Lake Tippecanoe Smoke Signal

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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

Clubhouse WIFI: CBCI-C4A1-2.4 (or -5) password: autumn6290entry

January 2018 Activities – mark your calendars!

Mondays 7:00 pm Euchre (Not January 1 or 29)

Tuesdays 1:00 pm Mah Jongg

Wednesdays 7:00 pm Mexican Train Dominos

Thursdays 1:00 pm - Bridge

Dates to note:

January 3 -

Garbage collection postponed 1 day due to holiday, put out evening of January 2

Monday January 8 at 4:30 pm Book Group

Wednesday January 17 – Deadline for Bingo Reservations

Saturday January 20 – 7:00 pm Bingo

Monday January 29 – 7:00 pm Lake Tippecanoe Annual General Meeting

President's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL RESIDENTS OF LAKE TIPPECANOE.

Another year has passed, we survived a Hurricane, and many more projects have been completed, we lost several residents, and we gained many new ones. If you know about the passing of a resident, please get that information to Allan (see contact information on first page) so he can inform those that want to send cards etc. I want to say thank you to those who volunteer and encourage those that haven't that we are always in need of more.

We have finally succeeded in ending the feeding of birds for the most part, and by doing this, managed to shorten the time the Crows spent here because they had no free meals. We have had a couple of complaints from residents on dog droppings not being picked up, and walking in it .Just a reminder to those owners that there are rules on that. Also, there have been night walkers without flashlights, this is a dangerous practice, please use one anytime you are out on the Trails at night. Also, we only have a cleaning person three times a week, so if you have food at your gatherings, any gatherings, inside or out, please try to clean up crumbs etc. so it is clean when others come for another event. There is a broom closet in the room by the handicap bathroom. This will be helpful and keep bugs down. The road is NOT for parking so use your own spot or a visitors that is empty. Please put trash cans and recycle containers back behind your fences when it is not trash day. Speed limit is 15MPH!

Some of the things coming up in 2018 will first of all be the election of the new Board members, there will be a letter in the mail with information. Also we are still in need of about 15 or so fences around the trash to be replaced in the next year. They will be replaced in accordance with their condition. Be sure to put in a work order for anything you need fixed. There is a locked container in the laundry room and order forms to fill out. Dean picks them up every day and makes sure the Board gets the ones that need their attention. Also to those in the two story Condos, those buildings will be power washed on the front (road) side, up and down, a letter will be sent out on a date, which should be around mid-January. Thanks again for a great year.

Dale Baller

Security and Grounds

Security

This is the season when various charities are requesting donations. Always check the web site of the charity. Phone and internet requests can often be a scam, and many have been reported this holiday season. Phone calls that claim to be IRS, saying "we have an arrest warrant for you" or "a family member is in jail and needs bond" or "you have won a prize...." These are scams that cost people thousands of dollars each year. Be careful and stay aware that these scams are out there. A little extra thought and checking will help you not become a victim. Stay aware and stay safe and have a great New Year.

Grounds

I would like to thank all the people that have put effort into the three foot areas. Some still need attention and if you need help, I have some names of people that do a good job. Go looking three foot areas give a good impression of Lake Tippecanoe. Let's all do our part to make to make our complex look great. We will be completing the mulching and doing some tree trimming in January.

John T Hoffman

Social Committee Report

We all had a great time at our Christmas Party. Carol Rocco outdid herself with the food and Holly, our entertainer, put on a great show. \$12 for dinner and entertainment - you can't get that anywhere!

Seventeen of us went on the Christmas Trolley on Dec. 17. What a fun time - so many beautifully decorated homes. Thank you Rosemarie for getting this organized for us.

On Feb. 10 we will be going on a tour of the **Siesta Key Rum Distillery.** With the tour and tastings it takes about an hour and a half. Then we can go to an early dinner, if we want. More info in next newsletter.

Happy New Year

Books

Book Group will be meeting on Monday January 8 at 4:30 in the Clubhouse, when we will review <u>"Eleanor Oliphant is Completely</u> <u>Fine"</u> by Gail Honeyman. We will also select the books for the rest of the year.

We encourage all book lovers to attend, if you cannot come Jan 8 and would like to be part of our discussion group, email Shelley at <u>admin@laketippecanoe.org</u> or call 941-554-7105. We will also discuss changing the date and time of our meetings if that would be more convenient for people.





Brenda Fijalkowski

Shelley Shusterman



January Bingo will be held at the Clubhouse on Saturday, January 20 at 7:00PM. Reservations and monies should be in by Wednesday, January 17th. Please call **Dorothy Steen at 922-2601 or Nancy Stevens at 321-7168**.

Know Your Neighbor



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

My name is **Marian Presto** and I moved from Wadsworth, Ohio in February to be a full time resident of Lake Tippecanoe. I actually purchased the condo at 4421 Tecumseh Trail in January, 2011, and my sister, Carol Miller, who some residents may remember, lived in it full time until she passed away in January, 2016. I am so glad I decided to keep the condo after Carol passed, because one year later, in January 2017, I decided to retire from a 40+ year career as an R.N., and enjoy my retirement in sunny Florida!

I have two grown children. Amanda, age 36, who has been a coordinator and behavior therapist at the Cleveland Clinic Center for Autism for the last 15 years. She graduated from Mount Union College and got her Masters degree at Ball State. My son, Tim, age 32 graduated from The College of Wooster, where he also played soccer all four years and as a senior was the first student from Wooster to be named by ESPN the magazine, Academic All American. He got his MBA from Duke, where he graduated in the top 10% of his class. He is Vice President of Plymouth Rock Insurance in New Jersey.

I have worked in many areas of nursing, but most of my career was in Oncology, Hospice and Angiography. I am certified in Hospice and Palliative Care, and I am also a certified Medical Legal Consultant. I opened two Hospice programs, one from the ground up, just prior to retiring. If you have access to "Linked In" you can read about my professional profile there. I have over 800 contacts on that site.

In my spare time I love to read, and I always seem to have some craft project going. I have made many stained glass window panels and lamp shades, including some commissioned pieces for other people. I paint with acrylics, and painted 12 pictures for our Hospice Office at Crossroads. I do pen and ink drawings (mainly of interesting architecture). For some reason, I love to draw people's homes and surprise them with the framed picture. I did a nice picture of the four homes we lived in while we were married and gave it to my husband for Christmas one year. I even drew a picture of the home I grew up in, in Akron, Ohio's Firestone Park area. I have done some mosaics, worked with clay and have made and sold tons of jewelry. At one time, I taught a craft (make it, take it) once a month to our mother's club at my church, The Chapel, in Akron. We made a lot of nice things.

In Ohio I had a "craft room" in my home, but my craft supplies also managed to infiltrate every other room of my house as well! As a result, I wasn't able to bring a lot of my supplies and finished pieces with me when I moved, but will eventually get them down here somehow. Including a three story doll house complete with working lights, and two large terrariums that I converted to a "fairy garden" and a 1:12 scale "greenhouse room".

One of my hobbies in Ohio was going to flea markets, craft shows and going antique hunting. For some reason I have always been drawn to the tiniest items, spending hours pouring over the showcases that contained the miniature treasures. I figured out a way to combine my love for crafting with my passion for miniatures, though.

Akron Children's Hospital sponsored an annual "Christmas Tree Festival" where businesses and private donors would decorate and auction off beautiful Christmas trees and the proceeds went to the Children's Hospital. Part of this festival was comprised miniatures that people made and donated. All the entries were judged prior to the auction. I entered a miniature every year for 10 years. Each miniature Christmas Display was very unique and was made around a theme. I won "Most Original" twice, "Best of Show" three times and "Best of the Festival" once. I did bring a small album of these miniature creations with me when I moved and would be happy to show the pictures to anyone who is interested.

In addition to crafting, I like to make chocolate candy, especially chocolate suckers, chocolate covered pretzels and Easter candy. Once, I made hundreds of chocolate heart suckers for Valentine's Day and my Hospice marketer and I gave them all out to the nurses at the nursing facilities where we had patients. They were such a hit, we did it again at Easter. However, it was an especially hot spring that year in Ohio, and we really had to hustle to get them passed out all over two counties before they melted in the car!

I love to garden, and had some beautiful flower gardens in Ohio. I am fascinated by the tropical flowers and shrubs that grow here in Florida and I am still learning what grows here. I can't get over how sandy the soil is here! I'm used to digging in hard, clay-like soil that requires a pick ax and lots of mulch, garden soil, peat moss and fertilizer mixed in before you can hope for healthy flowers to grow! But that is part of the fun of relocating! Getting to know a brand new environment, and most of all, making new friends!!

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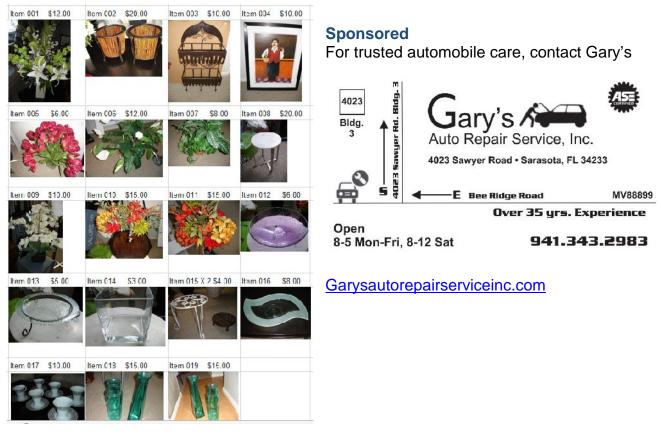
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For Sale

For Sale, 4528 Narraganset Trail - 2 Bed / 2 bath ground floor - end unit on the lake. Numerous upgrades and improvements. Asking \$123,500. Contact Bob Mattingly: 941-465-0068 (PLEASE - NO REALTOR INQUIRIES FOR LISTING)

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The following items are for sale: I HAVE MORE IF WOULD LIKE TO LOOK CALL MICHELLE 907-398-4148



Services

Notary Services offered to Lake Tippecanoe residents. Call MaryLou, 922-0273

Cat Sitting: I will kitty sit your special cat, while on vacation or when needed, by day or longer. 941-923-9784. Leave your phone number and name for kitty sitting, 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

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