

# TROPICAL TALES

# May 2024

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#### **Management Report**

- Our New CAM Marie Kimball has started. Feel free to stop by the office on Tuesday or Thursday to welcome her.
- Thank you to everyone who donated food to the food bank. In the month of April, we donated 107 pounds of food, which supplied 89 meals to the community!
- A new ice maker has been installed in the club house.
- 24 violations went out for bulbs out or broken light posts. Keeping your lamp post working is very important for safety.
- If you see an alligator please report to the office immediately. This way the trapper can be called.
- Keep all pets away from lakes.
- Club house hours have been adjusted to 9am-9:30pm.
- 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 of any debris from their work. Tropical Isles bins are not to be used for this refuse.
- D. No burning of trash, leaves, or any other material is permitted
- E. Residents are not to dump any refuse of any kind in common areas of the community.
- G. Residents are to inquire with Office Management regarding large item disposal.

#### Respectfully Submitted by:

Coleen Hanson

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

#### June/July newsletter deadline is Friday, May 24.

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

#### **Board of Directors**

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#### Committees of the Board

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# 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	Chair	person 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

**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**

#15 -\$100 Electric #16 - \$100 Electric #24- \$35 #27- \$35 #36- \$50

These storage spots are on a first come first serve basis and will be undated anytime there is a change in availabil-

be updated anytime there is a change in availability.

Please see the office with any questions.

#### **Social Committee**

It has been a great pleasure serving this community as head of the Social Committee. I know it has been a short time because I was appointed in late October. The events we have had have been very successful and I thank you all for that.

I would like to thank my team of volunteers who came out and helped make these events fun and successful because, as I always say, without volunteers we would not have pulled this off. Hopefully in the fall we will be able to take the social committee to new heights with new ideas and more volunteers.

Our Spring Brunch was quite a bash. We had a very full menu, as you know, and I don't think anyone went home hungry. 68 people attended and we fed 7 shut ins. I have to send out a personal thank you to Fred and Maureen Taylor and also Pastor Baldwin of Sarah's Kitchen for their donations of the turkeys we served.

Wishing you all a blessed and safe summer. See you all back in the fall.

Linda Young, Chairperson Audrey Shanks, Co-Chairperson

#### C.O.P

Hello Tropical Isles residents. I hope you are having a great month. Our weather is lovely.

I first wanted to remind everyone that we are here to help you. We keep an eye out for your homes, your person and your property. We are not here to spy on you. We do drive slowly around the park, as it is necessary to do our jobs. So that being said, please do not beep at us or make hand gestures at us for doing so. I know most of you appreciate us and we are grateful. Please have patience and try to slow down.

I want to mention another scam. I got a text from some unknown sender saying that I owed 12.95 on my SunPass. I don't, and it's another way of trying to get your credit card info.

Everyone, stay healthy and have a great May. If you have any questions or want to volunteer, please feel free to call me.

Your C.O.P. Leader Linda Cassidy

#### Additional info on the SunPass scam:

A SunPass scam is targeting consumers with emails pretending to collect unpaid tolls by threatening possible court action, according to the Florida Department of Transportation.

FDOT said an email address— SunPassNotice@ezpass-collections.net – is contacting residents with the following message:

"Please find the attached invoice for past due tolls that have been charged to your Sun Pass account. Failure to pay will result in a summons for court appearance within 30 days."

The email also includes a link to a fake invoice in which the sender is identified as "Sun Pass Collections Inc," or "Sun Pass Collections Inc Linebargar Goggen Blaiir, LLP."

FDOT Interim Secretary Erik R. Fenniman issued the warning which emphasizes that the solicitations are not associated with FDOT or Florida's Turnpike Enterprise. "Please be aware that FTE does not send toll invoices through email. Official toll invoices are sent only through U.S. mail.," FDOT said.





The Tropical Isles Bingo committee is looking for a couple of volunteers to train as backup Bingo callers. Please contact Rich Silva at 216-533-5532 if you would like to know more.

#### Circle of Friendship

The Circle of Friendship meetings are done for now and will resume on November 13, 2024 at 11 AM. in the clubhouse card room. However, we will continue to provide our services throughout the summer when we can, provided we have capable volunteers to help. To do so, we still need any information regarding those in our community who may be shut-ins, or are hospitalized, have illnesses, or those who might have passed away. To anyone who wishes to volunteer - it may only take a little of your time and you may find it very rewarding. Please contact me at 586-942-1864 to do so.

We are beginning to plan for our Christmas "Santa's Fun Day." (I know it's early, but planning ahead should make it more successful). Participation for any prizes on the fun day will be included with the cost we charge for the event participation and meal. As in the past, the Christmas Toy Drive and profits from any other Christmas activities put on by us will be used to benefit the St. Lucie County's Sheriff's Toy drive for disadvantaged children. I am looking for a Santa suit for use in the fun day event. If you have one we can use, please contact me. We also want to plan the Golf Cart Parade. Prizes for that parade will be obtained through local business donations. (Getting those is another thing we need to start early).

I'd like to thank everyone who helps support The Circle of Friendship and lets wish all our snowbirds a safe trip. We will be glad to see you all back here in the fall. Please have a safe summer.

Judy Sochacki 586-942-1864

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

The outer perimeter of the Sewer Plant leach field has been cleared of encroaching vegetation and the effluent directional valves have been serviced or replaced. The field's three separate cells will be alternately loaded and "rested" monthly.

Please remember to flush only Poo, Pee and Paper!

Joe Roberts
President, TIUC



Please be respectful and be sure to replace your American flags when they become tattered or torn. There are several organizations that will assist you with flag disposal, including Home Depot, Lowes and the American Legion.



#### **ECR Solar Panels**

In keeping with today's focus on Energy Conservation, the team is providing some basic information to assist homeowners in determining if Solar Panels are right for you and what basic information to consider when making that decision:

- 1. Are Solar Panels right for your home?
- 2. How do you identify and choose the right Solar Panels?
- 3. What makes a home a good candidate for Solar Panels?
- 4. What are my energy saving goals expected to be achieved through Solar Panels?

Many of today's Solar Panel contractors will walk you through answering these questions, as well as additional options available such as battery backup capability etc. It is suggested that at least three contractors' quotes be obtained to compare not only the technology differences, but also the costs of the Solar Panels and installation.

Homeowners deciding to move forward with Solar Panels are required to submit a "CHANGES TO HOME-APPROVAL REQUEST" for approval prior to the start of the project. (Available at the office or the website).

Submitted by the Architecture Committee

#### St. Lucie County Environmental Regulations

At the recent Community Meeting there was some discussion regarding the rules and regulations for removing trees from land within Tropical Isles. Unfortunately, some of the information was inaccurate. According to the St. Lucie County Environmental Regulations Division's most up-to-date information, here are the facts. For further information, please contact them at

St. Lucie County Environmental Regulations Division 2300 Virginia Avenue, Ft. Pierce, FL 34982 Phone: 772-462-2526 Fax: 772-462-1684

Email: EnvironmentalResources@stlucieco.org

#### St. Lucie County Environmental Regulations (CONT'D)

The key misstatement was that there are no protected species in Tropical Isles. In fact, all native vegetation in St. Lucie County is protected. So, if you have live or laurel oak trees, sabal palms (cabbage palms), sea grapes, or many other plants, they are protected.

The second misstatement was that you don't need a permit to remove a Queen Palm. Yes, you do (well, a permit or an exemption). It doesn't matter whether it is native or not, removing any vegetation in unincorporated St. Lucie County requires either an exemption or a permit granted by the Environmental Resources Department (ERD).

#### **Exemptions**

The following information (including the costs shown) is a synopsis taken from the Environmental Resources Department brochure. For the fullest, most recent information please contact the ERD.

Vegetation removal for surveys \$55.00 – For the removal of vegetation for a 4' wide path for foot access or to conduct soil bore tests or soil percolation tests provided that the path cut is no wider than 10' to allow equipment and vehicle access \*

Utility easements or Right- of- Ways \$55.00 - For the removal of vegetation by a utility company or government for providing or maintaining service.

Damaged or Destroyed Vegetation \$55.00 - This exemption applies to trees that have been damaged or destroyed beyond saving by natural causes. This exemption does not cover the POTENTIAL for a tree to damage property in the case of a hurricane or other unforeseen disaster.

Property Less Than 1 Acre \$55.00 - This exemption is the most commonly issued. It is for the removal of native vegetation less than 24" in diameter at breast height (DBH) upon any detached single family residential lot or parcel of land having an area of one acre or less.

Non-native vegetation removal \$55.00 - This exemption applies to the removal of any exotic species. The fee will be waived for removal of exotics for single family homeowner or POA.

No vegetation to be removed. \$55.00 - For construction associated with areas that are not vegetated or where no vegetation is to be impacted

#### **Permits**

If any of the proposed activities on any parcel of land do not fall within these exemption categories, you will need a vegetation removal permit. Permits often require some type of mitigation to offset the impacts authorized by the permit, and they cost more than the exemptions. Mitigation can be in the form of preservation of trees on the site that are to be impacted, planting on-site, the purchase and delivery of trees to the County nursery, the planting of trees on County property, or payment to the County for the number of inches of trees removed that exceeded the threshold identified in the Land Development Code. The Code can be viewed at: <a href="https://library.municode.com/fl/">https://library.municode.com/fl/</a> st. <a href="https://library.municode.com/fl/">lucie\_county/</a> codes/land development code. - Cheryl Ferreira



# **SPRING BRUNCH**



































#### **Around the Neighborhood**

As the season begins to change, some of our snowbirds are starting to fly away. There was no shortage of athletic extraordinaire participation from some of our awesome Tropical Isles residents this year! The shuffleboard team are the Sliding Stones and the water volleyball team are the Net Ninjas.

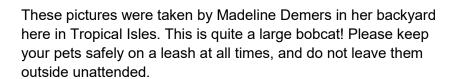
To all the snowbirds, safe travels, see you in September! To all our TI friends and neighbors staying, have a happy summer. Watch over our community! Health and happiness to all. - Laurie Berki





#### **KEEP A LOOKOUT**











# May Birthdays

5/2	Margaret Lunney
5/2	John Nesvold
5/5	Curtis Coffee
5/5	Nancy Krzyminski
5/8	Frank Cimino
5/9	Arthur Roesemann
5/11	David Holtje
5/11	Charles Quappe
5/14	Patricia Gentilcore
5/14	Vincent Saake
5/14	Patricia Tyler
5/15	Ronald Reynolds
5/16	Anthony Cimino
5/16	Nancy Parr
5/17	Dawn Holzman
5/17	Gerdi Novak
5/17	Daniel White
5/19	Mary Ellen Pratte
5/20	Arthur Belair
5/20	Timothy Bergeron
5/20	Ellie Rakoski
5/23	Kevin Lynch
5/24	Richard Boggiatto
5/24	Denise Parker
5/27	Michael Bartell
5/27	Craig Vosler
5/29	George DiSaia
5/30	Frank Zigman
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# May Anniversaries

5/4/2024 Ken & Laurie Berki
5/4/2024 James & Alta LaTerra
5/8/2024 Andre & Louise Bernier
5/12/2024 Joseph & Sandra Liebl
5/14/2024 Louis & Nancy Leib
5/16/2024 Raymond & Ann Collins
5/16/2024 Paul & Ellie Rakoski
5/21/2024 Jeffrey & Bonnie Buncy
5/22/2024 William & Claire Gustavson, Sr.
5/29/2024 James & Mary Carvill

#### Ladies Lunch April 2024





Come out and join us this month. The sign up sheet is on the clubhouse bulletin board.



#### 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 or on my cell at 860-712-6090.

Bonnie Gouchoe - Editor



#### 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.

Mitch Hushak 515-707-2539

#### **Friday Night Potluck**

At the clubhouse



5 to 7 PM

BYOB and a dish to share

SPEED Limit

15

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

<u>Traffic turning INTO the</u> <u>park has the right of way.</u>

# 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.

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VETERAN'S MOBILE HOME SERVICES



May 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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