



TROPICAL TALES

August/September 2025

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Message From the Board

The wall at the entrance to the park has been cleaned and painted, with new bushes and flowers arriving on Friday July 25. They will be planted shortly after that date.

We would like to remind our residents of a few items that have been brought to our attention:

- All dogs must be on a leash when outside your home. There are no exceptions to this rule.
- Parking on the streets overnight is prohibited. You may park on the street during daylight hours if needed but please refrain from parking on the grass.
- Golf carts should not be driven on the lawns between the houses.
- We recently lost one of the cranes, and while we do not know the reason for the death, we would like to remind you not to feed any of the wildlife. Their systems may not be able to digest the food you put out for them.

We hope you are all having a good summer, and if we can assist you in any way please do not hesitate to ask.

Sue Bascetta

Secretary

The October newsletter deadline is Friday, September 26.

Please submit your info to bgouch@comcast.net.

If you have any questions you can call me at 772-448-8924

Thank you.

Bonnie Gouchoe—Editor

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Delivery Volunteers needed

Clubs & Organizations

Circle of Friendship Judy Sochacki 586-942-1864

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

Activities

Bean Bag Baseball Wed. 7:00 pm (will resume in the fall)

Billiards Daily 1:00 pm.

Bingo Thurs. 6:30 pm—doors open at 5:30 pm

Charlsie Wroten 928-846-6621

Judy Sochacki 586-942-1864

Bocce Wed./ Thur. 10:00 am (will resume in the fall)

Frank "Ziggy" Zigman 440-813-0269

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. 2:00 pm

Terre McDermott 423-315-2195

Ceramics 2nd & 4th Thurs 10-Noon

Gene Rowh 304-203-4415

Friday Night Pot Luck Fri. 5:00 - 7:00 pm (will resume in the fall)

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. 2:00-4:00 pm

Pickleball Tues., Thurs. & Sat. 8:30 am (will resume in the fall)

Mitch Hushak 515-707-2539

Ping Pong Mon & Wed 2 pm (will resume in November)

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. 4:00 pm (will resume in the fall)

Curt Coffee 330-424-2163

Poker Tue & Wed. 6:00 pm

Shuffleboard Tues. & Thurs. 10 am & 1:00 pm

Tennis Mon., Wed., Fri. at 8:15 am (will resume in the fall)

Tony Cimino 410-456-9649 and Mark Schofield 978-857-1684

Various Games Mon. 12:30 pm (will resume in the fall)

Joyce Janyska 410-292-6326

Social Committee

The Social Committee sponsored a fun and lively 4th of July Celebration on Saturday July 5. There were over 125 revelers in attendance. We ate hot dogs, hamburgers and all the fixings. It was a great success and everyone had a wonderful time. Our new community band, The TropicTones played for 3 hours. The dancing was energetic and the excitement was felt throughout the auditorium.

We want to recognize and thank all the committee members, volunteers and band members who made this wonderful event possible: Betty, Bic, Colleen, Cora, Curt, Dale, Des, Donnie, Fred, Hope, Jackie, Kathy B, Kathy S, Linda, Mary, Michael, Mitch, Nicole, Pat, Paul, Rhonda, Ronnie, Sam, Sandy, Shelley, Terre, Yvette. Could not have done it without you! (If I have left anyone out, it isn't intentional. Please give me a shout and let me know.)

We will have a Summer Dance on August 2. Bring your own bottle, drinks and snacks. Ice will be available. There will be no cost to community members, but we will ask that you please help us clean up afterward.

We don't have anything else planned for the rest of August or September so far, as so many community members are vacationing. But we will continue this wonderful endeavor in October. PLEASE consider volunteering to help in the future. And any suggestions for future events will be gratefully considered.

Sincerely, Terre McDermott

Circle of Friends

Wow it's been a very hot summer, so please stay well hydrated. I visited three of our residents in the hospital and delivered six get-well flowers.

I've been working on the "No Child Without a Christmas" get together. The Sherriff's Department will come to pick up the toys from residents and our Bingo group on December 7 at 2:00pm, so mark your calendars. The Circle of Friends will be there hosting an ice cream social, free to all residents. Admission is one **unwrapped** toy for either a girl or boy.

I'm also looking for volunteers to help with the Christmas golf cart parade. If you can help, please let me know at the number below.

Judy 586-942-1864

C.O.P

Hello Tropical Isles.

So far, this summer has been quiet. We like that (at least I do). This month I would like to give you all a push to consider volunteering for our COP program with the Sheriff's Department. You only need to give 8 hours a month, and who doesn't like riding around in the Sheriff's car? It helps to keep our beautiful and quiet place safe. We only have 5 people, and one is a part-time resident. You'll get a lovely Sheriff's shirt and hat, as well as a badge.

Please be very aware of any email you didn't ask for as so many are scams. Have a safe rest of the summer and remember to drive 15 MPH in the park.

Your COP leader- Linda Cassidy

Tropical Isles Available Storage Lot Spots

#10 - \$100 #22 - \$50

#14 - \$100 #24 - \$50

#16 - \$100 #34 - \$50

#37 - \$50

These storage spots are on a first come first serve basis and will be updated anytime there is a change in availability. Please see the office with any questions.

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Management Report

Hello Tropical Isles residents,

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the food bank. We donated 91 pounds last month, which totaled 76 meals.

Please ensure that if you have outside vendors coming in, they sign in at the clubhouse and take their debris and/or garbage with them. There will be a fee for Carlos to pick it up.

We kindly request that you keep all dogs on leashes while they are outside.

Please no parking on the grass or common grounds.

Please feel free to reach out to the office at any time for questions or concerns.

Respectfully Submitted by: Shaina Jacob LCAM- KarpCo Association Management/Tropical Isles Co-op



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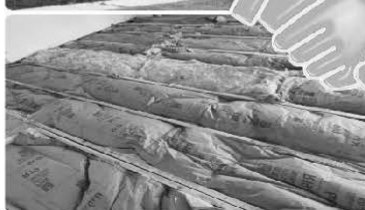
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August Birthdays

8/2	Joseph Long
8/2	Kenneth Lenhart
8/4	Thomas Betty
8/4	Barbara Roberts
8/5	George Ann Tornatore
8/6	Kathy Sykes
8/7	Patricia Johnson
8/9	Betty Elmore
8/9	Paul Morgan
8/11	Ellen Nugent
8/12	Elizabeth Kelley
8/13	Joan Crownover
8/14	Leslie White
8/14	Patricia Huss
8/19	Fred Leonard
8/19	Fred Felber
8/20	Gail Lieble
8/23	Nancy Howell
8/26	Lawrence Sochacki
8/28	Sandy Courtemanche
8/29	James Carvill
8/29	"Dolly" Comos
8/30	Charles Tornatore

September Birthdays

9/1	Diana Moore
9/1	Diane Daisey
9/3	Michele Brown
9/5	Jeffrey Blanton
9/9	Chris Ann Dingee
9/11	Yvonne Martin
9/12	Mark Maddock
9/12	Donald Bergeron
9/12	Jim LaTerra
9/13	Christine Opdyke
9/14	Mitchell Hushak
9/14	Jennifer Smith
9/15	Stanley Carter
9/16	Harold III Durfee
9/16	Marylou Kauffman
9/18	Kenneth Webber
9/18	William Cassidy
9/19	Karen Bickerton
9/19	Cora Duncan
9/20	Lawrence Kush
9/21	George Sperry
9/22	Teresa Lopez
9/24	Joyce Ranucci
9/24	Karen Shimkus
9/24	Diane Fattrusso
9/25	Joseph Shanks
9/26	Barbara Pattison
9/27	Ann Collins
9/28	Anthony Roberto
9/28	Bill Sykes
9/28	Hope Morgan
9/28	Steven Detri
9/28	Sonia Cruz
9/28	Carol Silvernale
9/28	Sandra Carter
9/30	Patrick Dube
9/30	Harvey Sofen

September Anniversaries

9/5	Patricia & Jefferie Gentilcore
9/13	James & Diana Moore
9/13	David & Natalie Darrow
9/17	Charles & George Ann Tornatore
9/18	Denise & Robert Lubas
9/28	Tim & Lorraine Chapin



Chill'n
On A Saturday Night
August 2nd @ 7pm
FREE ADMISSION
Dance Party
 Bring your own snacks and drinks



Presented by the Social Committee

August Anniversaries

8/3	Mary Lou & James Kauffman	8/23	Leland & Catherine Adams
8/3	Vikki & Stephen Truskoski	8/24	Jerome & Marianne Russell
8/5	James & Sue Bascetta	8/26	Joseph & Rose Aiello
8/7	Bic & Terre Pedville	8/27	Paul & Hope Morgan
8/14	Ross & Karen Crockrell	8/28	Janet & Bud Rawling
8/15	Peter & Maureen Sarandrea	8/28	Kevin & Stephanie Lynch
8/19	Jack & Carol Page	8/31	Frank & Pat Cimino
8/19	Judy & Lawrence Sochacki	8/31	Cathi & Keith Miller
8/21	Gene & Homer Rowh		





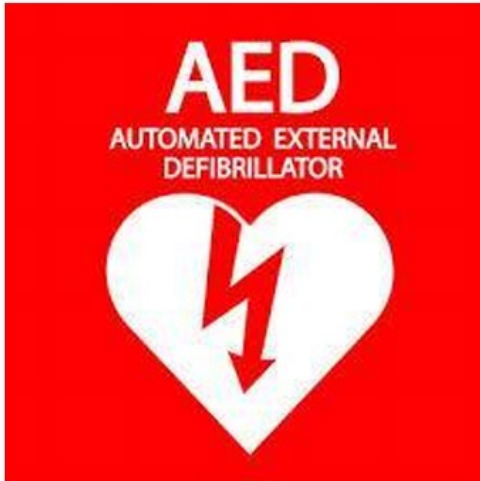
Ceramics class has been very busy



Our newest residents



If you have any pictures from events or items of interest around the park please send to bgouch@comcast.net. I would love to include them in our newsletter.



SAVE A LIFE!

Remember, we have an Automatic Emergency Defibrillator (AED) outside the front door to the clubhouse.

Bingo is every Thursday from 6:30 pm start to 9:00 pm. Come try it—we have great prizes. Come early to get a seat!



Trash Reminder

Trash should not be put out the night before pick up unless it is in a secured container. Otherwise the animals will have it all over the road! Thank you for your consideration.



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- Positioning:** When displayed vertically or horizontally against a wall, the union (the blue field with stars) should be at the top and to the observer's left. When displayed from a staff, the union should be at the peak.
- Half-Staff:** The flag should be flown at half-staff to honor deceased officials or military personnel. It should first be raised to the peak and then lowered to half-staff.
- Time of Display:** The flag should be displayed from sunrise to sunset. *It may be displayed 24 hours a day if properly illuminated at night.*
- Weather Conditions:** The flag should not be displayed during severe weather unless it is an all-weather flag made of durable material.
- Handling:** The flag should never touch the ground, floor, or water. It should be carried aloft and free, never flat or horizontally.
- Dipping:** The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing, except in response to a salute from a ship of a foreign nation.
- Multiple Flags:** When displaying multiple flags, the American flag should always be at the highest point or in the center if on separate poles.
- Special Occasions:** The flag should be displayed on certain holidays, including Independence Day, Memorial Day, and Flag Day, among others.
- Disposal:** When the flag is no longer fit for display, it should be disposed of in a dignified manner, typically by burning.

By following these guidelines, individuals and organizations can show proper respect for the American flag, honoring its significance as a symbol of the nation. For more detailed information, you can refer to the U.S. Flag Code and related resources.

AUGUST 2025

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SEPTEMBER 2025

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