



Tropical Tales

January 2026

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Message From the Board

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and we want to wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Working together the board completed the following projects in the last two years: Ice machine replacement. Handicap walkway leading to the pool area. Thames Bluff Ridge repair and repave that section of road as well as resurfacing the rest of the roads in the park. A new stage curtain was purchased and hung as well as curtains on the windows.

New flooring was put down in the kitchen, auditorium and on the stage. The shuffleboard court was repainted. A new Quonset hut was purchased and assembled because the old one was no longer insurable. Numerous repairs were done on the pool and hot tub, and a new pool cleaning company was hired and seems to be doing an exemplary job.

Carlos and David extended the sprinkler system to the US 1 entrance for watering purposes. The entrance walls were cleaned and repainted and landscaping updated. A new management company as well as a new accounting firm were hired. The outside pool bathroom floors have been steam cleaned and toilets replaced with the hope of repainting the walls in the near future. The bridge was rescreened, and doors were put in at each end to keep our wildlife from making a mess on the walkway.

Elections will take place on February 2, 2026 with five board openings available. We wish the new board all the best during their tenure and will assist you in any way possible to make the transition a smooth one.

Sincerely,
Your Board of Directors

The February Newsletter deadline is Monday, January 19th.

**Calendar items should be sent to Deejon Jackson
at Office.TropicalIsles@Yahoo.com**

Please submit your newsletter information, event notifications and summaries,
and questions about the newsletter to tropicalislesbdmbr@gmail.com

Thank you.

Kathy Sykes — Editor

Tropical Isles Co-op Inc.

<http://www.tropical-isles.com>

Over 55 Community

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Emergency Number: 772-254-2962

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Tropical Tales Newsletter

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Delivery Volunteers needed

Clubs & Organizations

Circle of Friendship	Judy Sochacki	586-942-1864
C.O.P	Linda Cassidy	772-359-9932

Activities

Bean Bag Baseball	Wed. 7:00 pm (resume @ later date)
Billiards	Daily 1:00 pm.
Bingo	Thurs. 6:30 pm—doors open at 5:30 pm Charlsie Wroten 928-846-6621 Judy Sochacki 586-942-1864
Bocce	Mon. & Wed. 10:00 am Frank "Ziggy" Zigman 440-813-0269 Bic Pedville 423-243-6630
Bowling	Mon. 11:00 am (may resume in the fall) Sonny Rimatello 772-240-1114
Bridge	Wed. 1:00 pm Joyce Janyska 410-292-6326
Bunco	Mon. 6:00 pm Betty Thomas 772-306-7901 Judy Carrara 207-431-9291
Canasta	Thur. & Sat. 1:00 pm Terre McDermott 423-315-2195
Ceramics	2nd & 4th Thurs 10-Noon Gene Rowh 304-203-4415
Friday Night Pot Luck	Fri. 5:00 - 7:00 pm BYOB and a dish to share
Ladies Luncheon	3rd. Thurs. of the month 1:00 pm Sign up on bulletin board Santee Liebl 772-465-4244 Barbara Pattison 772-461-8393
Mah Jongg	Tues. 11:00 am Nina Petri 772-882-9142
Nimble Fingers Crochet & Knitting	Tues. 2:00-4:00 pm
Pickleball	Tues., Thurs. & Sat. 8:30 am Mitch Hushak 515-707-2539
Ping Pong	Mon & Wed 2 pm Stephanie Pearson-Lynch 781-424-4728
Pool Exercise	Mon., Wed. & Fri. 10:00 - 11:00 am Ann Collins 631-704-0852
Pool Volleyball	Tue & Thurs. 4:00 pm Curt Coffee 330-424-2163
Poker	Tues. & Thurs. 10 am & 1:00 pm
Tennis	Mon., Wed., Fri. at 8:15 am Tony Cimino 410-456-9649 Mark Schofield 978-857-1684
Various Games	Mon. 12:30 pm

Management Report

Tropical Isles Residents,

HAPPY NEW YEAR, Tropical Isles! We hope everyone had a Safe and Happy New Year!

Thank you to everyone who has donated food to the food bank. For December, our Total Donation of 82lbs provided 67 meals to the families of the Treasure Coast.

- We currently have 28 open violations
- Just a friendly reminder, please keep all animals on a leash and a collar with all information needed in the event that your animal gets out.
- Please be sure to have any Vendors you may hire, sign in at the front.
- Please dispose of all waste properly.
- We will be conducting yearly contact information for any updates to your phone, email, secondary address, etc.
- Late fees for monthly payments have been reinstated.
- Election is coming, and we have 5 openings on the board!

As always, we at KarpCo Association Management would like to thank you all for your patience and kindness. Please feel free to ask any questions or stop by at your convenience.

Respectfully submitted by:

Shaina Jacob

LCAM- KarpCo Association Management/Tropical Isles Co-op

C.O.P

Hello Tropical Isles,

I hope everyone had a blessed Holiday season last year.

Hello to 2026!

I for one certainly hope that it's a super good one . *Please* consider making one of your New Year resolutions to slow down in the park. It's a real issue and I don't think anyone has to be in that much of a hurry to get our or get to your home.

With more AI (artificial intelligence) coming into our lives, be extra careful on clicking on just anything . If it sounds too good to be true, believe me, it is a scam.

Don't answer just any numbers that call you on the phone, let them go to voice mail. If it's important you can call back whomever back.

Stay safe and well everyone have a super January .

Remember we still need volunteers for the C.O.P. to drive.

Your C.O.P. Leader Linda Cassidy

Circle of Friends

I delivered all the shut in's, CHRISTMAS CACTUSES, they all were very appreciative of this. The ice cream social was a big success. I hope everyone got a chance to see what the bingo players donate back to TROPICAL ISLES. I know that we gave a CHRISTMAS to a lot of St. Lucie County children and that was my goal. Want to thank everyone who brought a toy and left it, I want you to know I saw them so thanks. The ice cream social turn out nice but a lot of residents did not come to enjoy.

The next event was the golf cart parade. it was held on Dec 13, we had 12 carts. Our winners were: **1st place** Susie Langlois, **2nd place** Laurie & Ken Burkie, and **3rd place** went Larry & Judy Sochacki, **4th place** went to Jamie & Jo Ann Bush.

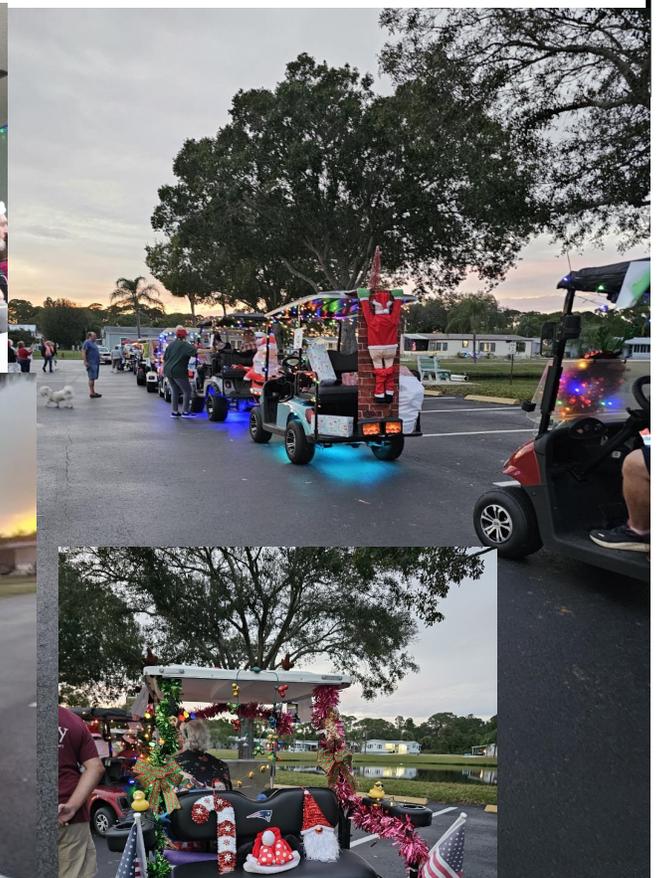
Please if you know of anyone sick or been in the hospital please let me know so we can get a card and flowers over to them.

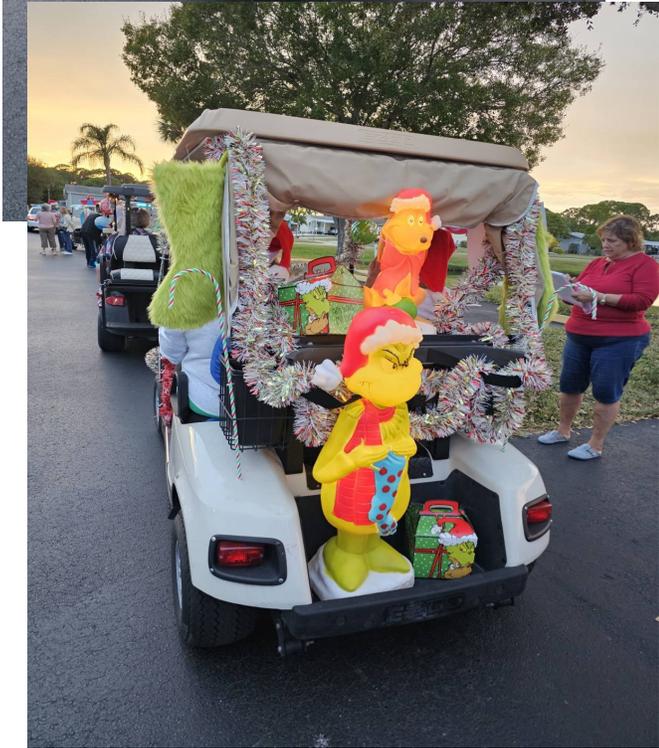
WE WILL BE UNDECORATING THE CLUB HOUSE ON January 6th at 10:30 please come, you'll enjoy the work. The more people we have, we can get it done in couple of hours. Please don't say they have enough because that's never the case.

OUR NEXT CIRCLE OF FRIENDS MEETING will be January 14 at 11:00 am Please come and join us. Judy Sochacki

I hope everyone has a Blessed Christmas and a Healthy, and safe New Years.

Judy Sochacki 586-942-1864





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Congratulations & Best Wishes

Birthdays

McDaniel, Elaine	1/2
Schneider, Frank	1/2
Schulz, Kathy	1/2
Hartsell, Evelyn	1/3
Roberts, Joseph	1/3
Albanese, Dominic	1/5
Brown, Diana (Kay)	1/5
Favale, Janet	1/6
Larson, Kathleen	1/8
Tornatore, Genevieve	1/8
Haas, Billie Jo	1/9
Watts, Donna	1/9
Cassidy, Linda	1/13
Gebben, Jack	1/13
Deliberis, Joseph	1/17
Statler, Andrea	1/17
Ferreira, Cheryl	1/18
Alvarado, Riva	1/21
Bartell, Taleen	1/21
Truskoski, Vikki	1/21
Arnold, Robbie	1/22
Conley, Cathi	1/22
Page, Jack	1/22
Bascetta, James	1/24
Lounsberry, Richard	1/25
Morin, James	1/25
Warrington, Roger	1/25
Gustavson, Claire	1/27
Steuart, Erma	1/27
Harbison, Judith	1/28
Jackson, Marsha	1/28
Keating, "Gary"	1/29
Miller, Keith	1/30
Clark, Barbara	1/31
Lynn, Franklin	1/31
Schulz, Richard	1/31



Anniversaries

Charles & Suzanne Rogers	1-Jan
Paul & Carlene Illum	9-Jan
Nelda & Gary Charles	10-Jan
Carol & Tracy Tippet	17-Jan
Frank & Kathleen Maker	21-Jan
James & Vivian Morin	22-Jan
Leland & Mary Adams	25-Jan
Michael & Taleen Bartell	26-Jan



Travel News



ATTENTION

If you are interested in a **Casino in February**, I will be putting up sign up sheets on the bulletin board next to the clubhouse restrooms.

WATCH for more info to come later.

All upcoming trips are posted on the clubhouse bulletin board between the restrooms.

Please remember to look and sign up.!

Judy Sochacki 586-942-1864

Trash Reminder

Trash should not be put out the night before pick up unless it is in a secured container. Otherwise the animals will have it all over the road! Thank you for your consideration.



Friday Evenings @ the Clubhouse

5 - 7 p.m. Serving at 6 pm.

Ladies Luncheon

Thanks to Sandee Liebl and Barbara Pattison for arranging the Ladies Lunch. The Ladies had a Christmas filled lunch at Shuckers in December. The Ladies Lunch is the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. Lunch notices are posted on the clubhouse bulletin board between the restrooms. Please remember to look and sign up. Looking forward to seeing you!



Thanksgiving Dinner 11-27-25

Residents, Family, and Friends enjoyed a catered turkey by Cracker Barrel. Everyone brought side dishes and desserts to complete the feast. Blessings to everyone who attended. Thanks to Kathy Burke for the table decorations. Additional thanks goes out to our servers and clean up crew. - Social Committee



REMINDER—Changes to Home or Landscape

Check with the office before commencing any work on the exterior of your home or landscaping.

A **Changes to Home—Approval Request** form, must be completed and submitted to the office for review and approval prior to work being started. This requirement is outlined in the Rules & Regulations. Failure to get an approval may result in a Stop Work Order from the Co-Op office.

Architectural Committee

Social Committee

Happy New Year Tropical Isles Residents,

Hope that everyone had a magical Christmas. Thanks to all the volunteers that helped throughout 2025 with all the events. Without your help, the events would not have been possible.

On December 31st, we had a New Years Celebration that had us ringing in 2026. We enjoyed a catered Italian Dinner. We also danced to music by a wonderful DJ and had a treasure trove of super door prizes and raffle items

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER UPDATES

We presented a catered Thanksgiving Dinner with about 60 people in attendance. Everyone had plenty to eat and we were all very pleased with the delicious food from Cracker Barrel Restaurant. But that's not all. The sides and desserts brought by the attendees were plentiful and delicious! We are all thankful to live here in sunny Tropical Isles.

December was full of activities! On December 12, right after the community potluck, we presented music and dancing with live entertainment from The TropicTones, our Community band (follow them on Facebook, TropicTones Band of Tropical Isles Community). On the 24th we had a Christmas Eve Potluck. We all had a lot of fun!

Watch for the February 2026 newsletter, we will have updates on all the December and January Activities and additional upcoming events.

Remember to watch all the billboards and look for the emails sent to you from donotreply@managebuilding.com. Or you can find our contact information inside the front cover of this or last month's newsletter or contact me at:

Terre.ped.tenn@yahoo.com

Sheriff Toy Drive and Ice Cream Social 12-6-2025



THINK BEFORE YOU FLUSH



Use a trash can instead of the toilet to dispose of items that don't break down like toilet paper does.

- Toss these items in the trash:
- Baby/Facial/Cleaning Wipes; Paper Towels
- Cotton Balls/Swabs; Disposable Diapers
- Candy/Food Wrappers; Toys
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Masks; Gloves; Bandages
- Cigarette Butts; Kitty Litter

What are the Grease Issues?

If poured down the drain, fats, oils and grease can be disastrous when it comes to sewer systems. Fats, oils and grease are liquid when they are warm and seem to flow easily down the drain, but solidify as they cool, causing buildup inside pipes. This hardened mess can cause potential blockages, restrict the flow of sewage and can end with sewer backups and overflows. The result can be home damage, health hazards and expensive repairs.



Tips for Proper Disposal in Your Home

- Throw bulky waste materials in the trash.
- Freeze small amounts of fats, oils and grease in a container with a tight fitting lid and dispose of it in the trash.
- Mix cooking oil with an absorbent material such as cat litter or coffee grounds and place in a tightly sealed container before disposing of it in the trash.
- Scrape and wipe excess grease from pans.
- Use a strainer in your sink to catch scraps.
- Use environmentally safe cleaning products instead of harsh detergents or cleaners that can damage sewer lines.

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through the Gordon & Associates email option. The emails contain important information and announcements about events going on in the park.

Please do not automatically delete these notices.

Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered to decorate the clubhouse for the Holiday Season.

REMEMBER -

January 6th at 10 a.m.

Now it is time to pack up the clubhouse Christmas decorations for another year.



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Are you walking when it is dark, or nearly dark?

BE SAFE!



Carry a flashlight and/or wear reflective clothing.!!

**Bingo on
Thursdays
at 6:30 pm**



Save The Date

2026

Some Events to keep in mind

Friends Friday Day - 2/13, 5-7pm free

St. Patrick's Day - 3/17

Ladies Tea - 4/18

Pictures

If you have any pictures from events or items of interest around the park, please send to:

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Please include information about the picture in the email.



Friend's Friday, February 13th

Free Dance 7-9 pm

Bring a Friend!

**Come for the normally scheduled potluck and stay
or just come for the dance.**



Bean Bag Baseball

You toss a bean bag at the board and try to get it into the holes. Scorekeeping is like baseball. Don't worry the players are always willing to teach a new friend.

Everyone is welcome. Tons of laughter and fun!

Time & Date: **Season is on hold for now. Watch future newsletters for a start date!**

Call Bic Pedeville for more information: 423-243-6630

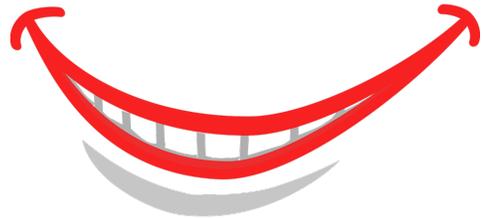
Tropical Isles Available Storage Lot Spots

#10 - \$100 #22 - \$50
#14 - \$100 #35 - \$50
#16 - \$100

These storage spots are on a first come first serve basis and will be updated anytime there is a change in availability. Please see the office with any questions.

office.tropicalisles@yahoo.com

Thanks to everyone for submitting pictures, event summaries, and club information for the newsletter.



COMMUNITY DANCE 12-12-25

On December 12, right after the community potluck, there was a free dance. Everyone danced to the music of The TropicTones. The next free dance will be Friends' Friday Dance on February 13, 2026 from 7-9 p.m. following the regularly scheduled potluck.



Christmas Eve Dinner 2025

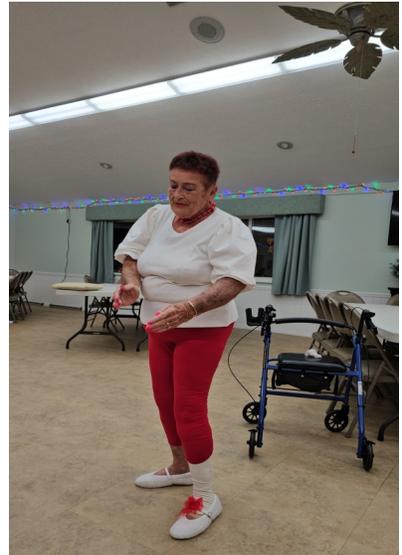
Thanks to all the people that attended the Christmas Eve Dinner and made it a memorable night. There were 35 people present to enjoy the food that was prepared by the residents. We were not able to do the golf cart caroling; however, we were entertained by Trudy Rochon signing to the “Wind Beneath My Wings,” and group caroling after dinner. Thanks to Kathy Burke for the table beautiful decorations. Special thanks to everyone who remained to help clean up.

May your 2026 be filled with Blessings.

- Social Committee



Christmas Eve Dinner 2025



Trudy Signing



January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Shuffleboard 10a Canasta 1pm Shuffleboard 1pm Bingo 6:30 pm	2 Tennis 8:15am Pool Exercise 10am Potluck 5-7pm	3 Pickleball 8:30 am Canasta 1pm
4 Dominos 2 pm	5 Tennis 8:15am Bocce 10 am Pool Exercise 10am Ping Pong 2pm Bunco 6pm	6 Pickleball 8:30 am Shuffleboard 10am Mahjong 11am Shuffleboard 1pm Nimble Fingers 2pm Pool Volleyball 4 pm Poker 6pm	7 Tennis 8:15am Bocce 10 am Pool Exercise 10am Bridge 1 pm	8 Pickleball 8:30 am Shuffleboard 10am Ceramics 10am Canasta 1pm Shuffleboard 1pm Pool Volleyball 4 pm Bingo 6:30 pm	9 Tennis 8:15am Pool Exercise 10am Potluck 5-7pm	10 Pickleball 8:30 am Canasta 1pm
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