

Lake Tippecanoe Smoke Signal



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Important Numbers

Clubhouse: 941 923-9819

24/7 Emergency Number

for Condo Management:

941 966-6844 (Lighthouse)

Plumbing: Gallo 941 921-4600

(Office)

941-544-5686 (Emergency) Prior

Board member approval required for

Condo responsibility for Plumbing

emergency

Pest Control: Massey 941 955-7378

FPL Outages: (800) 468-8243

tippysmokesignal@yahoo.com

Clubhouse WIFI: dlink-4064,

password: tyfsk887

February Activities – mark your calendars!

- **Mondays 7 pm Euchre**
- **Tuesdays 1 pm - Mah Jongg**
- **Wednesdays 7 pm - Mexican Train Dominos**
- **Thursdays 1 pm - Bridge**
- **Thursdays 7 pm Poker (at Joe's)**
- **Fridays 5 pm Socialize at Lanai (BYOB, appetizers/snacks to share)**

Dates to note:

- Saturday February 4 - **Valentine's Social**
- Wednesday February 15, deadline for Bingo reservations
- Saturday February 18 at 7:00 pm - **Bingo**
- Monday February 20 at 8:30 am – **Tippecanoe Board Meeting**, all are welcome.
- Thursday Feb 23, deadline for Yard Sale table reservations
- Friday February 24, deadline for Norma Price Memorial Brunch Reservations
- Saturday February 25, Yard Sale 7:30 am to 2:00 pm
- Monday February 27 at 4:00 pm – **Book Review** (The Seven Sisters)
- Tuesday February 28 at 10:30 am - **Memorial Brunch for the late Norma Price**

President's Message

I would like to thank the residents for the great response to the Annual Meeting. We had one of the largest turnouts ever. The community has voted and elected **Fred Rood, Allan Shusterman and Larry Taylor** to two-year terms. We would like to thank **Ursula Korman** for her time on the board. At the subsequent meeting of the Board, the following officers were elected:

Dale Baller - President
Fred Rood - Vice President
Allan Shusterman - Secretary
Larry Taylor - Treasurer

Over the next couple of months, the board will be looking at things that need improving and updating. There is money in the Clubhouse Fund so we will be using it to get the furniture cleaned, make new fresh cushions and window coverings.

We are always looking for suggestions, if you have any, E-mail me at blackvette2000@gmail.com or leave it in the laundry room on a work order. I also want to remind you as residents that in your monthly fee you are paying Massey to handle your insect and rodent issues; I suggest you call Massey to have your unit sprayed whenever you see any activity. The number is on the first page of this Smoke Signal. Thanks to all of you that volunteer for our Community.

Dale Baller

A note from our new Board Member:

I would like to thank everyone for their vote of confidence in the recent Lake Tippecanoe Board election. I will continue to be involved in community activities and will try to maintain and improve Lake Tippecanoe. Thank you again.

Fred Rood

From the Editor

The deadline for the next edition of the Smoke Signal is Sunday, February 26. You can submit by email or the Smoke Signal Box in the Clubhouse

I always welcome submissions of ideas for articles, columns, pictures, etc. Contact me at tippysmokesignal@yahoo.com. We continue to offer Classified Ads for Tippy residents at no charge, and welcome paid ads from outside our community. Details appear at the beginning of the Classified Section. If you want your ad repeated, please let me know when you submit it.

Shelley Shusterman

Communications

The newly elected Board has started work for the year. One initiative is the **Audit of Residents**. Lighthouse, our management company, will mail this Audit to you. The collection of this data ensures we have accurate information on our residents. Be assured that the information we collect will be confidential and used for a number of purposes. We also use the telephone numbers we collect to update the telephone directory - if you do not want your

number listed please let me know as soon as possible because we hope to issue a new directory shortly.

A second initiative will be the **collection of keys**. If there is a problem in a unit, the Florida Statutes give the Condominium Association the right to enter a unit to prevent damage and the right to have keys to each unit. Having a key prevents damage to your door and/or locks and the added time to enter your unit. While we do have keys to about half the units, we are going to push to get as many as we can. If you are holding keys for a neighbor, we would also like to maintain a copy in our office, a central location. We recently purchased a secure key index box, secured to a wall in the office, so all keys will be safe with limited access. I have a list of the keys already submitted, so if you are not sure, call or email me, (the contact information is on the first page) and I will let you know if we have your key on hand.

Allan Shusterman

Grounds and Security

Grounds: With the stonework completed around the clubhouse, palms and plants were planted to complete the landscaping to the area. We added a total of 12 palms and 10 bushes. Skips Tree Service completed two days of removing dead or dying trees, and trimming trees as needed. With the high winds, we had to clean up some branches, which will continue the first week of February. Our "Three Foot Areas" are looking good. Thank you for caring how Tippy looks.

Security: Do not become a crime victim. Lock your home and car and never give your information over the phone. Phone scams have been in the news. Be careful and stay safe.

John T Hoffman

Social Committee

Hi everyone, I hope everyone is enjoying our great weather and having fun. Winter is half over already!

We are busy finalizing our Valentine's Potluck on February 4. Holly always shows us a great time. Highlights will appear in the next Smoke Signal.

Our next get together will be an Easter potluck. We will have more info in the March Smoke Signal.

As always, we welcome new people on our committee and any ideas you might have for future get-togethers,

Brenda Fijalkowski



your new and old neighbors. Who knows, you may have a BINGO win.

February Bingo will be held at the Clubhouse on **Saturday, February 18th at 7:00PM**. The cost is \$3.00 per person. Please call reservations and remit your money to Dorothy Steen at 922-2601 or Nancy Stevens at 321-7168 by Wednesday, February 15th. Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship with

Book Club

All Booklovers are most welcome to join us; the schedule is below. We meet in the Clubhouse at 4 pm. Even if you haven't read the selected book, please consider joining us – most likely, you will want to read the book after hearing us talk. We'll try to minimize spoilers! Thanks to Betty Harrington for leading us in a lively discussion of *Inferno* by Dan Brown on January 29.

February 27: *The Seven Sisters* by Lucinda Riley

Maia D'Apliese and her sisters gather together at their childhood home, "Atlantis"—a fabulous, secluded castle situated on the shores of Lake Geneva—having been told that their beloved father, who adopted them all as babies, has died.

Each sister is handed a tantalizing clue to her true heritage—a clue that takes Maia across the world to a crumbling mansion in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Once there, she begins to put together the pieces of her story. In this sweeping, epic tale of love and loss—the first in a unique, spellbinding new series—Lucinda Riley showcases her storytelling talents like never before.

March 27: *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin

A.J. Fikry's life is not at all what he expected it to be. He lives alone, his bookstore is experiencing the worst sales in its history, and now his prized possession, a rare collection of Poe poems, has been stolen. But when a mysterious package appears at the bookstore, its unexpected arrival gives Fikry the chance to make his life over--and see everything anew.

"A wonderful, moving, endearing story of redemption and transformation that will sing in your heart for a very, very long time." —Garth Stein, author of *The Art of Racing in the Rain*

Memorial Brunch for the late Norma Price

Dick Price (Norma's brother) will be hosting a Brunch in memory of Norma at 10:30 am on Tuesday February 28 at the Clubhouse. If you would like to attend, please email your request to Allan at ltoacommunications@gmail.com or call Betty at 941-923-9784 or June at 941-927-9803. Reservations required by Friday, Feb 24.

A Note from former editor Suzie

For 65 years, except for dealing with CP, I enjoyed excellent health – no serious illnesses, major surgery or hospitalization. Then, on May 13, 2005, I required removal of two vertebrae to prevent further spine damage; this procedure resulted in complete paralysis and permanent body numbness.

A recent mammogram/ultrasound showed masses in both breasts and the biopsy on December 13th came back positive for cancer in my left. (Isn't it uncanny that both diagnosis came on the 13th?) This was announced by a "relief" nurse here at Sabal! Need I say I did not appreciate her thoughtless revelation in this manner! The surgeon recommended a mastectomy to avoid extensive radiation/chemo therapy; according to him, I may not need these at all depending on lymph node diagnosis. I am scheduled for this surgery January 25th, at Largo Medical Center. Naturally, I am frightened beyond words! However, I truly believe this is God's plan for me and pray that He will bring me through another trying time in my life. Your prayers will be greatly appreciated as well! Because I have no idea how long I'll be incapacitated/away from my computer, I'm asking that you refrain sending forwards/e-mail as of 1/24! Thank you!

WARMEST HUGS, SUSIE

Orientation Committee

As you all know, Norma Price passed away recently and I want to recognize the tremendous contribution she made to this committee. I had the honor to work closely with Norma over the past 2 years and learned a great deal along the way. While she was happy to turn over the chairperson role to me, she was still actively involved in meeting with our new residents. I could always count on her to join me for orientations and she took the lead while I was in WI during the summer. She was a treasure and will be missed.

Marge Jeffers

Directory Update

Bob and Linda Jaenicke (Owner)
Unit 65A
4431 Narraganset Trail
989-284-9109 (Bob)
989-284-1263 (Linda)

Chuck and Karen Amstutz (Owner)
Unit 72
4568 Narraganset Trail
941-321-7519 (Chuck)
941-962-1466 (Karen)

Anna Ross (Renter)
Unit 66
4433 Narraganset Trail
518-864-5006

Laszlo Varszegi (Renter)
Unit 14
4479 Tippecanoe Trail
941-256-5061

The following residents were interviewed over the summer.

Diego Barona (Renter)
Unit 62
4417 Narraganset Trail
941-726-2019

Mary Eichstadt (Owner)
Unit 29
4615 Tippecanoe Trail
919-412-2579

Ruth Hubbard (Renter)
Unit 97
4440 Narraganset Trail
941-228-6842

Robert & Catherine McCormick, Jr. (Owner)
Unit 4
4425 Tippecanoe Trail
617-415-1602

Know Your Neighbor



We continue our new feature this month for our Smoke Signal. Tippy has many interesting residents, and so many have fascinating stories that we would like to share in our newsletter. If you have an interesting story, or know of someone who does, please let Shelley Shusterman or Betty Harrington know so they can be featured in the Smoke Signal.

Shelley's phone number: 941-554-7105

Betty's phone number: 941-923-9784

This month we feature Tippy residents who excel on the creative side!

Penny and Joe Musco

Penny and Joe Musco live at 4597 Mohican Trail. They purchased their Condo in 2009, and move down here full-time in 2013. Joe, a Long Island native, has a BFA in Technical Theatre and is one of those rare people who has always had a job in that field. He was the Director of Theatres at a State College in New Jersey for thirty-five years; before that, he worked at New York and New Jersey Theatres. Today, Joe manages the Theatres at Manatee School for the Arts in Palmetto.

Penny was born in the Midwest near Chicago, but lived in Sarasota during her childhood. While at Sarasota High School, she acted with and had a crush on Paul Rubinfeld, aka Pee Wee Herman. She received a B.A. in Dramatic Arts from the University of Iowa, and then auditioned for acting jobs in New York before moving into radio. Today Penny is a freelance writer and playwright. She has written extensively on Travel, most recently for AARP. Her book *“Life Lessons from the National Parks: Meeting God in America’s Most Glorious Places”* was released in April 2016. In conjunction with that, Penny presents a program on the National Parks for Community Groups and at Libraries and Senior Residences. She also has a One-Woman Show performing a play she wrote called “Steal Away” about a former slave who heads north after the Reconstruction and meets an Exoduster.

A performance of “Steal Away” is coming up on February 23 at the Fruitville Library at 2:00 pm. There is no charge for attending.

Joe and Penny met during College while working in Summer Stock, and married in 1976. They have a daughter, Miriam who works as a Museum Educator. Miriam just received her doctorate, and she is getting married in 2017!

Penny’s mom is Amy Schlaf, who also lives here at Lake Tippecanoe. Coincidentally, Amy worked at the same Ordnance Plant in Illinois as our neighbor June Makes! Small World.

Celebrations:

- February 3 Frances Eppich
- February 8 Ed Lytkowski
- February 14 Kathy Troyer
- February 28 Marge Jeffers
- March 1 Marge & Tom Jeffers’ Anniversary
- March 4 Eloise Dettmer



Lake Tippecanoe **Spring Yard Sale** in the Clubhouse **Feb 25, 2017** from **7:30 am to 2:00 pm**

All residents of Lake Tippy are welcome to reserve a table. Call **Rita Barsby at 922-3406** up to Feb 23 to reserve a table at a cost of \$4.00 to pay for ads in 2 newspapers. As always, we will serve donuts, coffee, large hot dogs, sodas and water. See you there!



Classified



Items published as a courtesy for residents of Tippecanoe. Indicate if you wish the ad to be repeated in future issues. Items may be edited for presentation purposes. Photos submitted (jpg) may be included in the electronic version of the Smoke Signal, and the print version if space allows. Ads for commercial ventures can be submitted, for non-residents, the charge for up to 4 lines is \$10 per issue or \$60 per year for 8 issues. Ads over 4 lines up to ¼ page will be \$20 per issue or \$120 per year for 8 issues.

Services

Cat Sitting: I will kitty sit your special cat, while on vacation or when needed, by day or longer. 941-923-9784. Leave a phone for kitty sitting with your phone number and name, or email me at Harrineg367@aol.com referencing Kitty sitting in the Subject. I charge \$10.00 a day and go into your home to feed and clean the kitties. (Also, have lived in Tippy for 17 years and will give references)

Thanks, Betty Harrington

Dr. Deri Ronis is a Florida Supreme Court State Certified Mediator having helped families, individuals, non profits, corporations and communities resolve their conflicts amicably for over 3 decades. Her office is in Fruitville Road near Honore and you can find testimonials about her work at www.DrDeri.com.

Or call her for a free phone consult at [561-644-3904](tel:561-644-3904). All information is confidential.

Available: Elderly Companionship, Transportation, Overseeing Residence while gone, etc...I Live at Tippecanoe as resident. References Available...Please Call "Bandit" (Joyce Outlaw) at 941-951-0691 or email verblbandt@aol.com Thank You.

For Sale



\$8.00 Two Cat Litter Box – Sanitized. Like new. Call Carlton Stoughton, 941-228-7898

NEW, still in unopened box, Rubbermaid MAX ADD-ON Closet Organizer. Adjust to fit your closet and no tools required to install. Sells new for \$80. Call Darlene at [419-303-3820](tel:419-303-3820) to get for only \$25.



\$2,000. 1999 Bronze Lincoln Continental Very Good Condition - *197,750 Engine Miles. *Transmission 30,000 Mi. *Michelin Rubber 50% - *Dealership Maintained, Service Records 2003-Present



Call Carlton Stoughton, 941-228-7898 Car can be seen at 4520 Ottawa Trl

For Sale: \$700. Authentic Tommy Bahama Executive Desk with Matching Captains Chair and Book Shelf - Sold for \$3,500 New. Call Carlton Stoughton, 941-228-7898



Property for Sale

For Sale: 4400 Tecumseh Trl, Unit 43. 2BR, 2BA. Newly painted, new carpets in bedrooms, newly tiled lanai, nice view of Polishing Pond. Call Robin 215-208-9474. Asking \$121,000.

Property for Rent

Available for Rent – APRIL: Lake View Condo, in Lake Tippecanoe. 2B/2B, water view from bedroom, great room, kitchen and lanai. Wood laminate and tile floors, walk in closet master. 1147 sq. ft. Call Joan - 941-750-9967

Flu and Cold Season Checklist

Washing hands is vital, but disinfecting where germs breed is just as important.

- Doorknobs
- Phones (including Cell phones)
- Remote controls
- Computers and tablets
- Light Switches
- Handles: Fridge, Toilet, Washer/Dryer
- Keys
- Grocery cart (handle and seat where babies/toddlers sit)

Sanitize these at least once a week, but daily if someone is sick at home.



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Hand sanitizers are not as effective as soap and water. Make sure you get your flu shots! Some studies indicate that it is best to get the flu shot between 9:00 and 11:00 am.

Submitted by a medically knowledgeable resident of Tippy.