

TROPICAL HAVEN NEWS

DECEMBER 2024



News From Our President Darl Cross

Greetings Neighbors:

Well the year is reportedly coming to an end. It has been a very interesting and at times a trying one. This will be my last letter as President as I am not returning for President next year. We need several people to step up and be willing to lead the association next year. A nominating committee has been appointed. These members are Daryl DeCann, Terry Lynn Archer and Bob Good. If you have any interest in serving, please contact one of them. We are particularly looking for a new President, Treasurer and Secretary. I am asking each of you to consider where you can serve. Remember without leaders there will be no activities. This next year will be very exciting with lots of new opportunities. So, please consider helping out.

This letter is being written before our Thanksgiving Dinner, so I can only tell you how great it will be. Terry Lynn has done a wonderful job of putting together her Dream Team and I am sure it will be great.

I am sure we are all confused and frustrated with the closing of the sale of Tropical Haven. Anybody who has ever worked in government will understand how hard it is to get together in an undertaking of this size. I ask each of you to just hang in there. I am sure everything will come together and we will all have an opportunity to sign a new lease and be given the answers to all our questions.

Before I leave the position I would like

to take the opportunity to thank the many folks who have provided so much leadership this year. First, I must thank Jean Drum who worked so tirelessly to provide all the activities. In addition, Karaoke has been one of our best attended activities. I thank Diana Tuggle for her continued Facebook management and super Veteran's Day Dinner. I thank Jeri Schultheiss for our great newsletter and the monthly activity managers who throughout the year manage their areas so well. While I am sure I have missed many, many folks who should have been recognized, let me just say I am sorry I didn't mention your name. You are all appreciated and if I mentioned everyone, this letter would go on forever.

Again, I thank each and every one of you and express my gratitude for allowing me to serve as your President.

I have enjoyed serving and I ask God's Blessing on each and every resident of Tropical Haven.

God Bless!

Darl Cross

Bone Builders

Starts

Wednesday

December, 4th

10AM





Property Manager's Corner Ingrid Rivera

December is very special season for me, it brings fond memories of my family cooking together and the gift giving traditions, my favorite was staying home and cooking meals with my parents, we used to sit and watch the same movies every year, this year is a little different, I have new members in my family so we will see what new memories we'll create during this special season, also I got to meet this special community from Tropical Haven. I am thankful to all the ones who have extended a helping hand, given a warm smile, or offered encouragement through a card, letter, text or email. It really does make a difference!

As we go through our daily routine, and especially during the holidays, here are several tips to help make the holiday season safe and enjoyable:

DECORATIONS

- Keep potentially poisonous plants – mistletoe, holly berries, Jerusalem cherry and amaryllis – away from children.
- If using an artificial tree, check that it is labeled "fire resistant".
- If using a live tree, cut off about 2 inches of the trunk to expose fresh wood for better water absorption, remember to water it, and remove it from your home when it is dry.
- Place your tree at least 3 feet away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources, making certain not to block doorways.
- Avoid placing breakable ornaments with small, detachable parts on lower tree branches where small children can reach them
- Only use indoor lights indoors and outdoor lights outdoors, and choose the right ladder for the task when hanging lights.
- Replace light sets that have broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections.
- Follow the package directions on the number of light sets that can be plugged into one socket.

- Never nail, tack or stress wiring when hanging lights, and keep plugs off the ground away from puddles and snow
- Turn off all the lights and decorations when you go to bed or leave the house.

FOOD HANDLING

- Wash your hands frequently when handling food
- Keep raw meat away from fresh produce
- Use separate cutting boards, plates and utensils for uncooked and cooked meats to avoid cross-contamination.
- Use a food thermometer to make sure meat is cooked to a safe temperature.
- Refrigerate hot or cold leftover food within two hours of being served.
- When storing turkey, cut the leftovers in small pieces so they will chill quickly.
- Christmas & Parties leftovers are safe for three to four days when properly refrigerated.

REMINDERS & DATES

- **Toys for Tots Toy Drive** - December 1 – December 20

Please take your donations to the library and place them on the Box in front of the library between 8:00am and 3:00pm, Monday through Friday.

- **Re-certification applications for service/emotional support animals** are due by January 31, 2023.
- **A Guest Registration Request** form is required if you have a guest that will be staying overnight at your home.
- **Before starting any external modifications to your home**, contact the Business Office to receive an Alteration/Modification Request form.
- **Before selling your home**, contact the Business Office to obtain a Notice of Intent to Sell form, which must be completed prior to selling the home.
- **A potential buyer must be approved for residency through the completion of an Application for Residency. Contact the Business Office for more information**

Merry Christmas to all!
Ingrid Rivera



PENNY

Monday, December 4th

Doors Open 11 am - Play Begins at 12 noon

Serving Pizza Lunch at 11:30

Cost: \$5.00/LUNCH & PLAY
or \$1.00/DRINK & PLAY

Ticket Sales December 4th Only
10-11am on the Porch

Back by popular demand

New Years Eve Party!

Tickets \$2 on sale
12/20 and 12/27
from 9-11
on the porch

THROUGH THE DECADES
Trivia and Music from 50's, 60's 70's & 80's

December 31. 6-9 PM



Tropical Haven Presents

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Free for H.O.A members
\$3 for non-members

Sunday, December 8th

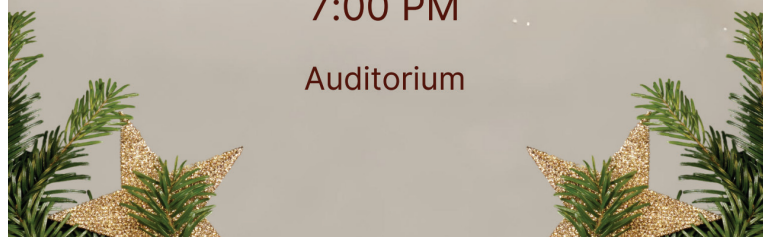
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CANDLELIGHT Christmas Eve Service

December 24th
7:00 PM

Auditorium



SHUFFLEBOARD

That special time of year is here when many of us feel a little like a child again. Playing shuffleboard around Christmas time is even more fun. Join us on Sundays at 2pm, Tuesdays and Fridays at 1 PM and Monday night is ladies night at 6 PM.
It is only \$6 for a full years membership.

Two good reasons to play shuffleboard. 1. Vitamin D exposure. 2. Stress reduction.

Shuffleboard lunch will be available to everyone for \$6.00 on the following dates.

January 2

January 9

January 30

Merry Christmas to all !!
Bill Beechum

Second Saturday PANCAKE Breakfast

DECEMBER 14TH
8-10 AM

\$4 for all the pancakes you can eat, sausage patties, orange juice, coffee, tea.



Auditorium

Merry Christmas THE COASTAL BRASS

Free Concert with
Donation at the
Door

Come enjoy your favorite carols

Dwight Tibbetts has assembled some of the best brass players in Central Florida to present to you a wonderful Christmas celebration!

December 22 @ 7:00 PM
Tropical Haven Auditorium

WELCOME TO OUR 4TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS

CRAFT & HOBBY SHOW

**FEBRUARY 9TH,
2025**

**2-4 PM
AUDITORIUM**

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE ALL THE TALENTED
ARTISANS & AVID COLLECTORS IN THE
TROPICAL HAVEN COMMUNITY BE PART OF
THIS INTERESTING AND EXCITING EVENT!

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING, PLEASE CONTACT
ALICE ARCHAMBO 321-723-1554**



Lets Eat Cake!

To celebrate

**JOHN ROCHO'S
90TH BIRTHDAY!**

TUESDAY
DEC **31** 2024
FROM 2-4 PM
In the pavilion

NO gifts please!

*Happy
Birthday, John*



CHRISTMAS DAY
brunch

**DECEMBER 25TH
11:00 AM**

AUDITORIUM

Delicious brunch
Wear Christmas jammies if you'd like
Christmas carols and a surprise or two!

Social Single JINGLE



Makoto's

785 S Babcock

Thurs 12/5 @ 1:00 PM

Must be there by 1 to sit with group

Outback

1600 W New Haven

Thurs 12/19 at 1:00 pm

See You There!

HOLIDAY MINI FLEA MARKET

December 7, 2024

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Bring your holiday treasures or crafts to sell. If it's time to get something new or different to decorate your home or yard with, now's the time!

Please call Donna Delaney after December 2 to reserve a space. This is a free event for Tropical Haven residents. NO advertising will be done outside the park, but feel free to invite your friends.

Weather permitting, staging will be on the porch. If it is cold, windy or precipitation is expected, tables may be set up inside. Participants will be responsible for setting up their own tables and returning them to where they belong. Set up will be at 8:00 AM on the day of the sale.



Christmas Light Golf Cart Parade

**DECEMBER 13th
5:00 PM**

Meet at the
Pavillion for
hot beverages
Parade
follows



UGLY SWEATER KARAOKE

Wear an Ugly Sweater

**DECEMBER 20, 2024
FRIDAY | 6:00-9:00 PM**

AUDITORIUM



BIRTHDAYS

December

Beverly Good	1
Ginny Kimball	2
James McGovern	2
Shirley Whitman	7
Lynn Nelson	12
Buster Chesley	13
Carol Gaeta	15
Roberta Burgos	24
Ingeborg Russell	25
Clarice Rocho	26
Judy Talbot	30
Jeanette Ferry	31
John Rocho	31



Birthday and Anniversary Announcement Change!!!

For your birthday or anniversary to appear in the Newsletter, you must email the information one month prior for inclusion. January dates need to be submitted by December 5th to:

tropicalhavennews@gmail.com

Anniversaries

December

Jim and Sandy Black	1
Steve & Ruth Ashley	20
Jack & Ann Dawkins	20
Tom & Mary Kay	20
Richard & Judy	23
Allen & Terry Lynn Archer	24
Bill & Joan Ross	28
Robert & Caren Drake	31



Regularly Scheduled Activities

Monday		
Exercise Class	(Every Monday) 8:30 am	Auditorium
Aerobics	9:00 am	Auditorium
Bone Builders	10:00 am	Auditorium
Bunco	6:00 – 8:30 pm	Library
Ladies Shuffleboard	(Every Monday) 6:00 pm	TH Courts
TUESDAY		
Corn Hole	9:30 am	Pavilion
Line Dancing	9:30-10:30 am	Auditorium
Beginner Line Dancing	10:30-11:30 am	Auditorium
Shuffleboard	1:00 pm	TH Courts
Gotcha	6:00 – 8:30 pm	Library
WEDNESDAY		
Exercise Class	(Every Wednesday) 8:30 am	Auditorium
Aerobics	9:00 am	Auditorium
Bone Builders	10:00 am	Auditorium
Games	1:00 – 3:00 pm	Library
Euchre	6:00-8:00 pm	Library
THURSDAY		
Bible Study	9:00	Kitchen Cafe
Sewing Group	9:30 am – 2:30 pm	Library
Game Night	(May 2 & 16 / 1st & 3rd Thursdays) 6:30 – 8:30 pm	Auditorium
FRIDAY		
Yoga	10:30-11:30 am	Auditorium
Shuffleboard	1:00 pm	TH Courts
Cribbage	6:00 pm	Library
Karaoke	6:00 pm	Auditorium
SATURDAY		
Game Day	1:00 – 3:30 pm	Library
Bingo	(Doors Open and Ticket Sales at 6 pm) 7:00 pm (Games Begin)	Auditorium
SUNDAY		
Sunday School	8:30	Auditorium
Church Fellowship	9:30 am	Auditorium
Non-Denominational Worship Service	10:00 am	Auditorium
Tropical Hayride Country Music & Games	1:00 – 3:00 pm	Auditorium

December Activities

DUST OFF YOUR DANCING SHOES! JUST DANCE WILL BE STARTING UP IN JANUARY!

December 1	Sunday	Music & Games	1:00-3:00	Auditorium
	Sunday	Square Dancing	6:30-8:30	Auditorium
December 4	Wednesday	Penny Bingo Tickets	10:00-11:00	Porch
December 5	Thursday	Sewing	9:30-2:00	Library
	Thursday	Singles Luncheon	1:00	Makoto's
	Thursday	Potluck	5:00	Auditorium
December 6	Friday	Brunch tickets	9:00-11:00	Porch
	Friday	Karaoke	6:00-9:00	Auditorium
December 7	Saturday	Holiday Flea Market	9:00-12:00	Auditorium/Porch
December 8	Sunday	Ice Cream Social	3:00	Auditorium
December 9	Monday	HOA Meeting	6:30	Auditorium
	Monday	Penny Bingo		
December 12	Thursday	Potluck	5:00	Auditorium
December 13	Friday	Brunch Tickets	9:00-11:00	Porch
	Friday	Golf Cart Parade	5:00	Pavilion
December 14	Saturday	Pancake Breakfast	8:00-10:00	Auditorium
	Sunday	Square Dancing	6:30-8:30	Auditorium
December 16	Monday	Game Day	1:00-3:00	Library
	Monday	Penny Bingo	11:30	Auditorium
December 19	Thursday	Singles Lunch	1:00	OutbackSteakhouse
	Thursday	Potluck	5:00	Auditorium
December 20	Friday	Karaoke	6:00-9:00	Auditorium
	Friday	NY Eve tickets	9:00-11:00	Porch
December 22	Sunday	Christmas Concert	7:00	Auditorium
December 24	Tuesday	Candlelight Service	7:00	Auditorium
December 25	Wednesday	Christmas Brunch	11:00	Auditorium
December 26	Thursday	Bible Study	9:00	Kitchen Cafe
	Thursday	Potluck	5:00	Auditorium
December 27	Friday	NY Eve tickets	9:00-11:00	Porch
December 30	Monday	Exercise	8:30-9:00	Auditorium
	Monday	Aerobics	9:00-10:00	Auditorium
	Monday	Bone Builders	10:00-11:00	Auditorium
	Monday	Game Day	1:00-3:00	Library
December 31	Tuesday	New Years Eve Party	6:00-9:00	Auditorium



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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Monday, February 10, 2025 @ 6:30 PM

The Homeowners Association will honor couples who are celebrating their 50th anniversary during any month in 2025. Notifications for the 50th **must be submitted by January 23rd.**

Please call Marie Dittrich 508-747-2689.

CONTACTS

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Director	Donna Delaney	704-778-2159	ddelaney2@bellsouth.net
Director	Tom Neuens	336-902-3565	Fordnut1967@att.net

FREQUENTLY USED NUMBERS

COMMUNITY

Manager's Office – Ingrid Rivera or Troy	321- 674- 5792
Manager's Office – Fax	321- 674- 5793

SERVICES

Animal Control	321- 633- 2024
AT& T	888- 757- 6500
Spectrum	855- 222- 0102
Florida City Gas	877- 737- 2477
Florida Today	877- 424- 0156
Florida Power & Light (FPL)	321- 723- 7795
Waste Management	321- 723- 4455
Water Department	321- 608- 7000
Water Department – After Hours	321- 255- 4622

BREVARD COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMPLEX

Driver's License / Motor Vehicles	321- 264- 6935
Melbourne City Hall	321- 608- 7000
Non-Emergency Police	321- 608- 6731

PARK ISSUES AFTER HOURS (Evenings & Weekends)

Airport Police	321- 288- 0147
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IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY – DIAL 911

- ◇ Deadline for Articles/Events is the 25th of each month.
- ◇ View our Newsletter on Facebook or Online at:
<http://www.tropicalhavennews.com/newsletter>
- ◇ Turn Your TV to Channel 732 for Community Updates
 - ◇ You Tube channel at this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/@TROPICALHAVEN-pr4nv/videos>
 - ◇ HOAA Financial Reports are available at:
<http://www.tropicalhavennews.com/Financials>

NEWS & INFORMATION

NEWSLETTER EDITOR/CONTENT MANAGER

tropicalhavennews@gmail.com

Email (Preferred) or Text Articles & Events Before the 25th of the Month

NEWSLETTER & WHITEBOARD ACTIVITIES MANAGERS

Jeri Schultheiss	308-325-6052	Editor	fl.soulshine@gmail.com
Terry Lynn Archer	207-478-6884	All Activities	thosearchers@gmail.com

Text or call Barbara Before the 24th of the Month

FACEBOOK CONTENT MANAGER

Diana Tuggle	Email: tropicalhavennews@gmail.com (Please put Facebook in Subject Line)
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How to Submit Newsletter Articles/Events

- Submit your articles/events to the HOAA email address: tropicalhavennews@gmail.com
Please verify you have used the correct email address.

ALL ARTICLES ARE TO BE TYPED—NO EXCEPTIONS.

- Please include your name and contact information so I can confirm receipt of your information and be able to contact you with any questions.
- It will be helpful if you put "HOAA Newsletter" in the subject line of your email. DianaTuggle uses the same email for Facebook posts; please put Facebook in the subject line for those requests.
- Articles/events must be submitted by the 25th of each month. Please submit it as early as possible – don't wait if you have your info ready. If not received by the deadline, it will not be published in the newsletter. Content corrections can be made until the 29th of the month.

How to Publicize Your Events on the Activities Page & Porch Whiteboard

- For all Activities, please contact Terry Lynn Archer with your activity information. She will ensure we do not have our public spaces double-booked or overlapping activities. You can call Terry Lynn at 207-478-6884
- You can contact Darlene Halsey during the Season from November through April with Whiteboard listings.

Merry Christmas to All!
And may your NEW YEAR be blessed.