



TROPICAL TALES

May 2025

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Message From the Board

Many of our resident snowbirds have returned to their northern homes and we wish them safe travels and a wonderful summer.

A community meeting was held on April 8, 2025 to introduce our new management company and new accountant who were to start on July 1, 2025. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, they are now working in the front office. Our new CAM is Shaina Jacob and our new Administrative Assistant is Deejon Jackson. Deejon's hours will be 9 am-2 pm, Monday through Friday. We ask that you be patient and polite to them as they are currently learning about us and our needs.

Board members met with Comcast on April 7, 2025 to see if it's feasible to put cable and internet throughout the park. At this time, they have not gotten back to us with costs.

Inspection of the Quonset hut is complete, and we are waiting for insulation to be installed. Once that is completed, we can use it for storage and eliminate the two storage containers.

We are still searching for a group of residents to head up the Social Committee. Please let Ellie Rakoski know if you are interested in taking on this task.

Please remember that the board has no control or authority over any outside vendor that you hire. That is solely between you and the vendor, so please be cautious who you hire to complete work for you,

A reminder not to throw your trash out the window on your way into the park - it reflects on all of us if there is garbage along the entrance.

Thank you.

Susan Bascetta

Secretary

The June/July newsletter deadline is Friday, May 30.

Please submit your info to bgouch@comcast.net.

If you have any questions you can call me at 772-448-8924

Thank you.

Bonnie Gouchoe—Editor

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Activities

Bean Bag Baseball Wed. 7:00 pm

Billiards Daily 1:00 pm.

Bingo Thurs. 6:30 pm—doors open at 5:30 pm

Genevieve Tornatore 772-361-5604

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Bocce Wed./ Thur. 10:00 am

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Bowling Mon. 11:00 am

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Bridge Wed. 1:00 pm

Joyce Janyska 410-292-6326

Bunco Mon. 6:00 pm

Betty Thomas 860-916-6853

Judy Carrara 207-431-9291

Canasta Thur. 12:30 pm

Terre & Bic 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

Sandee 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 (will resume in November)

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 Tue & Wed. 6:00 pm

Shuffleboard Tues. & Thurs. 10 am & 1:00 pm

Tennis Mon., Wed., Fri. at 8:15 am (will resume in the fall)

Tony Cimino 410-456-9649 and Mark Schofield 978-857-1684

Various Card Games Mon. 12:30 pm

Joyce Janyska 410-292-6326

Save the Date!



Saturday July 5, 2025

Independence Day Community Social Event with Live Music

All Residents are Welcome

There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the community announcement room (across from the kitchen.)

Volunteers to help are needed and appreciated.

Planning meeting on Monday May 5,

3 pm in the clubhouse.

Ticket cost TBD

More details to follow.

Contact 423-315-2195 or

time4you4u@gmail.com

Sports Participation Party

On Sunday, March 30th, the Tropical Isles community gathered to celebrate another winter season filled with exciting sports and fun. Pickleball, tennis, shuffleboard, and volleyball players, all came together for the occasion.

The party, hosted by Stephanie Pearson-Lynch, had an impressive turnout, with 37 players and their guests. There were delicious appetizers, entrees, snacks, and desserts to share.

The concert was given by Steve Rapson, Stephanie's brother. He is an accomplished recording artist, singer/songwriter and extraordinary guitarist. Steve captivated the audience with two sets of original music.

As a special highlight, we were also entertained by our own, Mitch Hushak. Mitch's excellent singing, accompanied by Steve's guitar, added a personal and heartwarming touch to the already memorable event.

The Tropical Isles 2025 Sports Party was a resounding success, bringing together friends, athletes, and music lovers for an unforgettable celebration of community spirit.



CERAMICS
2nd & 4th Thur.
10 am to noon



C.O.P

Hello Tropical Isles. To our residents that are heading back home for the summer, have a safe trip.

I have had several different people ask me to bring to your attention a few things that are very important. We have a lot of people in the park that walk dogs or just like to walk for exercise. Please be extra careful when backing out of your driveway. Look twice and go slowly please. The other important thing to remember is to bring a flashlight and/or wear reflective clothing. Several of our residents asked me to post this because of some very near misses. Accidents happen so fast! Our place is a circle with smaller circles off the main one. You look left, then you look right, and by the time you pull out someone is on you. Please slow down. It could mean someone's life.

We are always looking for volunteers, so please consider becoming one of our drivers.

Your COP leader- Linda Cassidy

Tropical Isles Available Storage Lot Spots

#22- \$50

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#10- \$100 includes water and electric

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.

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 5/9 Arthur Roesemann
 5/11 Charles Quappe
 5/14 Patricia Gentilcore
 5/14 Vincent Saake
 5/14 Patricia Tyler
 5/15 Ronald Reynolds
 5/16 Anthony Cimino
 5/16 Nancy Parr
 5/17 Dawn Holzman

5/17 Gerdi Novak
 5/17 Daniel White
 5/19 Mary Ellen Pratte
 5/20 Arthur Belair
 5/20 Timothy Bergeron
 5/20 Eleanor Rakoski
 5/23 Kevin Lynch
 5/24 Richard Boggatto
 5/24 Denise Parker
 5/27 Michael Bartell
 5/27 Craig Voster
 5/29 George DiSaia
 5/30 Frank Zigman
 5/31 Bethany Lunney

May Anniversaries

5/4/2024 Laurie & Ken Berki
 5/4/2024 James & Alta LaTerra
 5/8/2024 Andre & Louise Bernier
 5/12/2024 Joseph & Sandra Liebl
 5/14/2024 Louis & Nancy Leib
 5/16/2024 Raymond & Ann Collins
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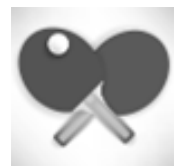
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Tips to Safely Co-exist with Alligators

As the weather gets warmer across the state and alligator mating season approaches, Florida's state reptile, the American alligator, can become more active and visible.

The American alligator is a conservation success story in Florida. Florida has a healthy and stable alligator population, which is estimated at 1.3 million alligators of every size. Alligators are found in all 67 counties, inhabiting all wetlands where there's adequate food and shelter.

Serious injuries caused by alligators are rare in Florida. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) works to keep Floridians and visitors informed and recommends the following precautionary measures near alligators, including in or near the water, to reduce the chances of conflict:

- Keep a safe distance if you see an alligator. If someone is concerned about an alligator, they should call FWC's toll-free Nuisance Alligator Hotline at [866-FWC-GATOR](tel:866-FWC-GATOR) (866-392-4286), and we will dispatch a contracted nuisance alligator trapper to resolve the situation.
- Keep pets on a leash and away from the water's edge. Pets often resemble alligators' natural prey.
- Swim only in designated swimming areas during daylight hours and without your pet. Alligators are most active between dusk and dawn.
- Never feed an alligator. It's illegal and dangerous. When fed, alligators can lose their natural wariness and instead learn to associate people with the availability of food. This can lead to an alligator becoming a nuisance and needing to be removed from the wild.

Access safety information resources in by visiting MyFWC.com/Alligator and clicking on "Living with Alligators."

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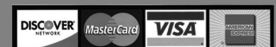


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Are you walking when it is dark, or nearly dark? BE SAFE! Carry a flashlight and/or wear reflective clothing.!!

Friday Night Potluck

5—7 pm (serving at 6)



Bring a dish to share and your own beverage

Please be mindful of your speed.



Our speed limit is 15 mph.

Traffic turning INTO the park has the right of way.



PLEASE DISPOSE OF YOUR TRASH IN APPROPRIATE RECEPTACLES AT YOUR HOME, AND NOT AROUND THE PARK.

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Pickleball 8:30am Shuffleboard 10am Bocce 10am Canasta 12:30pm Shuffleboard 1pm Pool Volleyball 4pm Bingo 6:30 pm	2 Pool Exercise 10am Potluck 5pm	3 Pickleball 8:30am
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