

By Cindy Shaw

New to Tropic Isles is **JEFF HEDLOF** at 180 Bimini Dr. He will be our new full-time neighbor from Stillwater, Minnesota. Jeff has been a helicopter pilot for Air Methods for the past 35 years. Air Methods is a company dedicated to air medical transport, focusing on quality of care to patients and safety in aviation. He has one son, Brett.

Jeff enjoys working out, boating, and fishing. He discovered Tropic Isles while searching the Internet for homes on the water. Please give Jeff a warm Tropic Isles’ welcome.

Meet **JEFF and REBECCA (BECKY) LANE**, our new part-time neighbors at 178 Bimini Dr. They are from Crystal Beach, Florida. Jeff is head Chaplin at Blake Medical Center and pastor of Carpenter’s Way Church of Clearwater, FL. The Lanes are TV hosts of “You and Me”, shown on the Christian Television Network (CTN) on Fridays from 12:30-3:30 AM. Becky also teaches piano and gives lessons in the evenings. Jeff’s calling is to preach. Becky also enjoys crocheting. They both love spending time with the grandkids and jet-skiing.

The Lanes have four children—Aleah, Jessica, Caleb, and Joshua. They have seven grandchildren between the ages of 16 and 36.

Jeff and Becky enjoy buying and selling houses. While spending time on Snead Island, they drove around looking for a house to purchase. They found a home on Bimini Dr. and called the realtor. The rest is history. They share their home with their Scottie, Scarlet, two cats, and a macaw. Please welcome Jeff and Becky to wonderful Tropic Isles.

Please welcome our new, full-time resident, **BYRON LAGE** at 116 Capri Dr. He is originally from Kansas City, MO and came to live in Tropic Isles because of his brother and sister-in-law, Bruce and Linda Lage of 14th St. W. Byron has one son and two daughters—Tim (Iris), Robin (Glen), and Crystal. He has six grandchildren-Jamie, Daniel, Hailey, Kalyn, Taylor, and Mackenze.

Byron is a retired Navy veteran of 25 years. He most recently worked as a postal clerk in Kansas City. Byron would like to buy a boat and do some waterskiing which he loves to do. He also enjoys fishing. He shares his home with two “tuxedo” cats - Stach (as in “mustache”) and Phoebe, who are bunkmates. Please welcome Byron, Stach, and Phoebe, your warmest Tropic Isles’ welcome.

**Come One, Come All!**

(Details inside)

- January 4 .......... Artist Group and Singles Group
- January 7 .......... Coffee’n Conversation—Palmetto Mayor
- January 10, 24 ...... Movie Nights
- January 13 .......... Vendor Expo
- January 17 .......... Soup Supper

Happy New Year!
Out and About

Fish On!

When fishing for sea trout, Cindy Shaw caught a small bonnet head shark in November in Terra Ceia Bay. “You never know what you’re going to catch!”

Roy Swartz caught this “jack” fly fishing in the Manatee River in early December. Nice job!

NHN - Lending a Helping Hand

Neighbors Helping Neighbors can assist you with a project. Seen here is a volunteer crew working hard to clean up an overgrown yard. Give them a call and they can assist you with your project or give you a reference for someone who can help.

Four-legged Friends

Jon Beecher of Bimini Dr. and Rocky are seen here enjoying the sunshine.

Yeti Smith donned his shades for some time in the sun.

Jack was in “travel mode” in the RV with Bob and Carol Hallman.

Wile E. Coyote Tours Tropic Isles

A large coyote was sighted roaming on Nassau Dr. and throughout the north side of the park on Saturday, December 8. (Thanks to Tina and Doug Woulf for the pictures.)

Special Events

Toys for Kids Collection

Seen here are Denny Vitton, Jack Miller (co-ordinator), Tony Stephens, and Lance Linke who assisted in collecting $1600 from the residents of Tropic Isles towards the purchase of toys for the children of Palmetto.

Christmas Dance

Residents enjoyed the music of Ricky and Frankie at the Christmas Dance. Fun was had by all!

(more Special Events on pages 30-32)
A very blessed and happy New Year to all! Welcome back to the second wave of Snowbirds who have arrived and are looking forward to enjoying their winter in our winter water wonderland!

There are so many activities to choose from when it comes to things to do, you’ll have a hard time fitting it all in. Check out the new groups that are starting up. There is the Art Group who is meeting for the first time on January 4 at 2 PM in the Auditorium. Come and meet fellow resident artists in the park. A Photography Club is forming for residents interested in getting together with other photographers. Check out the details inside of the Breezes. The not-yet-formed Singles Group is just getting started so if you’re interested in being a part of the group, check inside for the contact numbers. Their first meet-up date is January 4 at 4 PM. Pickleball enthusiasts are trying to start a group who like to play the game. These, and many other groups, are available for your participation and enjoyment.

Many of us who come from northern locations originally and now make Florida our full-time home or spend our winters in this warm climate, remember those days of shoveling snow, frigid temperatures, and icy roads. We don’t have that to contend with any more during the winter here, but instead we have congested roads, busy restaurants, and more people. When you are sitting on the Green Bridge in traffic, waiting in line for a table at a restaurant, or looking for a parking space, be patient, be kind and considerate of others. Relax and breathe! Remind yourself that this is far better than being in the snow and cold. “Snowbird” is a North American term for a person who migrates from the higher latitudes and colder climates in the north in winter to warmer locales in the South. We love our Snowbirds, but it’s an adjustment for us all. Have a wonderful winter stay in Tropic Isles.

Let this be your 2019 New Year’s Resolution: Be kinder, more considerate, and more respectful to your neighbors and the people you meet. Take the time to put yourself in their shoes and treat others the way you want to be treated. The world will be a better place because of it!
Here’s What’s New In Tropic Isles!

New! Artists – “Meet and Greet”

“Happy New Year! Hello interested artists. This is just a reminder to attend our introductory meeting in the Auditorium on January 4th at 2 PM in the Auditorium. If there is enough interest, we will decide on a convenient time and date to gather there on a weekly basis. If you have the desire, inspiration will follow. Hope to see you there!

Cathy Marshall

New! Calling All Singles!

CALLING ALL SINGLE MEN AND WOMEN! If you are single and would like to get together with other like-minded people to attend an event, go to dinner, see a movie, or whatever, then we are looking for you. Please contact Anna Antonacci at 238-7773, Shirley Clarkson at 722-3380, or Sharon Schumann at 203-813-2540 if you are curious or have an interest in being a part of the group. The first organizational meeting will be held January 4 at 4 PM in the Yacht Club Pretty Room where we will discuss ideas and make future plans for our outings. We want to hear your thoughts so come with your ideas! Hope to see you there!

Anna Antonacci, Coordinator

NEW! Pickleball Anyone?

If anyone is interested or already playing pickleball, please contact me. I’d like to get a group together to play pickleball. Call Paula Jordan at 727 365-2318 or email me at doctorpjm@aol.com.

Memory Bricks

MEMORY BRICKS are once again for sale. You may have 3 lines per brick and 13 letters per line (including the spaces). The cost is $30.00. The memory bricks are placed in a special area near the Yacht Club parking lot. What a wonderful way to cherish a loved one who is no longer with us or to have your time spent at Tropic Isles remembered. Call Jean Volkens (563-564-9056) with any questions and to order.
Tropical Red Hatters

Happy New Year! The Tropical Red Hatters membership is open to all residents in the Tropic Isles' Community. New members are always welcome. We meet all year long, usually the first Wednesday of the month in the Yacht Club Pretty Room at 4:00 PM and plan upcoming activities. We try to do two a month. Dues are three dollars per year and will be due at the January meeting. We wear purple outfits with red hats, so you won’t miss us.

Thank you to all who contributed to the drive for socks, underwear, etc. for our Veterans through Bay Pines Medical Center. We can’t forget those who gave so much.

Our January meeting will be Wednesday, January 2 at 4:00 PM in the Yacht Club Pretty Room.

On January 9 from 2-4 PM, we will have a craft workshop. You may embellish hats, make jewelry, or create other Red Hat accessories. Come to the meeting to find out more.

On January 23, we will go to the Palmetto Moose for TACO NITE. We will carpool from the Yacht Club. Come to the meeting to find out more.

Ann M. Miller, Scribe
Tropical Red Hatters

While You Were Away!
The Board of Directors, Manager, Office Staff, Maintenance Staff, and Volunteers have worked hard in 2018 while you were away. …
• ADA doors were installed at the Yacht Club, Office, and Auditorium
• New pool cover was purchased
• FOB security system was implemented
• Boosters purchased and planted palm trees
• AED defibrillator and new phone installed inside at the Yacht Club
• Installed new park benches in common areas around the park
• HUD Census for 55+ status was completed
• Signs were replaced and upgraded throughout the park
• Sign posts were painted
• Stage was raised in the Auditorium creating more storage underneath
• 12 new stage lights and 2 new sound speakers were installed
• Generator was purchased
• Floors in the Auditorium were refinished
• Pool surface and hot tub tiles were repaired
• Trees were professionally trimmed throughout the park
• Office was painted and remodeled
• Storage room in the hallway was transformed into 2 rooms, converting one to a Maintenance Office and the other to a Break Room/File Storage Room.
• Storage shelving added behind the stage
• Electrical updates in the Auditorium
• The corral was enlarged and a partial cover was added
• Business Trespass Program implemented
• Email Blast “Chimp Mail” implemented
• New Property Management Software System implemented
• New Tropic Isles website created
• Resolution regarding the use of the Peninsula was finalized and a barrier/gate system was installed
• New bike rack pad was created at the Yacht Club
• Seawalls were replaced along portions of Jamaica, Bahama, and Trinidad.
• 4 new homes went in on empty lots in 2018
• 7 additional tear downs were done with new homes installed
• 2 more model homes are on the way.
• Real estate office moved to 139 Capri Dr.
• New AC unit at the Yacht Club
• Centralized the entire IT system into a server room and digitized the entire communication system.
• The common sitting area on the corner of Jamaica and Nassau Drives was improved with more tiles placed under the park bench.

Marina Improvements
• Installed new ceiling
• Walls painted
• Removed interior wall making room for more sales and food prep space
• Outdoor shed added
• New gas pump
• New bait tank with chiller
• Old tank used for white bait and pinfish
• Changed credit card supplier
• New fuel distributor
• New computer and printer added
• Al Harris was hired to manage the Marina

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Google review by Dan Torony

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Topless In Tropic Isles!
CONVERTIBLE RIDE TO SOLOMON’S CASTLE

If you own a convertible (or can find a friend who has one to share the ride with), come and join us for the first Convertible Ride of the 2019 season. We will be taking a scenic drive to Solomon’s Castle for lunch at the Boat in the Moat Restaurant. Solomon's Castle and the Spanish galleon restaurant were designed and built by internationally known artist, Howard Solomon. The castle houses his home and galleries of his sculptures. An optional Traditional Castle Tour and Tour of the Second Gallery which showcases 60-70 pieces of his work is available for a fee. You can also enjoy the free nature walk along the banks of picturesque Horse Creek. Check out www.solomonscastle.org for a sneak preview.

Please RSVP to Cindy Shaw 941-722-4037 or bshaw16872@aol.com by January 11. (I need to let the restaurant know.) Lunch is on your own, so you can eat lunch, take the nature walk, or take a tour at your convenience. Cash or checks only! No credit cards accepted!

Date: Friday, January 11
Place: Meet in the Auditorium parking lot with tops down and gas tanks full. The trip is about 56 miles one way and there are no nearby gas stations.

Time: Gather at 10:00 AM, depart by 10:15. We will arrive for lunch around 11:30.

Computers For Veterans

Hurry before your time runs out! Chances are there is a computer in your house that’s collecting dust. Bradenton PC Repair and Last 7 Studios have partnered with the Veterans of America Hospital (VA) at Bay Pines and the James A. Veterans Hospital to put computers into the hands of veterans. If you are interested in providing veterans with a computer, you can drop off your old laptops and desktop computers at Bradenton PC Repair, 6703 14th St. W. starting Friday, November 10 until the end of the year. The devices don’t have to be in working order. The devices will be cleaned up and/or upgraded to benefit someone in need. Donors who participate in the computer donation program, will receive coupons for one free diagnostic check and a free repair (excluding parts) at Bradenton PC Repair. All donations will be wiped clean of old data to ensure safety and privacy and then given to veterans. This is the fifth year the shop has accepted donations and they have been able to assist more than 125 families. If you want further information, call 941-567-4017.

(Taken from an article seen in the Bradenton Herald provided by Frank Lord.)
Laughter Is The Best Medicine!

I was at lunch with an old friend and pointed at two elderly ladies across the room and said, “That will be us in 10 years.”

She replied, “That’s a mirror.”

After a month of staying at home with our newborn son, my wife and I felt the need for a night out. Reluctantly, I asked my parents to baby-sit while we went to a movie, assuring them that we would be gone no longer than two hours. When we returned, I jokingly said to my father, “Let’s see, now – baby-sitting rates are about a dollar seventy-five an hour.”

“For each of us?” he asked.

“That’s right,” I replied.

My father took out his wallet and gave me seven dollars. I never worried again about asking my parents to baby-sit.

B.I.B.L.E.

A father was approached by his small son, who told him proudly. “I know what the Bible means!”

His father smiled and replied, “What do you mean, you ‘know’ what the Bible means?”

The son replied, “I do know!”

“Okay,” said the father. “So, Son, what does the Bible mean?

“That’s easy, Daddy……It stands for: “Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth.”

A LITTLE girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her dad donning his tuxedo, she warned, “Daddy, you shouldn’t wear that suit.”

“And why not, darling?” her father asked.

“You know that it always gives you a headache next morning.”

IN THE manner of all new mothers, I spent a lot of time inspecting my firstborn, and I reveled in his delicate perfection. When he was almost a month old, I noticed a curious dimple on his bottom. With each diaper change and bath, I became more concerned. What if the boys in the locker room found it funny and teased him about it; or, even worse, what if some future spouse thought it to be strange? One evening I approached my husband, naked babe in arms. “Look at this, ” I cried, waving the small bottom about. “Do you think it’ll embarrass him when he grows up? Do you think it’s strange?”

My husband listened patiently to my outburst, then said, “No, I don’t think it is strange, dear. I’ve always thought that it was pretty cute on you!”

Idea To Ponder…. Success is infinite. Someone else getting their slice of the pie, doesn’t mean there’s less for you!
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If you have dismantled or destroyed your mobile home in Manatee County, go to taxcollector.com. At the bottom of the website page under “Plan Your Visit”, click on FAQ. Then under the “search by” category, click on Mobile Home. Click on “search” and scroll down to view your results.

DECAL RENEWAL PERIOD
The registration period for mobile homes is January 1st through December 31st. The annual expiration date is December 31st. It is the responsibility of the mobile home owner to renew their decal(s). When renewing decal(s), if you have a single-wide mobile home you will be issued one decal. In the case of a double or triple-wide mobile home, one decal will be issued per side. Regular mobile home decals (on colored backings that rotate color each year) are issued to mobile homes on rental property. These decals expire every year, or every 2 years if renewed biannually. Any attachments to the mobile home are considered personal property. Real Property, or RP, decal(s) (on black backings) are issued to an individual who owns both the mobile home and the land on which it is permanently set up. These decals do not expire and are not required to be renewed.

DISPLAYING DECALS
Decals are to be displayed in the lower left-hand corner of the window closest to the street or road which provides access to the mobile home. Decals are to be visible at all times and are not to be covered by awnings, shutters, foliage, etc.

HOW DO YOU RENEW?
To renew, visit taxcollector.com 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, or visit one of our four offices.
If the Mobile Home owner fails to renew their decal(s) they will receive a Notice of Impending Court Summons.

Live and Learn and Pass It On
(People ages 5-95 share what they’ve discovered about life, love, and other good stuff.)

• I’ve learned that the time to read the instructions is BEFORE you try to put something together. –age 32
• I’ve learned that when you buy an old house, you spend more time at the hardware store than you do at home. –age 46
• I’ve learned that work enjoyed is as much fun as leisure. –age 51
• I’ve learned that the more a child feels valued, the better his values will be. –age 39
• I’ve learned that the only thing you owe life, is to become the best you can be. –age 31
• I’ve learned that it’s best to buy the expensive paint that covers in one coat. –age 29
• I’ve learned that although there may be reasons to be cynical, it never helps correct the situation. –age 64
• I’ve learned that if you smile at people, they will almost always smile back. –age 81
• I’ve learned that it’s easier to keep up than to catch up. –age 46
• I’ve learned that being too quick to judge someone can deprive you of a great encounter and the possibility of a wonderful long-term relationship. –age 40

Trivia Tidbits
• Did you know you share your birthday with at least 9 other million people in the world?
• The longest word in the English language is 1,909 letters long and it refers to a distinct part of DNA.
• Cats have over 100 vocal sounds, but dogs only have about 10.
• Cat’s urine glows under a black light.
• Only one person in 2 billion will live to be 116 years old.
• The strongest muscle in our body is the tongue.
• A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.
• The ant always falls over on its right side when intoxicated. (Someone got paid to do this study.)
• Polar bears are left-handed.
• The catfish has over 27,000 taste buds, which makes the catfish rank #1 for animals having the most taste buds.
Tropic Isles’ 2018-2019 Resident Directories

If you have just returned to Tropic Isles, please check in with the Office to receive your copy of the 2018-2019 Resident Directory. If you are listed in the directory this year, you will have a directory waiting for you (one per household).

Once you receive your new directory, please check through the new directory to see if your information is listed correctly. If you find an error in the directory, please contact me by calling 941-722-4037 or send an email to tbreezes1@aol.com with your correction. I will be happy to print the correction in next month’s issue of the Breezes in the interim and make the change in the directory for next year.

I’d like to give a special thank you to all those people who took the time to update their information with me, Elaine, and the Office prior to its printing.

Block Captains—please return all unclaimed directories to the Office.

Cindy Shaw, Editor

Out and About...Around Town

Louisiana in a Box is open and ready for your business. Reports are favorable to give your favorite Louisiana cuisine a try. It is NOT spicy hot like you might expect (from my own personal experience). They have a full bar and a parking lot across the street on the east side of the restaurant. Don’t wait to give it a try!

The Earth Box Garden Center provides free gardening classes every Wednesday and Saturday at 10 AM. No reservations are required. Earth Box Garden Center is located at 1023 Ellenton-Gillette Road, Ellenton, FL. Call 941-723-2911 with questions.

Palmetto Library is offering Yoga Classes on Thursdays from 2-3 PM. Please bring a mat or towel. For more information call 722-3333.

Computer classes are offered through the Manatee County Public Library System. Check the latest copy of the Calendar of Events which is available in both hard copy at all the branches or on the library website at www.mymanatee.org/library. Scroll down and click on Events & Calendar to see what’s available.

Corrections For The Directory

Please make these corrections or additions to your directory. If you have a change to submit, please send it to tbreezes1@aol.com or call Cindy Shaw at 941-722-4037. Interim changes will be posted in each newsletter until the next directory is published.

Community Listings:

Bailey, John and Nikki change home number to 941-212-4461 and add these cell numbers 813-727-4709 (N)/941-786-4593(J)

Butts, Beverly and Dennis change the northern city to Rochester, NY 14609

Damvelt, Sonny and Karla change the local phone number to 304-3292

Potter-Miccoly, Connie new northern address: 244 Ware Rd., Belchertown, MA 01007

Reid, Chet remove Gene and Gwen in that listing and change the phone number to 229-798-5480

Reid, Gene and Gwen northern mailing address: P.O. Box 1522, Moultrie, GA 31776, northern phone number 229-798-0609

Stewart, Mike and Carolyn add home phone 721-8840 and change Carolyn’s cell number to 713-1617 (C) remove cell phone number 946-545-7677(M) and add cell number 941-447-5869

Sumler, Dean and Milly

Vitton, Dennis and Brigid add cell for Brigid 231-357-0965(B) and add (D) to the other number 231-645-5021(D) for Denny

New Email Listings:

Bradley, Marilyn and Robert shipsanchorinn@truespeed.ca

Johnston, Wilson wilsongjohnston@hotmail.com

Resident Directories for Property Owners

Property Owners should have received their 2018-2019 Resident Directories. Check every section of the directory. If you find an error or have a change for next year’s directory, please call me at 723-9591 or email me at cfaulkner2@tampabay.rr.com. You can also contact me if you have not yet received your directory. Thanks!

Elaine Faulkner
**Tropic Isles’ Book Club**

WELCOME BACK to our members who were away for the summer months. We will continue to meet on the second Tuesday of the month in the Yacht Club at 1 PM. Members who are part time residents can call/send in comments when they are away that will be shared with all.

**TI Book Club 2019 Book Selections**

January: Have a Little Faith by Mitch Albom
February: Three Things About Elsie by Joanna Cannon and/or Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann
March: Winter Garden by Kristin Hannah
April: Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens
May: Small Great Things By Jodi Picoult
June: Pieces of Her by Karin Slaughter
July: The Saturday Evening Girls Club by Jane Healey
August: The Key by Kathryn Hughes
September: The Couple Next Door by Shari Lapena
October: The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris
November: Murder at the Book Club by Betsy Reavley
December: The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein and/or The Ragged Edge of Night by Olivia Hawker

Irene Casey

**FREE SERVICE CALL WITH REPAIR**

**BINGO News**

We are having larger crowds, over 100 with more to come in January! Payouts are very good and getting bigger every week! Please come by 6:45 so we can start promptly at 7:00 every Tuesday in the Auditorium. Join us for a relaxed, enjoyable evening with your friends.

Joy and Elaine

~~~Special Thanks~~~

A special thank you to all those wonderful volunteers who helped to make Thanksgiving Dinner special for so many! 212 tickets were sold in addition to the dinners that were home-delivered. We have so much to be thankful for!

Thanks to the TI Homeowners and NHN for bringing Chase Landre, author of Snowbird Gardening, to speak to the residents. She had some great information to share with us.

Thanks to all those people who send me pictures to put into the Breezes. If you have a picture to share, please send it to ti-breezes1@aol.com.
Kayak-Ity-Yak News

Our Wednesday kayaking excursions are continuing when the weather is favorable. We didn’t go out a few times in December because of high winds and cold temperatures. We try to be on the water by 10 AM so if you want to join us, come by 9:30-9:45 to launch.

If you are interested in kayaking, but don’t know if it is for you, come on one of our Wednesday outings. Many of the members of our group have multiple kayaks and would be glad to lend you one with advance notice. We will teach you how to use the launch, the basics of the sport, and stay with you on the water. Contact Chuck Harding at mncootcookers@gmail.com or call Sue Weaver at 941-981-5844 prior to a Wednesday, so we can help you out.

We’ve also had more Friday excursions. We took an amazing trip to the Fort Hammer launch in Ellenton. It was great. We had beautiful weather, a wonderful group of friends, and a picnic lunch afterwards. They even had bathrooms there! We are making plans for many more trips in the future, so if you have ideas, let us know.

The Kayaking group also will be cleaning up after the Shuffle Board’s Vendor Fair on January 13th to earn money for trips that have launch fees. Come and help if you can. Paddle on.

KAYAK LAUNCH USE REMINDERS

If you are using the Tropic Isles’ kayak launch, please make sure to do the following:
1. Read the directions if you are not sure how to use the launch.
2. Make sure you sign out and erase your name when you return.
3. When you lower the ramp, do not undo both ends of the rope. Undo one side, lower the ramp, and then cleat it off.
4. If no one else is signed out when you return, please lift the ramp out of the water.
5. If the ramp has debris on it, please hose it off.

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

~ Boat Launch Permits ~

Residents, please pick up a boat launch permit at the Office. Any resident who launches their boat from the boat ramp at the Marina needs to have a launch permit. Permits are provided free to Residents. This permit should be affixed to your boat and displayed where it is clearly visible.

2019 Boatyard Parking Stickers

If you currently store a trailer/boat in the boatyard or would like to store one there, you will need to purchase a 2019 Boatyard Parking Sticker. Boatyard Parking Stickers are available for purchase in the Office for $150.00. “Reserved” parking is available for an additional $50. The ORANGE sticker is valid for the entire year, January 1-December 31, 2019. Every trailer in the Boatyard must have a current 2019 sticker placed on the upright arm or tongue of the trailer and be clearly visible. The deadline for purchasing your 2019 Boatyard Sticker is January 10. To avoid paying a late fee of $25 or having your trailer towed, purchase your 2019 Boatyard Parking Sticker for the coming year before January 10th. The Boatyard has limited storage capacity and is available on a first-come, first-served basis, so get your stickers early.

Attention All Residents---

News Flash!

We continue to have problems with residents leaving the gate to the boatyard open and unlocked.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO LOCK THE GATE IMMEDIATELY AFTER YOU LEAVE THE BOATYARD! Lock the gate and do not give out the lock combination to anyone.

Does Your Home Have Good “Curb Appeal”? 

Good “curb appeal” doesn’t just mean your front yard. It also covers all sides of your property. Many prospective buyers visit our park by water and see your property from the canal view. Does your backyard have items stashed back there that need to be removed or discarded? Are the weeds growing tall and your plants overgrown? Does the back of your home have mildew growing on it? Take a good look at all sides of your property and see what can be done to improve your “curb appeal” from the canal side as well as the street side. If you need some help, give Neighbors Helping Neighbors a call. Let’s all work towards great “curb appeal”, both on the street side and canal side. Thanks for all your efforts!

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January Dance
Sponsored by the Boat Club
The Boat Club is sponsoring the January dance on Friday, January 18th featuring Robert and Wolfe. Tickets will be $6 and go on sale January 3rd. They will also be sold at Saturday Morning Coffee. Jan Burbie will have the tickets. Contact her at 941-721-1847.

Our theme is “Hawaiian Luau”! So, come decked out in your best Hawaiian aloha shirt, muumuu, or grass skirt. A prize will be given for the best dressed and we’ll have a hula hoop competition just for fun. “Ike oe malaila!” – See you there.

Toys For Kids Update
Tropic Isles’ residents generously donated $1,600 to buy bicycles, soccer balls, games, and toys for the children of Palmetto. Spearheaded by Jack Miller, the toys were picked up by Tony Stephens, Director of Operations at the Palmetto Youth Center (PYC), 501 17th St. West on December 11. Geoff Seger, the City of Palmetto Facilities and Events specialist, assisted in the project. Miller stated that more gifts can be donated in time for the December 21st PYC event where the toys will be distributed.

ATTENTION: Two boat slips (# 1 and #8) are available for rent in the Main Basin. Short term rentals are available. Contact the Office for details

Boat Club News
In December, our business meeting was held on Wednesday, December 5th at 7 PM in the Yacht Club. Members came early to decorate our Christmas tree, help set up tables, purchase 50-50 tickets, enjoy a beverage, and to socialize. Three new members were added to our roster. We voted on several issues, including changing our dues to seasonal, and dropping the late fee. No Christmas Boat Parade was planned for this year. We decided to change our support from the Marine Corps “Toys for Tots” program to our own “Toys for Kids” program so the gifts would stay in the Palmetto area. The Social meeting was the annual Christmas Party held on December 19th in the Auditorium.

Hugs to our November 28th 50-50 winner, Joanne Miller. Joanne donated her $170 winnings to “Toys for Kids”. Thank you, Joanne!

In January, the Boat Club will host Saturday Morning Coffee for the month. We are also sponsoring the January dance which will be held on Friday, January 18th featuring the band “Robert and Wolfe”. Tickets will be $6 and go on sale at the first Boat Club meeting on January 2nd for members. Then the tickets will be sold at Saturday Coffee. Jan Burbie will have tickets available. Remember, our club depends on you and your active participation.

Sue Weaver, Commodore

Tropic Isles’ Marina
WINTER HOURS
Saturdays and Sundays 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Monday thru Friday 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

I hope all of you had a good Thanksgiving holiday. I would like to take a minute and introduce our new Marina employee. His name is Nick and he will be working on Saturday mornings. Nick is an avid fisherman and boater. I’m sure he will be helpful with any fishing questions you might have.

I am still currently working with the City to start the propane tank exchange. We are currently waiting for the approval and trying to figure out where the location for the cage will be. Also, starting on February 1st, we will be giving all residents 10% off fuel on Mondays. Residents must show ID.

We have restocked our tackle and are able to order special requests if needed. Frozen squid bites are in stock. Please stop by to support your Marina. I hope everyone had a safe Christmas and Happy New Year.

Al Harris, Marina Manager

Bible Study
Come Join our
Pastor Stan Rockafellow (retired Baptist Minister) and his wife, Donna, are returning to Tropic Isles January 3rd. They will be resuming a Bible Study in the Pretty Room with the date and time to be announced. If you are interested in joining us, please call 603-978-5846.

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Saturday Coffee

Saturday Coffee is a weekly event held on Saturday mornings at 8:30 AM in the Auditorium. It is a social time to visit with your neighbors, meet new friends, and hear what’s going on in the park. For $1, you can enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and a sweet roll, donut, or hard roll. Please bring your own coffee cup and plate and join us on Saturday mornings for Saturday Coffee Hour.

Kay Lynn Duncan, Saturday Coffee Chairman

Manager’s Coffee Hour

The Manager’s Coffee Hour will be held on the SECOND Thursday of each month from November 2018-March 2019. We will meet in the Auditorium at 9:30 AM for an hour of casual and informative discussion. Every resident is invited. That includes Shareholders, Property Owners, Home Owners, Apartments Dwellers, and RV’ers. This is a great time to get to know one another. We have a great team at Tropic Isles and our goal is to help build a stronger community. I look forward to gaining a better understanding of what you want to see, have, and do in our community. See you then.

Paul Smith, Manager

Please mark your calendars. Here are the dates:
• January 10
• February 14
• March 14

Southeastern Guide Dogs

The March 16 date for the 2019 SEGD Walkathon is fast approaching. Hopefully even with it being moved to the Sarasota area, we will still be able to gather a good crowd of walkers from Tropic Isles. We have always shown our unwavering support with very generous donations and an army of walkers with our dogs in tow for this life-changing organization.

If you want to know more about Southeastern Guide Dogs and the work they do, please log into https://www.guidedogs.org. They are an amazing organization. If you want to get involved with the fund raising efforts here at Tropic Isles please contact Sue Weaver at 941-981-5844 or better yet, email her at smweaver2@stny.rr.com and she can add you to the SEGD contact list.

In January, the SEGD supporters here in the park are raising money by running a hotdog stand at the Shuffle Club’s Vendor Fair on January 13th. Come help or just stop by to enjoy a hotdog, chips, and a drink to support the Guide Dogs. We will also host Saturday Morning coffee on February 2nd and the 50-50 will “go to the dogs”. Any help is truly appreciated, and you will leave knowing your efforts truly help others less fortunate.

Remember, the Bradenton Walkathon will be merged with the Sarasota and Lakewood Ranch Walkathons into the “Suncoast Walkathon” at Nathan Benderson Park on March 16, 2019. This event will be featuring live entertainment, vendors, family-friendly activities, dog activities, food tasting, a beer garden, and much more. SEGD will also be trying to break an official Guinness World Record for the most dogs wearing a bandana at an event! Hope you can plan to attend.

Sharon Schumann, FB Administrator

Tropic Isles’ Facebook Update

If you haven’t already “Liked” our FB page, check it out. Our page features a video that Tom Hennessy and Jeff Wallace made for us featuring aerial footage of the park. To date, it has been viewed 4,500 times!!!

We also feature coming events and photos of some of the most popular activities for folks that are interested, but not here to see. Submit any pictures you might wish to share on the TI Facebook page by sending them to me, Sharon Schumann. So, come on and join us. It’s simple. Just type: Tropic Isles Community & Yacht Club into your FB search engine and “Like” it! The more “Likes” the merrier.

Sharon Schumann, FB Administrator

“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
Denise Smaglis of Trinidad Way (foot surgery),
Joe Kubit of Flores Dr. (shoulder issues),
Cindy Kubit of Flores Dr. (hip issues),
Joyce Stover of 13th St. W. (knee replacement),
Jack Miller of Flores Dr. (heart surgery and lung issue),
Ruby Flickinger of Flores Dr. (stroke),
George Reid of Trinidad Way (foot infection),
Angie St. Lawrence of 10th St. W. (appendix surgery),
Jim Oliveto of 13th St. W. (serious health concerns), and
Steve Fultz of Montego Dr. (hospitalized and now home).

SYMPATHY CARDS WERE SENT TO
Jim and Karen Wadsworth of Jamaica Dr./WV on the passing of Jim’s mother, Bettie;
to Wayne Wyss of 12th St. W. on the passing of his brother; and to
Don Denby and family of Flores Dr. on the passing of his mother.

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 419-796-8574, or Kathy Martin at 419-796-0111.
Our growing season is 12 months and plants grow fastest at those who could not attend. Neighbors. We would like to share some of her information for sponsored by the Tropic Isles’ Homeowners and Neighbors Helping enlightened those in attendance at Coffee ‘n Conversation spon- on December 3, Chase Landre, author of Snowbird Gardening, sored by the Tropic Isles’ HOA, contains local gardening information for South Florida and can be purchased online. Happy planting!

TIHOA’s Coffee ‘n Conversation—
Palmetto Mayor
JANUARY 7, 2019

On Monday, January 7, at 10 AM we welcome third term Palmetto Mayor, Shirley Groover Bryant. Last year, the Mayor brought with her the Public Works Director, Alan Tusing, and Chief of Police, Scott Tyler. So, bring your questions and concerns to the Auditorium at 10 AM. In the meantime, to keep up with City happenings, go to www.palmettofl.org and click subscribe.

Thank you to the 40 residents who attended our snowbird gardening talk on December 3. Lots of good tips were shared and two Earthbox ® systems were on display. Our February 4th topic is Southeastern Guide Dogs.

Coffee ‘N Conversation Update—
Snowbird Gardening

On December 3, Chase Landre, author of Snowbird Gardening, enlightened those in attendance at Coffee ‘n Conversation sponsored by the Tropic Isles’ Homeowners and Neighbors Helping Neighbors. We would like to share some of her information for those who could not attend.

Our growing season is 12 months and plants grow fastest at night in a temperature of 60 degrees. Houseplants do well OUTSIDE here. We are in a sub-tropical climate.

When buying plants check with nurseries or online for growing information since the information tabs that come with the plants that you buy are generic and may not be appropriate for our area. Check with friends and neighbors as to what grows well for them. We are at sea level and have one foot of sand under the surface meaning we have an alkaline/salty soil. Amend your soil by mixing in topsoil or cow manure when planting. Palms require only topsoil.

When watering, soaking is better than a heavy spray and prevents runoff. New and existing plantings die from overwatering. When planting, dig a hole 1 ½ feet deep, fill with water, plant, and water daily for 3 to 5 days. Then water 3 times per week. Recycled water can contain even more salt. Check a list of salt tolerant plants for this area.

Pruning should be done March 5 to October 15th and after flowering cycles. Cut back a Crepe Myrtle at least 2 feet from the main stem or it will die. Before any pruning is done, water and then wait for 45 minutes to let it sink in. Prune heavily before leaving for the North.

Fertilize spring and fall, but not between June 1 and September 30th. Three types of fertilizer are good. They are: slow release granular, controlled release (which can be broadcasted), or liquid which works immediately and must be done often.

Mulching should be 3-4” deep, leaving a ring of dirt around the plant itself to prevent over watering during the rainy season. Her recommendation for organic mulch is Grade A Cypress stringy type, Flora Mulch, or nonorganic rubber mulch.

Neem oil is a good pesticide and friendly to the environment. It needs to be used on a regular basis every 7 days. Thuricide is good for caterpillars and moths or other insects.

Soup Supper

Our annual Soup Supper will be held on Thursday, January 17 beginning at 4:30 to 6:30 PM in the Auditorium. Tickets will be sold at the door only and will be $6.00 per person. You will be able to sample three different soups. Desserts and coffee or tea will be included. If you have any questions, please contact Jean Volkens at 563-564-9056.

Soup Supper is sponsored by our Tropic Isles’ Boosters.

Snowbirds…the dry months are May and October. Use an irrigation system or ask friends to help care for your plants. Also consider that in summers the sun is more in the North. Check the sun patterns before deciding where to plant.

Good websites to use for all kinds of information on plants are www.Davesgarden.com and www.South-Florida-Plant-Guide.com. Her book, Snowbird Gardening, contains local gardening information for South Florida and can be purchased online. Happy planting!

The Mark and Clark Las Vegas-style Show!

When you get your new 2019 calendar, mark this down. On Saturday, February 16 we are hosting Mark and Clark!! These twins are pianists and comedians, and their Las Vegas style show is not to be missed. We will give you more information next month in our Breezes, but trust us, you don’t want to miss this! If you have any doubts or are just curious, check out this video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AFhPymNwxmM. We know February gets a little hectic around here, but this is a one-time only event and you will want to see it!

The Entertainment Committee

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**Weekly Events**

- **2:00 pm** Shuffle Mahjong - PR
- **8:00 am** Aerobics/Exercise - Y, Fun & Fitness - Y
- **9:00 am** Water Aerobics Shuffle, Pinochle - PR, Beg. Shuffle Lessons, Line Dancing - A
- **10:00 am** Water Aerobics Yoga - Y, Shuffle Golf, Bridge - Y, North Shore Shuffle League Pinochle - Y
- **11:00 am** North Shore Shuffle League Pinochle - Y
- **12:00 pm** Pinochle - PR, Mahjong - PR, Game Night - Y
- **1:00 pm** Euchre - Y
- **2:00 pm** Shuffle Mahjong - PR
- **4:00 pm** Mahjong - PR, Singles Group - PR
- **6:00 pm** Shuffle Mahjong - PR
- **7:00 pm** Shuffle Mahjong - PR
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Library News

The Library Committee wishes, each and every one of you, good health and much happiness in the coming year! We also wish to thank all of you who graciously donate books to our library. Without your donations, we could not have the number and variety of items for our residents and guests to enjoy.

From May through November, the library received many donations. Among these, were over 90 hardcover books, 20 large print books, and over 60 DVD's. Many thanks to Joy Colbert for her donations of many of the 60 DVD's and the series, Tales from Grace Chapel Inn. The 47-book series is set in Acorn Hill, Pennsylvania. It relates stories about the Howard sisters, who turned their childhood Victorian home into a bed and breakfast. For those of you who enjoy reading inspirational books with happy endings, this is the series for you.

Many thanks to Betty Moore for sharing her artwork with us this past month. Please, stop in our library to enjoy her beautiful watercolors of Florida birds.

Artwork is a beautiful addition to our library. If you are one of them and would like to share your creations with our residents, please contact Phyllis Ann Smith (941-932-5654).

For anyone new to Tropic Isles, our library operates on the honor system. You do not need to check out items you wish to borrow. We simply ask that you return the items to the basket by the desk. A library volunteer will put them back where they belong.

The next meeting of the Library Committee will be in the library following Saturday morning coffee on January 5.

Phyllis Ann Smith, President Library Committee

Tropic Isles’ Blood Drive - Update

Thanks to all those people who took the time to donate blood at our second Blood Drive on December 14. Giving blood is a simple thing to do, but it can make a big difference in the lives of others. Every two seconds, someone needs blood. The blood donated at our blood drive was likely transfused into a patient within 48 to 72 hours. The turnaround is that fast and is that constant. Please consider donating blood at our next blood drive on February 8th.
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This is a reminder that the Rules and Regulations are in effect and being enforced. All residents and their guests are expected to know and abide by these rules. If you need a copy of the current 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.

XI. PETS

11.1 Restrictions
• Two (2) pets per household are permitted.
• Residents must register all animals with the office.
• Maximum adult weight of each pet is not to exceed thirty (30) pounds at full growth.
• Evidence of current immunizations and licensing must be provided every year.
• No aggressive breeds of dogs will be allowed, i.e. German Shepherds, Chows, Rottweilers, Dobermans, Pit Bulls, crossbreeds of these animals, or any animal that has a history of biting or dangerous aggression.
• No exotic or non-domesticated animals are allowed.
• At no time is a pet permitted to trespass on another Resident’s Unit/Lot.
• These rules also apply to Guests who bring pets into the Community.

11.3 Leash Use and Waste Disposal
• All pets must, at all times, be kept either inside the home or, if outside, on a leash in the company of the Resident or an authorized Caregiver.
• In accordance with Palmetto Ordinance 06-18 (2006) leashes are not to exceed eight (8) feet in length.
• Pet owners are responsible for the proper removal of all waste material caused by their pet anywhere in the Community. Kitty litter and dog droppings must be disposed of properly.

11.4 Penalty for Non-Compliance
Any animal not properly registered with both the Management Office and the appropriate Governmental agency may be required to be removed from the Community.

11.5 General
• Residents are responsible for their pets and any damage caused by their pets at all times.
• Pets are not permitted in the Community buildings or in the pool or hot tub/spa deck area.
• Outdoor kennels, dog houses, pet fencing, and pet breeding are not permitted.
• Pets are not permitted to disturb the peace and enjoyment of Residents. Contact the Palmetto Police Department (941-721-2000) for code violations.
• Any pet creating a nuisance, at any time of day, may be cause for its permanent removal from the Community.
• For health and sanitation reasons, and to comply with the local ordinances, Residents are not permitted to leave food or water dishes outdoors. This includes bird feed for water fowl. These may attract disease-carrying animals. DO NOT FEED STRAY CATS!

4.12 Unit/Lot Numbers
All residents shall post three-inch (3") lot numbers of their Dwelling facing the street, at the corner of the Dwelling closest to the carport or driveway, and according to local ordinances.

Look What’s Coming!
Vendor Expo
Sunday, January 13th from 1-4 PM is sneaking up on us and we are getting excited about the Vendor Expo. We will have a large selection of vendors set up in the Auditorium to visit and learn about their products and trades. All Florida Weatherproofing and Construction; Florida Anchor and Barrier; Planet Stone, Marble and Granite; Citrus Meadowood Homes of Florida; Comfort Cover Systems Inc.; and PestShield are just a few of the many vendors who will be attending the Expo. Most of us need help somewhere, somehow, and with something. We hope to have the answers for all. Contact Joanne Miller at 729-4125 with your questions. Refreshments will be available. Hope to see you there!

Sponsored by the Shuffleboard Shufflers

Please Wear Your Pool/Hot Tub Bracelets (“Passes”)

It is especially important for Residents and Guests to wear their bracelets at the pool/hot tub to avoid any problems. If you are new to Tropic Isles and have not yet received your pool bracelets, please check with the Office. Section VII of our Rules and Regulations regarding the Pool and Hot Tub/Spa states:

7.2 Pool and Hot Tub/Spa Passes
All Residents and their Guests must display Tropic Isles “pool passes” when using the pool and hot tub/spa facilities. Each Resident will be issued 1 “pool pass”. Temporary “pool passes” are available at the office for Guests. Residents must sign for the pool passes for their Guests. A proper ID is required to obtain pool passes. A fee may be charged for the replacement of lost “pool passes”.

The only “pool bracelets” that are acceptable in the pool area are the pearlescent white or multi-colored (yellow, green, and blue) bracelets. Any other colors are NOT acceptable. PLEASE WEAR YOUR BRACELETS TO THE POOL.

If you see anyone at the pool who is not a resident or guest, nor wearing their pool bracelets, and may be trespassing, call the Palmetto Police. They will come to investigate under the BUSINESS TRESPASS PROGRAM that Tropic Isles is participating in.

Please Remember To Shower Before Entering The Pool
Our 2014 Rules and Regulations state:

7.5 Shower
The State of Florida requires all persons using a public pool or hot tub/spa to shower immediately before entering the pool and hot tub/spa. (FS 64E- 9.008) No shampoo or soaps are permitted in the pool or hot tub/spa deck area.

Our shower at the pool is tucked behind the palm tree on the west side of the pool near the boat slips. (It is disguised as a palm tree and after a minute or so gives you a nice warm shower to remove any soaps or oils on your skin which keeps the water in the pool and spa cleaner.)
Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN)

We are a group of Tropic Isles’ volunteers who help their neighbors with outside maintenance jobs when a need arises. We assist with yard work, trimming, planting, weeding, mulching, and help clean up poorly kept landscaping. We help with painting awnings and sheds, carport clean-up, power washing, and general maintenance. We offer education and can help you find contractors, if needed.

We have a lot of information on Florida friendly landscaping. Since we live so close to the water and our water table is high, please keep pesticides and fertilizers to a minimum. Pesticides seep into our ground water and infiltrate our drinking water. Research shows GRASS is your best ground cover, versus stone and shells. Grass cools and cleans the air. Grass filters storm water runoff and reduces erosion, glare, and noise. Stones and shells are hot and require a lot of weed killer to keep weeds at bay. No matter how thick the weed barrier is under the stone, weed pollen is air born, germinates, and grows from the top down. Examples are wind blowing seeds, grass clippings, and birds. Shell also gets a mold that is impossible to remove. The more weeds we get the more pesticides we spray, and it is not good for our waterways. Our County Extension Office is right here in Palmetto at 1303 17th Street West. They are super helpful and have a wealth of information on Florida friendly landscaping.

*If you need help with a project, your neighbors are here to help.*

Please call any one of the following persons:
Jan Krueger 262-717-0710      Pam Hennessy 941-447-6228
Anne Nitti  508-873-6205      Sharon Williams 941-212-4648

INvITING all NeIGHBORS, PREsENT NHN TEAM, AND NEW VoLUnTEERS…

Neighbors Helping Neighbors (NHN) has been updating our volunteer call list. Present volunteers have either received an email or a call requesting an update on their status. We will gather in the Auditorium on **January 16th at 10 AM** and encourage you to attend. We will update you on our projects, our mission, and new ideas for assisting our park residents with various needs. If you no longer wish to be on our list let us know. We are inviting new volunteers to join our team, especially those new residents who may not be familiar with our services. So please mark your calendar for January 16th. We will have coffee and donuts for all.

Thank you in advance--Jan Krueger, Sharon Williams, Pam Hennessy, and Anne Nitti
From The Manager’s Desk

Paul Smith, Manager

NEW PROPERTY MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE SYSTEM

Over the past six months, your Association has implemented a new property management software system. After a great deal of research, we chose a company called Appfolio, www.appfolio.com. Appfolio Property Manager is used by some 20,000 customers in North America providing an all-in-one cloud-based system.

Appfolio provides us with a fully-integrated system including:

• new website (www.tropicisles.net),
• resident portal where you can review your account(s)
• make maintenance requests online and check their status
• download forms and documents

provides management with an integrated accounting system, marketing capabilities to sell and rent homes, communicate compliance issues with our residents in a secure environment, and many other management tools.

Shareholders, Home Owners, and Renters can access their resident portal. Although TIPOA is an important part of our community, it is not legally part of our Association. Thus, they will not have access to this system. Initial access to your portal is easy. If we have your email on file, you will receive an email from the office guiding you through the sign-up process. If your email is not on file, you can initiate access through our website. Either way, if you need some assistance, give the office a call, and we’ll help you through the process.

Every day, we learn something new about this dynamic Property Manager. You will see more new features as we move into the future.

TROPIC ISLES’ PENINSULA

The Peninsula has become a favorite place for many to enjoy. With this increase of activity, came challenges for some of our neighbors who live adjacent to the Peninsula. Your Association was faced with a dilemma of trying to find common ground where our residents could enjoy the beauty of the Peninsula while delivering quiet enjoyment to those residents living nearby. We reached an impasse and sought the help of a mediator through the Dispute Resolution Center in Bradenton. This is a free service that has proved very useful for the Association in other matters.

With the help of a mediator, common ground was achieved. The following changes are occurring for our mutual use of the Peninsula, as follows:

• Hours of access to the peninsula will be from 8:30 AM to ½ hour after sunset each day.
• Signs will be placed stating:
  o Hours of access.
  o No motorized vehicles, including golf carts, will be allowed on the peninsula.
  o Dogs are to be leashed at all times.
• We know that dog access is important to our membership, but would ask that all visitors respect the units of adjacent shareholders and ensure that dogs not relieve themselves on their bushes, stairs, birdbaths, etc.
• A barrier/gate system will be installed to prevent motorized vehicles access to the peninsula.
• The Association will maintain the peninsula with existing facilities, however, will not create any new recreational amenities in the future.

Most of these changes are not new to our community as they have been in place from time-to-time in the past.

BUSINESS TRESPASS PROGRAM

Over the summer, we had problems in the pool area with non-residents. The police were called. The issue of non-residents on the property has been an on-going problem.

The Palmetto Police Department has developed a program to help us at Tropic Isles. On June 19, we enrolled in this program, the Business Trespass Program. You may have noticed the signs that went up at the entrances on 28th Ave. and Aloha Dr., the pool, Office, and peninsula. These signs are part of the program. The program works this way. If you see a non-resident who you believe is trespassing, call the police. DO NOT CONFRONT THEM. The police will come out to Tropic Isles and determine if they are in the “Trespass database”. If they are, they will be immediately arrested. If not, they will be given a warning and placed in the Trespass database. If they are caught on the property another time, they will be arrested. Our participation in this program prevents the need to file a complaint each time a trespass occurs. It also raises the awareness level of non-residents of the seriousness of their actions. A non-resident is a person who has not been invited to be on the property by a resident of Tropic Isles. The police are well-trained and can spot a person lying to them. Again, please do not confront these people. You never know who is violent. Call the police!

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Please!!! We Need Your Help!!

This winter, we need volunteers to help cover the pool in the evening when temperatures go below 60 degrees for a consistent period of time. It works best with teams of 2 people who would be willing to do it for a week or you could share a week with someone. You would be expected to cover the pool at 10 PM in the evening and lock the gates. We will provide a quick lesson for those who haven’t done it before. We will also need some “morning people” who would be willing to help uncover the pool in the morning on Saturday and Sunday. The pool cover has proven to be a real energy saver for the Co-op, so we hope to get enough volunteers to make it happen again this year.

Thanks to all those dedicated people who have done it in past years. Please contact Laura Donahue at 202-409-8050 if you would be willing to help. Those who have already signed up to help should have received some information about the pool covering procedure. If you have any questions, call Cindy Shaw at 941-722-4037.

Pool Cover Policy

The Pool Committee and the Board of Directors have recommended that the pool be closed and covered at 10 PM when the average nighttime temperatures are expected to be below 60 degrees for a period of time. This means that the pool will then be covered at night when the nighttime temperature drops below 60. In the event, that the predicted daytime temperatures, with wind chill, are not expected to reach 60 degrees, the pool area will remain closed until temperatures warm up.

REMEMBER: No one is allowed in the pool/hot tub or on the pool deck area when the cover is on the pool. You may not enter the pool deck area through the Yacht Club when the cover is on the pool and the gates are locked. Thank you for your co-operation.

Tropic Isles’ Golf League (TIGL)

We are off to a good start on our golf league.

Despite cold and windy conditions, our first day of golf brought out 12 golfers. Many of these golfers were new to the league which was great to see. We had a great time, even if our scores didn’t show it. I hope to see more of you out to golf in the future. Remember, just show up on Wednesday around 10:30, tee off at 11:00 AM. Pay at the clubhouse and then check in with me and foursomes will be arranged. It’s a great time with a wide variety of skill levels.

I will be gone for a few weeks over the holidays, but we will still be golfing. Karol Frystak will be helping me out while I’m out of town.

Shirley Norman, Golf Coordinator

Shuffle News

A warm welcome back to shufflers and residents! For anyone interested in the game of Shuffleboard our courts and club membership are open to all residents. We invite anyone thinking they might like to shuffle to stop by the courts during our morning shuffle hours and join in. Weekly shuffle is on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 10 AM; Tuesday at 1 PM; Sunday at 2 PM.

Beginner shuffle lessons start on Monday, January 7 at 1 PM. Intermediate lessons start on Thursday, January 10 at 1 PM. Lessons are free, equipment is furnished, but wear closed-toe shoes. Our next Potluck and Club meeting is on January 9 at 5 PM in the Yacht Club. There is a sign-up sheet at the courts. Please bring your own table service, beverage, and a dish to pass. Treasurer Wilma is collecting membership dues for the 2019 season which is $5 pp.

The North Shore League is on Wednesday afternoons and sign-up is through John Stuart. Coach House shuffle is on Fridays and sign up is at our courts.

TI Shuffleboard Club Park Tournaments all begin at 10 AM. You must be a club member to partake in tournaments. The 2019 schedule is: Turkey Shoots: Tuesday, January 8th and Tuesday, February 5th; Guy Manchester Tournament: Tuesday, March 5th; Men vs. Women: Tuesday, March 12th; Dean Cone Memorial Tournament: Wednesday, March 26th. Bob Hallman is your contact.

Shuffle Club is sponsoring the Tropic Isles’ Vendor Expo in the Auditorium on Sunday, January 13. This venue is for the entire park to come and see what our local businesses have to offer. Our fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner will be Friday, February 1 and is open to all park residents and the general public. Cost $6.00. Pick up tickets to sell or buy from Joanne Miller. Happy Shuffling!

Kay Lynn Duncan, TI Shuffle Club President

Shuffle Club Spaghetti Dinner

Tropic Isles’ Shuffle Club will host a spaghetti dinner for all residents to attend. It is a fundraiser and helps pay for club expenses.

We had a great turnout last year and hope to increase last year’s attendee count. Reserve the date: Friday, February 1, 2019 serving from 4 to 6:30 PM in the Auditorium. The menu is spaghetti, meat sauce, tossed salad, garlic bread, dessert, and beverage all for the price of $6.00. We hope to see you there! Take-outs are available. Tickets are available from Shufflers and at Saturday Coffee in January. Contact: Joann Miller at 729-4125 or Kay Lynn Duncan at 722-0240.

Injured Wildlife?

You can help!

If you see an injured bird or manatee, please call Wildlife for Manatee County, Justin Matthews at 941-822-3272 or Wildlife Inc. on Anna Maria Island at 941-778-6324. Keep these numbers near your phone at home or put them into your cell phone in case you need them.

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Click It or Ticket Florida

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Attention All Returning Residents!

• Sign in at the Office to let them know that you have returned.
• Pick up your new Resident Phone Directory at the Office.
• If you have not yet received your “fob” to be able to enter the buildings, please pick one up at the office.
• If you are a new resident to Tropic Isles or need to update your personal information, please complete an Information Form which you can pick up in the Office or one is provided in this issue of the Breezes for your convenience. This information will be added to the 2019-2020 resident phone directory.
• If you would like to receive important notices from the Office via our Chimp Mail email system, please make sure the Office has your current email address.

Aerobics

Aerobics is a fun activity that meets Monday-Friday 8:00-9:00 AM in the Yacht Club. The hour is broken into two sessions of 30 minutes each. We use exercise CDs to do 2-4 miles of walking aerobics for heart health with some strength training (weights) mixed in. We vary the CDs that we use to keep interest and enthusiasm high. Weights are provided, or you can bring your own. Come on down and get fit with some friendly people!

- Rita Collins and Cindy Shaw

Fun and Fitness

Are you looking for a less intense form of exercise, but would enjoy some mild strength training, stretching, and exercises to improve balance? Then join Shirley Kaye for Fun and Fitness, Monday-Friday at 9-10 AM in the Yacht Club. Many of the exercises are good for people suffering from arthritis, back problems, or fibromyalgia. Some exercises are done on a mat. Extra mats are available, or you can bring your own. Get fit and have fun too.

- Rita Collins and Cindy Shaw

Water Aerobics

Calling all Aqua Angels and Devil Dogs! Are you looking for an exercise program that is fun and full of music while giving you a workout? Then look no further!! Water Aerobics is for you! It is held at the pool Monday through Friday from 10:00-11:00 AM, weather permitting. This is the place to be if you have any aches and pains that prevent you from doing traditional exercises. Newcomers are always welcome. Hope to see you there!

- Denise #2 (otherwise known as Denise Votaw)

Yoga Classes

Yoga classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 AM in the main room of the Yacht Club with Larry Jennings. The cost is $5 per session to be paid at the time of the class. Contact Jerry Cockerham at 336-209-1536 if you have any questions.
Rules and Regulations

Review Project

The Board of Directors has requested that we review our current Rules and Regulations which were last updated in 2014. A committee has been established and had their first meeting on November 9, 2018. The Rules and Regulations Committee Members consist of Shareholders and Home Owners and include the Chair of the ARC Committee, the Chair of the Parking Committee, and the Chair of the Dock Committee.

The scope of the Rules and Regulations Review is to:

• review the Co-Op Governing Documents as they relate to our Rules and Regulations,
• to identify possible conflicts or inconsistencies between our documents,
• to review rules and regulations for reasonableness, fairness, and how to uniformly ensure compliance and enforcement
• to propose adding or eliminating rules / regulations as deemed necessary,
• and to coordinate and make recommendations of the changes to the Board of Directors as agreed upon by the Committee.

In addition, we plan to have a series of town hall meetings as we progress with our review to invite all Tropic Isles Residents to share their comments. Our meetings are in the Auditorium and are open to anyone. Agendas are posted.

If you have questions, please contact Wayne Geoffrion at 770-883-3012 (call or text) or email: wgeoffrion@gmail.com.

Wayne Geoffrion, Chairman
Rules and Regulations Review Committee
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## Coming Events (clip and save)

### JANUARY

- 2. Tropicaires’ rehearsals begin
- 4. NEW! Artists “Meet and Greet”
- 4. NEW! Singles Group meeting
- 7. Coffee ‘n Conversation - Mayor
- 8. Sailboat races begin
- 8. Book Club
- 10. Manager’s Coffee
- 10. Craft Class
- 10. Movie Night
- 11. Convertible Ride
- 13. Vendor Expo
- 16. Neighbors Helping Neighbors meeting
- 17. Soup Supper
- 18. Dance sponsored by Boat Club
- 20-26. TI Cruise
- 24. Movie Night
- 25-26. Trash & Treasure Sale

### FEBRUARY

- 1. Spaghetti Dinner
- 4. Coffee ‘n Conversation – SEGD
- 7. Movie Night
- 8. Bloodmobile
- 8. Valentine’s Dance
- 11. Pancake breakfast
- 14. Manager’s Coffee
- 16. Mark & Clark - music and comedy
- 21. Movie Night

### MARCH

- 4. Coffee ‘n Conversation
- 6. Western NY Picnic
- 7, 8. Tropicaires’ Show
- 14. Manager’s Coffee
- 16. St. Patrick’s Day Dance
- 21. Co-op Annual Meeting
- 21. Movie Night
- 23. Farewell Party

### APRIL

- 4. Movie Night
- 7. Pool Party
- 21. Easter

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### You Can Be A Tropicaire!

Calling all Tropic Isles’ residents. The Tropicaires will be starting rehearsals for the up and coming 2019 show. The theme this year is **AMERICAN BANDSTAND**, featuring our own Dick Clark. If you sing, dance, or play any instrument, we are looking for you.

If you prefer to be involved in other ways, we need stagehands, scenery, and prop makers, too. Mark Wednesday, January 2nd in your datebook. We will meet at 9:00 AM in the Auditorium starting on Wednesday, January 2nd for our first meeting and have rehearsals every Tuesday after that. Everyone is welcome!

### Boosters Trash and Treasure Sale

**January 25, 2019, 2 to 6 PM**

**January 26, 2019, 7 AM to 2 PM**

**AUDITORIUM**

Household Items, Small Appliances, Electronics, Lamps, Paintings, Clothing, Linens, Collectables, Jewelry, Toys, and MUCH MORE!!!

**YACHT CLUB**

Furniture, Appliances, Outside Furniture, Tools, Golf Clubs, Bikes, Marine Items, and MUCH MORE!!!

**BREAKFAST AND LUNCH ARE AVAILABLE---**

-SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

We will still be collecting your great stuff right up until the day of the sale. You can drop it off at 34 Flores or call Mel Oliver at 740-941-6867 or Phil Cook at 941-735-2056 for pick up.

If you can help work the sale and haven’t signed up, call Milly at 941-799-4783.

The purpose of the Tropic Isles’ Booster Club is to provide a service to help make improvements in our Community.

### Aluminum Cans

We recycle all aluminum.

You can drop off your cans in the green box on the south side of the Auditorium parking lot. Larger aluminum items or bags of cans can be dropped off at 21 Flores.

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**STAY SAFE!**

Don’t Drink and Drive
Special Events

Thanksgiving Dinner
Over 212 meals were served at the annual Thanksgiving Dinner in addition to the home deliveries that were made. Many volunteers make light work for a successful dinner to those appreciative residents and their guests.

Coffee 'n Conversation – Snowbird Gardening
Forty gardeners attended a talk by Chase Landre, author of “Snowbird Gardening” on December 3. TIHOA and NHN hosted the event. Residents learned about the right plants to plant in the right place for successful Florida gardening. Author, Chase Landre, talked with resident, Ann Stroud, about her book.

Christmas Open House
Judy Reed, and her daughter, Jill, hosted a Christmas lights “open house” at 107 Del Rio Dr. in November and December, complete with cookies. Jill did the decorating outside and Judy set up her collection of snow villages inside. Judy has been collecting snow villages since the mid 1980’s and has amassed over 200 pieces that she says takes her 6 weeks to unload, unpack, and set up. There is a lot of work and wiring involved. This “labor of love” is beautiful and gets you in the spirit of Christmas. Thanks for sharing your treasures with the residents of Tropic Isles.
Golf Cart Parade

Seventeen golf carts cruised the streets of Tropic Isles spreading Christmas cheer for the annual golf cart parade. These are the winners in 3 categories:

*Best Transformation of Cart:* Kym Berry and Kevin Sauntry

*Best Christmas Theme:* Bev O’Brien with McKenna and Adrianna

*Spirit award:* Carmen Micallef with her daughter, Josie, and Jackie Davies

These are the winners and some of the other participants:

- Bob and Carol Hallman with Jack
- Chet and Elaine Faulkner
- Dave and Jeanne Oliver
- Denise Votaw and Patty Taylor
- Donna Waterman and her cousin Jeannie Cooley
- George Schuss and Cody
- Rita Collins
- Bob and Carol Hallman with Jack
- Tyrone and Donna Shinn with Emma
- Jim Muckley and Diane Schoettle

Shirley Clarkson and Don Fosco
Boat Club Spaghetti Dinner
The annual Boat Club spaghetti dinner had a great turnout for a delicious meal. Full tummies were had by all. Thanks to all the volunteers who made it possible.