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Mission Hills Post

BOARD REPORT

By Kay Hunt, President

he weather has been hot and steamy for the last month or so. We have had very little rain. It has made it hard for some of our residents to get outside, but It won't last long. Our summer afternoon rains have started and, hopefully, that will take care of some of the heavy humidity we have had and cool us down some.

Please continue to follow the CDC guidelines for wearing a mask and washing your hands frequently.

The Clubhouse will remain closed until further notice. Sue will still be in the office if you have any business to take care of. Please call the office number first before going to the office.

The pool will also remain residents only until further notice for the safety of our residents. We not permit any visiting relatives or visiting friends to use the pool. Please cover your chair or lounge with a towel as completely as

possible and use the sanitizer to clean your chair and/or table before leaving the pool area. It takes all of us doing the right thing to get through this tough time safely.

If you are planning on putting in a patio, please be sure to get the Patio Approval form from the office. This is a must for all. You must have approval before installing your patio. We have utilities and piping buried in the back and front of the units, so it is very important that you follow the guidelines that we have set forth. This would also include any type of alteration that you would like to do the exterior of the unit, such as a installing a handicap ramp or rails. It is always better to ask before you take it upon yourself to just do it. Just call the office and talk to Sue. She has the forms that you will need.

Stay healthy, Mission Hills! We are all in this together and, with everyone's cooperation, we will get through this and stay a healthy happy community.

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POOL HOURS/RESTRICTIONS

Hours are 7 AM to Dusk. *Please...no visitors or relatives until further notice.*Only residents are permitted in the pool area. This is for the safety of our community. *Thank you!*

MISSION HILLS DIRECTORY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President: Kay Hunt * kayhunt55@yahoo.com * 810-845-6597

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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 plane number that you are leasted in Mission Hills, and state the state of the provided in the recording.

and phone number, that you are located in Mission Hills, and state the nature of the emergency.

Property Manager: Jim Mateka ★ <u>imateka@ameritechmail.com</u>

COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES: (See the Calendar for event times)

Bingo: Marie Purcell - 727-791-1181 ★ Natalie Arndt - 724-681-6057

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Booster Club: Ruth Ann Schulder – 727-600-4481 ★ Natalie Fouse Arndt – nat4343@yahoo.com

Bridge: Jane Karr – 727-204-0903

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Crafters: Dorothy Blewis – 505-220-1542

Dance: Eudora Partridge 603-494-3887 ★ fpartri4972012@aol.com

Documents: Helen Strupczewski – 609-706-7214 ★ vetnerz2@gmail.com

Dominos: Fridays at 7:00 PM

Finance: Debbie Higgins – 727-204-2286 * dchiggins0504@hotmail.com

Neighborhood Watch: Susan Salesses - 727-754-8421

Purple Passion Red Hats: Mary Ann Sheehy - 617-821-8192 ★ Helen Strupczewski - 609-706-7214

Travel Group: Barbara Ehrlich - 727-797-4826 ★ Jean Curtis - 727-792-1942

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 Committee. 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!

Designer/Editor: Debbie Higgins ★ Advertising/Production: Susan Huntley

FINANCIAL REPORT

By Regina Hickey, Treasurer

f you read this report each month, I'm sure you've noticed that some months are better than others when compared to our budget.

However, I'm happy to report that our sixmonth totals (January – June) are \$21,996 under budget. That's always a good sign, but can easily change if unexpected expenses occur. That's why your Board of Directors monitors our finances so, hopefully, we can stay within our budget.

I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

By Susan Salesses

he members of the Neighborhood Watch Team would like to thank Mike Philbin for his years of service to this very important group here at Mission Hills. He has done an outstanding job of keeping our neighborhood safe, and we hope to continue doing that as we move ahead.

The Neighborhood Watch Team will now be led by me, Susan Salesses. I live on Feather Drive and can be reached at 727-754-8421 or smags457@gmail.com. Many hands make light work so, if you are willing to serve on our nightly patrol a few nights a month, your assistance would be most welcome. Please contact me if you are interested or want more information. One

way that everyone can help keep the neighborhood safe is to keep your front light on throughout the night. You have no idea how much this helps the people on patrol view your area for safety, and how it keeps intruders away because of the light. So, please do your part to keep Mission Hills safe. Have a great month ahead!



Mission Hills is one of the select communities in Pinellas County that has been asked to participate in a unique tree research study! The study reflects your perceptions of trees in the community. The more residents that participate, the more beneficial this research will be. Please help us learn more about your community and trees by completing the survey at this web address: https://bit.ly/Mission_Hills_Trees Please contact Debbie Higgins if you have questions – missionhillspost@gmail.com.

BOOSTER CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

Submitted by Ruth Schulder, 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!

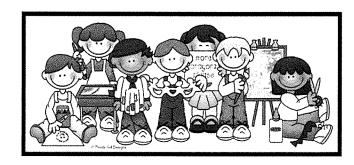
I hope you are continuing to stay healthy during this difficult and unprecedented time by maintaining social distancing and avoiding social gatherings of more than 10 people. Remember...Pinellas County is now under an ordinance requiring citizens to wear face coverings while in public.

The pool remains open to residents only. This is for our protection. We are waiting on notification from our Mission Hill Board regarding the scheduled opening of our club house. The Board is taking every precaution to ensure the safety of all Mission Hills residents.

As mentioned in previous Post submissions, as soon as the Board deems it safe to open the club house, the Booster Club is planning an event to celebrate the end of this phase of the Pandemic. Information will be provided in a Shout-Out.

Health and Happiness to All ★ Be Safe ★ Stay Connected with Social Media

See you in the Hills!





Mission Hills Diamond in the Rough

Submitted by John Prokopovich Facilities Maintenance Director

Greetings!

Thank you to all for your continued support of our Maintenance team. Please continue to put garden clippings by the garbage cans and not by the side of the road. This is our community, so let's keep it shining!

We are now in Hurricane season. Let's be proactive with a plan in place for any outside obstacles that can cause damage.

Again, in these most challenging times, keep in mind that our landscapers are doing what they love in over 104 degree heat index with an average of over 15 miles of walking a day.

Chad, our teammate, got married in July and also celebrated his birthday! When you see him, please wish him much happiness and success. We also have a birthday in August...Happy Birthday, Jason!!

~ Don't wait for everything to be perfect before you decide to enjoy your life. ~

Resident's Corner

Trade Winds and Other Stuff

Submitted by Helen J. Strupczewski

Mother Nature, a treasure of many layers, surrounds us daily with her beauty and mysteries. She shares so many of her gifts with us, including her daughters, the Sun and the Moon, as well as her brother, the Wind.

The sibling Sun dances across expanses of our skies that range from sapphire to azure in color, gloomy and sad to bright and joyous in mood, and so much more in between. When she tires, her sister Moon takes over and rises, so we can observe the night skies. She often dresses her celestial paradise with shimmering stardust, which makes the heavens dazzle like diamonds that are tossed on indigo velvet.

I think, though, that my favorite relative of Mother Nature is her brother, the Wind. This guy can change his mind and direction on a whim. He literally goes "whichever way the wind blows. He can sweep in from the four corners of the globe and can come in fast and hard while carrying truckloads of chaos along with him. When the Wind is in this mood, he can rattle the leaves out of nestling spaces as he savagely rips their tree homes from the arms of his sister, Earth. Or he can caress your face so gently that you barely realize he's with you until a gentle sigh of contentment escapes your lips.

There have been many songs written, produced, and sung about brother Wind. Who hasn't enjoyed the heartstring strumming lyrics of The Wind Beneath My Wings at a wedding reception? We sway to the music as we watch the groom and his beautiful bride gently glide around the room...sweet right?? Then there's that whimsical lyric from Christopher Cross' Sailing..."It's not that far to Never-Neverland, no reason to pretend. ".. especially when the wind is right. Even Jimmy Buffet puts his margarita on the line with his Son of a San of a Sailor as he "hauls the sheets in as we ride of the wind that our forefathers harnessed before us."

My favorite attribute that the Wind presents are the balmy breezes loved by so many of us mere mortals. Before the heat

Anyone who would like to contribute an article for this new section of the newsletter, please submit to the Editor, Debbie Higgins, at missionhillspost@gmail.com. Inclusion will be at the discretion of the Post Team.



DOCUMENTS COMMITTEE - COME ONE, COME ALL!

Your Mission Hills Documents Committee holds regular meetings on the third Friday of each month at 2:30 PM in the Clubhouse. We invite our residents to come out, audit a couple of meetings, and learn for yourselves the detailed process that we follow as we research our By-laws, our Declaration, our Articles of Incorporation, and the Florida Laws under State Statute 718. *Note:* Our meetings are cancelled until further notice

After we complete our business, we are available for any questions that you might have regarding the documents. Don't guess...don't wonder...get the straight facts! If we are unable to answer your questions at that time, we are happy to do the research and get back to you. It's a win/win!

We look forward to seeing you!! And who knows? Something just might catch your attention enough to become a part of this vibrant and vital team. If so, just provide us with a letter of interest, and drop it off at the office in an envelope labeled, "Documents Committee," or e-mail vetnerz2@gmail.com. We'll take care of the rest for you. You can also call Helen J. Strupczewski, Documents Committee Chair, at 609-706-7214 with any questions.



Come lend your interest and expertise to the Mission Hills Finance Team. If this sounds good to you, simply drop off at the office your letter of intent and your contact information in a sealed envelope labeled, "Finance Team," or e-mail it to Debbie Higgins at missionhillspost.com. You will receive a notice of an interview date for consideration to become a member of this vital group for Mission Hills as we "follow the money!!" We are looking forward to hearing from you soon!!!

If you would like the opportunity to sit in on a meeting or two, the Finance Team meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 4:00 PM in the Clubhouse. Masks are required, and we social distance.



E-MAIL BLAST

Submitted by Helen J. Strupczewski

So, have you ever wondered how some people seem to know what's going on in the Hills? Simple! They are part of an E-mail Blast that gets sent out every so often. These e-mails *only* contain updates of some community events, deadlines, reminders of meetings, seminars, etc.

Would you like to be part of this blast? Well, all you have to do is send your e-mail address directly to Helen at vetnerz2@gmail.com, and she 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!!



MISSION HILLS SEMINAR SERIES

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

We are gearing up for next season, and that's where you all come in. Let us know if you have an idea for us to research. Provide us with the name of the seminar and the contact information as well. If you would like us to repeat any past seminars, let us know. We can take it from there! Drop us a line at:

Helen – <u>vetnerz2@gmail.com</u> ★ Pat – <u>ruby947@aol.com</u> ★ Joe – <u>jibooth30@hotmail.com</u>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY and HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!



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Our Condolences

We lost two dear souls in July. Our heartfelt condolences go out to the families and friends of Beverly Kaiser and Mary Lou Spung. May you rest in peace...







BON APPETITE!

SHRIMP CREOLE

A Betty Crocker Recipe submitted by Diana Colletti

A New Orleans Specialty ★ Serves 4 to 6

INGREDIENTS:

1½ cups Chopped Onions

1 cup Celery, finely chopped

2 medium Green or Sweet Peppers, finely chopped

2 cloves Garlic, minced

1/4 cup Butter or Margarine

1 15 oz can Tomato Sauce

1 cup Water

2 tsp. parsley

1 tsp. Salt

1/8 tsp. Cayenne Red Pepper

2 Bay Leaves

14 to 16 oz. Fresh or Frozen Shrimp

3 cups Hot Cooked Rice

DIRECTIONS:

- 1. Cook and stir onion, celery, green or sweet peppers and garlic in butter until onion is tender.
- 2. Remove from heat.
- 3. Stir in tomato sauce, water and seasonings.
- 4. Simmer uncovered 10 minutes.
- 5. Stir in shrimp, heat to boiling.
- 6. Cover and cook over medium heat 10 to 20 minutes or until shrimp are pink and tender.
- 7. Serve over rice.

Thank you, Diana, for submitting this very tasty looking recipe.

Any other Hillers out there who would like to share a favorite dish with the rest of us? Just drop Helen at line at wetnetz2@gmail.com, and she will take it from there.

Enjoy, everybody, and BON APPETITE!!!



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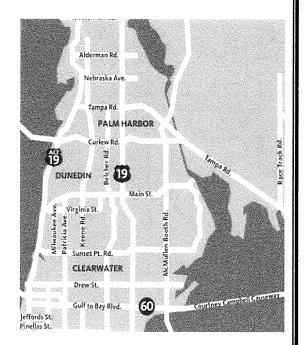
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THE MISSION HILLS COLOR ENHANCEMENT TEAM

<u>We are still here!</u> It's been a while since the last update. The Board has been meeting remotely due to the Covid-19 virus. I have sent the Board a request for a status on the potential exterior painting job. I'm encouraging them to consider funding the painting project. We realize there are other priorities for the funds to be applied to, however, I have emphasized the importance of this project and hope the Board will include it in the 2021 Budget. As of this writing, I have not received a response from the Board.

Stay tuned...

Any questions, please contact Nancy Morris at Flaqueen66@gmail.com or call 727-240-1716.

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ALL MEETINGS ARE TENTATIVE BASED ON COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

August 2020

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