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# DECEMBER 2022

# **MISSION HILLS POST**

# **BOARD REPORT**

By Eudora Partridge, President

Welcome to December Mission Hills. It is the month to celebrate with our family and friends and be thankful for all that is precious to us. So with that being said, we should treat everyone with dignity and respect.

The Board of Directors would like to thank all of the residents that have sent in the money for their assessment in a timely manner.

I want to thank the maintenance team for putting the lights on the trees for the holidays. They add that warm Christmas feeling.

I would like to remind residents that if you are planting outside of your condo, or putting in a patio, you need to make sure that you check with the office so that you don't have to move anything. Also, if you have a water spigot and hose that is shared by your neighbors and you turn it on, be sure the water is turned off when you are done. Thanks in advance.

I would like to bring this to everyone's attention. There have been a few residents that have had problems with dehydration. The Cleveland Clinic has great information on this. Just remember you should drink water regularly. If you wait until you are thirsty, you are already dehydrated.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah.

There will be no board meeting in December.

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# Keep Your Porch Lights On!

his has been noted in the *Neighborhood Watch* articles by Susan Salesses for months now, and yet people are still not turning on their porch lights at night. If you need a dusk to dawn bulb, you can get one from Susan for just \$5. Then just leave the switch in the on position, and your light will come on automatically. Please contact Susan at 727-754-8421, and she will get one to you. *Please keep your porch lights on at night for the safety of our community! Thank you!!* ~ The MHCA Board of Directors \*

# MISSION HILLS DIRECTORY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: (Please note all new e-mail addresses!)

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Clearwater Police Main Number: 727-562-4242

Mission Hills Office: 727-797-6402 \* missionhillsfl@gmail.com

Mission Hills Post: Susan Huntley \* missionhillspost@gmail.com

Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM ★ Fax: 727-797-1822

**Ameri-Tech Community Management:** For emergencies when the Mission Hills office is closed, please call 727-726-8000. **Follow the instructions provided in the recording.** Provide your name, address, and phone number, that you are located in Mission Hills, and state the nature of the emergency.

Property Manager: Jim Mateka \* jmateka@ameritechmail.com

# **COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES:** (See the calendar for event times)

Bingo: Kay Hunt - 810-845-6597

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**Documents:** Helen Strupczewski – 609-706-7214 ★ <u>vetnerz2@gmail.com</u>

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**FROM THE POST COMMITTEE:** Please submit articles and notices to the Post Editor via e-mail as a **Word** or **PowerPoint** document attached to the following e-mail address: **missionhillspost@gmail.com**. We are looking for "reporters" out there who would be willing to feed us articles of interest for the Post, with the understanding that they would be used at the discretion of the Post Team. Please send them to the e-mail listed above. **Please submit articles no later than the 20th of each month.** Editing of all articles is at the discretion of the Post Team.

SUBMIT EARLY...your cooperation is most appreciated!

Post Coordinator: Susan Huntley

# FINANCIAL REPORT

By Regina Hickey

Our October finances are as follows:

Income \$241,005. Expenses <u>254,233.</u> Over budget (13,228.)

Overbudget for the year (\$131,528)

The funds from the assessment for Operating Shortfalls will help offset this overage on the budget.

Want to say THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped make our Thanksgiving dinner very special. The food was great and I believe

everyone had a good time.

I also want to wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah! Enjoy your holidays where ever you choose to spend them!

If you have any questions about Mission Hills finances please don't hesitate to contact me at <a href="mailto:mhcadirector.treasurer@outlook.com">mhcadirector.treasurer@outlook.com</a> or 412-600-0802.

# **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

By Susan Salesses



# **Neighborhood Watch**

There have been several issues throughout the Mission Hills neighborhood during the month on November. It is very important that if you see something happening, please call the police to report it. If it is an emergency, dial 911. If it is something that you need to report, you may call the non-emergency number at 727-562-4242. The Neighborhood Watch team and the board are here to help but we are not authorized to do investigations or make arrests. You must call the police so that they can take care of the issue.

### Reminders -

\*Be courteous of your neighbors and for their safety and yours, please keep your front porch lights on throughout the night. Dusk to dawn lights are available for just \$5. Also, if you previously inquired about lights but you have the smaller socket, know that we now have adapters so you can use the bulbs we sell. Call Susan for a light bulb delivery and installation at 727-754-8421.

\*We are still in need of a few more volunteers from our community to patrol the neighborhood at night. This involves less than an hour of your time, two to four nights a month. We have a devoted patrol crew right now but we are in need of substitutes and some people to share certain days of the week with other members of our crew. Please contact Susan if you are interested.

\*Remember to lock your car, condos, storage spaces and any bicycles you have out each day. December is a time where we usually see an increase in thefts.

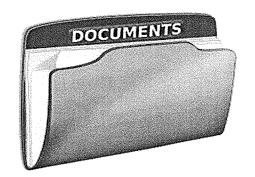
Wishing you and your families a joyous and happy holiday season.

Susan Salesses Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

# DOCUMENTS COMMITTEE NEWS FLASH!!

A primary responsibility of your Mission Hills

Documents Committee is the continuing education of all of
our residents as we plow through our By-Laws, Declaration,
the Statute 718, and all the various other laws and rules which
govern condo living in the state of Florida. In order to assist with
this mission, we have scheduled two Information Seminars . . .



one on January 19, 2023 and one on February 16, 2023. Both of these seminars will be at 6PM and will be held in our clubhouse hall. This will give ample (we hope) opportunity for all or most of our neighbors to attend either one or both, if you choose. Included in these Informational Seminars will be detailed discussions in regards to proxies. We will offer specific definitions about proxy, votes and the like. We will also discuss the now 3 proposed amendments, 2 of which have been pending resident votes since 2019.

As of this moment, your Documents Committee is preparing packets of information that will be ready in time for the seminars. Included will be a "Frequently Asked Questions" sheet ... so if you have anything specific you'd like to ask, drop us a line and we will have your answers prepared for you. As always, your Documents Committee will hold a Q&A after these discussions, so please feel free to write down what you want to ask us on the pages of your packets. Remember that the committee is active year round and we are available to assist you. Just drop us a line at vetnerz2@gmail.com .. we can take it from there.

One other thing ... we are happy to announce a new addition to our Documents Committee. Please help us welcome Sue Rousett as she begins to learn the ins and outs of the documents that drive living in Mission Hills Condos ... Yay, Sue!!!

So ... any other takers ... we'd love to have you!



# Mission Hills Diamond in the Rough

Submitted by John Prokopovich Facilities Maintenance Supervisor

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from your maintenance team.

Hurricane Nicole came through knocking down four sections of our fence, stop signs and we picked up over 10,000 pounds of sticks and branches.

Our beautiful newly planted fox tail palms are self cleaning; please do not tear off the fronds as they have to fall off.

I would like to share my visit with the owner of our pool company again from May of this year.

Because of labor and material shortages a lot of pool companies have gone out of business. But, have no fear. Our pool company has been in business since 1959, it is the largest one on the West Coast of Florida. They are 65% commercial and buy directly from the companies that produce the chemicals. They have a waiting list of three months on commercial accounts that cannot use their pools, because their previous companies went out of business. These companies could not get the chemicals or the labor.

SAFETY: Whenever there is suspicious activity going on in our community take it upon yourself to get the Clearwater police involved. There was a person in the bushes up front hiding and the police were called.

I would also like to thank the community for their continued patience on our sewer back ups. We have been addressing them and are working diligently on solutions. Please remember not to throw wipes down the toilet and into the sewer system. Your neighbors will appreciate that. The wipes cause plumbing problems with your down line residents by blowing the seals out of the toilets and spilling water on the floor along with backup sewage.

We have had a number of residents install a "Bidet sprayer" to their toilets. It's inexpensive and does the trick.

I would like to share some of our modern day challenges in regards to contractors ie....roofing.

In the last 24 months there have been 22 months in a row of price increases.

Metal is now three times what it was.

Fasteners for flat roofs are out of stock until next year.

In all contractors agreements there is an escalation clause that is now being activated like never before.

This does not even touch on the skill set of labor or getting labor.

We've had seven roofers and one landscaper suffer from heat stroke. Thankfully all have recovered.

As you can see our materials and wait times are higher and longer. I can't stress enough how fortunate we are to have had all of the roofs done, which is over two thirds of the community, when many other places are struggling...with no end in sight.

Our roofs are all completed for this year. I would like to thank the residents for their patience and understanding in these uncertain times.

"Some people miss the message because they are too busy looking for the mistake".

"What comes easy won't last... What lasts won't come easy."

# **BOOSTER CLUB MISSION STATEMENT**

Submitted by Vicki Loper, Booster Club President

Thanks to Keith Arndtt and Ralph Schlechty for calling our bingo games, and to Kay, Peggy and Eudora for helping with our games. Feel free to invite your friends and family to come for an evening of fun. Big winnings...great jackpot! Thanks for the participation!

The November Ice Cream Social was a huge success. A big thanks to Terri Bolander for her continued donations of ice cream and the toppings. Thank you to Janet Russell and her volunteers for a job well done. Thanks to Pat Loretto for the fun, but difficult trivia games. She keeps us on our toes!

Our November breakfast was another great morning. Thank you to Tom and Jeff for being our chef's this month, and our French toast feast! Thanks to Penni Dietrich, and her team of volunteers for all their hard work.

This year's Thanksgiving dinner had 75 hungry hillers, who participated. It was a great meal, catered by Perkins restaurant. A big shout out to Sara Lewis, for taking the lead on this event, and her group of volunteers. A fun time of horse racing followed with lots of big winners. Thank you to Robert Kalinowski, and his volunteers for leading this fun filled event.

Advance tickets are needed for breakfast and all other events, with the exception of the ice cream socials. Ticket sellers for all events: Vicki Loper 610-248-1158, Janet Russell 412-965-2777, JoAnne Dunn 617-686-4078, and Helen Strupczewski 609-706-7214. Tickets are normally sold at bingo, LCR, and around the pool.

# **DECEMBER BOOSTER CLUB ACTIVITIES:**

Annual Christmas decorating contest. We had big competition last year, so let's do that this year. BIG prizes this year: 1st place \$100 gift card, 2nd place \$50 gift card, and 3rd place \$25 gift card. Judging will be done on Saturday, December 17, 2022 (no need to register) Every decorated condo will be judged. Let's see lots of lights and decorations.

Bingo every Monday evening at 7pm.

Saturday, December 3 Annual Christmas Shopping Fair 11am-4pm. Lunch served, ham and cheese sliders, drink, and chips \$6 available from 11:30-3:30

Thursday, December 8 Booster Club meeting 7pm.....CHANGED THIS MONTH, DUE TO HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Saturday, December 10 Breakfast 9am-11am deadline for tickets December 7th. Breakfast croissant sandwiches with sausage, egg, and cheese, hash browns, fruit, juice and coffee \$8

Sunday, December 18 Ice Cream Social and Pat's trivia games 7pm. Bring your bowl and spoon. \$5

# SAVE THE DATES FOR JANUARY:

Saturday, January 7th 7pm-11pm Our welcome to the New Year Black and White themed dance and entertainment with Mark Ralston, impressionist. His impression shows from 7pm-8pm, then he will DJ from 8pm-11pm. Put on your dancing shoes, and join your friends and neighbors for some fun, socializing and dancing. \$15 per person. Last day to purchase tickets is December 28. Tickets are available right now. Please feel free to invite friends and family. We will be serving appetizers, finger foods, dessert and coffee. BYOB.

Saturday, January 14 9am-11am Booster Club Breakfast \$8 menu to follow

Sunday, January 15 7pm Ice Cream Social/trivia \$5

Saturday, January 21 5pm Sombrero Saturday Taco dinner \$10. Beef or chicken, soft or hard, or a taco salad, with all the toppings. Iced tea and lemonade included.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with our functions and for new ideas for events. Please plan on attending our next meeting on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 at 7pm....be advised of a change of date for this meeting due to the holiday events. This is your Booster Club....please participate, meeting open to all Mission Hillers.

# Ice Cream Social

When: Sunday, Dec. 18th 7 PM

Where: Clubhouse Hall

Try your luck with 50/50!

Test your knowledge with Trivia by Pat Loretto \$5 per person

All tickets are sold at the gate. Bring your own bowl and spoon!

Ice Cream Social is now the third Sunday at 7 PM!

# **PURPLE PASSION LADIES**

Well, hello gorgeous ladies!!

After a few long discussions with our lovely Queen Mum, it has been decided to curtail our December luncheon.

At the start of the new year, we will happily meet again in January. Keep your eyes posted as we being a new year of companionship and friendship.

In the meantime, we wish all of you a happy and healthy holiday season .. Merry Christmas!



# Ladies Lunch Bunch

When: Tuesday, Dec.6th at 1 PM

Where: Ozona Blue Grilling Co.

125 Orange Street, Palm Harbor

For reservations, please contact Jean Curtis at 727-791-1942

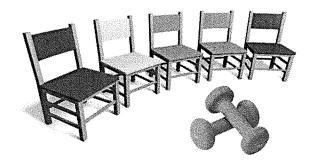
ALL LADIES WELCOME!!



# **CHAIR EXERCISE**

Submitted by Joanne Dunn

ome join us every Friday morning in the Clubhouse living room at 10:30 AM for a little exercising and a few laughs! It's time to get in shape again! Bring weights if you have them.



# EMAIL BLAST Submitted by Helen J. Strupczewski



The primary purpose of the Email Blast is to keep our Mission Hills folks informed about the various activities we hold here ... Booster Club, meetings, etc.

This is a pretty valuable tool for communications that gets used frequently since it has always been so difficult to have efficient communications in a community this size. Not everybody goes to the pool or to the clubhouse, so we've found that this is a suitable (though not perfect) addition to our toolbox.

Having said this, if you are new (or more "seasoned") to Mission Hills, just drop me a line at: vetnerz2@gmail.com ... I will gladly add you to the mailing list!

See you in the Hills!!!

Dear Neighbors,

# Once again we will be collecting cereal for the Metropolitan Ministries in Tampa.

You have been such a generous community in the past, we hope that you will open up your hearts and once more share in this worthwhile project.

The collection will take place from

November 28th to December 10th

You can drop off your donation at the home of Mary and Joanne Dunn 1517 Arrowhead Cir

We'll also be happy to pick up any boxes! Just give us a call at 727-669-8558

Thank you and God Bless you!

# Did you know that . . .

... there are two laundromats on the Mission Hills property – one on Mission Hills Blvd. and one on Mission Circle? The laundromats are open from 7:30am to 10:00pm seven days a week. Washers cost \$1.50 per load and dryers \$1.25. No Canadian quarters please – they jam our machines.

Quarters are sold in the office on the first and third Wednesdays from 12:30-1:30.

. . . the speed limit in Mission Hills is 20mph? We have lots of walkers and bicyclists so please be cautious and do not speed.

# **BROCCOLI CASSEROLE**

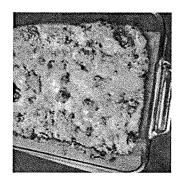
(a Face Book Recipe submitted by Helen J. Strupczewski)

We serve this dish at frequent family dinners, not just the holidays. It is a delicious casserole or, as my sons said when they first saw it on the table,

"What's that green stuff?" Enjoy!!!!!

## **INGREDIENTS**

- 5 tablespoons butter, divided
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 (10 ounce) packages chopped frozen broccoli, thawed
- 1 (10.5 ounce) can condensed cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 1 ½ teaspoons lemon juice
- ½ teaspoon garlic salt
- ½ teaspoon seasoned salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- Panko bread crumbs



# **DIRECTIONS**

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Cut 2 tablespoons butter into small pieces; set aside.

Melt remaining 3 tablespoons butter in a medium skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion and sauté until golden, 7 to 9 minutes.

Transfer onion to a 2-quart casserole dish. Stir in broccoli, condensed soup, Cheddar, mayonnaise, eggs, lemon juice, garlic salt, seasoned salt, and pepper until well combined. Sprinkle bread crumbs over top and dot with reserved butter.

Bake, uncovered, in the preheated oven until heated through and browned on top, about 45 minutes.

### LAW OF THE LAND

(submitted by the Mission Hills Documents Committee)

NOTE: Please remember that, at the request of the Documents Committee and approved by the BOD, all P&P's must first be reviewed by the Documents Committee to ensure that they remain in compliance.

# MISSION HILLS CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION TRASH AND RECYCLING POLICIES

Receptacles are usually located in your carport area or on the other side of the 3-pack or breezeway immediately adjacent to your carport.

### TRASH

• Large green cans are for household trash and garbage. Secure the latch and report broken latches by filling out a work order in the Clubhouse lobby. Items such as curtain rods and mop handles are to be bagged or bundled and set beside the trash containers.

Syringes must not be placed in the trash. They are hazardous waste and your doctor or the county health department can assist with their disposal.

### RECYCLING

- Everything must be empty, dry and unbagged.
- Nothing smaller than your hand should be placed in the recycling bins.
- If you only have three yellow recycle bins, glass and cans go into the same bin.
- Bags of shredded paper may be placed next to the recycling bins.
- Allowable items for recycling are listed below. All items must be clean:
- 1. metal only food and drink cans
- 2. glass only bottles and jars
- 3. plastic only bottles and jugs
- 4. paper and cardboard no food contact, no shredded paper
- 5. cartons such as milk and drink cartons no straws

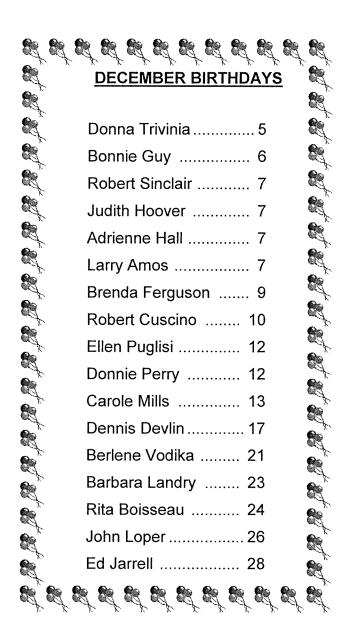
Heavy cardboard cartons should be folded down and placed next to the bins.

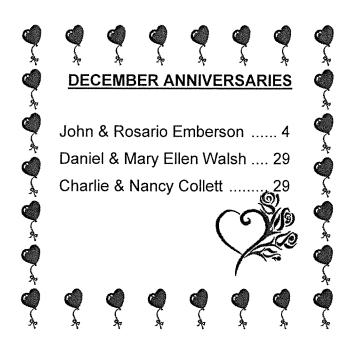
### OTHER SUGGESTIONS

- Plastic shopping bags and Styrofoam containers may be taken to various area stores.
- Electronic items can be dropped off at Clearwater collection site on N. Hercules on the last Wednesday of each month.
- It is your responsibility to have household furnishings and remodeling debris removed from the property, not dropped off by the compactor or in trash containers.

Put items out from Monday morning to Friday.

8/13/19





# **STAMPWOUNED** (www.stampsforthewounded.org)

The holiday season is upon us and many of you will soon be receiving cards and letters in the mail. Consider donating the stamps by tearing off the canceled postage stamp, leaving at least a 1/4" of the envelope bordering the whole stamp? (see picture below) All of the canceled stamps will be collected and sent to Stamps for the Wounded, a service organization dedicated to providing comfort and stimulating activity to U.S. veterans through stamp collecting. They are a 100% volunteer organization. This is simple and it will help many of our veterans. Stamps will be collected year-round in a box outside the office. There are brochures explaining the project near the collection box if you are interested. Thank you for supporting our veterans.

Peter Salesses

US Army, Vietnam 69-70



# **Blood Pressure Screening**

Submitted by Marie Purcell

ome get your blood pressure checked in the Clubhouse living room from 2:00-3:00 PM on Wednesdays. Anyone who would like to have their blood pressure taken is welcome to stop by during this time. ome get your blood pressure checked in the Clubhouse living room from 2:00-3:00 PM on Wednesdays. Anyone who would like to have their blood pressure taken is welcome to stop by during this

# **Can Tabs for Ronald McDonald House**

Submitted by Melody Walsh

Please save your soda and other can tabs and deposit them in the PINK bin located in Clubhouse lobby. They will be taken to the Ronald McDonald House to be used for their needs to make the families' stay easier and more comfortable.

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# **Handy Man**

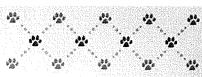
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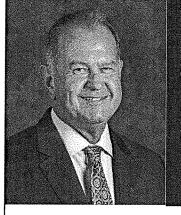
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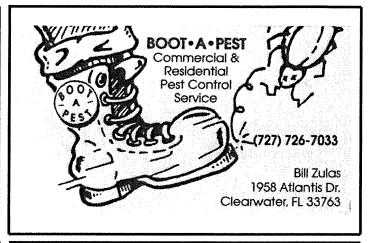
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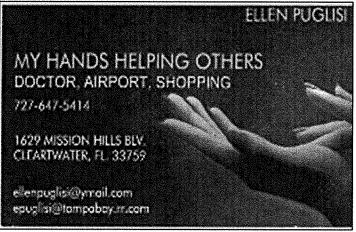
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Tuesdays:4Euchre: 7pm4Wednesdays:Water Aerobics 10am	ω	6 Lunch Bunch 1pm Ozona Blue	7 Coin Sale 12:30pm to 1:30pm Deadline for Breakfast Tickets	8 BC Meeting 7pm	O	10 BC Breakfast 9am—11am
Blood Pressure 2pm Poker 6pm Left, Right Center 7pm	12	13 Dumpster Drop off 9am- 12pm	14	15	16 Documents Committee Meeting 11am	17
18 BC Ice Cream Social 7pm	6	20	21 Coin Sale 12:30pm to 1:30pm	22	23	24
25 Sept. 19	56	27 Dumpster Drop off 9am— 12pm	28	59	30	31 NEW YEARS EVE