

# 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

Website: [www.laketippecanoe.org](http://www.laketippecanoe.org)

**Clubhouse WIFI:**

CBCI-C4A1-2.4 (or -5)

password: autumn6290entry

## February 2018 Activities – mark your calendars!

**Mondays 7:00 pm Euchre**

**Tuesdays 1:00 pm Mah Jongg**

**Wednesdays 7:00 pm**

**Mexican Train Dominos**

**Thursdays 1:00 pm - Bridge**

*All are welcome to attend these activities, if  
you don't know how to play, someone there  
will gladly teach you.*

### **Dates to note:**

**Monday, February 5 – 5:30 pm**, First  
Cooking Class with Carole (must be pre-  
registered)

**Saturday, February 10 – 11:45 am**, Rum  
Distillery Tour (must be pre-registered)

**Monday, February 12**

Book Group at 4:30 pm

– Deadline for Monday Cooking Classes  
with Carole Registrations

**Wednesday, February 14** – deadline for  
Bingo reservations

**Saturday, February 17 – 7:00 pm - Bingo**

**Thursday, February 22** – deadline to  
reserve table for Yard Sale

**Friday, February 23 after 12:00 noon** –  
Set-up for Yard Sale

**Saturday, February 24 - Spring Yard Sale**  
in the Clubhouse, from 7:30 am to 2 pm.

**Wednesday, March 6** – deadline for  
reservations for March Pot Luck Dinner

**Saturday March 10 – March Pot Luck  
Dinner**

*All activities at the Clubhouse*

This month, we are distributing a printed Smoke Signal to **everyone** at Tippecanoe, to ensure all residents have the current information on the Board and how to contact us. We now have over 200 email addresses that we use to distribute the “Electronic Smoke Signal” as well as updates and important information. This leads to a significant cost saving that ultimately keeps Communications costs as low as possible. It is also much more efficient in the case of emergencies, such as Hurricane Irma last fall.

Therefore, if you are **not** receiving the Tippecanoe Emails, and **do** have access to the Internet, **please submit your email address (along with your name and unit number) so we can add you to our list.** You can email it to [admin@laketippecanoe.org](mailto:admin@laketippecanoe.org) or call Allan/Shelley Shusterman at 941-554-7105 or Betty Harrington at 941-923-9784, or drop it in the Clubhouse Smoke Signal Box. A form is on the last page. This information is secure and will never be shared with any entity other than within Lake Tippecanoe. Our distribution list is securely managed at Mailchimp, and is not available to any unauthorized individuals, only your Communications Committee.

Also, we request that you verify your information currently in the March 2017 phone book, and alert us (you can email or call the contacts above) with any additions or corrections. A new book should be out next month.

**Timely information will enhance everyone’s enjoyment of our community!**

Also, please make sure that all submissions for future Smoke Signals are emailed to: [smokesignal@laketippecanoe.org](mailto:smokesignal@laketippecanoe.org), and remove the old yahoo email address from your address books. You can also submit items on paper to the Smoke Signal box in the Clubhouse.

## President’s Message

I would like to thank all of you who took the time to vote at the Annual Meeting, your voice is important to all of us. Your vote results for the four open Director’s positions were: Dale Baller, Awilda Epp, John Hoffman, and Mike Meilhan.

The Officers will be Dale Baller - President, Fred Rood – Vice President, Allan Shusterman - Treasurer, and Awilda Epp - Secretary, Directors at large: John Hoffman and Mike Meilhan, a complete list of responsibilities will be in next month’s Smoke Signal. Grace Young resigned at the Board Meeting on January 29. We wish her well. Her position will be filled at the Board Meeting in February.

Also a big thank you to Jim Swindell for his 20 years on this Board, we wish him well.

We have plans for 2018 and will discuss those at the next meeting. If anyone has issues, leave a work order or call any current Board member.

*Dale Baller*

## Reports:

**Grounds:** I see a lot of work being done on three foot areas. Good job by all to make Lake Tippy look good. The mulching of common areas is complete. Randy and Russ will be doing pruning and edging and general grounds clean-up, when not mowing. The tree service will be here in February to finish the trimming and dead branch cutting. The fences will be repaired in the next few weeks. We will be sweeping the roads every three months to help keep our road drains clean.

**Security:** I hope everyone had a safe and happy holidays. Remember to not become a victim. Keep home and vehicles LOCKED. Always be aware of your surroundings when out and about. Be careful of mail and phone scams. Stay safe.

*John T Hoffman*

## Finance

Despite \$10,000 in storm damage, we finalized our 2017 year with a \$50,000 surplus (subject to yearend adjustments). We met with Lighthouse to prioritize our spending for 2018. On the plus side, we may only need one new roof this year, however on the negative, three of buildings need extensive exterior renovation. We will be using some of our reserves for this.

In 2017, we upgraded our water supply by reopening an unused well and updating stand-by generators. We also identified the need for a generator for our sewage treatment plant for extended outages. Because it is close to the Clubhouse, we may be able to extend the power to it as well. This will provide an air conditioned lighted space with a kitchen and WIFI for long power outages. We are exploring costs and feasibility for this major project. Our HOA fees will not increase this year.

*Allan Shusterman, Treasurer*

## Communications

We continue to provide two channels of communications, the Smoke Signal, a monthly publication from October to April, and our Mail Chimp online format. I would like to thank Shelley Shusterman for her many hours of editing and her inestimable computer skills. I would also like to thank our delivery team.

This Smoke Signal is being delivered to every unit. We are updating our telephone directory. If you are new in the last year, please confirm your telephone number and e-mail address (if any) by e-mailing us or by putting the form in the Smoke Signal box in the Clubhouse. See last page for form to advise us of any changes/additions.

The telephone numbers will be published in our directory sometime for distribution near the end of February. Your e-mail addresses will not be distributed.

One last item, please check out our website, [www.laketippecanoe.org](http://www.laketippecanoe.org)

*Allan Shusterman, Communications*

## Social news

We still have a few openings for the Siesta Key Rum Distillery Tour on February 10th, at 1:00. We will meet at the club house at 11:45. We can carpool if you don't want to drive over. Call Brenda at [\(860\)309-1207](tel:8603091207) for information on the address. After the tour, we will go to an early dinner at Der Dutchman. If anyone would like to go, please let Brenda know.

Next Pot Luck is March 10th with entertainment by Holly. The cost is \$7.00 to cover Holly. Call Patty by March 6th to tell her what you will be bringing and to pay before the dinner at [\(941\)706-3580](tel:9417063580).

*Brenda Fijalkowski*

## Cooking Classes

Cooking classes will be held at the clubhouse for anyone who is interested in learning soups, stews and more! Class size will be limited. Fee for class supplies will be \$5 to \$10 depending on menu chosen and number of students. Everyone will take home a meal to eat.

The first class will be held on February 5 at 5:30 pm. We can make the deadline February 12. Instructions will include how to purchase the best ingredients, how to prepare ingredients and cook for the best results.

Call Carole Rocco at 609-923-9331 by February 3 if you are interested!



**Tippy Spring Yard Sale** in the Clubhouse **Saturday February 24, 2018 from 7:30 am to 2 pm.** Setup will be Friday February 23 after 12:00 noon.

All Tippy residents are welcome to join us. Sell those items stuck in your closet that you never use, or just need to go. Tables are \$4.00 each to help pay for Newspaper Ads.

Call **Rita Barsby at 941-922-3406** by Feb 22 to reserve a table for the Sale.



Bingo will be held at the Clubhouse on **Saturday, February 17th at 7:00PM.** It is important that you call your reservations in by Wednesday, February 14th. This extremely helps to determine the prize money. The cost is \$3.00 per person, which includes 3 Bingo cards and refreshments. Extra cards are \$1.00 apiece. Call your reservations to Dorothy Steen at 922-2601 or Nancy Stevens at 321-7168. Come and enjoy a great evening of fun.

## Book Group

Our next review is “**A Gentleman in Moscow**” by **Amor Towles** on Monday, February 19 at the Clubhouse at 4:30 pm. This book was on the New York Times bestseller list for over 20 weeks and was named one of the best books of 2016 by the Chicago Tribune, The Washington Post, the Philadelphia Inquirer, the San Francisco Chronicle and National Public Radio.

We encourage booklovers to join us for a lively discussion, and bring suggestions on future books for us to add to our reading list. Call Shelley at 941-554-7105 if you have any questions or would like more information.



## Know Your Neighbors



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

## Updates About Tippy Residents

This month instead of featuring one of our neighbors' stories, we are updating you on several of our residents.

### Letter from June Mades

I moved from unit 147 – 4586 Mohican Tr – to Fountains of Hope, an Assisted Living Residence at #107- 2250 Jesus Way, SRQ 34240 on Tuesday, Jan 23. My phone number will stay the same: 941-927-9803. You can keep in touch by email: [jmades41@comcast.net](mailto:jmades41@comcast.net)

To say I am sad to leave Tippy is the understatement.

*June Mades*

Ed. Note: June will be missed!

### Letter from Joe D'Agostino

Thank you to all those who sent cards for my birthday and the get well wishes, and the phone calls too.

To those who visited, thank you, it brightened up my day.

Just to let you know I am progressing along and I am looking forward to coming home soon. Regards,

*Joe D'Agostino*

## Jim Swindell Retires from Board after serving 20 years



On January 29, an era ended as Jim Swindell retired from the Board of Lake Tippecanoe. He will be missed, surveying the property from the golf cart, dealing with various mechanical issues around the community (especially the hidden services such as water and sewage). He supervised the replacement of our roofs over the last few years and was always willing to accept calls from residents, even late at night. Dale Baller, our President joked at the Annual meeting that “Jim was the only one willing to take the late night calls”. Thanks

for your many years of service, Jim and we hope you enjoy your second retirement!

## Passings

As there were no Smoke Signals during the Summer months, we sadly report the passing of Dorothy (Dot) Gay. Aug. 20, 1924 - June 20, 2017

Here is an excerpt from her obituary:

She was preceded in death by Vernon Gay, her husband of 50 years, her parents, and five siblings. She is survived by her son, Vernon Gay and daughters Shirley Williams (Larry) of Camden, SC, and Linda Wishart (Bill) of Ellijay, GA, and her sister, Eleanor of Thomasville, GA. Affectionately known as "Molly", she will be greatly missed by her 8 Grandchildren and their spouses, 18 Great-Grandchildren, and 10 Great-Great Grandchildren. She was a member of First Baptist Church. Her greatest joy was spending time with her family. She will always be remembered for her bright smile and the love she shared with so many. – Submitted by John Andrews.

## Orientation Committee Update - Marge Jeffers

The Orientation Committee met with the following new residents in our community. Please join us in giving them a warm Lake Tippecanoe welcome.

Unit 1 Bob and Loeky Salvini – Owners 4407 Tippecanoe Trl 201-368-3453	Unit 20 Robert Collins – Owner 4549 Tippecanoe Trl 941-504-8299
Unit 63 Maria Aguayo - Owner 4421 Narraganset Trl 509-594-7220	Unit 77 Greg and Dianne Steele - Owner 4548 Narraganset Trl 413-429-7853
Unit 115 Amsden & Veronica Cheney - Renters 4622 Tippecanoe Trl 941-209-1084 (Veronica) 941-730-7271 (Amsden)	Unit 124 Tammy Leingang & Bea Burton – Owners 4545 Mohican Trl 941-879-7854 - Tammy 941-879-5648 - Bea
Unit 174 Linda Egan – Owner 4574 Shoshone Trl 941-323-2093	Unit 209 Nelly Schulte – Owner 4503 Ottawa Trl 941-704-6570

## It pays to be a Senior in Florida



Although many places offer discounts to seniors, often you need to ask for them. Some places offer discounts to those as young as 50, but many more set the age at 60 or 65. It never hurts to ask! Just the other day, we ate at Chili's, and our waiter didn't

know it was available, the Manager confirmed, and we saved 10%. Discounts at retail stores often change over time, therefore please contact your local retail store in Florida first to verify which senior citizen discounts are available.) Here is a partial list of places serving our community that offer Seniors Discounts which were culled from assorted Websites. Please verify before shopping. Sometimes discounts vary with Chains and are available at discretion of local management.

### Restaurants

**Applebee's** has a 15% discounts for seniors citizens for seniors 60+ with Golden Apple

**Arby's** has a 10% discount available for senior citizens age 55+

**Ben & Jerry's** has a 10% senior citizen discount available for seniors 60+

**Bennigan's** has a senior citizen discount available for seniors 60+

**Bonefish Grill** has an up to 15% discount for AARP members

**Boston Market** has a senior citizen discount of 10% for seniors 65+

**Burger King** has a 10% senior discount available on beverages for seniors 60+

**Chick-Fil-A** has a 10% senior discount or a free small beverage for seniors 55+

**Chili's** has a 10% senior citizen discount for seniors 55+

**Culver's** has a senior citizen discount of 10% for seniors 60

**Dairy Queen** has a 10% senior citizen discount for seniors 60+

**Denny's** has a 10% senior citizen discount for seniors 55+

**Dunkin' Donuts** has a senior citizen discount AARP members

**Golden Corral** has a senior discount of 10% for seniors 60

**IHOP** has special menu for seniors 55

**KFC** give a free small drink with a meal for senior citizens 55

**LongHorn Steakhouse** has senior discounts available

**Long John Silver's** has a discount available for seniors 55+ in Florida

**McDonald's** has a senior citizen discount on coffee for seniors 55+

**Perkins Restaurants & Bakery** has senior discounts for seniors 55+

**Sonic** has a senior citizen discount of 10% available for seniors 60+ in Florida

**Sonny's BBQ** has a senior citizen discount of 10% - 25% available for seniors

**Sweet Tomatoes** has a 10% senior discount available

**Steak 'n Shake** has a 10% discount available on certain weekdays for seniors 50+

**Subway** has a 10% discount for senior citizens 60+

**Taco Bell** has a 5% discount or a free beverage available for senior citizens 65+

**TCBY** has a 10% discount available for senior citizens 55+

**Waffle House** has a 10% discount available for senior citizens 60+ on certain days

**Wendy's** has a 10% discount available for senior citizen 55+

### Senior Citizen Discounts at Retail Stores

**Bealls** has a 15% discount available for senior citizens 50+ on Tuesdays

**Kohl's** has a 15% discount for senior citizens 60+ on Wednesdays



## 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

**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

**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](http://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 (including SRQ and TPA Airports), 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](mailto:verblbandt@aol.com) Thank You.

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### Submission Form for Communications Committee

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street only)

Telephone number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

*Leave in Clubhouse Smoke Signal Box*

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