



# TROPICAL TALES

June/July 2025

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## Message From the Board

June 1st is the start of hurricane season in Florida. Start your hurricane preparations now, so when the time comes you will be ready!

Carlos and his crew completed the power washing around the pool area and cleaned all the chairs. They did a great job.

We are planning on renovating the two bathrooms outside the pool area. We are getting quotes and hope to start the renovations in July. We plan on new floors, new vanities, new toilets, and a new coat of paint. It is time to spruce them up.

We are also planning on making our entrance more attractive. Rhonda and Carlos are working together to plant some colorful flowers that can thrive in full sunlight.

Gordon and Associates are our new accounting company. **Effective July 1st** we will no longer be paying our rent and HOA fees thru Keystone. A letter will be sent to all residents the first week of June explaining how to pay going forward. It is my understanding that there will be six different ways to pay your fees. You can even bring a check to the office and they can process your payment, but more information will follow.

We appreciate the cooperation of all residents during this transition. In the long run this change is necessary to save the community thousands of dollars, so be patient and call the office if you need any assistance.

Ellie Rakoski

Vice President

***The August/September newsletter deadline is Friday, July 25.***

Please submit your info to [bgouch@comcast.net](mailto: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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<http://www.tropical-isles.com>

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KarpCo Association Management Company .

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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

Genevieve Tornatore 772-361-5604

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. 1:00 pm

Terre & Bic 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

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 Card Games** Mon. 12:30 pm

Joyce Janyska 410-292-6326

## Nimble Fingers



This winter Nimble Fingers member Robbie Arnold took on a new project and was joined by several other members.

Judy S. purchased 10 my life dolls from Walmart that will be donated at Christmas. Robbie A. worked all winter to sew many dresses, short sets and pjs. Carol P. embroidered several backpacks. Jenny H, Terry S, Marianne R, Janet R and Elaine G crocheted capes, dresses and tams for the dolls. The other members continued to crochet, knit and sew lap robes to donate to Hospice.

We meet in the clubhouse on Tuesday's at 2 pm if you would like to join us.

The **Circle of Friends** needs your help. If you know of anyone in the hospital or of someone in the park who passed away, please call or text Judy Sochacki at 586-942-1864. I did manage to deliver ten get well flowers and two windchimes for the Circle of Friends during the month of April.

Also, I want to say thank you to everyone who called, texted or visited during my recent hospital stay. I really appreciate all the get-well messages.

Judy Sochacki

Charlie Quappe is one of our oldest residents, but he still takes the time to decorate his driveway for each patriotic holiday. Charlie is a Korean War vet who served in the Army 179th Infantry, 45th Division from 1952-53. We are very proud of Charlie, and of all our veterans and thank them all for their service.



## C.O.P

Hello Tropical Isles. I hope everyone is enjoying the hot days of summer.

I have noticed so many scams going on recently, especially via email. I have been getting things saying I have won something, I have a delivery and they can't reach me, or I need to give some company like Netflix a payment. My best advice, if it's a company you do deal with normally, find the real phone number for that place of business. DO NOT call the number in the email. Another one is that some company is charging your credit card for something you didn't purchase. Again, do not contact them via any links or phone numbers in the email. Instead, research online or by checking one of the bills you have on hand for valid contact information.

Please be mindful when driving in the park, keep everyone safe and please drive 15MPH.

Also, please keep in mind we still need volunteers for the C.O.P. Program. You can contact me to volunteer  
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.

[office.tropicalisles@yahoo.com](mailto:office.tropicalisles@yahoo.com)

## Management Report

The Quonset Hut is back up and running, the a/c has been serviced, and the garage door has been fixed.

Thank you to everyone who has donated food to the food bank.

The Storage Pods in the lot have been removed, and lot #16 is now available.

John Jacobs has replaced the front column pole.

As it is mating season for alligators, we ask that, for their safety, you keep all pets away from lakes.

We at KarpCo Association Management would like to thank you all for your patience and kindness as we transition to be your new management company. Please feel free to ask any questions or stop by at your convenience. We look forward to a wonderful partnership with you all.

HAPPY JUNE!

Respectfully Submitted by:

Shaina Jacob

LCAM- KarpCo Association Management/Tropical Isles Co-op





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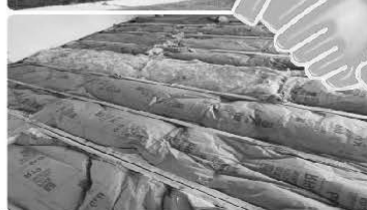
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## Congratulations and Best Wishes

### *June Birthdays*

6/2 Peter Fabrizio  
6/7 William Dunlap  
6/8 Donald Randig  
6/8 William DeRosa  
6/10 Peter Sarandrea  
6/10 Denise Lubas  
6/11 Jose Perez  
6/15 James Raimondi  
6/16 Phyllis "Dilla" Vera  
6/16 Linda Young  
6/19 Ronald Stanislaus  
6/23 Nancy Cahill  
6/25 William Benulis  
6/25 Timothy Chapin  
6/25 George Lavalley, Sr.  
6/26 Frank Hartsell, Jr.  
6/30 Debra Cotter  
6/30 Cathy Haynes



### *July Birthdays*

7/2 Joseph Gray  
7/2 Kathleen Clarke  
7/2 Wesley Crawford  
7/3 Michael Cunningham  
7/4 James Moore  
7/5 Nancy Leib  
7/6 Susan Langlois  
7/6 Jerome Beck  
7/9 Kate DeVries  
7/10 Linda Murphy  
7/10 Antoinette (Toni) Cormier  
7/12 Bruce Hollingsworth  
7/12 Leland "Wade" Adams  
7/12 Elaine Quirin  
7/13 Karen Critzer  
7/14 Janice Prieto  
7/16 Frederick Taylor  
7/17 Leonardo Cruz  
7/21 Beverly Brooke  
7/23 Joseph Liebl  
7/25 Scott Stevenson  
7/25 Gary Charles  
7/26 James Kauffman  
7/27 Gene Rowh  
7/30 Deborah Pizzi  
7/30 Gail Cahill

### *June & July Anniversaries*

6/5 Louis & Rose Marie Fiore  
6/11 Mark & Sharon Maddock  
6/14 Richard & Kathy Schulz  
6/17 Marshall & Marcia McMurray  
6/18 Robert & Bonny Munro  
6/22 Joe & Jeanne DeLiberis  
6/29 Charles & Heidi Quappe  
6/29 Gil & Flo Ventura  
6/30 Diane & Jimmy Fattrusso  
7/16 Daniel & Karen Shimkus  
7/18 Ken & Laureen Lenhart  
7/22 Stanley Arnold & Sandra Gilmore  
7/29 Lawrence & Catherine Kush  
7/31 John & Susan Nesvold



# We're Celebrating the 4th on the 5th



## Independence Day Community Wide Social Event



**Saturday July 5th - From Noon to 4**

**ALL RESIDENTS & GUESTS WELCOME**



**MENU: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Potato Salad, Baked Beans,  
Cole Slaw, Watermelon, Tea, Lemonade, Cake and  
All the fixings - BYOB**

**See Sign Up Sheet on the clubhouse bulletin board across from kitchen**

**Ticket Cost \$5.00 per person - Purchase in Clubhouse**

**Thursdays June 5, 12, 19, and 26 (4pm - 6pm) and**

**Saturdays June 7, 14, 21, and 28 (10am - 12pm) OR**

**Call or Text 423-315-2195 or email [terreped@gmail.com](mailto:terreped@gmail.com)**

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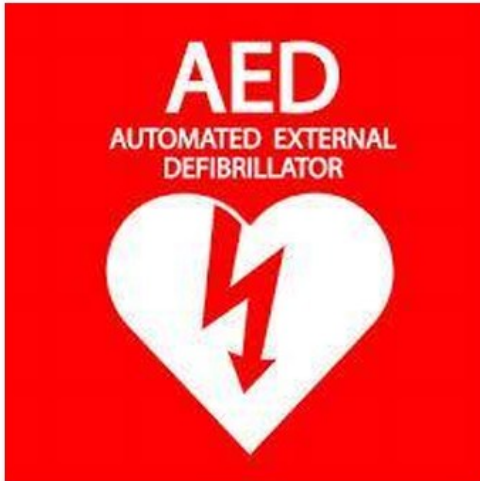
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80's



We are still looking for volunteers to help with the 5<sup>th</sup> of July party – ticket selling, decorating, tabletop setup, cleaning up and miscellaneous tasks. Any help is greatly appreciated. Be on the lookout for information about other upcoming summer activities. Call or text 423-315-2195 or email [terreped@gmail.com](mailto:terreped@gmail.com).





## SAVE A LIFE!

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

The newest member of the Pool Aerobics group—picture submitted by Diane Fatrusso.



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!



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**CANASTA ....we are playing Canasta on Thursdays at 1:00 pm in the card room. We can teach you or give you a refresher if needed. Please come join us. Contact us for more info. We are also considering adding another day for cards or games. Your input is desired and valuable. If you can donate any cards or games, I'll come pick them up from you!**

**[TJMLMT@YAHOO.COM](mailto:TJMLMT@YAHOO.COM)**

**Bic 423-243-6630 or Terre 423-315-2195**



We had a great response to the October 5 cruise. I have 26 people going. I want to remind anyone who signed up that the balance is due by July 7.

I will have day outings posted in the club house on the bulletin board starting in September or October. If there is someplace you recommend or would like to go, please let me know as I need your input. Thank you for your suggestions.

Judy Sochacki

## **Friday Night Potluck**

**5-7 PM at the clubhouse**

**BYOB and Bring a dish to share**

**All are welcome**

Are you walking when it is dark, or nearly dark?  
**BE SAFE!** Carry a flashlight and/or wear reflective clothing.!!



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**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,



JUNE 2025						
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