



# TROPICAL TALES

April 2024

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## Management Report

- Thank you to everyone who donated food to the food bank. In the month of March, we donated 74 lbs. of food.
- The fountain is being repaired on warranty and the light bulbs are being replaced.
- Fish and Wildlife Conservation was contacted to renew our permit for an alligator located in Harbor Shoal Lake and we are still awaiting removal.
- **Walkers and bikers**, please move to the side when cars are approaching. **Cars** – please obey the speed limits and watch out for walkers and bikers.
- **Keep all pets away from lakes.**
- As always, we are here to assist you in any way that we can and look forward to your continued partnership with Keystone Property Management.

Reminders as stated in the Co-Op Rules and Regulations:

### IX. REFUSE

- A. Place trash at street (not in street) prior to 8:00 A.M. on pick-up days. This includes lawn, shrub and tree trimmings.
- B. Trash should not be placed at the street the night before pick-up day.
- C. Contractors are responsible for the removal from the community any debris from their work. Tropical Isles bins are not to be used for this refuse.

### VIII. VEHICLES, TRAFFIC AND TRAILERS

- A. Speed limit for all vehicles is fifteen (15) miles per hour.

Respectfully Submitted by:

*Coleen Hanson*

Administrative Assistant—Keystone Property Management/Tropical Isles Co-op

**May newsletter deadline is Wednesday, April 24 .**

Please submit your info to [bgouch@comcast.net](mailto:bgouch@comcast.net). Thank you.

## Activities

# Tropical Isles Co-op Inc.

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

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Coleen Hanson, Office Administrator

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**Building & Grounds** .....Volunteers needed  
**Landscaping Committee** .....Volunteers needed  
**Lock Up Committee** ..... Volunteers needed  
**Rules Compliance** .....Volunteers needed  
**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**  
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. 2:00-4:00pm

**Pickleball** Tues., Thurs. & Sat. 8:30 am  
Mitch Hushak 515-707-2539

**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

**Pool Volleyball** Tue & Thurs. 4:00PM  
Curt Coffee 330-424-2163

**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

## Tropical Isles Available Storage Lot

### Spots

#2- \$100 Electric

#15 - \$100 Electric

#16 - \$100 Electric

#36- \$50

**These storage spots are on a first come first serve basis.**

Please see the office with any questions.

## Social Committee

Our St Patrick's Day dance was very enjoyable. We sold 90 tickets and fed 4 shut-ins. Audrey and I are very thankful to all our volunteers who cooked, served, baked, cleaned up and decorated. Without their participation we would not have had such a successful party.

Our next event will be in April for our Spring Brunch. Anyone who would like to help PLEASE call either Audrey or I or come to our meetings. Watch for a poster with additional details.

Linda Young, Chairperson  
Audrey Shanks, Co-Chairperson

## Friday Night Potluck

At the clubhouse



5 to 7 PM

**BYOB and a dish to share**

## C.O.P

I realized when I attended the meeting this month at the clubhouse that there are some of our residents who are not aware of just what the C.O.P. program is. The program was started by Sheriff Mascara 20 years ago. It was established to help them and us to add another layer of protection for the community. The Sheriff's department supplies the vehicles and their support. We have monthly meetings with them at the clubhouse where we talk about what is going on in the area as relates to crime as well as scams. They offer help answering questions we may have. We receive an almost daily report on the crime occurring in the populace.

In our small community our volunteers drive the C.O.P car. We travel through the neighborhood at a slow rate of speed. We choose the hours of the day and night we can drive, and we look for anything suspicious. We also keep an eye out for someone who may need our assistance. If we spot anything we can dial 911. Our job is to observe and report. This program is run all over the Treasure Coast. Please feel free to call me anytime if you have any questions or wish to volunteer. For those who are leaving us in the coming months to return home, have a safe trip and stay well.

Your C.O.P. Leader Linda Cassidy

## PICKLEBALL!

Pickleball is played Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays starting at 8:30 AM. ALL skill levels welcome. Equipment provided if you want to give it a try.

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### Circle of Friendship

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We will also be having a Spring Bonnet contest so let your creative juice go to work. Also, the most colorful spring outfit prizes will be awarded depending on the number of entries. Mark your calendars for 12/14/24. There are no details yet, but we are proud to announce that our Circle of Friendship will be sponsoring the St. Lucie Sherriff's "No Child Without a Christmas."

Remember if you know of someone on your street that's in the hospital, ill or homebound, please help us by contacting Circle of Friends so that we can provide a little cheer for them. As the old Kitty Kallen song reminds us "Little Things Mean a Lot"

For anyone interested in Circle of Friends, our next meeting is April 10 at 11am in the club house card room.

Judy Sochacki 586-942-1864

**Easter golf cart parade cancelled due to lack of participation.**

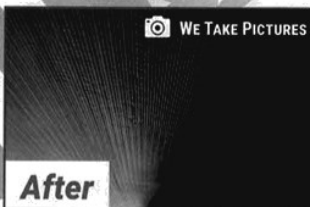


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## *April Birthdays*

4/1 Terry Taylor  
4/3 Suellen Desmarais  
4/3 Mary Ellen Williams  
4/4 Carol Lavallee  
4/4 Maria Perdue  
4/5 Joyce Janyska  
4/6 Bruce Hookailo  
4/6 Frank Maker  
4/6 Gary Miller  
4/7 Christy Aspen  
4/8 Curtis Little  
4/10 Nancy Resca  
4/11 Diane Albanese  
4/13 Sharon Maddock  
4/15 Sharon Eempio  
4/16 Jacqueline Hourigan  
4/16 Katherine Webber  
4/17 Doris Bergeron  
4/18 Ellen White  
4/19 Francine Verdi  
4/21 Maureen Sarandrea  
4/23 Martha Hornsby  
4/23 Mary Ann Ryan  
4/25 Frances DiSaia  
4/26 Mary Murphy  
4/26 Patricia Stetser  
4/27 Susan Nesvold  
4/27 Carmello Rimatello  
4/28 Joesph Long  
4/30 Judith Carrara  
4/30 Dorothy Jeanne DeLiberis  
4/30 Bruce Nugent



## *April Anniversaries*

4/5 Ronald & Cynthia Reynolds  
4/8 James & Melva Culver  
4/14 Joe & Audrey Shanks  
4/16 George & Madeline Demers  
4/19 Kenneth & Katherine Webber  
4/24 George & Frances DiSaia  
4/25 Randy & Andrea Statler  
4/27 Mike & Nancy Resca  
4/28 David & Michael Brown  
4/28 Mitchell & Lisa Hushak  
4/28 James & Alice Groff

### **I NEED YOUR HELP**

This is your newsletter and I need you to submit items you would like to see published. Pictures of your pets? Absolutely we would love to see them, with a little blurb to tell us about them. Subjects on all our minds—of course, but please be respectful (no politics please). Pictures from social events—love them. But please send closeups of people, not general group shots, as those do not show well when printed. Any ideas you may have would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact me at [bgouch@comcast.net](mailto:bgouch@comcast.net) or on my cell at 860-712-6090

Bonnie Gouchoe - Editor



### **“April Fool’s Day” vs. “April Fools’ Day”**

Don’t get fooled. The correct way to write this day is “April Fools’ Day.” It’s been April Fools’ Day since the 1800s. Why? If you know your apostrophes, then you know that putting the apostrophe after an S means it’s a plural. There isn’t just one fool on this day; there are many pranksters running around!

### **Origin of April Fools’ Day—How did it all start?**

The origin of April Fools’ Day is unknown, but theories say it started hundreds of years ago. Some theorize that the idea of April Fools’ Day dates back to ancient Rome and a festival called Hilaria held at the end of March, where people would dress up in disguises and mock or imitate others.

Many folklorists believe it may go back to 16th-century France. Charles IX decreed that the new year would begin on January 1. (Back in those times, New Year’s Day was around [Easter](#) and spring festivals with a whole week of partying. Some folks were slow to catch on to the change, continuing to celebrate the new year. They quickly became the victim of jokes and pranks, including having paper fish put on their backs and labeled a “poisson d’avril,” meaning April fish.

In Scotland, people would send others on phony errands called “hunting the gowk,” as well as pin fake tails or kick me signs on the unsuspecting.

Some believe that the term “All Fools” was probably meant as a deliberate stab at All Saints (November 1) and All Souls (November 2) Day.

### **April Fools’ Day and the Vernal Equinox (Think Spring!)**

The timing of April Fools’ Day is suspiciously close to the Vernal Equinox. It is the time of year when Mother Nature is known to play tricks on us all with unpredictable changes to the weather, including:

- In 1923, temperatures reached  $-34^{\circ}\text{F}$  in Bergland, Michigan.
- In 1960, up to 10 inches of heavy snow fell in eastern South Dakota, causing some highways to close due to difficulty plowing the heavy snow.

In 1997, a blizzard from Maryland to Maine resulted in power outages and roads impassable. East Jewett, New York, recorded 37 inches, and 25.4 inches fell in Boston, Massachusetts.

## ***DO NOT FEED THE PARK WILDLIFE***

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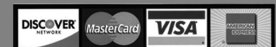
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