

LAKE TIPPECANOE SMOKE SIGNAL

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2018

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Board of Directors

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Jim Swindell

Roofs

John Hoffman,

941 921-5460

Security, Grounds

Greg Winn

Roads, Carports, Pest Control
Architectural Changes.

248 595-1559

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 responsibility for Plumbing emergency Condo

Pest Control: Massey 941 955-7378

FPL Outages (800) 468-8243

Website: www.laketippecanoe.org

Calendar of Events

March 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, March 5 – deadline for registrations for March 10 Pot Luck

Saturday, March 10 at 6:00 pm Pot Luck with Entertainment by Holly

Wednesday, March 14 – deadline for Bingo reservations

Saturday, March 17 at 7:00 pm - Bingo

Monday, March 19 at 4:30 pm – Book Review “Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine”

Clubhouse WiFi:

CBCI-C4A1-2.4 (or -5)

password: autumn6290entry

President's Report

Update of Board members

For your information, the following 7 people are your Board of Directors, with each name, are the areas of responsibility each has assumed for 2018. These include some areas that are not mentioned in the box on the first page of every Smoke Signal.

Dale Baller President

- Lake
- Pool
- Daily operations of Lake Tippecanoe

517 929-4887

Fred Rood Vice President

- Buildings
- Plumbing,
- Sewer and Water

315 427-8993

Allan Shusterman

- Treasurer
- Communications

941 554-7105

Willi Epp

- Secretary
- Files updates,
- in charge if getting keys from residents
- Posting meetings, posting minutes of meetings
- Attend new owners orientations
- In charge of club House Cleaning

941 822-3104

Jim Swindell

Jim, after 20 years of serving on the Board, with the shortest retirement ever is filling in for a board member that resigned with one year term remaining.

- Will work with Fred on water and sewer
- Roofs

941 926-8007

John Hoffman

- Security
- Grounds
- Trees
- pool furniture

941 921-5460

Greg Winn

New board member taking over for Mike Meilahn, who is moving away.

- Roads
- Carports
- Massy Pest Control issues
- Architectural changes.

248 595-1559

We also have **Committee Chairs:**

Shelley Shusterman, Communications 941 554-7105 admin@laketippecanoe.org

Brenda Fijalkowski, Social 860 309-1207

Geri Demmer, Clubhouse Rental, Booking 941 924-0588

Marge Jeffers, Orientation 920 579-2818

Everything is looking to be on track for 2018. The board all have a list of duties. We all work together, if one is gone or unavailable, the others fill in. With Greg and Willi joining the board this year, we will have four board members here in the summer, and three others a phone call away, and a flight away.

Dale Baller

Grounds and Security

Grounds: Tree trimming should be complete by March 5th. Fences have been repaired and a new plastic fence was installed around the front of the water plant. The three foot areas are looking good. Thanks to all that take the time and effort to make Lake Tippy look great.

Security: In the past few weeks we had to remove door to door salesmen from the property. Signs are posted at both entrances, advising these people that sales are not allowed in Lake Tippecanoe. If a salesperson comes to your door advise them to leave. Be careful about giving any information to these people. If they do not leave, contact a Board member. Let's all drive slowly in Lake Tippy as we have walkers and bikers sharing the road. Stay Safe!

John T Hoffman

Smoke Detector Requirement

Operating Smoke Detectors are required by law in every dwelling in Florida, if you don't have one, please get one immediately.

If you cannot install your detector yourself, please fill out a work order, and Dean will install it for you at no charge. Keep safe!

From the Editor's Keyboard

Thanks to all who submitted their articles early for this month's Smoke Signal, so I would be done in time to host an out-of-town visitor from our northern home in Ottawa, Canada. I look forward to playing tour guide.

Once again, I welcome any ideas and suggestions for items and articles for the Smoke Signal, and remind you that although we won't be printing editions in the "slow season", likely from May through September, we plan to be issuing monthly updates by email. The Communications committee has been working on updating our master list, and we now have 200 email addresses for the community. If you would like to be added, simply

send a request by email to admin@laketippecanoe.org with your unit number, name and email address.

I am also working on updating our community web site. By State law, we need to have certain documents and information on it by July. If you know your way around web site editing, I would appreciate having a backup person, in case I am unavailable (you never know!). I am doing this as a volunteer, which is saving our community thousands of dollars for a professional webmaster.

Shelley Shusterman

Social Committee



Eighteen of us went to the Siesta Key Rum tour on Feb 10. What a great time we had. It was so interesting to see how they make rum and the history behind this distillery. The sampling was great and we all took advantage of that.



There is so much to see and do in our city that we don't know about until it comes up in conversation.

Pot Luck March 10!

Holly will be singing for us at our next potluck on March 10. The cost is \$7.00 for entertainment. Call **Pati Neal at 941-706-3580** to register and tell her what dish you will be making by March 5. You can just come for the entertainment and pay \$7.00 if you don't want to join the dinner before. Please pay Pati before the potluck.

We are making plans for the Snowbird picnic in April. We wanted to make sure we have it before all the snowbirds go back.

Brenda Fijalkowski

Plantings on Wilkinson

Although the County didn't approve our request for matching funds, the Board has approved the plantings, which should happen soon. This will provide a screen from the street for the items and vehicles stored in the fenced area, as well as add a sound barrier.

Around Tippy

Circle of Flowers – Pawnee Trail

Due to the frost in January, we had to replace all the lights under our Flag. We also needed to replace many of the flowering plants. A big thank you to all who donated. Special thanks to Bob Landry for his work installing the bright lights, Judy Terreri and Tim White for planting flowers and Sharon Hewitt for maintaining the garden.



We sure have beautiful people who live in Tippecanoe, without their help I could never do it myself. Thanks to the Board for providing brown mulch. Come see our flowers and new lights, our garden is for all residents of Lake Tippecanoe to enjoy.

I am still in remission, my doctors continue to watch me closely.

Jim Sysko



New residents at Tippecanoe!

This photo was taken by Leslie Williams as she did some landscaping for Jim & Lottie Sysko on Pawnee Trl. The tree is a kind of palm that resembles bamboo. There have been sightings of 3 babies.

Yard Sale Great Success



Our semi-annual Yard Sale was held on Feb 24. Many thanks to Rita and Bobby for all their hard working organizing. People were lined up to enter a half hour before it started! Thanks to all who pitched in to make it a success.



Beautiful landscaping (right)

Michelle Medley, of Narragansett has made her backyard a beautiful oasis. Just an example of how creativity can impact our community.



Bingo will be held at the Clubhouse on **Saturday, March 17th at 7:00PM**. It is important that you call your reservations in *by Wednesday, March 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



A lively discussion was held on February 19 as we reviewed “A Gentleman in Moscow” by Amor Towles, everyone liked the book, even though it was a little slow in the beginning. All agreed it should be highly recommended.

On Monday March 19, we will review the book “Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine: A Novel” by Gail Honeyman, a touching and thought-provoking read with strong characters that are very likable. This book is a bestseller and Costa First Novel Book Award winner for 2017.

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. We are also reconsidering meeting date and time, so we would appreciate your input!



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

For the next few issues, we are featuring Neighbors who serve on our current Board of Directors. First up: **Allan Shusterman**

I was born in 1952 in Toronto attended school there and graduated from the University of Toronto. Shelley and I married before we graduated and then moved to Ottawa, in order for me to take a job with the Government of Canada, Shelley soon found work at Fisher Scientific. For the next thirty odd years I worked for various Departments and Agencies culminating at the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI). OSFI is charged with regulating the soundness of Banks, Insurance companies and other financial institutions in Canada. During my time there I became a union Steward with the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada (PIPSC), which represents over 60,000 members across Canada. I attended several councils and was elected to the Board of Directors in 1998. Over the years I served in a number of positions, including Chief Steward, President of the National Capital Region and National Vice-President. I retired from the Civil Service in 2001 and have stayed busy, remaining on the executive of the Retired Members Guild of PIPSC.

One of my fondest memories of Union events came during a training session, when the Trainer – his name was Angus, was explaining the principle of “Fair Representation”, everyone had a blank look, and Angus said: “Look guys, it's not rocket science”, immediately a guy at the back put up his hand and said “I am a rocket propulsion researcher and I don't understand”. Angus then said, “It's not brain surgery” and a guy in the second row put up his hand and said “I'm a neuro-surgeon ---”. Angus interrupted

him and called for a coffee break. Sometimes it's hard working with professionals! This helped prepare me for lots of volunteer work during my retirement.

Shelley and I have two daughters, Hana and Julia and three granddaughters, Morgan, age 13, and twins Samantha and Emma, age 4. All of us live in Ottawa, Canada (at least during the summer).

We purchased our Condo in 2011 at Lake Tippecanoe, and I was elected to the Board of Directors five years ago, I'm proud to say that in spite of being a snowbird, and thanks to conference calls, I have not yet missed a meeting. I currently serve as Treasurer and Chair the Communications Committee which maintains our list of residents, publishes the Smoke Signal (thanks Shelley for being the editor), sends out emails to owners and residents with current information, and the annual telephone directory. Shelley also maintains our website!

Editor's note: no favoritism here, Allan was the only Director to respond to our request! We plan to feature other Directors in the next issues.

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.



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. 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 verlbandt@aol.com Thank You.

I help clients get rid of pains and also lose weight without drugs.
I charge \$15.00 per session. Willi Epp 941 822 310