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BOARD REPORT

By Eudora Partridge, President

warmer mate, paradise called Mission Hills.

If anyone has a condo they want to rent, there is a couple who is interested in January through at least March. If you want to rent out your condo, you must have owned your condo for a minimum of one full year according to Mission Hills By -laws.

We want to welcome back our northern residents and any new residents that we have not met. We hope you are enjoying yourself here in Mission Hills.

ell, it is time for I would like to thank Vicki my return to Loper and the Booster Club cli- team for their hard work thanks keeping the Hills alive with to Florida, the Sunshine activities. It sure seems like State, and our little piece of they are getting great participation.

Mission Hills Post

Thanks to John and his maintenance team for keeping Mission Hills beautiful in the heat of the summer months.

Stay healthy and safe, Mission Hills.



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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

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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: <u>mhca.posteditor@outlook.com</u>. 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, and this is a firm deadline, meaning there is no grace period.* Editing of all articles is at the discretion of the Post Team.

SUBMIT EARLY...your cooperation is most appreciated!

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FINANCIAL REPORT

By Regina Hickey, Treasurer

ccording to the Bureau of Labor, prices have increased from August 2021 to August 2022 as follows:

Gasoline	25.6%
Electricity	15.8%
Food	11.4%
All other items	8.3%

When preparing our budget for 2022, we had no idea that inflation would skyrocket as it has. We did not budget for the increased costs for the three roofs we are replacing, nor for the \$58,000 Land Lease adjustment from the previous five years, which we managed to have reduced to \$50,000. With the increased materials costs and high utility costs, we are currently \$105,940 over budget for the year. As a result, we have suspended some repairs at this time.

Since we have several major projects that need to be completed, i.e., Phase III pipe replacement, the remaining two roofs (which are leaking and causing mold issues), utilities (significant increases in electric, gas, water and sewage), and trees (many dead trees that need to be removed and replaced), the Board will hold an emergency meeting to discuss a possible assessment. A notice will be posted when this meeting is scheduled.

In preparing the 2023 budget, we will do our best to keep condo fee increases to a minimum, but with the current inflation rate, fees will be going up.

As a Board, the last thing we want is an assessment or an increase in fees, but there are some things over which we have no control. We hope you can understand the position we are in and will support our efforts. *



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

By Susan Salesses

his month I would like to pay tribute to the founder of Neighborhood Watch, Michael Philbin, who passed away last month.

Mike cared deeply about the Mission Hills community and the safety of its residents. He devoted a great deal of time over the years to the Neighborhood Watch program by meeting with local police officers, arranging programs for the community, and scheduling residents to do patrol. He himself did many of the patrols and was always on the lookout for parking violations, intruders and helping people in need – especially during storms. He always had suggestions and wanted the best for the residents of Mission Hills. We will certainly miss Mike's commitment to the Neighborhood Watch program and all he did for our community. If you are interested in assisting with our Neighborhood Watch program, please contact me at <u>smags457@gmail.com</u> (best option), or call 727-754-8421. We are in need of more help with evening patrols. Your time commitment would be two to four evenings a month for approximately an hour. We would appreciate your assistance. *****



DOCUMENTS COMMITTEE NEWS FLASH!



The Documents Committee held its regular meeting on Friday, August 12th. We had much to discuss, since we had not met all summer. We have poured through all the new laws in the 718 Statute and found that none of them pertain to us.

Our most important goal at this point is to have the proposed amendments (newer and the ones from 2019) to be reviewed and voted on by our residents.

Our thought is to hold educational seminars to discuss the purpose of our proxy and to help define the meanings of the proposed amendments. We are in the infant stages of planning these seminars, so keep your eyes pealed for more details.

In the meantime, feel free to reach out to us with any questions or issues you might need us to clarify. Your Documents Committee is very knowledgeable, since that's all we have concentrated on for the past six years. Contact Helen at <u>vetnerz2@gmail.com</u>. She is happy to assist.

E-MAIL BLAST

Submitted by Helen J. Strupczewski

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The E-mail Blast is alive and well here in our community. With our Booster Club becoming more active, along with lots of other ongoing activities, why not become a part of the Blast and enjoy notifications, reminders, updates...all that good stuff...so you won't miss any of the fun that most of us Hillers enjoy?

Well, all you have to do is send your e-mail address directly to me (Helen) at <u>vetnerz2@gmail.com</u>, and I will add you to the E-mail Blast address book. That's all there is to it! Stay in the loop...join the E-mail Blast!!!

And here's another tip: Don't toss the monthly Post. It's always loaded with detailed information about the goings on of our little slice of paradise we call Mission Hills.

MISSION HILLS SEMINARS

Submitted by Helen J. Strupczewski, Pat Loretto, and Joe Booth



Our Seminar Team has completed their presentations for the season. We know that many of our planned sessions had to be cancelled for a variety of reasons.

We are happy that we have been able to present a few very informative seminars for our Mission Hills residents.

If you have a suggestion for any future seminars of interest, please reach out to us. Simply provide us with the name of the presenter and the subject matter. We can take it from there.

Thanks to all who attended, and we are hoping to be able to continue providing quality seminars of interest.

Helen J. Strupczewski – <u>vetnerz2@gmail.com</u> ★ Pat Loretto – <u>ruby947@aol.com</u> Joe Booth – <u>jjbooth30@hotmail.com</u>



Mission Hills Diamond in the Rough

Submitted by John Prokopovich Facilities Maintenance Supervisor

Greetings, Mission Hills!

Well, as the summer heat and humidity come to an end, it has been, without a doubt, the most challenging summer we've been through in the last five years.

- Reminder: The 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month between 9 AM and 12 PM is the large garbage drop off at the Clubhouse.
- Landscaping throughout the community is being addressed.
- We cut grass on Monday and Tuesday. When parking your vehicles, please stay off the grass. If you park your vehicle in the shuffleboard area, please give the mowers and landscapers room to cut the grass.
- Please put yard clippings inside a bag and place by garbage cans. We don't want any little friends waiting for us when we go to pick up the clippings.
- SAFETY ALERT...Be aware of your surroundings. Over the Labor Day weekend, a car smashed through our fence on the south side of Mission Circle. It continued to the east side of the fence, finally coming to a stop by the railroad tracks.
- I would like to thank the residents of Phase 3 for their patience with the hot water line breaks, and also Phase 9 with water challenges.
- 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 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 had a three-unit sewer back up with the root cause being a pink wipe. Please tell your cleaning companies and medical staff that come into your unit to NOT throw anything in the toilet.
- We have had a number of residents install a "bidet sprayer" to there toilets. It's inexpensive and does the trick.
- We had another tree pierce a roof. There was smashed glass and damage to the lanai area. As a community, we
 were once again very lucky. We also took the tree next to it down as it was compromised.
- I would like to reiterate some of the challenges regarding roofing contractors:
 - In the last 24 months, there has 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 contractor agreements, there is an escalator 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, materials and wait times are higher and longer. I can't stress enough how fortunate we are to have had all the roofs done, which is over two-thirds of the community, when many other places are struggling with no end in site.

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

~ Appreciate good people. They are hard to come by. ~

BOOSTER CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

Submitted by Vicki Loper, Booster Club President

he purpose of the Booster Club (the Club) is to sponsor social and fundraising events to benefit the residents of Mission Hills. Friendship, cooperation, enjoyment and working together are the basis of the Club. It is our obligation to extend a friendly hand, and to be honest and sincere in our dealings with one another.

Greetings and Salutations to all of Mission Hills!

Thank you to Keith Arndt and Ralph Schlechty for calling our September bingo games, and to Kay, Peggy, Judy, and Maureen for helping with our games this month. The winnings are getting bigger by the week. Thank you for your interest and participation on Monday nights! Feel free to invite your family and friends...bingo is open to all!

The September Ice Cream Social was a huge success, as always, thanks to Terri Bolander and her continued donation of ice cream and toppings. Thanks to Janet Russell's scooper volunteers, set up and clean up, and 50/50 for a job well done. Thanks to Pat Loretto for her interesting trivia games.

Marie Purcell's Pot Luck was another successful event. Thanks to all for contributing your favorite foods, and desserts for sharing. Thank you to all our volunteers, for setting up and cleaning up, and 50/50. We also want to thank Debbie Higgins for teaching line dancing. It was a fun-filled event.

Our breakfast was another big hit with our residents. Amazing breakfast sandwiches and fresh fruit were enjoyed by all.

Tickets will be sold in advance for breakfasts and all other events, with the exception of 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. Last day for tickets for breakfast is October 5th, and last day for tickets for Spaghetti dinner is October 18th. The ladies need to shop.

October Booster Club Activities

• Bingo every Monday evening at 7 PM

Saturday, **October 8th** – Booster Club Breakfast – \$8 – 9:00 to 11:00 AM – Breakfast sandwich on a croissant of egg, cheese and sausage, fresh fruit salad, hash browns, orange juice, and coffee or tea. **Deadline for** *ticket sales is Wednesday, October 5th.*

▼ Sunday, **October 16th** – Ice Cream Social and Pat's Trivia – 7 PM – \$5 – Bring your own bowl and spoon.

Saturday, October 22nd – Spaghetti Dinner – 5 PM – \$10 – Deadline for ticket sales is Tuesday, Oct. 18th.

▼ Thursday, October 27th – Booster Club Meeting – All are welcome! – 7 PM

Save the Dates for November

- Saturday, November 12th Breakfast Menu to follow
- Saturday, November 19th Thanksgiving Dinner followed by Horse Racing
- Sunday, November 20th Ice Cream Social/Trivia
- Saturday, November 26th Clubhouse Christmas Decorating

We are always looking for volunteers to help with our functions and for new ideas. Please plan on attending our next meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!

To volunteer to help with any future activities, please reach out to: Vicki Loper, Booster Club President – 610-248-1158



Ice Cream Social

When: Sunday, Oct. 16th 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!

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.

They greatly appreciate any help that we can provide.



Ladies Lunch Bunch

When: Tuesday, Oct. 4th at 1 PM

Where: Outpost 611 Eatery & Taphouse 2454 McMullen Booth, Clearwater

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

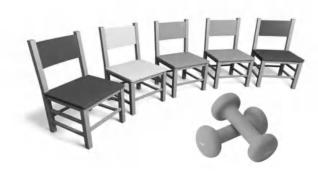
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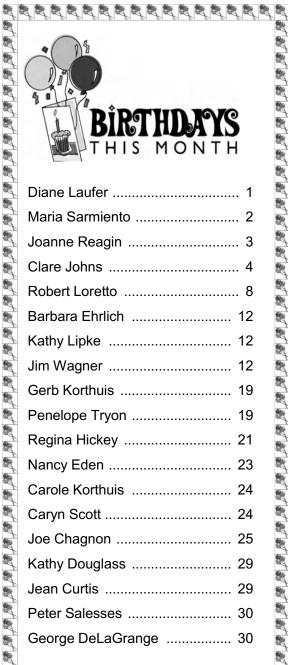
Submitted by Joanne Dunn

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.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY and HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!



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Robert Loretto 8
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CONDOLENCES

Submitted by Wendy Weller (Daughter)

Barbara McGowan, 73, of Clearwater, FL, died of complications from ALS on September 6, 2022, at Suncoast Hospice Care Center in Palm Harbor, FL. She was a former resident of Mission Hills. Barbara was employed and retired from American Express as a corporate travel agent. She enjoyed spending time with friends and family, traveling, and was a member of Heritage United Methodist Church. She will be missed by her family, friends and all who knew her.

Animal Issues If anyone has a complaint about a resident with a dog who lets them run without a leash or doesn't pick up their pet's waste, you may call anonymously to: **Pinellas County Animal Services** 13450 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33774 727-528-2600 Ext. 4 * Section 14-30 **Bahama** Cruise JOIN JOHN & VICKI LOPER ON A FUN FILLED CRUISE TO THE BAHAMAS INCLUDING PERFECT DAY AT COCOCAY JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 4, 2023 7 Night Bahamas & Perfect Day Cruise Starting from: \$459.00* Taxes, fees and port expenses:146.35 USD Ship Name: Serenade Of The Seas 2023 Sail Date: Jan 28 **USA Destination: Bahamas** Departure Port: Tampa, Florida Ports of Call: Tampa, Florida; Cruising; Grand Bahama Isl, Bahamas; Bimini, Bahamas; Nassau, Bahamas; Perfect Day Cococay, Bahamas; Cruising; Tampa, Florida Pricing: - Interior -- Outside - Balcony -Per \$459.001* \$517.001* \$841.001* BAHAMAS Person CUBA Don't delay-call today. Space is limited! For more information or to make a reservation, contact: Vicki Loper – 610-248-1158





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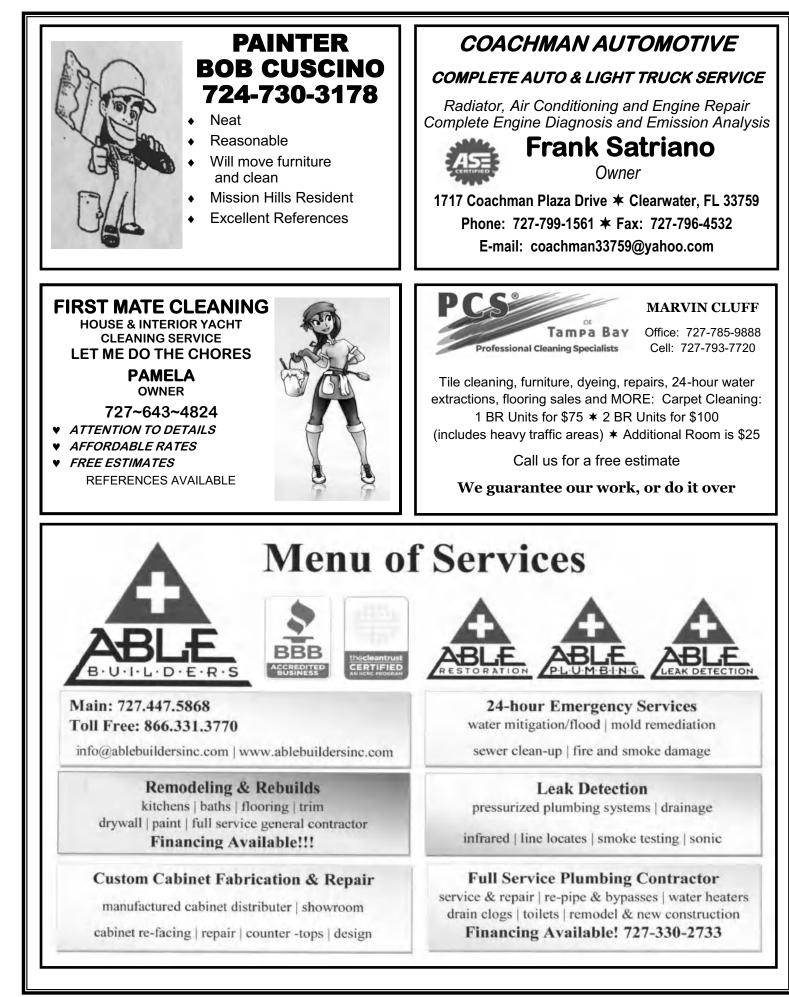
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