

# TROPICAL TALES

### August/September 2024

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#### **Management Report**

- The trapper caught a 6.5 ft alligator in Harbor Shoal lake on 6/13/24.
- If you see an alligator, please notify the office immediately.
- Keep all pets away from lakes.
- Do not feed the wild life.
- Club house hours have been adjusted to 9am-9:30pm.
- We are in the process of getting bids for resurfacing of the shuffleboard courts.
- We are in the process of getting bids to fix the roads.
- New "no soliciting signs" have been put up.
- The office will be closed on Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> for Labor Day.
- The new Quonset Hut is going up in the storage area.
- Trash MUST be out by **8am** on collection days. You may put it out the night before *no earlier than 6pm* **AS LONG AS IT IS IN A CLOSED, SECURED TRASH CAN**.
- 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:

All persons must shower before entering the pool and/or hot tub. The wearing of oil in the pool or hot tub is prohibited. No person should stay in the Hot Tub longer than 15 minutes.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Coleen Hanson

Administrative Assistant Keystone Property Management/Tropical Isles Co-op

October newsletter deadline is Friday, September 23.

Please submit your info to bgouch@comcast.net. Thank you.

#### 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**

Marie Kimball CAM Coleen Hanson, Office Administrator

Office: 772-468-4968 Fax: 772-468-4998

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#### **Clubs & Organizations**

**Delivery**......Volunteers needed

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

#### **Activities**

**Bean Bag Baseball** Wed. 7:00 pm Sandy Tremblay 802-522-9610—will resume in the fall

Billiards Daily 1:00 pm.

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

Bocce Wed. 9:30 AM

Frank "Ziggy" Zigman 440-813-0269

**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—will resume in the fall.

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 - will resume in the fall

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—will resume in the fall 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 - will resume in the fall 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

#16- \$100 Electric #22- \$35 #24- \$35 #27- \$35 #36- \$50

These storage spots are on a first come first served basis and will be updated anytime there is a change in availability.

Please see the office with any questions.



# DO NOT FEED THE PARK WILDLIFE

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.

#### C.O.P

Hello Tropical Isles neighbors. I hope everyone is having a great summer. I know it's a hot one as usual.

Heads up - the Sheriff's department is having their National Night Out against crime expo on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, from 5 to 9 PM. It will be held at 10799 Civic Lane in Port St Lucie (Tradition Square) and will feature free food, fun prizes and educational information. They will also be holding law enforcement demonstrations. Anyone in St. Lucie County may attend.

Have a safe rest of the summer and remember, we still need volunteers to drive for the C.O.P.

Your Tropical Isles COP Leader Linda Cassidy

#### **BOCCE**

Teams are now forming to play Bocce on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM. Please contact Ziggy at 440-813-0269 if you would like to participate.





#### Dog Days of Summer

The "Dog Days" of summer are from July 3 to August 11 each year. They're usually the hottest and most unbearable days of the season. We often hear about the "Dog Days" of summer, but few know where the expression originated. Some think it's a reference to the hot, sultry days that are "not fit for a dog." Others suggest it's the time of year when the extreme heat drives dogs mad. But where does the term come from? And what does it have to do with dogs? You may be surprised to see is has to do with the stars! Read on.

The phrase is a reference to Sirius, the **Dog Star**. During the "Dog Days" period, the Sun occupies the same region of the sky as <u>Sirius</u>, the brightest star visible from any part of Earth. Sirius is a part of the constellation *Canis Major, the Greater Dog*.

In the summer, Sirius rises and sets with the Sun. On July 23rd, specifically, it is in conjunction with the Sun, and because the star is so bright, the ancient Romans believed it actually gave off heat and added to the Sun's warmth, accounting for the long stretch of sultry weather. They referred to this time as diēs caniculārēs, or "dog days."

Thus, the term Dog Days of Summer came to mean the 20 days before and 20 days after this alignment of Sirius with the Sun—July 3 to August 11 each year.



#### \*\*\*Tropical Isles Summer Special\*\*\*

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#### **Circle of Friendship**

Please residents - I need everyone's help. The Circle of Friendship is a club that helps residents and sends flowers and cards to shut-ins and new arrivals. If you know of someone that's in the hospital or who has passed away, please let us know. That way we can make sure they get their card and flowers. You can call or text me at 586-942-1864. I'm also looking for donations of items to raffle off, so if you craft, we would greatly appreciate a donation of one or more of your items to the Circle of Friendship.

The Thursday night Bingo group plays one game where the proceeds are used to purchase toys for the Sheriff's Dept Christmas program for children. Monetary donations or toys for this are also welcome. We will hold a Santa Fun Day on December 14 in conjunction with the Sheriff's Dept. to benefit this. Watch for more details next month.

Also coming in December is our Christmas parade. All are welcome – golf carts, bicycles, walkers, kids... The registration fee is a new, non-violent toy for a girl or boy. More details about this event will also be available in the October newsletter.

Judy Sochacki 586-942-1864

Please be mindful of your speed.

#### Our speed limit is 15 mph.

Traffic turning INTO the park has the right of way.

#### Tropical Isles Circle is NOT a racetrack!!!

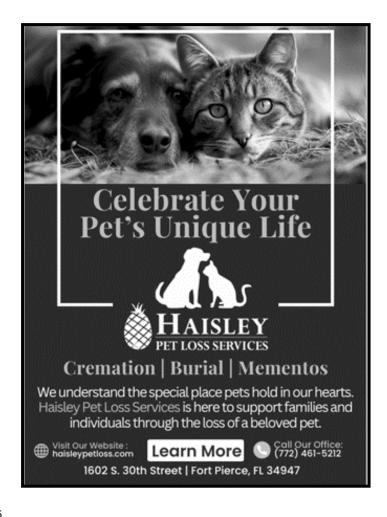
SPEED LIMIT 15 Hi all—just a reminder that Beanbag Baseball, Pickleball, Tennis and Ping Pong are all on hiatus for the summer, and will resume in the fall. The Ping Pong tables and Tennis and Pickleball courts are still available for your use, but nothing formal is scheduled. See you when it cools off.—Editor

#### **Delivery Volunteers Needed**

Printing costs are skyrocketing and we are printing more newsletters than we have residents. The newsletter is online, so that would be our first choice for the residents. However, we know this is not possible for everyone. So, at this time, we are looking for volunteers to distribute them once a month. If you distribute them on your block you would get to know your neighbors, and you would be getting exercise. You could do it while you're walking your dog and you would be helping your community. Or if you have a golf cart you could drive around in comfort and make the deliveries.

If you are interested please call or drop by the office and let Coleen know.





#### **Tropical Isles Utility Corp**

The TI Utility Corporation requests that residents refrain from introducing wipes or other hygiene products into the wastewater system. These products travel to the lift station and tend to jam the pump impellers, resulting in expensive service calls to remove the pump from the well and make repairs to the impellers.

Under no circumstance should liquefied grease from cooking be poured down the drain. When these products cool, they solidify and cause blockages in the wastewater lines, again resulting in costly repairs. Please use a sealable container for cooking grease and dispose of it in the trash.

Tropical Isles Utility Corporation

#### **TROPICAL ISLES REMINDERS!**

Sign-up for Tropical Tales to be delivered to your inbox on our website at:

tropical-isles.com/tropical-tales-newsletter
or you can view it on our website

Remember to update your information in the office if you have any of the following changes:

Disconnected your land line ~ New cell number
New car ~ New E-Mail address
Emergency Contacts ~ New Golf Cart
New Pet ~ Update Vaccination Pet Records

Every year remember to bring in your:

Homeowners Insurance & Golf Cart Insurance Florida Mobile Home Registration

#### **Ladies Lunch**

Join us the third Thursday of each month for a fun and delicious lunch. See the bulletin board in the clubhouse for details and to sign up each month.







#### The Harvest Moon

The full Moon rises on the evening of September 17, 2024. Strange things happen around this Moon, which always follows the autumnal equinox. The intervals between moonrises get really short. Learn more—and find out why it's called the Harvest Moon.

#### When to See the Full Moon in September 2024

This year, look for September's full Harvest Moon to appear just after sunset on Tuesday, September 17. It then reaches peak illumination at 10:34 P.M. Eastern Time.

#### Why Is It Called the Harvest Moon?

The full Moon names used by *The Old Farmer's Almanac* come from a number of places, including Native American, Colonial American, and European sources. Traditionally, each full Moon name was applied to the entire lunar month in which it occurred and through all of the Moon's phases—not only the full Moon. The Harvest Moon, however, is a bit different!

#### The Harvest Moon

The full Moon that happens nearest to the fall equinox (September 22 or 23) always takes on the name "Harvest Moon." Unlike other full Moons, this full Moon rises at nearly the same time—around sunset—for several evenings in a row, giving farmers several extra evenings of moonlight and allowing them to finish their harvests before the frosts of fall arrive.

While September's full Moon is usually known as the Harvest Moon, if October's full Moon happens to occur closer to the equinox than September's, it takes on the name "Harvest Moon" instead. In this case, September's full Moon is referred to as the **Corn Moon**.

The Moon's orbital motion (combined with the larger orbit of the Earth around the Sun) carries it farther eastward among the

constellations of the zodiac from night to night. At any one moonrise, the Moon occupies a particular place on the celestial sphere (the great dome of the heavens). Still, when the Earth turns toward that point 24 hours later, the Moon has moved off to the east about 12 degrees, and it takes an average of 50 minutes longer for the Earth to rotate toward the Moon and for the Moon thus to "rise." Think of it as a giant Slinky in which each loop, representing one lunar orbit of the Earth, advances the orbit a bit farther along the spiral path. The result of all this is that the Moon doesn't rise at the same time every day.

However, around the date of the Harvest Moon, the Moon rises at about the same time for several days in a row. Why? Remember that the zodiac is the band of constellations through which the Moon travels from night to night. The section of the zodiac band in which the full Moon travels around the start of autumn is the section that forms the most shallow angle with the eastern horizon. Because the Moon's orbit on successive nights is more nearly parallel to the horizon at that time, its relationship to the eastern horizon does not change appreciably, and the Earth does not have to turn as far to bring up the Moon.

The Moon may rise as little as 23 minutes later on several nights before and after the full Harvest Moon (at about 42 degrees north latitude), which means extra light at peak harvest time near autumn. By the time the Moon has reached the last quarter, however, the typical 50-minute delay has returned.

At the start of spring, the opposite applies. The full Moon is in the section of the zodiac that has the steepest angle with respect to the eastern horizon. For several days bracketing the full Moon nearest the vernal equinox, the delay in moonrise is as much as 75 minutes (at 42 degrees north latitude).

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#### **Congratulations and Best Wishes**

#### August Birthdays September Birthdays 9/1 Diane Daisey-Demers 8/2 Kenneth Lenhart 9/1 Diane Moore 8/2 Joesph Long 9/3 Michele Brown 8/4 **Barbara Roberts** 9/5 Jeffery Blanton 8/5 Georgeann Tornatore 9/9 Chrisann Dingee 8/6 June Roberto-Harkins 9/12 James LaTerra 8/6 Kathy Sykes 9/12 Mark Maddock 8/7 Patricia Johnson 9/13 Christine Opdyke 8/9 Elizabeth Elmore 9/14 Mitchell Hushak 8/9 Paul Morgan 9/14 Jennifer Smith 8/12 Elizabeth Kelley 9/15 Stanley Carter 8/13 Joan Crownover 9/16 Cora Duncan 8/14 Patricia Huss 9/16 Harold Durfee III 9/16 Mary Lou Kauffman 8/14 Leslie White 9/18 Kenneth Webber 8/17 Maureen Cline 9/19 Karen Bickerton 8/19 Fred Felber 9/20 Lawrence Kush 8/19 Frederick Leonard 9/21 George Sperry 8/20 Gail Leible 9/22 Teresa Lopez 8/23 Nancy Howell 9/24 Diane Fattrusso 8/26 Judy Sochacki 9/25 Joseph Shanks 8/28 Sandra Courtemanche 9/26 Barbara Pattison 8/29 James Carvill 9/26 Steve Petri 8/29 **Dolores Comos** 9/27 Ann Collins 8/30 **Charles Tornatore** 9/27 Karen Shimkus August Anniversaries 9/28 Sandra Carter 9/28 Sonia Cruz 8/3 James & Mary Lou Kauffman 9/28 Hope Morgan 8/3 Stephen & Vikki Truskoski 9/28 Anthony Roberto 8/5 James & Susan Bascetta 9/28 Carol Silvernale 8/15 Peter & Maureen Sarandrea 9/28 Billy Sykes 8/19 John & Carol Page 9/30 Harvey Sofen 8/19 Lawrence & Judy Sochacki 8/21 Homer & Gene Rowh September Anniversaries 8/23 Wade & Becki Adams III 8/24 Dale & Kate DeVries 9/5 Jeff & Patricia Gentilcore 8/24 Jerome & Marianne Russell 9/5 Edward & LaTanya Sadler 8/26 Joseph & Rose Aiello 9/13 James & Diana Moore 8/27 Paul & Hope Morgan 9/14 Rich & Paulette Silva 8/28 Kevin & Stephanie Lynch

8/28

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9/18

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