



TROPICAL TALES

November 2023

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Management Report

- Arranged for Tradition Electric to repair spa timer – completed on Friday, 9.8.23.
- Met with Superior Water Management to seek competitive quote for lake management and recommended options for a solution to the existing cattail issue.
 - ⇒ Arranged for no charge treatment of lake cattails by Solitude Lake Management which was completed on 9.27.23
 - ⇒ Received competitive quote for pond maintenance from Superior Waterways that would save approx. \$1700 per year – existing Solitude Waterway contract was renewed in October and requires 30-day notice before auto renewal or we pay balance of year's contract to get out. Will report it to Board but plan no action at this time.
- Reopened Allstate insurance case where check was received for about \$1500 less than actual repair expenses from accident involving an owner who hit an entrance light pole in November 2022. We are seeking either the balance of the damages paid by Tropical Isles from Allstate or reasons why we did not receive it.
- Resolved a concern over water consumption at the clubhouse over the last few months.
- Requested to and did summarize several issues that needed attorney opinion. Forwarded to the Association's attorney to get his opinion.
- Received approval for pool repairs totaling \$3,937- sent signed off quote to vendor. Repairs have been completed.
- Met with Mobility + for 10.2.23 to get quotes for handicapped ramps at the clubhouse.
 - ◇ Looking at potential for 2 ramps
 - *Parking lot to pool area
 - *Access to indoor restrooms from pool deck area.
- Completed several community drive throughs for potential property issues.
- Prepared for and attended BOD meeting on 9.25.23.
- Met with Blackrock Trucking to get quote for potential replacement/upgrading of stone on storage lot parking areas.
- Investigated replacement icemakers for the clubhouse; resolved by Board.

Activities

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

Les Goldman, CAM

Coleen Hanson, Office Administrator

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Tropical Tales Newsletter

Editor	Bonnie Gouchoe	772-448-8924
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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
Santee 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

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

November 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bocce 9:30am Pool Exercise 10am Bridge 1pm Ping Pong 2pm Arts and Crafts 1-4pm Poker 6pm Bean bag baseball 7pm	2 Pickle Ball 8:30am Shuffleboard 10am Canasta 12:30pm Bingo 5:30pm	3 Pool Exercise 10am Potluck Dinner 5pm	4 Pickle Ball 8:30am
5 Dominos 2pm	6 Tennis 8:15am Pool Exercise 10am Bowling 11am Card Games 12:30pm Ping Pong 2pm Bunco 6pm	7 Pickle Ball 8:30am Shuffleboard 10am Mahjong 11am Pilates via zoom 11:30am Nimble Fingers 2pm Poker 6pm	8 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	9 Pickle Ball 8:30am Shuffleboard 10am Canasta 12:30pm Bingo 5:30pm	10 Tennis 8:15am Pool Exercise 10am Potluck Dinner 5pm	11 American Style breakfast at clubhouse 8:30am Pickle Ball 8:30am
12 Dominos 2pm	13 Tennis 8:15am Pool Exercise 10am Bowling 11am Card Games 12:30pm Ping Pong 2pm Bunco 6pm	14 Pickle Ball 8:30am Shuffleboard 10am Mahjong 11am Pilates via zoom 11:30am Nimble Fingers 2pm Poker 6pm	15 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	19 Pickle Ball 8:30am Shuffleboard 10am Canasta 12:30pm Ladies Luncheon 1pm Bingo 5:30pm	17 Tennis 8:15am Pool Exercise 10am Potluck Dinner 5pm	18 Pickle Ball 8:30am
19 Dominos 2pm	20 Tennis 8:15am Pool Exercise 10am Bowling 11am Card Games 12:30pm Ping Pong 2pm Bunco 6pm	21 Pickle Ball 8:30am Shuffleboard 10am Mahjong 11am Pilates via zoom 11:30am Nimble Fingers 2pm Poker 6pm	22 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	23 Office Closed	24 Office Closed Tennis 8:15am Pool Exercise 10am Potluck Dinner 5pm	25 Pickle Ball 8:30am
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IT'S YOUR MONEY

DON'T THROW IT DOWN THE TOILET!



As residents of Tropical Isles, we all own a share of the sewer plant. Flushing items like diapers, paper towels, and feminine products causes back-ups and expensive repairs. The Sewer Board is working diligently to keep costs down in order to avoid fee increases that will have to be passed on to you.

Please do your part! **DO NOT FLUSH ANYTHING OTHER THAN TOILET PAPER AND ORGANIC WASTE.**

Tony Cimino, Treasurer

Tropical Isles Utility Corp.

MURPHY'S OTHER 15 LAWS

1. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
2. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
3. He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
4. A day without sunshine is like, well, night.
5. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
6. Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
7. Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
8. The 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
9. It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end-to-end, someone from California would be stupid enough to try to pass them.
10. If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
11. The things that come to those who wait may be the things left by those who got there 1st.
12. Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.



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PING PONG

Regular ping pong days, Mon. and Wed. at 2, will resume this month.

The table and equipment are available for use at the club house. (if the room is available)
Call Steph with any questions. See you in the Fall.

Stephanie Pearson-Lynch 781-424-4728



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- Kitchen & Bathroom Remodels

13. Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.
14. God gave you toes as a device for finding furniture in the dark.
15. When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of twelve (12) people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.



MARTHA C. LENCHES
OWNER



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Appointment Date: _____ Time: _____

C.O.P

Hello Tropical Isles neighbors. It's that time of year when we are extremely bombarded with phone calls, TV ads and web ads for picking a new Medicare plan. Just a reminder to never give out your Medicare number or your Social Security number. You can go to the Medicare.gov web site to compare your plan or you can call the local agent that you use. You can also call the companies directly.

A reminder to our fellow residents - please come to a full stop when you are coming in from U.S. 1. I have almost been hit several times. Please remember our speed limit in the park is 15 MPH.

I was able to meet some of our neighbors while driving. I love to take time to stop and talk; its always a pleasure. Please consider volunteering to drive for the C.O.P. program. Don't forget you get a lovely shirt and hat to wear while driving at no charge to you. If you need anything, please call me anytime at 772-359-9932.

Linda Cassidy your C.O.P. leader.

Travel News

Hi everyone. I've got some great news for anyone that wanted to go on St. John River Boat Cruise 11/9/2023 but missed out because it was filled. I had 4 unexpected drops. If you would like to go, contact me at 586-942-1864.

Also please remember our January 16th outing is to the Stetson Mansion. Call me to reserve your spot.

If anyone has something they would like to do, if I can get a group rate for it, I will try to set it up. Just tell me what's on your list.

Judy Sochacki 586-942-1864

Dear Tropical Isles Neighbor -

We wish to clarify that the Board of Directors and / or the Association has NO role to play with respect to work that a unit owner might agree to have done to their unit by any vendor or contractor. The Association is only responsible for work that is done based on a written contract between the Association and a licensed and insured contractor who has a signed contract with Tropical Isles.

Any work or project that is privately arranged between a unit owner and any contractor whether by signed contract, written on the back of a napkin, word of mouth or a handshake is solely between that homeowner and that contractor. The Association has no responsibility whatsoever in those instances and will not intercede on behalf of a contractor or unit owner in any dispute that might arise.

Please be assured that any contractor you may work with who may also happen to have a contract for work at Tropical Isles is only representing him or herself as an independent contractor when working with you and whatever work may be agreed to has nothing to do with Tropical Isles Co-op, Inc.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact either the Community Manager or any member of the Board of Directors.

Report from the Board

As you know, the Board has been working on several projects, many of which involve the community center (clubhouse). We are hoping to eventually refresh the entire building. All suggestions will be considered. Please either talk to a Board member or put in writing and bring it to office.

Some recent accomplishments include:

- * Mailbox center - refreshed with paint and new numbers.
- * Storage areas were re-organized, cleaned and painted for use by the office (for supplies), by the Social Committee, Bingo committee, Nimble Fingers group and Maintenance team.
- * Refrigerator was purchased for Bingo.
- * Ice Chest for bags of ice has been purchased to use when needed instead of replacing with the much more expensive icemaker.
- * Community Center floor has been cleaned, stripped, and waxed.
- * Shuffleboard area benches have been replaced.
- * Cattails were removed from lakes.
- * Signs throughout the park were replaced where necessary.
- * Community Center parking lot lines were repainted.
- * Culvert was repaired.
- * AED was purchase and installation and training completed.

Some things in the works right now:

- * Rules and Regulations are being updated.
- * Sign replacements continue. (stop signs, warnings: alligator, snakes, swimming)
- * Research into replacement of diseased trees throughout park is ongoing.
- * We are renegotiating contracts with Carlos to include an additional benefit to each resident. Each month, the CAM and I ride through the community looking for areas that need attention, from either the Co-op or the owners. This month, there were 26 needs identified (18 of which were unsightly weeds growing in driveways/paver cracks). I spoke with Carlos, and he has tentatively agreed to apply weed killer to the needed areas as part of his landscaping contract. In exchange, we are considering allowing him to park his RV in our lot, free of charge, which equals \$100/month. In essence, we allow him to use an unrented slot in exchange for his services (\$1200 per year).
- * A resident with a slot in the RV lot has brought to our attention that the gate that closes the lot is essentially useless and is easily opened, even when the lock and chain are engaged. This will be corrected ASAP. Thank you, Pepe!

Some things in the planning stage:

- * Shuffleboard court repainting
- * Horseshoe pit border replacement
- * Solar powered security cameras (2023 technology) for the RV lot, front entrance/exit and pool areas.

A couple of suggestions from residents for consideration:

- A recommendation has been made for the area that is outside the card and board rooms (the deck that is never used). There is an outfit that specializes in Tiki huts. It has been suggested

Report from the Board (cont'd)

that this would be a perfect spot for one. Pictures and ideas will be forthcoming. Not one dollar of TI money has been expended, nor will it be, until this is presented to the entire community. Of course, all appropriate policies and procedures will be followed.

*Another resident has recommended that we look into the possibility of entering into a contract with the shredding company to occasionally avail residents of their shredding service.

Still in need of:

* Volunteers for Fines Committee. Three (3) members are needed, we only have one (1) volunteer (Eric Lindbloom). Volunteers for Social Committee: contact Linda Young.

We welcome all suggestions for potential improvements/changes to continue to make Tropical Isles the absolute best place to live!

Circle of Friendship

Well, we are back, and hitting the ground and running. November is a very busy month. You ask why - well this year we are in charge of decorating. Our first date to remember is Nov 8 which will be our kick-off meeting. We sure hope to see some new faces, if you can spare five minutes around noon. I have made all the flyers and I'm hoping for twenty volunteers. That way you only have fifteen homes each to deliver to.

We will need all hands on deck Nov. 20th, as that will be the day we transform the clubhouse into our Christmas Wonderland. I said 11 am till ? We need both men and women. I will be grateful for whatever time any of you can give **BUT PLEASE MEN**, we need you to put up our beautiful tree.

Dec. 8th will be the Golf Cart parade starting at dusk. Remember we are asking for everyone to donate a toy to the St. Lucie Sheriff "No Child Without a Christmas".

Dec. 9th will be our "Old Fashioned Christmas Memories" potluck dinner, to help us recall some of our fondest memories, especially recreating our mom's recipes. When we are done celebrating and sharing with our friends, neighbors, and our wonderful men in blue, I will announce the winners of our decorating contest, while some will be enjoying dessert and coffee, and others will be cleaning the kitchen. Let's all chip in so no one needs to stay late.

Attention new residents: when you are out shopping in the next couple of weeks and you see a cute ornament, purchase it and put your family name and year you moved here on it. Then bring it to the clubhouse and hang it on our resident tree so we can all get to know you better.

Our meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11 am in the card room. Please come see what we are about. Any questions call me.

Judy Sochacki 586-942-1864



CELEBRATIONS

November Birthdays

11/1 Herman Lee
11/4 Diann Woodruff
11/5 Pat Cimino
11/5 Wayne King
11/5 Natalie Darrow
11/5 Carlos Andongo
11/6 Susan Bascetta
11/9 Richard Arnold
11/10 William Gustavson, Sr.
11/11 Michael Favale
11/12 Gilbert Ventura
11/12 Kathleen Wolfe
11/13 Joan Parbus
11/14 Cheri Lanyon
11/14 Harold Ramsey
11/15 Russell Stetser
11/16 Stephen Truskoski
11/20 Richard Gallipeau
11/22 Judy Flowers
11/23 Dennis Henneman
11/24 Gerald Kennedy
11/25 Paul Terlino
11/26 Marshall McMurray
11/28 Sandra Reynolds
11/28 Pamela Moore
11/28 Vikki Verdi
11/29 Sandra A. Tremblay
11/30 Joseph Aiello

November Anniversaries

11/1 Dennis & Marilyn Henneman
11/7 Kendall & Patricia Johnson
11/9 Anthony & JoAnn Cimino
11/10 Joseph & Nancy Krzyminski
11/18 Richard & Robbie Arnold
11/19 Joseph & Barbara Roberts
11/21 Curtis & Linda Little
11/23 Timothy & Pamela Bergeron





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The deadline for the December newsletter is Tuesday, November 21. Please submit your info to bgouch@comcast.net. Thank you.

The Tropical Isles Board of Directors invites
ALL Tropical Isles residents to an **all American style
breakfast**

Saturday November 11, 2023
Doors open at 8:30 am

Please **sign up** on the bulletin board in the
clubhouse with your name and number of guest



Breakfast Menu

Scrambled Eggs	Hash Browns
Sausage links	French Toast
Coffee, tea, water	Sausage Gravy
mini muffins,	Juice
cookies	Fruit Cups

Come join us on the Tennis
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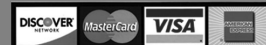
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