

**TROPICS RESIDENTS' CLUB, INC.  
33000 ALMADEN BLVD., UNION CITY, CA 94587**

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1-800-564-5105

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510-471-1365 - M—F 9am-5pm 911 after 5pm

**TROPICS RESIDENTS' CLUB, INC.  
2012—2014 COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND COORDINATORS**

Breakfast chair	Barry Lependorf	431-3401
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Potluck	Irene Wolfe	489-7529
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**TROPICS BREEZE**

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Have you had an interesting trip. Perhaps you know someone interesting and would like to write a short bio to honor them. Or maybe you have some knowledge you would like to share with others. The Breeze welcomes the submission of articles by Tropics residents to be published as space allows. We do not expect submitters to be accomplished authors, we are not pro's here. We require only that the content of your article not be political or personal in nature.

*All submissions must reach the editors by the 11<sup>th</sup> of the month.*

# NEW BEGINNINGS

From President Debbie

I have two items that are pretty important to all the residents in our park.

The first thing is our annual Wish List. This is a list for those of you who don't know, of items put together from input from our residents and your Tropics Residents' Club Board. This list includes items that may improve our park grounds, safety in the park, or any other items that you can think of for the betterment of our community.

I want to hear from you. In the past after the Wish List has been compiled, sent to Millennium and approved, I hear from residents and or clubs that the Wish List should have contained this, that or the other after the fact. So, the final Wish List will be compiled at the January Board meeting and turned in to Millennium for approval. I know it seems early. But I am giving everyone a chance to let their thoughts be known by dropping a letter in the Residents' Club mailbox.

Second, next June will be Election time already. Your current Boards term will expire and a new board will be elected. In April, an Election Committee will be appointed. If you would like to have a say in your community please volunteer to be on the committee.

I would like to see the election be more competitive than in the past. It would be nice if our residents had a choice in who they elect to our Board. Please be thinking of volunteers to recruit for the elections.

FYI, one Park Bench has been installed and two more are on order for the South end of our park. The tables and chairs in the dining hall have been power washed and there are no more greasy grimy gopher guts on the undersides.

See you around the Park,  
Debbie

## TROPICS RESIDENTS' CLUB MEETING

Next Residents' Club Meeting

**November 14 @ 7:00 pm**

Refreshments

**Learn about happenings around your park**

## MILLENNIUM MEMO

Some good news this month: the Clubhouse Lighting & Exhaust Project is finally completed. The work is complete, the City Inspector has signed off, the Spectrum Lunches, Food Bank, Casino Night and the other activities in the Main Hall can resume...all is well in The Tropics.

I haven't heard much feedback yet, other than a report that "they held the residents' meeting last Thursday and it was nice and cool with the fans going" and "residents are liking the lighting so far." The real test will come when the temperatures heat up and we see if the exhaust system sucks out the weather-related hot air, as promised. So far, so good, however.

The tables & chairs are being steam cleaned as I type this, so everything should be looking new again.

More good news: Gil has recuperated and is back at his post as Maintenance Manager. We owe a big thanks to Jim Woock, our lead maintenance staff person, for filling in for Gil for the past three months. Not every Community has such strong back-up. Jim, stand up and take a bow. OK, you can sit down now.

### The Millennium Family Grows

Millennium has acquired two Communities in 2013 so far, something that is probably more exciting to me than to you. The Communities: Millbrook Mobile Village in Fresno and Vista de Santa Barbara in Carpinteria.

Millbrook is a 93-space all-age community on, yes, Millbrook Avenue. Millbrook isn't nearly as nice as The Tropics: the lots and homes are much smaller, the prior owner neglected the infrastructure for years, if not decades...just the sort of community that needs our help.

Millbrook is about to see better days; we've already begun what will be a complete makeover to bring it up to the standards of a Millennium Community.

Vista de Santa Barbara is a very nice 124-space Community just off Highway 101. It's not actually in Santa Barbara but it has a "vista" of it. The previous owner converted Vista to all-age a year or two ago over the loud objections of the homeowners, who would love to have their Over-55 status back. We're talking to our lawyers to see if this is possible.

With these acquisitions, we now own 20 Communities containing 4,650 spaces and more than 10,000 residents. Why am I telling you this, you wonder? Well, I have to brag to someone, don't I? As you might guess, this is an exciting time for us.

### Thanksgiving Thought

*"Heap high the board with plenteous cheer and gather to the feast,  
And toast the sturdy Pilgrim band whose courage never ceased."* Alice Brotherton (1848-1930).

Have a great Thanksgiving!

*George Turk*



# Flu Season is Here!



**By getting your flu shot this fall, you will be protecting yourself and your family.**

## Cost:

- FREE with Medicare Part B (recipient cannot belong to an HMO unless otherwise specified); Please bring your Medicare card
- FREE if recipient covered by a Maxim accepted insurance company
- To all other recipients: find out if your insurance company will reimburse you. If you do not currently have health insurance, visit [www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov) for more information about finding health insurance or the Affordable Care Act.



## Some Dates & Locations:

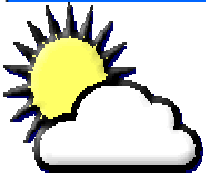
- **Walgreens**, 3680 Decoto Rd, Fremont (510) 793-9798, 9am-10pm every day
- **Safeway**, 1790 Decoto Rd, Union City (510) 429-9093, 9am-5pm M-F, 9am-5pm Sat-Sun

Available now and all season, while supplies last. The sooner in the season you get there, the more likely it is that shots will be available. Walk-ins welcome, or schedule an appointment online or by phone.



## **Flu: Who Should Receive the Flu Vaccine?**

Experts recommend that any person who wishes to reduce the risk of getting influenza or transmitting it to others should be vaccinated. When someone who has influenza sneezes, coughs, or even talks, the influenza virus is expelled into the air and may be inhaled by anyone close by. This greatly increases your chances of getting the Flu; a Flu Shot will decrease these chances.



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## ***RESIDENTS WHO ARE UNDER THE WEATHER***

Richard Haack

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### ***Sympathy for the loss of a resident***

Emile Meijer, Sept. 29, 2013

Phil Cox, Oct. 2, 2013

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### **Manager's Corner for November 2013**



It was nice to get back to the normal schedule of seeing the dining hall in use for exercise sessions, lunches, dancing and so on. It was way too quiet lately and we enjoy seeing you using the facilities that have been updated. As luck would have it, the new air conditioning is ready for winter but so far it has seemed to do the job for the few hot days we had. We even had the tables and chairs freshened up. Park Benches have been ordered for the South side green belt and Maintenance is in the process of installing them. Some residents have already expressed their appreciation.

Reminder: Many Park residents that have cats are still letting them roam freely and we have received a few complaints from your neighbors that do not appreciate them using their yard. The residents want to enjoy their flowers and gardens and not be surprised by a present from your cat. The same goes for dogs – We have installed doggie stations throughout the park for your use. Let's all do our part in keeping the park free of animal litter. Also, if you have adopted a new pet, please stop by the office for a Pet Agreement.

The Halloween ghosts, witches and pumpkins (and how can I forget candy) have been stored away for use next year and it is on to Thanksgiving. Whew!! – Where did the year go? I don't know about you but it seems to pass by so quickly. I have to stop and remind myself to be so thankful for all the blessings as we move on to Turkey Day.

Happy Thanksgiving to one and all.

*Nancy Payne*, Resident Manager

# Upcoming Events

FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF THE TROPICS

Nov.	9	Saturday	Tropics Breakfast
Nov.	11	Monday	Thunder Valley Casino Trip
Nov.	13	Wednesday	Ladies Club Bingo
Dec.	7	Saturday	Holiday Dinner
Dec.	31	Tuesday	New Year's Eve Party
Jan.	11	Saturday	Tropics Breakfast
Jan.	25	Saturday	Tropics Dinner

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR SOME NICE FOLKS LIKE YOU TO  
VOLUNTEER SOME TIME AND TALENT  
TO HELP US MAKE OUR EVENTS MORE FUN AND  
SUCCESSFUL!**

**NOTE: SOME EVENTS WILL INCLUDE 50-50 DRAWING & DOOR  
PRIZE. TICKETS, 2/\$1.00.**

The Tropics Coffee Club meets  
 M/F, 9 am-10 am in the conference  
 room. Come and join us.

# November 2013

## Monthly Planner

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# Holiday Dinner

**Saturday, December 7**

Doors Open @ 5:30 p.m.

Come and join the Tropics Residents' Club Board  
in a festive Holiday Dinner.

**This is a Free Event for Tropics Residents.**



Live Entertainment  
Delicious Menu  
Door Prizes



Celebrate the holidays with your neighbors

Tickets available Starting November 12

**"SPLIT ENDS" BEAUTY SHOP**

**102 PALM DRIVE**

(NEXT DOOR TO B-BUG COMPUTER)

**TUESDAY - SATURDAY 10:00AM - 5:00PM**

**BARBARA GARCIA 510-364-4580**

**TICKET DEADLINE IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

**OR UNTIL ALL TICKETS GIVEN OUT**

**(NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR - NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST TICKETS)**





***Edna Louise Williams***

***July 16, 1916 – September 12, 2013***

35 year resident of The Tropics Mobilehome Park —Union City

Edna Louise Williams, age 97.. She was born July 16, 1916 to the late Walter & Hilda Stevenson of Oak Bluffs, MA . She grew up on Martha's Vineyard Island, and moved to California, the Tropics, in 1978. She was married to John A. Samuels from 1938 until his death in 1963. Two children, David and Janice were born from that union. From 1970 until

his death in 2011, she was married to Milton Williams.

Edna was actively involved in many, many activities in and outside of the Tropics. She was actively involved in her church, Unity of Fremont where she volunteered once a week, working in the office until her death. She was a member of Gerri Lee Hula Dancers where they celebrated her 97th birthday with her performing a solo hula dance.

She was also a member of the Red Hat Society Chapter-Hula Hotties, the Happy Hookers Crochet Group, the Tropics Tai Chi Group, and the Tropics Coffee Club Group which focus on exercising with game playing after exercising. She loved playing the games after exercising and would gladly share how she did.

Edna loved reading and would read one to two books a week. Even though, she had a Kindle fire, she still went to the library once or twice a week. Yes, Union City Library was her library. She continue to drive, do on line banking and perform most of these activities right up until she passed.

In the not so distant past, she took painting and art classes at the Ruggieri Senior Center and the Tropics.

She leaves a legacy of love, joy and beauty. She inspired others to exercise, to enjoy life and to value self.

*Submitted by Edna's family*

***Let's Get Connected!***

November 11 is a day to recognize Veterans that have served in the Armed Forces of this country. Dorothy Marshall, a Tropics resident since 1984 is featured in this issue.

Long time resident since 1978, Edna William's family submitted a short bio of her life. She was fully active in Park and outside activites until her passing at age 97.

I was told that there is a good possibility that Union City Transit will provide Sunday Service into the Park..

Any comments, questions are appreciated relating to **Connected** topics. I would like to focus on tech, ecology and moneysaving issues. Send your thoughts to Pete's email.

[eximage@yahoo.com](mailto:eximage@yahoo.com) or 510.324.1985



**AMERICAN  
STAGE TOURS**



*Presents exclusively for...*

*The Tropics Travelers  
Thunder Valley Casino*

**Monday November 11, 2013**

**\$30.00 per person**

**7:30 am** *Depart the Tropics Club House for Lincoln*

*30 Minute Rest Stop in Fairfield*

**11:00 am** *Arrive at Thunder Valley Casino, the ultimate Las Vegas style casino. There is a spacious gaming floor that includes over 1900 state of the art slot machines and 100 gaming tables.*

*Receive: \$10.00 coupon to redeem for slots or table games  
\$5.00 food coupon - good at all of the casino restaurants*

**3:15 pm** *Time for the return trip*

**5:45 pm** *Approximate arrival time home in Union City.*



*Casino package subject to change  
All passengers must have a valid government issued photo I.D.*

**Reservation Form**



**Name (s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Release of Liability:** *I/We the undersigned, agree to take full responsibility and hold harmless the Tropics Travelers, or American Stage Tours from any loss or liability which may result from my participation in this event. I / We understand the description and comprehend all risks involved by participating in this activity. I / We hereby absolve the Tropics Travelers, and American Stage Tours from any Liability*

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send completed signed form, with your payment to:**  
**The Tropics Travelers, Attn: Lynn Montoya**

**33000 Almaden Blvd, Union City, CA 94587 Telephone 510-471-6810**

**\*\*Residents can place reservation and payment form in the Residents' Club mailbox in the clubhouse lobby\*\***

**TROPICS LADIES CLUB**  
**Presents their annual fundraiser . . . .**  
**“BINGO PARTY”**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2013**

*Refreshments @ 12:30 P.M.      Bingo from 1:00-3:00 P.M.*

**Tropics Mobile Home Park Clubhouse**



**. . . . . PRIZES**



**. . . . . REFRESHMENTS**

**DONATION \$3.00**

**Pays for first (2) bingo cards plus dessert.**

**Up to (4) additional cards @ .50 each**

**All proceeds to be donated to the  
Toys for Tots Program**

**Tickets available from any Ladies Club Member**  
*Contact Irene Wolfe @ 489-7529 or Carol Orwig @ 471-8744  
for more information*



## **CERAMIC CLUB NEWS**

Our club meetings are always held on the first Tuesday of every month at 3:00 pm in the club house conference room. Anyone can attend and sit in on our meetings and also meet some active members of the club before or after the meeting. If you are thinking about joining or want to ask some questions or just get a tour of the ceramic room, this is an opportune time.

Our Ceramic Club bake sale table was outstanding this year due to all the members' participation of baked goodies. Thank You All! It was the most money we have ever brought in to our club from our bake sale.

The ceramic club is looking to purchase a New or Barely Used Outdoor Storage Shed. If you have one that is intact & presentable, please contact Irene Wolf at the below number.



You can call senior members for a view of the ceramic shop and or just to ask questions. Feel free to call Irene Wolfe at 489-7529, Judy Hendricks at 441-2314, or Melody Peterson at 487-7578. We will come greet you or ask another training member to help you.

Submitted by Sandy Parson

# TIPS FROM T.O.P.S.

By Tina Maria and Cathy Patterson

## The TOPS ways to lighten your holiday meal

Cookie swaps, catered lunches, buffet tables brimming with treats: We enjoy celebrating the holidays by sharing food. Don't let the season be a reason to overdo it, though. Follow these simple tips to keep the season bright – and light:

- ◆ **FILL UP FIRST...**Have a healthy snack before hitting the holiday gatherings. You make wiser choices when you're not so hungry.
- ◆ **GO EASY AT THE GET-GO...**Holiday appetizers are calorie minefields. Select one delectable starter and then stick to shrimp, vegetables and fruit before the main course.
- ◆ **MINGLE MORE AND LINGER LESS...**Make the rounds at holiday meals. Try not to hang around the food table, and limit second helpings to the healthiest fruit and vegetable dishes.
- ◆ **PUT YOUR FORK DOWN...**This is a time tested trick – if you put your fork down between every bite, you'll eat less and savor more.
- ◆ **SIP SMARTLY...**Avoid calorie laden soft drinks and/or punches and drink water.
- ◆ **CHOCOLATE...**Like coffee, it contains caffeine. It may cause you to toss and turn in your sleep. Try eating kiwi an hour before bedtime. You may sleep longer and better, research shows. Kiwifruit are rich in serotonin, a brain chemical that promotes REM sleep. They also contain folate, low levels of which have been linked to insomnia.

HERE AT TOPS CA CHAPTER 2466! WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A



TAKE OFF POUNDS  
SENSIBLY

HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON AND A HEALTHY NEW YEAR!! Come join us in our new season of living a healthier lifestyle! We meet every Sunday at 6:00pm in the Tropics Mobile Home

Park, 102 Palm Dr., more commonly known as the B Hive (B Bug) building. The first visit is free.

Have any questions feel free to call Leader—Tina Maria at 510 489-5749.

## **A Veteran of Two Wars - Dorothy Marshall (Holtzberg)**

### **WORLD WAR II**

Shortly after finishing her training to become a Registered Nurse she was accepted into the NAVY NURSE CORP (NNC). She was stationed at the U.S. Naval Hospital (Mare Island, Vallejo, CA) for about two years – mostly serving on the amputee wards caring for Marines.

On 1/29/46 she was transferred to the MILITARY SEA TRANSPORT SERVICE (MSTS) for duty with medical teams on ships that transferred troops, government workers, and dependents on runs from San Francisco to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. A round trip took 12 to 14 days depending on the weather.

On 6/26/46 at the war's end she was discharged from the Navy as a Lt.Jg.

### **KOREAN WAR**

On 2/25/51, she was recalled back into the NNC to the Oaknoll Naval Hospital in Oakland, CA. working mostly on orthopedic wards and training corpsmen to become medics with the Fleet Marines in the South Pacific.

On 8/21/51 she was again sent to MSTS ships making runs from Seattle, WA to Yokohama, Japan carrying the same type of passengers as WWII. Many trips were made over a 20 month period. Each round trip took about 26 days. The sights and experiences of Japan were tremendous.

On 5/14/54 at the war's end she was discharged from the NNC as a Lt., thus ending her Navy career.

She is a Charter Member of the Memorial for Women in the Military, in Washington DC.

She and her husband moved into the Tropics in 1984. He passed away in 2005

Ships served aboard:

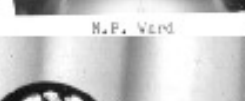
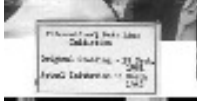
WWII: U.S.N.S. THOMAS JEFFERSON APA 30

KOREA: U.S.N.S. GEN. M.M. PATRICK and U.S.N.S. GEN. HUGH J. GAFFEY

Submitted by Barbara Kowell

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We are planning on doing a display to honor our veterans during November. If you are a veteran and would like your name and or picture included in the display please drop off your information in the Residents' Club box (right below the display case) or call Barbara at 477-9872 or 332-0492 or see her in the kitchen Tuesday or Thursday during lunch.



2/51 Recalled to duty for Korean War.. Oakland



Lt. Dorothy Holtberg: NNC USNR

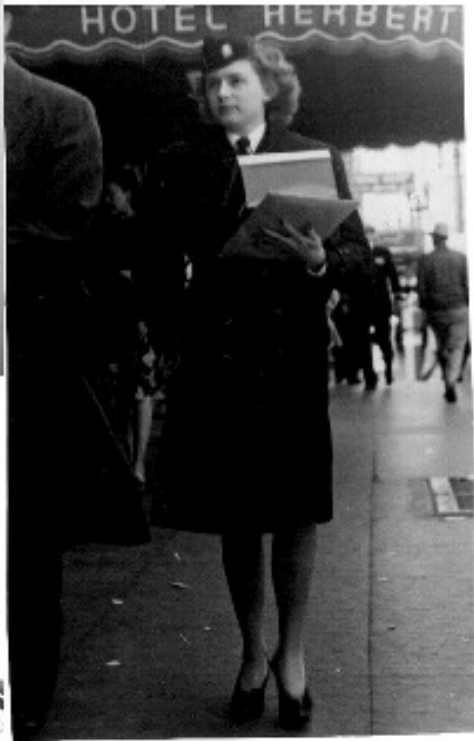


Seattle to Yokohama, Japan



Medal Award Ceremony

W.I. Herchler, Treasurer



Life Boat Drill Duty Station

Survived Life Boats

At Sea Off Duty Uniform

WIT-- Discharge Papers



Yokohama Life Boat Drill

Life Rafts

U.S. NAVY SHIP YAG-40, N. PEARL

**TROPICS RESIDENTS' CLUB BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 3, 2013**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Debbie Lependorf. All Board members present except for Gary Mendoza (excused).

Guests: Irene Wolfe, Terry Lyons, Joyce Hawkins, Lupe Pedroza, Peg Pollock, Richard Esquival and Scot Gardner.

Minutes from General Meeting on September 12, 2013 were read and approved with two grammar corrections.

**Incoming correspondence:**

Victoria Massey, resignation from Board due to work and school schedule.

Email from Ruggieri Senior Center, sent from Poly Olsen, regarding donation for their upcoming fundraiser.

**Old and Unfinished Business:**

Joyce Hawkins and Lupe Pedroza, from Ruggieri Senior Center fundraising committee came to Board meeting to ask for a donation from the Residents' Club. A donation was made last year by Betty Mayer, Bingo chair. President Debbie Lependorf explained that the Ruggieri Senior Center is not an approved 501 ( c ) (3) charity. Last year's donation was made in error. Debbie appreciated the two women coming to our meeting and since we are unable to donate this year, she will pass on the information about the charity event, at the general meeting, which is a masquerade ball on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2013.

**Tropics Crime Report:**

Ben Salsedo said he contacted the Union City Police Department and spoke to two officers about attending one of our general meetings to discuss crime in our park and what residents can do. Debbie asked Ben if the officers could attend our November general meeting and to let her know a.s.a.p. so we can announce it in the Breeze. Ben will get back with Debbie as soon as he hears from the officers.

**Listing Board:**

Ben conveyed that he and Irene worked on the board and took down any large flyers from outside businesses and he will contact the businesses and let them know they can no longer post their flyers.

**2014 Calendar:**

Debbie announced that last month when she asked that all board members choose a breakfast and dinner event to chair, it did not go over so well. Some board members chose and some didn't, so she decided to rescind her request, Barry and Debbie will go back to chairing events and the board will continue to help.

**New Business:**

Holiday Dinner expense. Barry asked the board for up to \$5,000 to cater our holiday dinner event. Board voted unanimously in favor of catering the event and spending the asked for amount.



Secretary. With Victoria's resignation, we now need a secretary. Debbie asked if any board member wanted to take over this position, board members present said no.

Past Events:

Casino Night. Everything went well and everyone had a good time. Debbie said thank you to the board members who worked hard and said we were very fortunate for all the volunteers who helped at this event.

Upcoming Events:

Debbie reminded the board members that we have three events in October. Our October Breakfast on the 12<sup>th</sup>, Flea Market on the 19<sup>th</sup> and Halloween dinner on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Debbie asked the board members for a confirmation that they all would be at the events. Ben Salsedo will be out of town on the breakfast date and Ken will get back to Debbie about the dates.

Other Business:

Scot Gardner brought an issue to the board and asked for their help. He is concerned about the impending construction on the lot next to his. After a bad experience in the past, he went to the office and asked for the property lines and was told Gill marked the lines off, but was not given a copy of the measurements. Debbie offered to ask the office for the dimensions and also suggested going to the planning department at City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm by Ken Mainville and seconded by Mona Jhaveri.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Lependorf  
President & Secretary

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## DISASTER COMMITTEE NEWS

As I was thinking about what to write this month it occurred to me some Residents may not know why our walk-talkie (or 2 way radios) checks were set-up for use in a major disaster. When messages are sent to Home Base by block captains those messages are monitored by our Tropics ham operator(s). If he/she hears a house(s) is on fire, a radio call can immediately be made to the City's central command post. Only they can dispatch fire trucks, police, ambulances, etc. We are fortunate here in the Tropics to have a ham radio set-up and several licensed ham radio operators. Perhaps now that we know the vital role block captains play for our safety, we will have a few more volunteers!

Also for your information, if you have an emergency plumbing leak in your home you had better know how to turn off the water shut-off valve (which is located outside). Some of the water shut-off valves in the Park are rusted so badly they will not turn. Find out where your valve is, and make sure it is in working order!! If it needs to be replaced the Park maintenance staff will change it.

Submitted by Carol Lowe, Disaster Committee Chair

# THE TROPICS MOBILE HOME PARK

## THE TROPICS RESIDENTS' CLUB



Meet 2nd Thursday of every month  
7:00 pm  
In the Clubhouse  
Debbie Lependorf @ 431-3401

## THE TROPICS BREAKFAST



2nd Saturday of the Month  
8:30 am - 9:30 am  
In the Clubhouse  
Barry Lependorf @ 431-3401

## THE TROPICS TRAVELERS

MONTHLY CASINO TRIPS See flyers in Breeze  
And in Clubhouse



Lynn Montoya  
@ 471-6810

## THE TROPICS DINNER



4th Saturday of the Month  
5:30 pm  
In the Clubhouse  
The Tropics Board

## THE TROPICS LADIES CLUB



Meet 1st Wednesday of each quarter

No further official monthly meetings.  
Watch the Breeze for Social Events  
Occurring during the year.

## THE TROPICS COFFEE CLUB



Meet Monday - Friday  
8:30 am  
In the Conference Room  
Jackie Hill @ 489-4388

## THE TROPICS SPRING CHICKENS



Meet Tuesdays & Thursdays

8:30 am  
In the Clubhouse for exercise  
Carolyn Hoppes @ 489-6894

## THE TROPICS POT LUCK



Meet 1st Sunday of each Month

5:30 pm  
In the Clubhouse  
Irene Wolfe @ 489-7529

## THE TROPICS CERAMIC CLUB



Meet 1st Tuesday of the Month

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

In the Conference room

Melody Peterson @ 487-7578

## MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Tropics Recreation Center

Every 2nd & 4th Thursday

@2:00 pm

Please bring a box or bag.

## THE B-BUG COMPUTER CLUB



Open Monday - Friday

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

In the B-Bug Building

Larry Cornell @ 510-397-4782

## THE TROPICS DISASTER TEAM



Meet Last Thursday of the Month

6:30 P.M.

@ the B-Bug Club

Carol Lowe 510-324-1985



## **B BUG CLUB NEWS FOR NOVEMBER 2013**

**VISIT THE B BUG CLUB**

**LOCATED AT 102 PALM DRIVE**

**NEXT TO THE BEAUTY SHOP**

**8 COMPUTERS ON LINE WITH DSL INTERNET SERVICE.**

**WE ALSO HAVE A COMPUTER IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM FOR  
THE USE OF THE RESIDENTS WHEN THE B BUG IS CLOSED.**

**WE HAVE A COPY MACHINE AND SCANNERS.**

**WE HAVE A LARGE INVENTORY OF DVD MOVIES TO LOAN TO  
RESIDENTS.**

**B BUG HOURS OF OPERATION**

**8AM - 12:30PM WEEK DAYS**

**MOVIES EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6PM MOVIE STARTS AT 7PM**

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<b>RTE</b>	<b>MAGS</b>	<b>DELIVERY VOLUNTEER</b>	<b>PH No.</b>	<b>STREET</b>
01	24	134 Hana, Morris Carmichael	471-7770	Acapulco, Polynesia, Palm Dr 149-150
02	14	119 Madrone Way, Tom Chitwood	489-2103	Madrone
	12	131 Hana Way, Roger Taylor	489-6747	Hana Way
3	15	477 Hoya, Eleanor Wilson	489-5254	Hoya Way
4	21	489 Seema Circle, Ray Miller	475-1950	Seema & Kawella
20	18	373 Tropicana, Carl Hughes	471-5020	387-403 Tropicana & 33001 Almaden
	19	373 Tropicana, Allison Hughes	471-5020	368-386 Tropicana
5	13	515 Lanai, Laura King	471-7571	Lanai
6	14	528 Trinidad Circle, Virgil Lewis	324-1773	Trinidad
	20	179 Kona, John/Charlotte O'Donnell	324-0833	Kona

## **Distributor #2** --- If any problem, please call Michael O'Quin at 265-4091

<b>RTE</b>	<b>MAGS</b>	<b>DELIVERY VOLUNTEER</b>	<b>PH No.</b>	<b>STREET</b>
08	31	193 Hawaii, Rose McGee	475-6963	Hawaii
12	18	223 Hula, Irlanda Perez	475-8812	Hula
13	18	243 Jamaica, Mary Leon	487-4481	Jamaica
14	18	284 Oahu, Nick Bueno	675-0677	Oahu
15	21	51 Palm, Irv Mayer	487-0235	Palm Drive 40-60
16	18	265 Molokai, Steve Evans	471-3024	Molokai
10	20	70 Palm Drive, Michael O'Quin	265-4091	Palm Drive 61-85
17	18	297 Maui, Joyce York	487-6234	Maui
18	18	313 Kauai, J.J. Libbon	366-4270	Kauai

## **Distributor #3** --- If any problem, please call Pete or Carol Lowe at 324-1985

<b>RTE</b>	<b>MAGS</b>	<b>DELIVERY VOLUNTEER</b>	<b>PH No.</b>	<b>STREET</b>
19	19	12 Palm, Carol Lowe	324-1985	Palm 1-19
	20	26 Palm, Diane Steele	471-1750	Palm 20-39
21	16	321 Waikiki, Ron Silva	487-2193	Palm Drive 86-109
22	25	336 Waikiki, Christina Van Remoortel	675-9021	Waikiki
23	22	363 Tahitian, Hazel Carr	489-9416	Tahitian
24	16	412 Fiji, Loris Cook	489-7027	Fiji
25	16	427 Honolulu, Rocky Sampson	471-7332	Honolulu
26	21	169 Kona, Ruby Barker	489-3947	Panama, Makaha
27	30	443 Samoa, Rick Henry	487-7817	Samoa, Cumana

THANKS TO ALL THE ABOVE PEOPLE FOR VOLUNTEERING THEIR TIME AND FEET!  
WANT TO HELP? JUST GIVE US A CALL.

### **DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS PLEASE NOTE**

If you are going to be away during your normal delivery time  
Please find a substitute and notify the editors.  
Thank you.

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You can get to read the Breeze about 2 weeks before it arrives at your door.

If you have access to a computer, go to the above web address and click on the Breeze box.