



Tropical Tales

August 2026

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Message From the Board

Happy August to Everyone,

It has been one hot, humid, and rainy summer thus far. Please be aware of your health when out doing yard chores or walking. Drink plenty of water to remain hydrated.

The Fair Housing 55+ Survey for 2026 has been completed and we are in compliance with the Housing of Order Persons Act as we have over 80% of residents that are aged 55 or older.

We are beginning work on the cul-de-sac with weeding and replacement of plants that were destroyed with the freeze. We will be looking forward to seeing new plants and some palms replaced.

The Tropical Isles Community expresses our deepest sympathy and thoughts for the families and friends that have experienced a loss over the past few months.

Thank You,
Tropical Isles Board

The September Newsletter deadline is Monday, August 17th

Calendar items should be sent to Deejon Jackson

Email: Office.Tropicalisles@Yahoo.com

Phone: 772-468-4968

Please submit your newsletter information, event notifications to:

tropicalislesbdmbr@gmail.com

Tropical Isles Co-op Inc.

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

Park Management Company

KarpCo Association Management Company

Emergency Number: 772-254-2962

Have Questions or Concerns?

Please contact the On-Site Park Management Office in person, by phone, or email.

Shaina Jacob, Property Manager CAM

Deejon Jackson, Office Administrator

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Please contact the On-Site Park Management Office in person, by phone, or email with questions or concerns. For emergencies call: 772-254-2962

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Bingo: Charlsie Wroten, Interim

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Social Committee: Deb Dean

Clubs & Organizations

Circle of Friendship: Judy Sochacki

Community Observation Patrol (C.O.P): Linda Cassidy

Newsletter: Kathy Sykes

Calendar: Tropical Isles Office

Activities

Bean Bag Baseball

Wed. 7:00 pm (subject to available players)

Billiards Bill Sykes 765-721-2610

Billiards Room is open every day.

Bingo

Thurs. 6:30 pm - doors open at 4:30 pm

Charlsie Wroten 928-846-6621

Bocce Wed. 10:00 am

Frank "Ziggy" Zigman 440-813-0269

Bic Pedeville 423-243-6630

Bowling *Looking to start a Tropical Isles League.
Contact Debbie Malloy to put your name on a list
for the Fall. Email: yorkierambo@bellsouth.net*

Bridge

Wed. 1:00 pm

Looking for volunteer

Bunco

Mon. 6:00 pm

Betty Thomas 772-306-7901

Judy Carrara 207-431-9291

Canasta & Card Games

Thur. 2:00 pm

Terre McDermott 423-315-2195

Ceramics

2nd & 4th Thursdays 10-Noon

Gene Rowh 304-203-4415

Corn Hole **NEW ACTIVITY**

Wednesday 6 pm

Clubhouse Auditorium

Ladies Lunch 3rd. Thurs. of the month 1:00 pm

Sign up on Clubhouse bulletin board

Sandee Liebl 772-465-4244

Barbara Pattison 772-461-8393

Mah Jong

Tues. 11:00 am Nina Petri 772-882-9142

Nimble Fingers Crochet & Knitting

Tues. 2:00-4:00 pm

Pickleball

Resume in the Fall

If you have equipment, you may play any time.

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 - Will resume in the Fall.

Tue & Thurs. 4:00 pm

Curt Coffee 330-424-2163

Poker

Tuesday

6 pm

Pot Luck:

Fri. 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Bring dish to share & BYOB

Shuffleboard

Tues & Thurs 10 am

Tennis

Resume in the Fall

If you have equipment, you may play any time.

Mon., Wed., Fri. at 8:15 am

Tony Cimino 410-456-9649

Mark Schofield 978-857-1684

Various Board & Card Games

Sat. 2 pm

Terre McDermott 423-315-2195

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walking in the dark.

Ladies Luncheon

3rd Thursday of each month at 1 p.m.

Lunch notices are posted on the
clubhouse bulletin board in the alcove.

Please remember to look and sign up.
Looking forward to seeing you!

Management Report

Tropical Isles Residents,

Thank you to everyone who has donated food to the food bank. For July the community donated 65 pounds which provides 34 meals to the families of the Treasure Coast. We now have a separate barrel for hygiene and household items.

- ♦ The Fair Housing 55+ Survey has been completed for this year. It will be taken again in 2028.
- ♦ There are 56 non-compliance issues being addressed by the office; many are lamp post light issues and weeds in flower beds.
- ♦ Please have any contractors sign in at the front of the clubhouse.
- ♦ Debris should be placed in a bag or trash can if possible. Otherwise the debris should be cut small enough to stack and bundle. Remember only debris clean up by the resident will be picked up.

Come by, telephone, or email the office with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted by:
Shaina Jacob, LCAM-

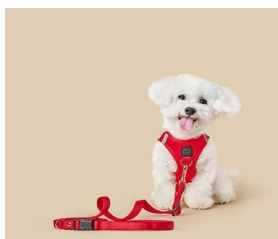


**Monday evenings
from 6 - 8 pm.**

**Loads of fun &
laughter.**

Come join us.

REMINDER



The Rules & Regulations advise:

- ⇒ Pets are to remain on a leash that is no longer than 6 feet. Leashes that have extendable lengths should be used with about 6 feet extended.
- ⇒ Vacant lots and common areas should not be considered an area for pets to be unleashed to run free.
- ⇒ Be mindful to pick up and dispose of pet waste products appropriately.

Interested in learning CPR?

We are starting a list to determine the interest in CPR. We will then arrange for a day, time, and cost to each person attending.

We will need a minimum of 15 people to be eligible for the class to be held at the clubhouse.

Call the Tropical Isles office at
772-468-4968.

Provide your name and telephone number to be added to the list.

Tropical Isles Storage Lot Spots

Check with the office regarding available storage spots. Please see the office with any questions.

office.tropicalisles@yahoo.com

Birthdays & more Birthdays

Birthdays

Lenhart, Kenneth	2-Aug
Long, Joseph	2-Aug
Mullins, Patricia	2-Aug
Roberts, Barbara	4-Aug
Tornatore, George Ann	5-Aug
Sykes, Kathy	6-Aug
Johnson, Patricia	7-Aug
Pinkerton, Kathy	8-Aug
Elmore, Betty	9-Aug
Morgan, Paul	9-Aug
Nugent, Ellen	11-Aug
Kelley, Elizabeth	12-Aug
Crownover, Joan	13-Aug
Huss, Patricia	14-Aug
White, Leslie	14-Aug
Carey, Thomas	16-Aug
Felber, Fred	19-Aug
Lieble, Gail	20-Aug
Howell, Nancy	23-Aug
Ganzer, Marion	25-Aug
Sochacki, Lawrence	26-Aug
Courtemanche, Sandy	28-Aug
Carvill, James	29-Aug
Comos, "Dolly"	29-Aug

Anniversaries

Mary Lou & James Kauffman	3-Aug
Vikki & Stephen Truskoski	3-Aug
James & Sue Bascetta	5-Aug
Bic Pedeville & Terre McDermott	7-Aug
George & Elaine McDaniel	9-Aug
Ross & Karen Crockrell	14-Aug
Peter & Maureen Sarandrea	15-Aug
Judy & Lawrence Sochacki	19-Aug
Gene & Homer Rowh	21-Aug
Leland & Catherine Adams	23-Aug
Jerome & Marianne Russell	24-Aug
Joseph & Rose Aiello	26-Aug
Paul & Hope Morgan	27-Aug
Janet & Bud Rawling	28-Aug
Kevin & Stephanie Lynch	28-Aug
Stephanie & Kevin	28-Aug
Cathi & Keith Miller	31-Aug
Frank & Pat Cimino	31-Aug



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The family of Paul Rakoski extends our heartfelt thanks for the love, support, and kindness shown to us during this time of loss.

We are deeply grateful for your prayers, comforting words, cards, flowers, memorial gifts, meals, and every thoughtful gesture shared in memory of our beloved husband and father. Your compassion has brought us strength and comfort as we mourn the loss of Paul, a devoted husband of 56 years, and the father of Kim and P.J.

Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. Your friendship, love, and support will always be remembered with gratitude.

With Sincere Appreciation,
 The Family of Paul Rakoski

Ladies Luncheon

We had a great turnout for our July Ladies Luncheon at Gator Trace Golf & Country Club.

It's always a treat to spend time with friends and neighbors, enjoying tasty food, cold drinks, and the warm sense of community that makes these gatherings so special.

There will be no August luncheon but will resume in September.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Well, summer in full swing and very hot. Please be careful in this heat and drink lots of water please. It's been a very busy month for Circle of Friends. Lots of residents going to or staying at the hospital. We have done about 10 just in June and July.

But the hardest is having to say goodbye or not being able to be there. We lost 5 friends in July and they were the kind of that person that would help with everything. They will definitely be missed.

Our first meeting for next season is November 11 at 10:30 am at the club house. If you want to know about Circle of Friends that is where you find out. Also, remember to let us now if a friend, neighbor, or loved ones is in the hospital or has passed. My (Judy Sochacki) number is 586-942-1864.

I'm asking all residents to think about the lawn guys in this heat. Please you hear the lawn mower, please have water or Gatorade on hand, walk outside and give them bottle. Heat stroke can get them, so please think of those guys

So please keep telling us by calling or texting me so I can get to them.

Thanks, Judy and Circle of Friends

Travel News

Following Travel Events Planned for the 2026-2027 Season:

*** **ALL SIGN UP Sheets in Clubhouse Hallway Alcove** ***

Do not wait until the last minute to sign up. We MUST have a certain number, usually 25-30 people, for each trip. Please include your telephone number. If there is no phone number, I can not call you with changes, updates, and reminders

August 25 - Brighton Casino: \$45 with \$20 back in free play. Sign Up by August 5. If we get enough people, we can get picked up here rather than carpool to Walmart parking lot.

October 24 - Mt. Dora 41st Craft Fair: Depart at 7 a.m. Arrive Mt Dora 10 am, Return home around 6 pm.

November 19 - Hard Rock Casino Night Trip \$45 with \$25 in free play a discount on their wonderful buffet.

December 14 - St. Augustine Night of Lights, trolley tour, & dinner. The Night of Lights Dinner will be Filet Mignon/chicken, lobster, champagne, ONLY \$179. This is a excellent trip and well worth the cost.

January - Still working on a travel opportunity.

February 7 - Jungle Cruise & dinner: The Number 1 attraction in South Florida. \$130 round trip, various exciting entertainers and Polynesian shows, enjoy a fabulous barbeque dinner. The cost is worth every penny

If you haven't tried my bus trips, YOU SHOULD! As soon as you seen the sign up sheet, get you name on the list or **CALL to put your name on the list for the above travels!** Please let me know if you've been somewhere that was a great place go and I will look into it. I will post March and April closer to that time. Hope to see a lot of new faces on our trips.

Judy Sochacki at 586 - 942 - 1864

≡ You're Invited!

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★ *at* **6PM** ★

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Trash Reminder

Trash pick up starts at 8 a.m.

If you miss your trash pick up for your street, your waste will be picked up on the next regular trash day.

Set your bins out the night before in closed containers to avoid missing the truck.



Thank you for your cooperation

Citizen Observation Patrol - C.O.P

Hello Tropical Isles,

PLEASE consider driving for the patrol. It only requires 8 hours a month.

It would be a shame to see the program in Tropical Isles come to an end. Our presence in the park helps to deter criminal activity.

Please contact me for additional information.

Have a great month and stay well.



Your C.O.P. Leader

Linda Cassidy

lindacassidy33@gmail.com

Line Dancing Lessons

Join us for Beginners Classes

Classes are back by popular demand and spots fill up quickly!

Classes start on Wednesday, August 12th.

12 noon to 1:30 pm, 5 consecutive Wednesdays.

\$30 per person, may bring one guest from outside the community who also pays.

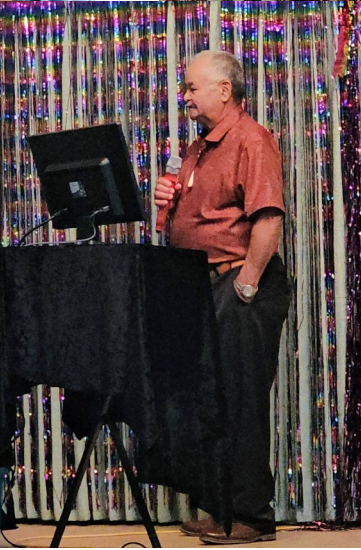
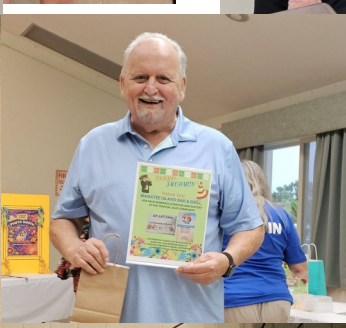
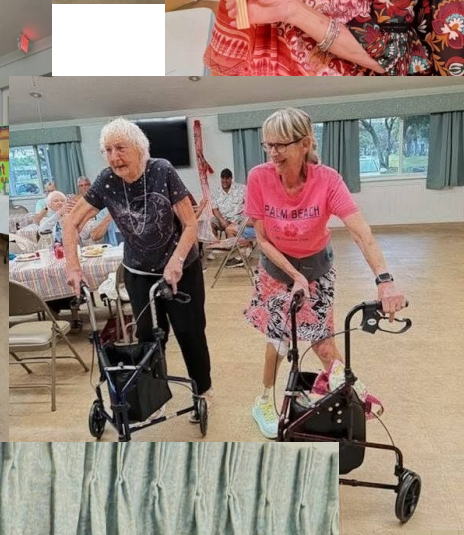
Payment made directly to dance instructor.

Sign-up sheet at bulletin board by restrooms.

Hurry before all spots are filled!
Don't miss out on the fun!



Twisted Taco



Nimble Fingers and Ceramics



Nimble Fingers on Tuesdays at 2 p.m.

Ceramics on 2nd & 4th Thursdays at 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

Come visit, Learn a craft, or just hang out with this fun bunch.



PLEASE - PLEASE - PLEASE

Do not feed the Wildlife.

Feeding wildlife in many cases is illegal. Feeding makes the wildlife dependent on humans rather than their own natural instincts which could make them unable to fend for themselves. Food used for feeding wildlife also attracts rodents such as rats and mice into our community.



**An AED Device located on
Outside wall next to the
Clubhouse Main Entrance
for resident emergency use.**

Social Committee Happenings

The Social Committee and residents had another great time in June with the Twisted Taco party! There were tacos and fajitas, lots of sides, great deserts, and fabulous music by the fantastic Tunes-2-Go!

We celebrated the 250th anniversary of our Nation's freedom with an awesome Semiquincentennial July 4th Party! Food was as American pie as it could be, including the apple pie with vanilla ice cream. The grill was blazing with hamburgers and hotdogs, and the sides were mouth-watering. Music was lively with some tunes that included good ole American classics! A great time was had by all!

Hold onto your shorts because on August 15th we have a thrilling Beat the Heat, Meet and Greet event planned with games, raffles, prizes, and best of all build your own sub sandwiches with all the sides! Make sure to stop by the clubhouse and pick up your tickets. It promises to be a really good time and a great way to Beat the Heat!

Watch for more information on the bulletin boards. Suggestions?

Please let us know your great ideas. Want to join a fun group? We meet Tuesdays at 1 pm in the clubhouse. Come on down! There's always room for more.

Deb Dean



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July 4th



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August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Cards & Games 2 pm
2 Dominos 2 pm	3 Pool Exer. 10 am Ping Pong 2 pm Bunco 6pm	4 Shuffleboard 10 am Mahjong 11 am Nimble Fingers 2 pm Social Comm Meet 1 pm Poker 6 pm	5 Bocce 10 am Pool Exer. 10 am Ping Pong 2 pm Corn Hole 6 pm	6 Shuffleboard 10am Canasta & Cards 2 pm Bingo 6:30 pm	7 Pool Exercise 10am Potluck 5-7pm	8 Cards & Games 2 pm
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