



TROPICAL TALES

February 2023

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President's Report

The holidays have come and gone. The Board of Directors election has been completed. I am pleased to announce that Deb Dean, Kathy Maker, Jose "Pepe" Fradera, and Barbara Sofen will be returning to serve the Tropical Isles community for the next two years.

It is refreshing to see the high voter turnout, as it indicates that the community is actively participating in the process.

We have a new face in the Tropical Isles office. Francesca Lucania will be serving the community as our Park Manager. Please stop by and say hello to Francesca.

Here are some updates related to important items in our community. The redesign of the walkway, improving access from the parking area and pool deck, is currently awaiting final bids from licensed contractors. Repair of the damaged light pole has been set back due to contractor issues. Bids from alternative electrical contractors are awaiting finalization.

The required "reserve study" was completed, and several major projects are slated for 2023. Road repair and work on the water management control system for our lakes are chief among items on the "docket".

We have a revitalized "lockup" crew spearheaded by Frank "Ziggie" Zigman, operating to protect our facility. Frank is still seeking volunteers if you wish to be involved.

There are other committees in Tropical Isles who could also use your help. Please get involved - volunteer!

2023 will be a great year for Tropical Isles. Many new faces have been added to our community. With new voices comes new ideas. I encourage all residents of Tropical Isles to make your voices heard.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Lindbloom
President

Please be mindful of your speed. Our speed limit is 15 mph.

Traffic turning INTO the park has the right of way.

(Editors note) I was cut off three times in the past few weeks when attempting to enter the park from US-1. Don't be so anxious to pull out that you cause an accident!!

When entering the park from US-1 South, please pull up so people can tell you are actually entering the premises and not just making a U-turn.

Tropical Isles Co-op Inc.

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

Over 55 Community

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Sharla Ramrattan, C.A.M.

Francesca Lucania C.A.M.

Colleen Hanson Tebo, Office Administrator

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Board of Directors

President Eric Lindbloom 716-430-7513

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Secretary Kathleen Maker 386-586-8768

Treasurer Barbara Sofen..... 772-409-3763

Director Frank Zigman 772-595-9125

Director Jose Fradera..... 772-201-8073

Director Deborah Dean..... 614-633-8191

Committees of the Board

Architecture Joe Liebl 772-465-4244

Bingo Paulette Silva 216-272-2240

Building & Grounds Mike Resca 772-579-9686

Landscaping Committee Volunteers needed

Lock Up Committee Ziggy Zigman 772-595-9125
(Volunteers needed)

Rules Compliance Volunteers needed

Social Committee Linda Murphy 419-867-0288

Tropical Tales Newsletter

Editor Bonnie Gouchoe 772-448-8924

Calendar Colleen Hanson Tebo 772- 468-4968

Delivery Volunteers needed

Clubs & Organizations

Circle of Friendship.. Judy Sochacki 586-942-1864

C.O.P George Mc Daniel 465-7805

Block Captains..... Chairperson needed

Activities

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

Bowling Mon. 10:00 AM

Sonny Rimatello 772-240-1114

Bridge Wed. 1:00 pm

Joyce Janyska 410-292-6326

Bunco Mon. 6:00 pm

Judy Sochacki 586-942-1864

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

Terry Schneider 772-801-3704

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

Luc Rooseboom 802-825-5408

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 Wed. & Thur. 6:00 PM

Shuffleboard Tues. & Thurs. 10am

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

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The deadline for the March newsletter is Monday, February 20.

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bgouch@comcast.net. Thank you.

C.O.P.

Notes from the Crimestoppers breakfast - Are you aware of the Seniors vs Crime Project? It is a special project funded by the Florida Attorney General's Office. It provides direct services to seniors who may have been victimized or otherwise taken advantage of by business or service providers. They can be contacted at 1-800-203-3099 or at seniorsvscrime.com for more information.

The scam that never stops continues to be an issue in our area. If you get a call that says your grandchild or a family member has been arrested and needs bail money, please contact the family members and VERIFY the information before sending any money. Requesting payment in gift cards is a dead giveaway that this is a scam!

Please continue to lock your car and leave nothing of value in sight inside the vehicle.

Your C.O.P. is in need of drivers. We currently have a roster of only five volunteers and two of the five no longer reside in Tropical Isles! For more information and an application, please visit the St Lucie County Sheriff's web site and search for Community Engagement Opportunities.

George Mc Daniel C.O.P. Leader

If you require an updated copy of all the rules and regulations, please contact the office staff..

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BOOKS BACK ON THE
SHELVES.

Place them in the bin by the light switch.
The volunteer librarians will re-shelf them.



The ladies lunch is generally held the third Thursday of each month. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board each time, indicating the place and time of the luncheon. Please sign up there. *If you do sign up and then find you cannot attend, please either remove your name, or call Sandee Liebl at 465-4224 or Barbara Pattison at 461-8393 to let them know of the change.* Their names and numbers are also listed on the sign up sheet. Last month there were TEN people who signed up and then did not show up. This causes issues with the restaurants and embarrassment to the hostesses. Please be considerate and let them know of any changes. Thank you.

Management Report

- Thank you to everyone who donated food to the food bank. In the month of December, we donated 99 pounds of food.
- Fountain Blue Pools came out and repaired the timer to the pool heater. There was an issue with the time schedule, but it was repaired quickly. Please notify the office of any issues.
- 2 violation notices and 10 courtesy notices were sent out during the month of December.
- There have been some recent personnel changes and we would like to welcome Francesca Lucania as the new CAM for the property. She will be working alongside CAM Sharla Ramrattan.
- Pike Electric is an FPL subcontractor and is currently working on the utility easement in the back of the property, replacing the electrical poles. This project will stretch from the storage lot area down Tropical Isles Circle on the back side of the property. We have contact information for the Project Manager, so please report any questions or complaints to the office.
- Fish and Wildlife Conservation was contacted regarding an alligator located in the Harbor Shoal Lake and we are awaiting the removal.
- We are in the process of receiving additional proposals for the light pole at the entrance.
- We are in the beginning stages of repairing the culvert in the lake.
- 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.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Francesca Lucania

Francesca Lucania, CAM

Keystone Property Management

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

I. Guests

A. means a person whose stay in the community at the request of the resident does not exceed fifteen (15) consecutive days or thirty (30) total days per calendar year, unless such person has the written permission of the Board of Directors or unless permitted by a properly promulgated rule or regulation. The spouse of a resident is not considered a guest.

1. For the protection and safety of all residents, guests who stay in the community overnight or more must register their names with the management. Weekend guests must be registered during the weekday office hours prior to their arrival.

B. Utilities

1. Any clogging, stoppage or malfunction of the sewer line and the sewer line itself, from the mobile home to the riser, is the responsibility of the resident. If the resident fails or refuses to correct any problems with that portion of the sewer line that is the responsibility of the resident, the Co-Op will have the corrective work done and all charges in connection therewith shall be paid by the resident.

2. The water meter is the responsibility of Fort Pierce Utilities Authority. The resident is responsible for the maintenance and replacement of all piping and connections from the output of the water meter up to and including the mobile home.

Congratulations & Best Wishes

February Birthdays

2/1 James Culver
2/1 Maureen Dufresne
2/1 Regina Marlin
2/2 Charles Betz
2/3 Linda Byrne
2/3 Maria Pienkosz
2/3 Iris Rivera
2/5 Ricardo Anzola
2/5 Mark Orlousky
2/7 Timothy Bryson
2/8 Lorraine Blatt
2/8 Laureen Lenhart
2/9 Cheryl Finlay
2/9 Janet Rawling
2/11 Suzanne Gallipeau
2/12 Mary Everett
2/13 Margaret Horrigan
2/14 Russell Courtemanche
2/14 David Crosby

2/16 Vincent Baia
2/16 Bernard Janyska
2/17 Laura Reader
2/18 James Charles Bush
2/19 Jeffrey Buncy
2/19 Nelda Charles
2/19 Betty Thomas
2/20 Allan Dotson
2/20 Jon David Steuart
2/21 David Darrow
2/21 Lynne Randig
2/23 Wayne Cimino
2/23 Kathe Clark
2/23 Jose Fradera
2/23 Mary Sherry
2/23 Roger Taylor
2/24 Sherry Frank
2/25 Joseph Krzyminski
2/26 Hazel LeClair
2/27 Alan Critzer

February Anniversaries

2/4 Trudy & Gilbert Rochon
2/10 Bernard & Joyce Janyska
2/14 Marie & Otto Wuelfing
2/20 Gregg & Nancy Parr
2/20 Mary Alicia & Larry Steinbauer

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

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Wednesday, March 15, 2023

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Judy Sochacki at 586-942-1864
or Linda Young at 772-801-5039

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Shareholders Meeting

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

At the clubhouse

6:30 PM

This is a meeting of shareholders only—not board members, to respectfully discuss issues, cares, concerns and ideas and to be able to identify agenda items for the board to address at their upcoming meetings.

All shareholders are welcome.

Please contact Kathe (KC) Clark at 561-236-9623 if you want more information.

Tropical Isles Utilities Corp

Jan 31, 2022

Checking acct	\$30652.80
Money Market	<u>\$66762.46</u>
Total assets	\$97415.26

Dec 31, 2022

Checking acct	\$12641.41
Money Market	<u>\$22272.26</u>
Total assets	\$34913.67

Tony Cimino—Treasurer

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.

Pickleball

New pickleball players are always welcomed. We will organize a beginners clinic. Please tell us if you are interested. We play Tue-Thurs-Sat at 8:30 AM.

Luc Rooseboom 802-825-5408

Friday Night Potluck

At the clubhouse



5 to 7 PM

BYOB and a dish to share

Thank You Notes

Sending my sincerest thanks to the Circle of Friendship for their thoughtful memorial gift in Jim's memory. Also, a special thank you to all who took the time to send cards and notes and stopped by to offer their condolences. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Debbie Cotter

From the office and all the players—A big thank you to Don and Nancy Herwerter for the tennis court number cover.

Circle of Friendship

The Circle of Friendship is making a difference in our community, and we wish to thank the board and the residents for supporting us, and for their encouragement to that effect.

If you want to make a difference helping someone, this is the club. We are asking all to keep their eyes and ears open for those who may need support and let us know. One way is by notifying Marsha at 786-578-5850 - call or text. Remember we can all be, at some time, in need of help. We are all here for the residents.

In March we are planning to host a game day and homecooked lunch fundraiser with raffle door prizes and a Chinese auction. We will need to borrow some card tables, so if you have one you can lend, please contact Judy Sochacki at 586-942-1864.

I would like to announce that the Circle of Friendship has gone back to club status, with Judy Sochacki as President, Jeannie Deliberis as Secretary, and Yvette Charvat as Treasurer.

Our next meeting will be February 8, 2023 at 11:00 am.

Judy Sochacki

Ping Pong

is on Monday and Wednesday at 2:00 pm in the clubhouse. All are welcome...give it a try.

Stephanie Pearson-Lynch 781-424-4728



Water Volleyball



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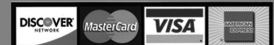
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Valentine's Day occurs every February 14. Across the United States and in other places around the world, candy, flowers and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint and where did these traditions come from?

Valentine was a popular name in ancient Rome, and there are at least 50 stories of different saints by that name. But Forbes said the earliest surviving accounts of the two February 14 Valentines, written starting in the 500s, have a whole lot in common. Both were said to have healed a child while imprisoned, leading to a household-wide religious conversion, and they were executed on the same day of the year and buried along the same highway.

The historical evidence is so sketchy that it's not clear whether the story started with one saint who then became two or if biographers of one man borrowed details from the other—or if either ever existed at all.

Perhaps more disappointing for the romantics among us, the early accounts of the two Valentines are typical martyrdom stories, stressing the saints' miracles and gruesome deaths but containing not a word about romance.

"They're both mythical to begin with, and the connection with love is even more mythical," says Henry Kelly, a scholar of medieval and renaissance literature and history at UCLA.



February 2023

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1 Tennis 8:15am Pool Exercise 10-11 Bridge 1 pm Arts & Crafts 1-4pm Poker 6 pm Beanbag baseball 7pm	2 Pickle Ball 8:30 am Canasta 12:30 pm Bingo 5:30 pm Poker 6 pm	3 Tennis 8:15 am Pool Exercise 10 am Potluck Dinner – 5:00	4 Pickleball 8:30am	5 Dominos 2 pm
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