



TROPICAL TALES

December 2023

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Management Report

- Met w/ Carlos to get updated insurance documents for liability, vehicles, workman's comp and licenses for his company.
- Reviewed existing contracts for lawn maintenance, rubbish collection and custodial work with current vendor (Carlos Manzanares) in preparation for updating contracts for the balance of 2023 and 2024.
- Created and sent an incident reporting process to the Board for approval. This process was adopted at the board meeting of 10.23.23.
- Purchased and arranged for installation of 4 programmable thermostats for the clubhouse. Oversaw the installation of the 4 thermostats in the clubhouse to better control energy costs.
- Reviewed various violations throughout the community.
- Prepared for and attended the Board meeting that was held on 10.23.23.
- Designed and submitted to the board for approval custom signs for parking restrictions at the storage lot.
- Sought and received a bid for an onsite "shredding day".
- Sent input to Tropical Isles newsletter editor re September's Managers report and a notice to owners re contracting with vendors and that the Association is independent of these transactions.
- Pond update - Met with Solitude Lake Management again re the cat tail issue in our ponds. They've agreed to spray again at no cost and do it from a boat so they can spray the cattails that are difficult to reach from the shore.
- Bulk cable - I've been asked to investigate the potential of the Co-Op offering cable, telephone and internet (or a subset of those three) by looking at "bulk rate" contracts with vendors. Bulk rate costs are always less expensive than individual retail service from major vendors like Comcast, BlueStream or Hotwire.
- Pool Update - We have asked the owner of Fountain Blue pools to do an in-depth review of the pool equipment as we believe there are too many ongoing issues related to the plumbing and pumps. We expect the results of that investigation and proposed solutions to any problems to be available just after the Thanksgiving holiday.

Respectfully submitted,
Les Goldman, LCAM

Activities

Tropical Isles Co-op Inc.

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

Over 55 Community

Park Management Company

Keystone Property Management.

Emergency Number: 772-569-7928

On-Site Management

Les Goldman, CAM

Coleen Hanson, Office Administrator

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Social Committee	Linda Young	772-801-5039

Tropical Tales Newsletter

Editor	Bonnie Gouchoe	772-448-8924
Calendar	Coleen Hanson	772-468-4968
Delivery	Volunteers needed	

Clubs & Organizations

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

Arts & Crafts Wed. 1 - 4 pm
Doris Jacoby 772-940-2223

Bean Bag Baseball Wed. 7:00 pm
Sandy Tremblay 802-522-9610

Billiards Daily 1:00 pm.

Bingo Thurs. 6:30 pm
Paulette Silva 216-272-2240

Bocce Wed. 9:30 AM
Frank "Ziggy" Zigman 772-595-9125

Bowling Mon. 11:00 AM
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. 12:30 pm

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. 2:00-4:00pm

Pickleball Tues., Thurs. & Sat. 8:30 am

Pilates Tues. 11:30 AM (*currently via Zoom*)
Barbara Unger-Lengen 772-233-2407

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

Poker Tue & Wed. 6:00 PM

Shuffleboard Tues. & Thurs. 10am

Tennis Mon., Wed., Fri. at 8:15 am
Tony Cimino 410-456-9649 and Don Randig 330-814-2630

Various Card Games Mon. 12:30 PM
Joyce Janyska 410-292-6326



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Merry
CHRISTMAS



**Christmas
Around the
Park**



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As residents of Tropical Isles, we all own a share of the sewer plant. Flushing items like diapers, paper towels, and feminine products causes back-ups and expensive repairs. The Sewer Board is working diligently to keep costs down in order to avoid fee increases that will have to be passed on to you.

Please do your part! **DO NOT FLUSH ANYTHING OTHER THAN TOILET PAPER AND ORGANIC WASTE.**

Tony Cimino, Treasurer
Tropical Isles Utility Corp.

The Sewer Board would like to wish you all a very happy holiday season .



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PING PONG

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Stephanie Pearson-Lynch 781-424-4728

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OWNER



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Appointment Date: _____ Time: _____

C.O.P

Hello Tropical Isles neighbors...

Due to the time change, by this time you all have noticed its dark by 6 P.M. If you are out walking your dog or just enjoying some exercise, please try to wear reflective clothing, and carry a flash lite or wear a head lamp. Tropical Isles is very dark, and we don't have street lights. I still enjoy talking to everyone, but I only drive in the daylight because of the time change. We still need volunteers. We have a new class starting in January for training, so please consider volunteering. It's nice to give back. I hope you had a blessed and safe Thanksgiving, and that you have the same for Christmas and New Years.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me 772-359-9932.

Your C. O. P. leader Linda Cassidy

Travel News

Looks like, and word around the park is, you missed a great outing if you were not on the St. John's River cruise in November. The weather was fantastic, the food was delicious and the entertainment delightful.

I hope that some of you will try at least one of our upcoming travel events this season. In January we have 2 trips planned – one to the Stetson Mansion on January 16 and a day trip to Miami Beach on January 30. On February 15 we will have a tribute to Neil Sedaka in Winter Park where we can turn back the clock and relive those sock hop days, and a Tarpon Springs trip, date to be announced soon. This is a much-requested trip, so hopefully we have a big turnout.

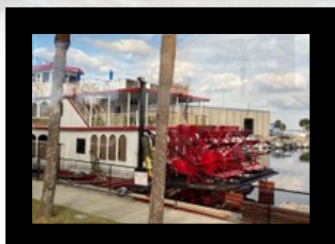
Be sure to contact Judy Sochacki at 586-942-1864 to sign up or obtain any further information.

Social Committee

The social committee would like to thank everyone who attended the breakfast on November 11th. Special thanks go out to our volunteers who made this event so successful. Without their hard work this would not have taken place. A special thank you goes out to Billie Jo for her famous homemade home fries.

Anyone interested in joining the social committee is welcomed. We are always looking for new members and ideas for events, but most of all **WE NEED YOU**. Our next meeting will be held in the clubhouse on Monday, December 11th at 11am. Hope to see new faces there.

Linda Young & Audrey Shanks
Social Committee



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Ladies Lunch



The **LADIES LUNCH** this month is at 1:00 PM on December 14 at Shuckers on Hutchinson Island. This is not the usual third Thursday, so please mark your calendars. Also, a very important note: be sure to sign up on the bulletin board in the clubhouse if you plan to attend. If you show up without signing up you will not be guaranteed a seat, and we would hate for that to happen.

Also, If you have signed up and find you cannot attend, please let us know so we can give the restaurant an accurate count. They make staffing decisions based on the info we provide. Phone numbers are always listed on the sign up sheet, as well as here in the newsletter on page 2.

Thank you so much for making our jobs just a little easier.

Sandee Liebl and Barbara Pattison

Circle of Friendship

It's starting to look a little bit like Christmas around the park. To all our new residents – we have a little tradition regarding ornaments. While you are out and about, please pick up an ornament and write your name on it and the date you moved in. This is for ALL residents, not just new ones – ***all our past ornaments have disappeared***, and we need ornaments to decorate the tree. If you have extra strands of lights you can donate, we could use them for the tree in the entry way as well. Please call Judy at 586-942-1864 if you can help. A big thank you goes out to all the residents who came out and helped us decorate for Christmas already.

Please remember to sign up for our golf cart parade on Friday, December 8, and if you are able, have an unwrapped gift for the sheriff's toy drive on that day. Let's show the Sheriff how much we appreciate everything they do for us. On another parade note, there should be no favoritism in the parade judging as I have adult children of some new residents doing the judging (their parents are not participating). The parade lineup is 3:30 and the parade will begin at 4:30.

Please, when signing up for the Christmas dinner on Saturday, December 9, let us know what you're bringing. Food needs to be brought at 3:30 PM and dinner is at 4:00 PM.

Remember if you have a neighbor or friend that is sick or in the hospital, please let us know, because Circle of Friends can't send cards or see them if we don't know about it. If you're interested in a group that helps the sick or the elderly that have no one else, we are here. It is so rewarding knowing our visits brighten their week. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month and all are welcome.

On my last-ditch attempt for a Santa, if anyone could find it in their heart to help me out for just a few hours, I would be extremely grateful. If you do decide to help, please let me know ASAP so I can get the Santa suit. I am hoping to have participation from all residents for these holiday activities.

Judy Sochacki 586-942-1864

CELEBRATIONS

December Birthdays

12/3 Andre Bernier
12/6 Vincent Cimino
12/6 Madeline Demers
12/9 Elton Davis
12/10 George Demers
12/10 Donnie Lee Moore
12/12 Edwin Rawling, Jr.
12/13 Marilyn Anthony
12/14 Bradley Davis
12/14 Mary Alicia Tangora
12/15 Jerome Russell
12/16 Grace Mello
12/17 Tracy Tippet
12/18 Louis Fiore
12/18 Harold Parbus
12/19 Raymond Collins
12/19 Joan MacGuire
12/19 Yvonne Munro
12/22 Marilyn McAfee
12/23 Stanley Arnold
12/24 Doris Jacoby
12/24 Gregg Parr
12/24 Randy Statler
12/27 Kathleen Gray
12/27 Virginia Holler
12/28 Frank Murphy
12/29 John Boone
12/30 Steve Novak
12/30 Tina Scarpaci
12/31 Holly Dunker
12/31 Louis Leib
12/31 George McDaniel
12/31 Charlsie Wroten

December Anniversaries

12/3 Steve & Gerdi Novak
12/9 Michael & Diane Landry
12/14 Timothy & Winnie Bryson
12/20 Robert & Marilyn McAfee

Deepest apologies to Robert Lubas who celebrated his birthday on November 11. He was inadvertently left off the list last month.



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Vernice Wilson

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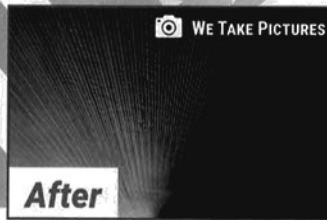
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TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY...

1. Nothing spoils a good story more than the arrival of an eyewitness. (Mark Twain)
2. It only takes one slow-walking person in the grocery store to destroy the illusion that I'm a nice person.
3. It turns out that when asked who your favorite child is, you're supposed to pick out one of your own. I know that now.
4. One thing no one ever talks about, when it comes to being an older adult, is how much time we devote to keeping a cardboard box

because it is, you know, a really good box.

5. I can't believe I forgot to go to the gym today. That's seven years in a row now.
6. If you dropped something when you were younger, you just picked it up. When you're older and you drop something, you stare at it for just a bit contemplating if you actually need it anymore.
7. I like to make lists. I also like to leave them lying on the kitchen counter, and then guess what's on the list when I am at the store.
8. Ask your doctor if a drug with 32 pages of side effects is bad for you.
9. I just read a book about marriage that says treat your wife like you treated her on your first date. So tonight, after dinner, I'm dropping her off at her parent's house.
10. I love bacon. Sometimes I eat it twice a day. It takes my mind off the terrible chest pains I keep getting.
11. As I watch this generation try to rewrite history, one thing I am sure of is that it will be misspelled and have no punctuation.
12. I asked a supermarket employee where they kept the canned peaches. He said, "I'll see," & walked away. I asked another & he also said, "I'll see," & walked away. In the end, I gave up & found them myself, in Aisle C.
13. When I was a kid, I used to watch the 'Wizard of Oz' & wonder how someone could talk if they didn't have a brain. Then I got Facebook.

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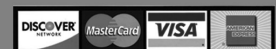
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December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Pool Exercise 10am Potluck Dinner 5pm	2 Pickle Ball 8:30am
3 Dominos 2pm	4 Tennis 8:15am Pool Exercise 10am Bowling 11am Card Games 12:30pm Ping Pong 2pm Bunco 6pm	5 Pickle Ball 8:30am Shuffleboard 10am Mahjong 11am Pilates via zoom 11:30am Nimble Fingers 2pm Poker 6pm	6 Tennis 8:15am Bocce 9:30am Pool Exercise 10am Bridge 1pm Ping Pong 2pm Arts and Crafts 1-4pm Poker 6pm Bean bag baseball 7pm	7 Pickle Ball 8:30am Shuffleboard 10am Canasta 12:30pm Bingo 5:30pm	8 Tennis 8:15am Pool Exercise 10am Potluck Dinner 5pm Golf Cart Parade at dusk	9 Pickle Ball 8:30am Christmas pot luck 4pm
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