

# TROPICAL TALES

# January 2023

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## **President's Report**

The end of 2022 has arrived. We are optimistically looking forward to 2023.

Several events took place toward the end of 2022 that will have an ongoing effect on Tropical Isles. I am pleased to report that the Tennis / Pickleball court has been completed earlier than anticipated. The resurfacing and repairs will ensure that our courts remain viable for years to come.

As many of you know, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) announced plans to construct a Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail Network behind our property on the eastern bank of the existing water canal system. A public meeting was held November 30, 2022, at the Fenn Center on Virginia Ave. A large contingent of Tropical Isles residents attended this meeting, along with the entire Board of Directors and our legal advisor. TI residents asked many important questions pertaining to the project. It was gratifying to see the community response.

As a result of the information gathered at this meeting the Board of Directors has instructed our legal advisors to secure all pertinent documentation so that Tropical Isles can be protected, and our security and privacy ensured. FDOT has agreed to meet with the TI residents in an open meeting to be held in our auditorium after the new year.

I am also pleased to say that there are many candidates in the running for our open board seats. Election packets will be sent to all qualified shareholders, and I encourage you to review the candidate's qualifications and return your votes promptly as directed in the election packet.

On a less optimistic note, recently there have been a series of rumors and outright disinformation circulating within the TI Community. These false and hurtful statements are spreading disharmony and should be stopped. If there are questions, ask a board member and or a committee chairperson. These people serve the community and will provide truthful answers.

The Board of Directors wishes everyone residing in Tropical Isles a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Eric Lindbloom

President

The Annual Meeting and election is scheduled for Monday January 23 at 7:00 PM in the clubhouse.

Shareholders only.

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

## 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**

Sharla Ramrattan, C.A.M. Amber Patstone, Assistant Manager Colleen Hanson Tebo, Office Administrator

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### **Board of Directors**

President	Eric Lindbloom	716-430-7513
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Director	Deborah Dean	614-633-8191

### Committees of the Board

Architecture	Joe Liebl 772-465-4244
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Building & Grounds	Mike Resca 772-579-9686
Landscaping Committ	eeVolunteers needed
Lock Up Committee (Volunteers needed)	. Ziggy Zigman 772-595-9125
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 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 Friendshi	<b>p</b> Judy Sochacki 586-942-1864
С.О.Р	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 Mon. 1:00 pm Alverna Johnson 772-466-6424

**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 Tues. & Wed. 6:00 PM

Shuffleboard Tues, & Thurs. 10am

**Tennis** Mon., Wed., Fri. at 8:15 am Tony Cimino 772-465-5979 or 410-456-9649

Various Card Games Wed. 12:30 pm & Fri. 6:30 pm



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# The deadline for the February newsletter is Friday, January 20.

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

## C.O.P.

Have you looked at your Key Fob lately? Most of the newer key fobs have an audio alarm button on them. If you press the button on the fob, your cars lights will flash on and off and your car horn will sound repeatedly as well. This function can be used in a couple of ways. Have the key fob in your hand when transiting through parking lots. If you feel threatened, just press the alarm button. Thieves do not like anything that draws attention to them. They might just look for someone who is not as situationally aware as you are.

If you are living alone and do not have a medical alert device, use your key fob alarm function to alert your neighbors that you need help. The alarm function cycles for a short time and then stops. When it stops, press the button again. Repeated alarm cycles should alert someone that you are in distress and need assistance.

Is your post light working and is the bulb strength strong enough to illuminate your house number sign? This can be vital if EMS is called, and they are looking for your home.

Please lock your car after each use and leave nothing of value visible to anyone looking in the windows. Cars have been broken into for just the loose change in the cup holder.

Hope your holidays were merry and safe!

George Mc Daniel C.O.P. Leader

#### ARE YOU TIRED OF WORRYING ABOUT MONTHLY SHAREHOLDER FEES, OR LOT RENTAL FEES?

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Keith Bergeron 772-216-6311

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#### BREAKFAST

Saturday, January 21 at 9:00 AM In the clubhouse **\$6.00 per person** 

Sign up in the clubhouse

## Sheriffs Toy Pick Up







### Management Report

- Thank you to everyone who donated food to the food bank. During the month of November, we donated 85 pounds of food.
- On November 29<sup>th</sup> a lamp post, located in the median between the entry and exit way for the property, was hit by a vehicle. Luckily, we were able to obtain the information of the driver. We have contacted several electricians and anticipate having it repaired in the very near future.
- Two violation letters and twenty-four courtesy notices were sent out during the month of November.
- Due to high demand and low vendor stocks, the cost of the replacement parts for lamp poles has increased. We have been diligently working on finding the best price as the increase is approximately 35%.
- Marzo Roofing came out on November 29<sup>th</sup> and conducted a roof inspection at the clubhouse. No structural issues were found, only a couple of loose screws.
- The tennis court resurfacing was completed, and a new tennis net was purchased and installed. We are also working on getting wind screens for the new gate.
- As a reminder, any visitors using the recreation areas must be accompanied by a resident and must sign in at the club house if they are not a registered guest. All vendors are also required to sign in at the club house each day.
- The pool sign has been updated as required by the Department of Health. The new sign is located by the doors to the auditorium.
- 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:

#### XII. **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. The Co-Op is not responsible for loss or damage caused by accidents, fire, theft or act of God to any mobile home or personal property left by residents or their registered guests within the community boundaries. This includes supplies or equipment sent to the clubhouse for private use by any resident.
- B. The Co-Op is not liable for accident or injury to any person or property through the residents or their registered guests use of recreational facilities and common areas. Residents and their registered guests use these facilities at their own risk. The resident or their registered guest shall assume liability for such physical damage or personal injury caused by such case.
- C. The resident is responsible for damages caused by their family and/or their guests.

#### IV. THE MOBILE HOME AND MOBILE HOME SITE

D. Utilities

2. Residents are responsible for all electrical work from the mobile home to the outdoor uniform lamppost. Residents are responsible for maintaining the photosensitive uniform post lamp and assuring that it is lit from 9:00pm to 7:00am.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Sharla Ramrattan

Sharla Ramrattan, CAM Keystone Property Management



# Congratulations & Best Wishes January Birthdays

1/2	Elaine McDaniel	1/21	Taleene Bartell
1/2	Kathy Schulz	1/21	Vikki Ann Truskoski
1/3	Evelyn Hartsell	1/22	Robbie Arnold
1/3	Joseph Roberts	1/22	John Page
1/3	Matthew Schonover	1/23	Arlene Bergeron
1/4	Ethel Silva	1/24	Riva Alvarado
1/5	Bonnie Buncy	1/24	James Bascetta
1/6	Janet Favale	1/24	Amada Montes
1/6	Alverna Johnson	1/25	David Bickerton
1/8	Kathleen Larson	1/25	Joseph Cicio
1/9	Billie Jo Haas	1/25	Richard Lounsberry
1/9	Sandra Lee	1/25	James Morin
1/9	Donna Watts	1/25	Nora K. Ramgoolam
1/10	Kenneth Carey	1/25	Roger Warrington
1/11	Rosalie Norris		
1/11	Marion Rock	1/25	Michael Youngblood
1/13	Linda Cassidy	1/26	Gail Humphrey
1/13	Jack Gebben	1/27	Claire Gustavson
1/14	Jo-Ann Falardeau Bush	1/27	Darlene Steuart
1/15	Lieselotte Quinn	1/28	Michael Fiorito, Jr.
1/17	Joseph DeLiberis	1/28	Judith Harbison
1/17	Andrea Statler	1/28	Marsha Jackson
1/18	Dale DeVries	1/31	Lynn Franklin
1/18	Cheryl Ferreira	1/31	William Harrell
1/20	Jeanne Knight	1/31	Richard Schulz

#### **Richard Lounsberry** James Morin Nora K. Ramgoolam **Roger Warrington** Michael Youngblood Gail Humphrey Claire Gustavson **Darlene Steuart** Michael Fiorito, Jr. Judith Harbison Marsha Jackson Lynn Franklin William Harrell 1/31 **Richard Schulz**

#### Ping Pong

Mon. and Wed. afternoons at 2:00 PLAYERS NEEDED We play singles and doubles, equipment is provided. Play is also available when the room is not reserved for other activities. Call Stephanie with questions: 781-424-4728

Is your outside lamp broken from the storms? Contact the office for repair or replacement.

## January Anniversaries

- 1/1 **Russell & Sandy Courtemanche**
- 1/9 Bob & Alverna Johnson
- David & Karen Bickerton 1/13
- 1/17 Tracy & Carol Tippett
- 1/21 Frank & Kathleen Maker
- 1/22 Herman & Sandra Lee
- 1/23Vincent & Florence Saake
- 1/25 Wade & Becki Adams
- 1/26Michael & Taleene Bartell
- 1/26 Curtis & Kyle Coffee

## Social Committee

Jan 11 – Wednesday - "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" or "Wacky Wednesday". For everyone interested in learning how to play cornhole or bean bag baseball now is your chance. Bring a snack, your voice and laughter and join us for a fun night of Bean Bag Baseball. You don't need to know how to play – we will teach you. Plan for 6:30 PM for snacks and fun, with play starting at 7:00 PM.

Jan 15 - Sunday - "An Afternoon of Board Games". Love to play board games but no one to play with? Join us at the clubhouse. Bring your own drinks, snacks, and a game to play with others. There will be signup sheets in the clubhouse so we know how many people will be there. Please, put the name of the game you will be bringing on the list alongside your name.

Jan 21 - Saturday - A breakfast will be served at 9:00 AM. Please sign up in the clubhouse

Jan 25 – Wednesday – A fashion show is being planned, probably at noon. More info to follow.

Feb 10 – Friday – plan to join us at 6:00 PM to welcome John Alexander, Comedy Hypnotist, who will entertain us at the clubhouse. Plans are in the works, and it promises to be a good time! Watch the bulletin boards for further information on pricing and tickets.

Karaoke will be available on Friday nights starting Jan 20 after potluck. Come along and join the fun.

Linda Murphy

## 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.

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**Rich & Paulette Silva** 

#### Pickleball

is played every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8:30 AM. New players welcome!

All pickleball and tennis players want to thank the board for fixing our courts.

Luc Rooseboom 802-825-5408

## **Circle of Friendship**

The Circle of Friendship would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and happy and safe New Year. We are working on a fun racing idea, and we are thinking of doing a weekly barbecue lunch by the pool. Watch for more details to join us for a barbecue lunch. Everyone should have received their Christmas flower by now. If not, please contact me – I have a few left. Our next meeting will be January 11th at 11AM. Please join us

If you know anyone who is ill or just got home from the hospital, please let us know so we can deliver them a flower. Our new contact person for this is Marcia McMurray.

Judy Sochacki

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