



TROPICAL TALES

October 2023

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Report from the Board

The 2023 Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30. We are more than halfway through! We won't jinx us by saying any more than that! We now (finally) have a full seven (7) person board with the addition of James Raimondi. We look forward to working with him. We would also like to thank Thomas Carey, Gary Charles and Eric Lindbloom who volunteered for consideration. A new Keystone CAM, Les Goldman, will be here on Mondays & Wednesdays.

We had a very informative visit by a registered arborist to discuss the diseases affecting our palm trees. We took him on a brief tour to see diseased trees identified by Carlos and to give us any additional advice he might have. Some of the information he shared:

1. Weed whacking is damaging trees. All trees should have a 2-3 ft circle around them that is weed and grass free. Mulch is advisable, but not absolutely necessary.
2. No green fronds should be removed from palm trees as they provide nutrition to the trees. Even if it is partially brown, it should be left until the center stem goes brown.
3. Cutting should only be done once a year.
4. Fruiting stems can be removed at any time as they draw nutrients from the tree.
5. Hurricane cutting is destroying palm trees throughout Florida, making them vulnerable to disease. He said that if hurricane cutting continues in Florida, as has been the practice, in 40-50 years there will be no more palm trees in Florida. It is of great concern to arborists and horticulturists.
6. When a diseased palm tree is removed, no palm tree of any type should ever be planted where it was removed.
7. Removing stumps by grinding is advised. Store in plastic bag for disposal.

We have begun the lengthy process of updating the rules and regulations. If you have any suggestions for changes and/or improvements, please let us know.

Some of you may have noticed the new paint job at the mail center, and Coleen has made new labels to replace the faded ones.

Signage updating throughout the park is continuing. Stop signs have been ordered. Please let us know if we missed any.

Later this month board members and Carlos will be cleaning out the closets in the community center. The walls will be painted, floors cleaned and supplies reorganized. We will be seeking suggestions from committees/clubs that use these spaces for what is needed.

The 2024 budget process is gearing up.

We would like to know if residents would be interested in looking into adding some storage units, near the RV section. If this is something you think you would like, please let Coleen know.

The ice maker appears to be unrepairable because it's too hard to get the part needed. We are looking at other alternatives.

Les will be getting information on replacing the kitchen floor tiles, possibly with non-slip tiles.

Social Committee Volunteers needed!

Last, but not least, we are planning a Coffee Klatch for all residents, hoping to have it on the morning of Saturday, November 11th, which is also Veterans Day. More information to follow.

Stay safe!

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

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- Circle of Friendship** Judy Sochacki 586-942-1864
- C.O.P**Linda Cassidy
- 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

Bocce Wed. 9:30 AM
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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
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 (Will resume in the Fall)

Pilates Tues.11:30 AM (currently via Zoom)
Barbara Unger-Lengen 772-233-2407

Ping Pong Mon & Wed 2 PM (Will resume in the Fall)
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 (Will resume in the Fall)
Tony Cimino 410-456-9649 and Don Randig 330-814-2630

Various Card Games Mon. 12:30 PM
Joyce Janyska 410-292-6326

Friday Night Potluck

5–7 pm (serving at 6)



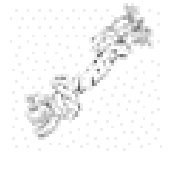
Bring a dish to share and your own beverage

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Spa Day for Taz and Jake Cassidy



The Pets of Tropical Isles

Many of us walk daily in the park. We may know the names of the pets we meet, but not necessarily their owners. In starting this column we hope to get to know our neighbors and their pets better. We want to include all pets: dogs, cats, birds, fish etc.

In light of the fact that we all think our pets are special, we would like to give everyone a chance to submit a picture and brief write up about their beloved pets to the newsletter on a monthly basis. Please send your submissions to bgouch@comcast.net or text to 860-712-6090. They will be published based on the number of submissions and the space available.

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.

Pooh the Happy Hour Dog



Meet Pooh Pattison, the Happy Hour dog. Pooh lives on Tropical Isles Circle with his parents George & Barbara. He loves to attend Happy Hour as he gets lots and lots of treats from his Aunts and Uncle, Sandee, Joe and Bonnie. He is very smart and very loved.



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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)
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Stephanie Pearson-Lynch 781-424-4728

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C.O.P

I would like to introduce myself. I'm Linda Cassidy, your new C.O.P. leader. I have lived in Florida since 1980, and in Tropical Isles for the last 5 plus years. I come from Massachusetts and was married to William for 44 years. He was driving for the C.O P. but I lost him 2 years ago to cancer. I wanted to give back to this lovely community.

Many thanks to George Mc Daniel. His will be big shoes to fill and we greatly appreciate all the many years of hard work he has given us . Thank you, George, for the wonderful job you have done.

Please try to remember our posted speed limit of 15 MPH. I know it's hard to remember, but our population is older and we have walkers, bikers, golf carts and our pets to look out for . We are in need of more drivers for the program. You only need to put in 8 hours a month, so please think about volunteering. I look forward to meeting everyone in time. If there is anything I can help you with please call.

Linda Cassidy C.O.P. leader 772-359-9932

Travel News

For anyone going on the St. John River Boat Cruise on November 9, your payment must be into the travel agent's hands before October 15. Otherwise, you will lose your spot, but you will still have to pay!!! The trip is now completely full, so you may want to drive your payment over to Vero Beach and hand it to them if you have waited too long to mail it.

The December travel event has been cancelled, but I am excited to announce a January tour to the Stetson mansion is being planned. Come and see it all decked out for the holidays. Mark your calendar January 16th - more information coming soon. Thanks.

Judy Sochacki 586-942-1864



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

Traffic turning INTO the park has the right of way.

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.

**SPEED
LIMIT**

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October 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Circle of Friendship

Well, our snowbirds will be returning slowly this month and the Circle of Friendship would like to welcome back all our old familiar residents along with our NEW residents to our little piece of paradise. Our group is the official welcome wagon. It also helps spread good cheer and assists residents if they need help running errands, and by sending get well cards to shut ins or checking on them. Our first meeting for this season will be held November 8 at 11 AM in the clubhouse. Please come. We are always looking for new ideas and new helpers.

Please mark these dates on your calendar - Circle of Friendship and Bingo have joined together to bring Christmas to everyone here at Tropical Isles. On Monday, November 20 at 11 AM I will need men to put up the big tree in the fireplace room, and women to decorate the whole clubhouse. The more hands, the sooner we are done. I'm looking to be done by 1:00 or 2:00 PM.

ATTENTION ALL NEW RESIDENTS - We ask all new residents to purchase an ornament to add to our clubhouse tree. Write your family name on it, and the year you moved here.

This year our golf cart parade will be held on December 8. I'm asking all residents to please purchase a gift for either a boy or girl to donate the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Department. They will be joining in our parade this year and will stop at residents' homes to get the toys if you are out front when we come by. This year's parade will start at dusk. You must register beforehand and be in line prior to that time. All winners will be announced on the 9th.

On December 9th we will hold an Old-Fashioned Christmas (Memories of Christmas Past). It will be a potluck meal with the Sheriff's department joining us. Please plan to bring a dish that was always on your family table which you like to share and tell us about. I'm still looking for a couple of singers. The time will be announced later.

Let's make this a Christmas to remember at Tropical Isles. PS - let's be the talk around the sheriff Department.

Next on our agenda is a holiday house lighting contest. We have found outside judges so please remember to join in the fun and get in on the chance to win a gift certificate. The winners are scheduled to be announced at our Old-Fashioned Christmas potluck, which is a little early in the season, BUT - mark your calendar with the dates November 25 through December 9 for the contest period.

Judy Sochacki

Luv Bug

Luv Bug is 8 years old. She is part Siamese and part Snowshoe. She does not go outside. We just lost our 15-year-old dog, Sissy. They were best friends. She would clean Sissy's ears and face. She is quiet now and adjusting. Luv Bug still sits with me in the evening while I quilt. She also enjoys watching the birds and squirrels out our big front windows. Gene Rowh



CELEBRATIONS

October Birthdays

10/2 Alice Groff
10/2 Louise Poirer
10/2 Roger Williams
10/4 Deborah Dean
10/5 Teresa Schneider
10/6 Maragret Hales
10/6 Stanley Jacoby
10/8 Linda Little
10/8 Marie Roos Wuelfing
10/9 Pamela Bergeron
10/9 Kristie Melo
10/10 David Brown
10/10 Dennis Polson
10/14 Bonnie Gouchoe
10/14 Colleen Hourigan-Puglisi
10/15 Shirley Moore
10/16 Eldridge Mullins
10/17 Kevin Clark
10/17 Sandra Gilmore
10/18 Eric Lindbloom III
10/20 Barbara Dougherty
10/20 Tiare Macias
10/21 George Pattison
10/21 Linda Stokes
10/22 Laurence Marlin
10/23 Paul Young
10/24 Jeanette Ann Dunlap
10/25 John Provenzano
10/26 Diane Landry
10/28 Patricia Allen
10/29 Homer Rowh
10/29 Donald Stetser
10/30 John Desmarais
10/30 Ruth Fisher
10/31 Jane Zimmerman

October Anniversaries

10/1 George & Barbara Pattison
10/6 William & Jeanette Ann Dunlap
10/10 Stanley & Sandra Carter
10/14 Frederick & Maureen Taylor
10/19 Gary & Patricia Miller
10/20 Fred & Cathy Felber
10/20 Frank & Evelyn Hartsell, Jr
10/21 Wesley & Faye Crawford
10/25 Richard & Janice Boggiatto
10/26 Daniel & Leslie White



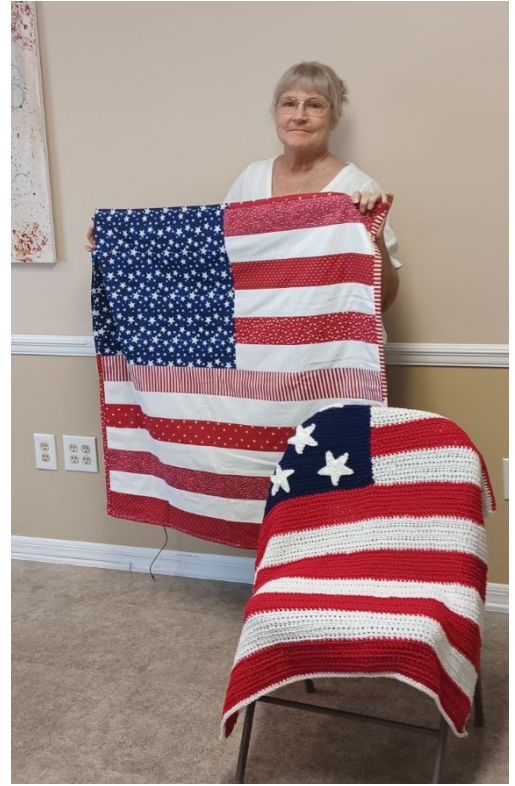


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The deadline for the November newsletter is Tuesday, October 24. Please submit your info to bgouch@comcast.net. Thank you.

Nimble Fingers



Hats donated by the Nimble Fingers group to Hospice.



All the yarn was donated anonymously by someone in the park. All donations are welcome. If we get donations we will be happy to make shawls and afghans for people in the park.



BEANBAG BASEBALL IS BACK

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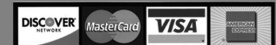
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