



TROPICAL TALES

March 2024

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Management Report

- Les Goldman has retired and is no longer the manager with us here at Tropical Isles. We are waiting for a new manager.
- Thank you to everyone who donated food to the food bank. In the month of February, we donated 87 lbs., which adds 73 meals to the community.
- A new pool company, Affordable Pool Service, started as of 2/12.
- Fish and Wildlife Conservation was contacted to renew our permit for an alligator located in Harbor Shoal Lake and we are awaiting the removal.
- **Please, for their safety, keep all pets away from lakes.**
- 8 violations were sent out in the month of February.
- 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:

WILDLIFE

- A. Park Wildlife must not be approached or fed. This includes, but is not limited to cranes, ducks, herons, rabbits, squirrels, turtles, fish and raccoons. The state of Florida discourages feeding of all wildlife. It is illegal to feed sandhill cranes, bears, foxes, raccoons, alligators, and any endangered species.
- B. Stray or dangerous animals (poisonous snakes, alligators etc.) should be reported to the Office Manager and/or Animal Control immediately for removal.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Coleen Hanson

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

Congratulations to the new Board of Directors



L to R: Joe Liebl, Director; Jim Culver, President; Barbara Sofen, Treasurer; Russ Courtemanche, Vice President; Ellie Rakoski, Director; Sue Bascetta, Secretary.

Activities

Tropical Isles Co-op Inc.

<http://www.tropical-isles.com>
Over 55 Community

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Coleen Hanson, Office Administrator

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

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Committees of the Board

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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.PLinda 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

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

St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance
Friday, March 15
 At the Clubhouse
 Dinner at 6 PM
 Music by the New Yorkers 6:30—9:30 PM

Tickets on sale 2/29, 3/4, 3/7, 3/11 & 3/13 5—6:30 PM

Only \$18.00 per person

Menu
 Corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots,
 shepherds pie (cottage pie) Irish Soda bread,
 rye bread, dessert, coffee and tea

BYOB

Come join us Sunday, March 31, 2024
GOLF CART PARADE AND BEST EASTER BONNET
 Time 6:00 PM in the clubhouse parking lot



Prizes for golf carts.
 Prize for best bonnet.
 \$2 Registration fee
 Call Judy at 586-942-1864 or Coleen at 772-468-4968

Social Committee

February has been a very busy month for the Social Committee. We began with our annual Flea Market on February 3rd. Most of the vendors were very pleased with the outside response. This was due to our advertising in the Hometown News and on social media.

February 10th was our breakfast which was most successful. Over 65 people showed to eat and stayed to mingle with their neighbors and make new friends. This is what socialization means - getting to know people. I sincerely hope this continues. The more we get to know one another the better the community will become.

On February 17th we had Valentine Fun Day. Everyone brought a dish to share. The committee made ham and stuffed turkey. We played games, listened to music, and just had lots of laughs and enjoyed each other's company. Prizes were given out. It proved to be a great afternoon at Tropical Isles, and we hope to continue with these events with your help and also with your attendance.

Our next event will be St Patrick's Day. Details will be posted on the bulletin boards and also here in our Tropical Tales.

The next Social Committee meeting will be on March 1 at 11am in the clubhouse. We hope you can join us.

Tropical Isles Available Storage Lot
Spots

#2- \$100 Electric
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PING PONG

Regular ping pong days, Mon. and Wed. at 2,
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available)

Call Steph with any questions.

Stephanie Pearson-Lynch 781-424-4728

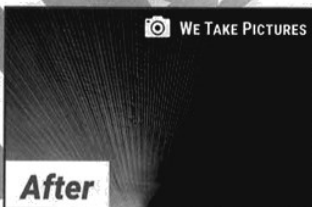


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Thank You

I am writing this thank you to express my gratitude for your kindness and emotional support during this difficult time. Your kind gestures of checking in, providing meals, memorable gifts and sharing stories and memories (some I was not even aware of) have meant so much.

Al & I have been residents of Tropical Isles for 10 years. In this chapter of our lives, we made many friendships and cherished memories. You showing me empathy and kindness have helped me remember that I am not alone in my grief.

I am thankful to be part of such a compassionate community and plan on being part of it for many years to come.

Warm regards,
Susie Langlois

C.O.P

Hello Tropical Isles neighbors. It's been nice to finally see the absent sun.

The latest scam is an actual email I received recently. It was from PayPal thanking me for an order from Etsy for a \$500 TV. It contained an order number and a phone number. I did not call the number on the email. Instead, I looked up the number for PayPal and gave them a call. I told them about the email and the content. They took my personal information. I told them I had not purchased anything from Pay Pal in over 5 years. They advised me that nothing was showing up and to forward the email to their Fraud Dept. Good advice is to never call the number on the email as they would have asked for all your personal information.

As usual we are still looking for drivers. We have recently been privileged to have a new driver, Larry Sochacki. He has been doing a night patrol and doing a super job. If you join us, keep in mind some of the excitement of the job. You could be chasing an escaped trash barrel and returning it to its proper place, or you might have to remove a large palm branch from obstructing the road. You may also run across a gang of white Ibis feathered friends obstructing the road. Have a great month and slow down and enjoy our beautiful Tropical Isles.

Your C.O.P. leader

Linda Cassidy

Friday Night Potluck

5-7 pm (serving at 6)



Bring a dish to
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Travel News

Travel seems to have been put on vacation. The last four that I posted got canceled because we were not able to get enough people for a bus. I know the ones we've done have been a lot of fun, so I would hate to see travel stop all together. I want to give someone time to step up, but I have decided not to do travel next year. I hope someone will, but I want to thank everyone who went on one of my trips. I hope you enjoyed them.

Judy Sochacki

Circle of Friendship

We would like to thank everyone who supported us at the Flea Market. The money raised goes to help cheer up our residents. When they are sick, we give out flowers and cards, for a special birthday they get a card, flower or some other little gift for the men. For a death you get a card and a keepsake. We also give the shut ins a gift 2 times a year, so if you know of someone in any of these circumstances, please let us know.

Last year we sponsored the house lighting contest at Christmas and the winners won gift certificates to local restaurants. We are a small but mighty group whose mission is to spread goodwill and help where it's needed, so you will be seeing some of us helping at social events, starting with St. Patrick Day party. Remember if you know of a resident that is in the hospital or was just released, please let me know.

Our meeting will be held at the clubhouse Wednesday, March 15 at 11:00 AM. All are welcome.

In friendship,

Judy Sochacki 586-942-1864

St Patrick's Day is celebrated each year on March 17th. The day is the observation of the death of St Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. With these 30 St Patrick's Day facts, let's uncover more about this great festival which is celebrated all over the world.

1. St Patrick was born in 385 AD in a place believed to be Banna Venta Berniae, a town in Roman Britain (his exact place of birth is however uncertain). He died during the fifth century in the year 461 AD at Saul, Downpatrick, Ireland.

2. St Patrick's Day commemorates the arrival of the Christianity in Ireland. It happened in the year 432

3. Patrick was born to Roman parents (Calpurnius and Conchessa). He was not Irish, instead, he was English. His given name was Maewyn Succat. Thus, technically we would be celebrating "Maewyn Day" instead of the "St Patrick's Day" if his name was not changed. He wrote a book—Confessio—during his last years.

4. At the age of 16, St Patrick was kidnapped and was taken to Ireland. He was kidnapped by a group of Irish raiders who were attacking his family's estate. He worked there for 6 years tending sheep and then escaped and became a priest.

5. St Patrick's Day is also known as the 'Feast of Saint Patrick' and the 'Day of the Festival of Patrick'. Patrick studied and received his training in the religion for more than 12 years after he escaped from the captivity of the Irish raiders.

6. Saint Patrick used Shamrock (a young sprig of clover) to teach the pagans about the Holy Trinity. The shamrock is now the official flower of Ireland. It is associated with St Patrick.

7. St Patrick's Day has been observed by the Irish as a religious holiday for more than 1,000 years.

8. 'Blue' was the color associated with St Patrick before the adoption of green as the color for the festival. The color blue was featured both in the royal court and on ancient Irish flags. In 1798, the color green became officially associated with the day.

9. The first Patrick's Day parade was held in Waterford (the oldest and the fifth most populous city in the Republic of Ireland) in 1903.

10. More than 100 Saint Patrick parades are held across the United States. Almost 12% of Americans claim Irish ancestry. More people of Irish ancestry live in the United States than in Ireland.

March Birthdays

- 3/1 Jay Charvat
- 3/2 Leland Wade Adams III
- 3/2 Kathleen Maker
- 3/6 Edward Sadler
- 3/9 Donna Raimondi
- 3/10 Nora Griffin-Bokor
- 3/12 Richard Albanese
- 3/12 Lorraine Chapin
- 3/13 Mary Jane DeCamp
- 3/13 Paul Rakoski
- 3/14 John Profera
- 3/14 Everett Zane
- 3/16 Jefferie Gentilcore
- 3/18 Rose Fiore
- 3/18 Michael Resca
- 3/20 Daniel Gelardo
- 3/23 Mary Burdette
- 3/23 Linda Provenzano
- 3/25 Allene Charles
- 3/25 Elaine Peters
- 3/25 Chevelle Tuck
- 3/26 Carol Page
- 3/27 Harriet Jennings
- 3/27 John Logozzo
- 3/27 Robert Munro
- 3/27 June Watson
- 3/28 Gilbert Rochon
- 3/30 Glenn Peterson
- 3/31 Richard Silva



March Anniversaries

- 3/10 Richard & Suzanne Gallipeau
- 3/11 Laurence & Regina Marlin
- 3/16 Carlos & Lisa Andongo
- 3/22 Jon & Erma Steuart

Flea Market



**April newsletter
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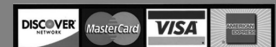
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3 Dominos 2pm	4 Tennis 8:15am Pool Exercise 10am Bowling 11am Card Games 12:30pm Ping Pong 2pm St patty day tickets 5-6:30 Bunco 6pm	5 Pickle Ball 8:30am Shuffleboard 10am Mahjong 11am Pilates via zoom 11:30am Nimble Fingers 2pm Pool Volley ball 4pm 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 Pool Volley ball 4pm Bingo 5:30pm St patty day tickets 5-6:30	8 Tennis 8:15am Pool Exercise 10am Potluck Dinner 5pm	9 Pickle Ball 8:30am
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