

TROPICAL TALES

November 2025

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Message From the Board

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our snowbird friends back into the community.

The Social Committee is back in full swing and has a lot of events planned for the next few months. Please check the bulletin board for dates and times. Hope everyone will be able to join in.

Over the years, with new boards and new office managers, they have taken it upon themselves to revise the Rules and Regulations without going thru the proper channels. If you are in possession of Rules that state revised 5/22 in the upper right hand corner, those are incorrect. Please visit the Tropical Isles web site for the correct ones or bring the wrong one down to the office for shredding and pick up a new one. We all need to be on the same page.

Any change to the outside of your home needs to be approved. Painting, planting, pavers, roofs, windows, etc. Please take the time to fill out the form, which is available on line or at the office. The same goes for visitors - please register them at the office.

The election for a new board is right around the corner. Please give some serious thought about running for office. We need Shareholders that are willing to donate their time and abilities to help run this community and look out for everyone's best interests.

The Holiday season is quickly approaching, and we would like everyone to check their closets (I'm sure you'll find a can of spinach or beets that you will never eat) that you can donate to the food bank. We will be putting up the Christmas tree in mid-November so you can bring in your toy donations. Caring is Sharing.

Happy Thanksgiving

The Board of Directors

The December newsletter deadline is Monday, November 24.

Please submit your info to bgouch@comcast.net.

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

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

Thank you.

Bonnie Gouchoe—Editor

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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 (looking for players)

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 Wed./ Thur. 10:00 am (will resume in the fall) Frank "Ziggy" Zigman 440-813-0269

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 860-916-6853 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** 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 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 (will resume in the fall) 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 Tony Cimino 410-456-9649 and Mark Schofield 978-857-1684

Various Games Mon. 12:30 pm (will resume in the fall) Joyce Janyska 410-292-6326

If you have any pictures from events or items of interest around the park please send to bgouch@comcast.net. I would love to include them in our newsletter.







Bingo is every Thursday from 6:30 pm start to 9:00 pm. Come try it—we have great prizes. Come early to get a seat!





Circle of Friends

The Circle of Friends has a lot going in the next couple of months. If you can help with anything, please let me know. We have two new members - let's all welcome Debbie Smith, who will be doing cards and Terri Schneider, who will be getting flowers. Please remember we can only deliver flowers if we know people are ill or in the hospital. Since this might be their only card or flower, please let us know of anyone in these circumstances.

The Circle of Friends, along with the Bingo Committee, is sponsoring the Sherriff's Christmas Toy Drive. We are asking all residents to buy a toy for boy or girl and bring it to the clubhouse on Dec. 6 between 1 to 3 pm or put it under the big tree prior to that date.

Attention all new residents - we are putting up a "Resident's Tree". We ask that when you're out and about you pick up a special ornament and write your family name and year you moved in on it. Then bring it to the clubhouse and hang it on the tree.

P.S.- Mark Dec. 6 on your calendar as the Circle of Friends will be hosting a free Ice Cream Social from 1 to 3 pm as our Christmas present to all. I would like to be able to deliver Ice Cream to our shut-ins, so please contact me with the names of any you know prior to Dec. 6.

The Golf Cart Parade will take place on Dec.13. I will be posting a sign-up sheet so that I have enough numbers and gifts, so please sign up to be eligible for a prize. Line up is 5:00 pm and the parade starts at 6pm. (I may ask some of the entrants to help). After the parade you are welcome to go inside the club house for dessert, punch, coffee or hot cocoa. You're welcome to visit with our special guest - he knows who's naughty or nice! Prizes will be given out that evening.

I'm looking for a Christmas punch recipe. If anyone has a good one, I would really appreciate it if you would share it with me. Please let me know if you know or hear about someone in the hospital or someone who has passed away. The Circle of Friends are always looking for more members, so please consider helping us out. Our next meeting is Nov. 12 at 11:00 am.

Judy 586-942-1864

C.O.P

Hello Tropical Isles.

First, a big welcome back to our winter residents. I hope you had a safe trip back. Since you've been gone, we have lost Sandy Tremblay. She has moved back up north to help her dad out. Sandy will be missed, especially as she was one of our main drivers. We are down to 4 people and 2 of them only drive part time. It leaves us very short of hours, so please consider driving for us. It is Citizens Observation Patrol (C.O.P) run by the St Lucie County Sheriff's Office. We are required to drive 8 hours a month in order to participate in the program. You can pick any times you wish to drive. It requires 2 days of training with the Sheriff's Department, along with a background check, etc. If you want more information, please call me, or go online to the St Lucie Sheriff's Department. I will be happy to direct you. Have a super great winter all and stay well.

Your C.O.P. Leader Linda Cassidy

Management Report

- Thank you to everyone who has donated food to the food bank. For September, our total donation of 67 lbs. provided 56 meals to the families of the Treasure Coast.
- Tropical Isles CPA Accounting Firm from Gordon & Associates, President/Owner, will be coming in to have an OPEN MEETING TO ALL RESIDENTS on November 4th, 2025, at 3:00 pm to answer any questions, concerns, or problems residents may be having.
- Please do not go into the spa with a spray tan on, as it stains the grout and tile and makes for more cleaning. Please be sure to use the outdoor shower to rinse off all lotions before going in.
- The pool heaters have been turned on and are at a temperature of 89 degrees.
- We currently have 45 open violations; 2 have gone to the Fines Committee.
- We are still looking for shareholders to sign up for the "Search Committee" for the upcoming election. If you are interested, please come to the front office Monday-Friday, 9 am-2 pm, or send us an email at office.tropicalisles@yahoo.com.
- Election is coming and we have 5 openings on the board!
- Reminder, if you have any work done to your home interior or exterior by an outside company, THEY are
 responsible for the garbage/debris, i.e., tree clippings, stumps, hardware, toilets, etc. Carlos will not dispose of them.

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.

HAPPY NOVEMBER!

Respectfully submitted by:

Shaina Jacob LCAM- KarpCo Association Management/Tropical Isles Co-op





Lovely ladies enjoying

their recent cruise





Social Committee - Volunteers Wanted

The Social Committee needs people to help decorate, serve food, take tickets, or assist with other tasks as needed for the Thanksgiving dinner. Please contact Bic Pedeville at 423-243-6330.

The Social Committee is also looking for people to volunteer to be an activity coordinator for specific community functions (Valentines, Cinco De Mayo, Ladies Tea, etc.). If you are interested in being the activity coordinator for an event, please call Terre at 723-315-2195 or email her at tjmlmt@yahoo.com or Bic at bicped@yahoo.com.

Current Event Coordinators:

Halloween - Betty Thomas Thanksgiving - Bic Pedville New Year's Eve - Kathy Sykes

We are looking forward to your participation and support of the Community's Social functions and activities.

Thank You, Terre

Congratulations and Best Wishes

November Birthdays

11/2	Robert (Kendall) Johns	son
11/2	Ken Berki	
11/3	Heidi Quappe	
11/4	Winifred Bryson	
11/4	Dan Nugent	
11/4	Diann Woodruff	
11/5	Maureen Taylor	
11/5	Pat Cimino	
11/5	Wayne King	
11/5	Natalie Darrow	2 30
11/5	Carlos Andongo	305/14/2013
11/5	Alta LaTerra	182 8 83
11/6	Sue Bascetta	
11/8	Otto Wuelfing	
11/9	Richard Arnold	
11/10	William Gustavson	
11/10	Nancy Hall	
11/11	Michael Favale	
11/11	Lisa Andongo	
11/11	Denise Lubas	
11/12	Gilbert Ventura	
11/12	Kathleen Wolfe	
11/13	David Ott	
11/14	Cheri Lanyon	
11/14	Penny Young	
11/14	Suzanne Rogers	
11/15	Russell Stetser	
11/16	Marshall McMurray	
11/16	Stephen Truskoski	
11/16	Kyle Coffee	
11/16	Ida Fattrusso	
11/20	Catherine Kush	
11/20	Judy Sochacki	
11/20	Richard Gallipeau	
11/23	Dennis Henneman	
11/24	Steve Covetskie	

11/24

Gerald Kennedy

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11/27	Jim Groff
11/28	Vikki Verdi
11/28	Pamela Moore
11/28	Sandra Reynolds
11/29	Sandra Tremblay
11/29	Laurie Berki
11/30	Jeanne Peterson
11/30	Joseph Aiello

Marilyn Henneman

11/26

November Anniversaries

11/1	Dennis & Marilyn Henneman
11/2	Robert & Particia Johnson
11/9	Tony & JoAnn Cimino
11/10	Joseph & Nancy Krzyminski
11/13	Dominick & Diana Albanese
11/18	Richard & Robbie Arnold
11/19	Joseph & Barbara Roberts
11/21	Linda & Curtis Little
11/21	Glen & Jeanne Peterson
11/27	Arthur & Cheri Rosemann
11/30	Michael & Janet Favale



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In many cases it is illegal and in all cases it is not doing the animals and birds any favor. They may become dependent and unable to fend for themselves. It also attracts rodents such as rats and mice.





Bring a dish to share and your own beverage

Save The Date

11/7 Setup for Flea Market 1-4 pm 11/8 Flea Market/Craft Fair 8am -3pm 11/11 Veterans Day lunch 11/18 Decorate Clubhouse 11/27 Thanksgiving Dinner 12/6 Sheriffs Toy Pick up 12/13 Golf Cart Parade 12/24 Christmas Eve Potluck

12/31 New Years Eve Celebration



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The Social Committee and Circle of Friends will collaborate on **decorating the** clubhouse for Christmas on November 18 at 11:00 AM. We would like to see everyone come and participate in decorating as the Circle of Friends prepare for the Christmas Party for the Sheriff's Department Toy Drive on Dec 6.





To reserve a table call

Judy Sochacki 586-942-1864 or Linda Young 646-702-9178 Food and beverages for sale

Table Prices for Residents 6 ft \$10.00 8 ft \$12.00 Table Prices for Non-residents
6 ft \$12.00
8 Ft. \$14.00

Tropical Isles Available Storage Lot Spots

#10 - \$100 #22 - \$50

#14 - \$100 #24 - \$50

#16 - \$100 #35 - \$50

#36 - \$50

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

A reminder for all residents:

Before commencing work on the exterior of your home, including roof, windows, driveways, landscaping, etc., it is required by our Rules & Regulations (that all residents have agreed to) that they must submit a request to the Co-Op for approval. Failure to get such approval can result in a Stop Work Order from the Co-Op.

Architectural Committee

Sheriff's Night Out Ice Cream Social

On October 7, 2025, the Social Committee was pleased to welcome the St. Lucie Sheriff's Department to an Ice Cream Social at the clubhouse. The Social Committee and Tropical Isles residents are supporters of **St Lucie County Sheriff's Night Out**.

The Sheriff's Department presented to Russ Courtemanche, Tropical Isles Co-op President, a **certificate for an OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY**. The Cooperative's continued collaboration with the Sheriff's Department provides our community with knowledge of local resources, increased security, support of our community, and our C.O.P program headed by Linda Cassidy.

The Social Committee would like to thank everyone that attended. Also, a special thanks goes out to Kathy Burke, Debbie Malloy, Cathy Haynes, Kathy Sykes, Gene Rowe, Bic Pedeville, and Paul Morgan for set up, serving, photos, and signage.





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 re-

Tips for Proper Disposal in Your Home

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



In conjunction with the Sheriff's Toy Pick up At the clubhouse Saturday, December 6 1 to 3 pm

A thank you to all residents for their support of the Circle of Friends.







Ceramics

The vase, hand-painted by Ginny, has not been fired yet. Our November class will be conducted by Mary, and we will be painting the tree pictured below. It can be painted differently on each side. Please come and join us.















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CANASTAwe are playing Canasta on Thursdays at 1:00 pm in the card room. We can teach you or give you a refresher if needed. Please come join us. Contact us for more info. We are also considering adding another day for cards or games. Your input is desired and valuable. If you can donate any cards or games, I'll come pick them up from you!

TJMLMT@YAHOO.COM

Bic 423-243-6630 or Terre 423-315-2195



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.



Travel News

Well, our new travel season has officially started this year. About 30 of us went on a 4-day 5-night cruise to the Bahamas. It was a nice get away and a great time was had by all.

Upcoming is a Mt. Dora walking tour of their Christmas lights on Dec. 5. If you are interested, money must be given to me by Nov.16. (\$65.00 per person.) We must have 35 people to cover the cost of the bus. Departure from here is at 12:30 pm, arriving there at approximately 3:30 pm. Return home departs at 8:30 pm, arriving back at 11 pm.

We will be going to the Hard Rock casino in January or February – more info to come later. If you have a suggestion, I would love everyone's input. 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





The Halloween event was a Spooktacular success. There were 90 residents in attendance, dancing, eating, and having a festive time. All ages enjoyed the music by TropicTones. For those in attendance, the evening had door prizes, costume prizes, and raffles.

Special thanks to our community sponsors for prize and raffle items: DaVinci's Italian Grill, Joys Ice Cream Plus, Kactus Flavors of Mexico, Tri-County Pet Supplies & Hardware, Bella Roma Bakery and Pizzeria, Tropical Isles Co-op: Circle of Friends, and Twins Car Wash. Please visit their establishments and thank them for contributing to the Tropical Isles event.

Costume Winners

- Best Makeup: Mark and Dale Schofield as the Scarecrow and Tin Man
- Funniest: Scott Docimi as Fred Flintstone
- Scariest: Steve Covetskie as Bride of Frankenstein
- Most Original: Cathy Haynes as Chef Boyardee

Thanks to all our helpers: Kathy Burke, Hope Morgan, Bill Sykes, Mary Everett, Linda Young, Betty Thomas and her daughters Nicole and Stephanie, Debbie Malloy, and I'm sure others. It takes a community to put on a community event. If you would like to help with one event, contact Bic Pedeville, Terre McDermott, or Kathy Sykes.































	November 2025					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Canasta 1pm
2 Dominos 2pm	3 Tennis 8:15am Pool Exercise 10am Ping Pong 2pm Bunco 6pm	4 Shuffleboard 10am Mahjong 11am Shuffleboard 1pm Nimble Fingers 2pm Poker 6pm	5 Tennis 8:15am Pool Exercise 10am Bridge 1pm Ping Pong 2pm Social Comm 2pm Poker 6pm	6 Shuffleboard 10am Canasta 1pm Shuffleboard 1pm Bingo 6:30 pm	7 Tennis 8:15am Pool Exercise 10am Potluck 5-7pm	8 Flea Market Craft Show 8- 3pm Canasta 1pm
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