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## AUGUST 2023

#### MISSION HILLS POST

#### **Presidents Satement**

In working within the manufacturing industry I learned a lot from the Japanese. Remember those tin toys we used to play with that had little tabs that were bent over to keep them together? We used to say "Made in Japan" meant "junk" and overall poor quality. But then something happened. Japan learned to apply concepts of quality control from America's own Edwards Deming. It was post WWII and that nation was hungry and desperate to survive. America's quality was on a slow decline and we refused to acknowledge what Deming was trying to tell us so Deming went to the crippled nation of Japan. He went where people would "listen." They took his ideas seriously and soon we began to see the very best quality cars and goods coming from Japan. "Made in Japan" now means high quality. It was because they were willing to accept change and apply new concepts! They were teachable because they were desperate. But, what does this have to do with Mission Hills?

This last month has been a time of gathering information so we can see the big picture of how to control expenses. The Japanese refuse to blame people for low productivity – they instead look at the system that the people work in as the cause. Deming pointed out that most everyone is a willing worker and wants to do a good job – but, it is management that creates the environment that people work in and it is management who is responsible for either putting obstacles in the way or clearing the way for workers to be able to perform and be worthy of compensation.

So, this first couple of months is the first phase that is allowing us to "see" (evaluate). Next, we will determine value in terms of what is needed and what is not (sort). Then, following this phase, we will organize and put things in proper order (align) so that we can control what is important in minimizing waste and expense. The last phase will be discipline (consistency) through proper monitoring.

Stay COOL!

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#### MISSION HILLS DIRECTORY

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

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

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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: <a href="mailto:missionhillspost@gmail.com">missionhillspost@gmail.com</a> 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!

**★ Post/Advertising/Production:** Susan Huntley

#### **Treasurer's Report**

By Jone Burr

Things are looking up in June. For the month, we were under budget by \$23.906.32. For the year, we are still over by \$55,653 but it reduced from last month by almost \$25K. It is paying off to scrutinize all costs. Our delinquencies are down to \$18,550 from \$24.5K last month. Our process is working well and our new attorney is staying on top of things.

We are still worried about rising insurance costs and utilities. Our budget will need to be higher next year without question. The new 718 laws have also excluded insurance from the 15% budget increase cap. We are over on electric by \$1.7K, water by \$12.7K, Sewer by \$10.4K and Gas by \$7.6K year to date. Below are the year-to-date operating expenses. This does not include the non-operating expenses (reserves).

	Curre	nt Period	Curr	ent Period					Varia	nce
Operating Expense	Actua		Bud	get	YTE	) Actual	YTE	) Budget	(Ove	r/Under)
Admin(Ameritech)	\$	34,953.06	\$	41,407.67	\$	228,697.00	\$	248,446.02	\$	19,749.02
BLDG	\$	14.96	\$	5,616.67	\$	27,955.00	\$	33,700.02	\$	5,745.0
СРА	\$	•	\$	500.00	\$	6,400.00	\$	3,000.00	\$	(3,400.0
Equip	\$	400.67	\$	3,250.01	\$	10,258.60	\$	19,500.06	\$	9,241.4
Grounds	\$	186.31	\$	1,666.67	\$	7,790.52	\$	10,000.02	\$	2,209.5
Insurance	\$	34,011.91	\$	29,750.00	\$	159,951.04	\$	178,500.00	\$	18,548.9
Land Lease	\$	40,423.31	\$	40,423.00	\$	241,539.86	\$	242,538.00	\$	998.1
Legal	\$	732.50	\$	500.00	\$	6,029.50	\$	3,000.00	\$	(3,029.50
Pest	\$	•	\$	125.00	\$	615.60	\$	750.00	\$	134.40
Pool	\$	904.67	\$	1,000.00	\$	5,925.16	\$	6,000.00	\$	74.8
Roof Repair	\$	1,684.50	\$	1,250.00	\$	5,857.00	\$	7,500.00	\$	1,643.00
Safety	\$	740,67	\$	375.00	\$	3,694.13	\$	2,250.00	\$	(1,444.13
TVInternet	\$	25,243.46	\$	24,342.00	\$	151,457.64	\$	146,052.00	\$	(5,405.6
Util	\$	60,468.68	\$	59,161.09	\$	386,404.97	\$	354,966.54	\$	(31,438.43
Total Operating	\$	199,765	\$	209,367	\$	1,242,576	\$	1,256,203	\$	13,62

#### From Cheryl Acton, Secretary's desk

#### Welcome Team:

We would like to welcome Michele and Barney Smith, Aura Lee Wymore, Robert and Susan Coppes, Jody Flowers and Arlene Englehardt.

If you run into them, please welcome them to the Mission Hills family.

#### Communications Team:

The team has been quiet but the board blast has been busy. We get a lot of questions and concerns and sometimes compliments. We want to thank everyone that gets in touch with the board directly.

We had questions regarding the pool temperature. That is in the hands of the Resource Team, now called Cost Cutting Team, and will be answered by Al hopefully during the next board meeting.

Also, some concerns regarding garbage bags. The garbage bags quote we received this year is in the amount of \$7,799.27 compared from last year at around \$5,000. The trash bins **WILL** have liners even if we have to spend the \$7,799.27; amount we are trying to avoid. We are shopping for more economical options. For the month of June we were under budget by \$23,906 and we like to keep it that way as much as we can. Therefore, being a "nickel and dimer" might not be a bad idea when it comes to trash.

In the month of July, we emailed the Post to those on the email boardblast and it has been very well received. Our goal is to be able to email the Post electronically to most of you and cut down on print form. We are heading in that direction in the future without sacrificing those that prefer to receive hard copy.

#### **Advocacy Team:**

We have a special surprise guest lined up to give you a presentation at our September board meeting. The City of Clearwater Neighborhood Association Manager, Samantha Moullet, will visit Mission Hills residents and will brief the community on all the resources for seniors the city offers. Also, in September, representatives from <a href="https://example.com/211.org">211.org</a> present all their resources for the community in general and for seniors as well.

#### **Green Team:**

As you know, we are moving forward with the protection of some of Mission Hills assets, our trees, and we need members on the team. We would like this team to be a permanent team in the future that can work with the arborist,s, the maintenance department to protect the landscape and also interact with the service department when infrastructure issues arise. Research has shown that when a community has mature trees, like Mission Hills does, property value raises anywhere from 5-15%. It behoves all of us to protect them but we also have to be cognizant that some trees are reaching their life span, as well as balancing them with our aging infrastructure.

#### Cost Cutting Team: (Resource Team)

Is conducting a study on the pool expenditures and its history. Al will elaborate on it and explain on the next board meeting.

The Resource Team's name is being changed to represent more its purpose and will be called Cost Cutting Team. Their goal is to help the board and the community with studies and ways of cutting the cost of major expenditures when they arise.

In the future we will refer it to the Cost Cutting team instead of the Resource Team.

#### From Cheryl Acton, Secretary's Desk

#### July and August BOD Meeting:

We had two special guests at BOD meeting of 7/18/23, Interim Police Chief Wales and Officer O'Connor. They discussed gun safety tips and different ways to report incidents. They left information on how to connect your security camera to the police department. We also had a guest from the City of Clearwater, Samantha Moullet., She will be attending the August meeting, this time giving a presentation on City resources for seniors.

#### **Compliance Announcement:**

For your convenience, the trash bins will be accessible from Monday-Friday during regular business hours for about a couple of months in order for those residents that are working on bringing their outdoors into compliance.

If you need help with a heavy bulk item, please bring it to the bin and let Sue know so we may have a member of the crew to toss it. If you bring it during business hours, it will be free of charge. If you can't bring it during business hours and carry it to the bin yourself, please fill out an "after hours work order" and make arrangement with the crew or Mike Spooner for its disposal.

If you are a snowbird and receive a letter of compliance and need special arrangements, please send an email to <a href="mailto:missionhillsboardblast@gmail.com">missionhillsboardblast@gmail.com</a> and we will try to accommodate your request to the best of our abilities.

#### **Laundry Room South:**

The Laundry Room South has been remodeled and given a fresh coat of paint. We have removed two of the washing machines that were beyond repair; the two that are broken could be repaired if the volume were to warrant it. The board decided not to repair them at this time if they will not be used; survey shows we need only 6. In the mean time, there are 6 washers available for use. We are in the same situation with the dryers. We will monitor its usage and if need be, they will be repaired. Thank you for understanding.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATIONS**

Submitted by the MHCA Board of Directors

Reminder: The MHCA Board of Directors has a new tool to communicate directly with you, the residents. To be added to our email list, please contact us at <a href="mailto:missionhillsboardblast@gmail.com">missionhillsboardblast@gmail.com</a>

Join the Board Blast

Thank you, and we hope to hear from you soon!

#### DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .

Each resident may use only two washers at a time in our laundry rooms? This is becoming an I issue so be sure to read the rules posted in black frames on the wall. Thank you for being considerate of others.

Children under the age of 16 MUST be accompanied by the owner/renter that the children are visiting at the pool? Be sure to follow the rules posted at the pool.

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

by Susan Salesses, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

Each car in the complex was recently checked to be sure that their registration sticker is up to date. Residents are not allowed to have unregistered vehicles on the property. A number of tickets were issued to those whose cars were not registered and after a two week period, information on those cars still not registered was turned over to Ameritech for noncompliance.

A REMINDER THAT THE SPEED LIMIT IN MISSION HILLS IS 20 MPH!! It is doubtful that you want more speed bumps installed, so please SLOW DOWN!!



And lastly, keep those front door lights on for the safety of you and your neighbors!

Have a great month.

#### **Stamps for the Wounded Project**

Submitted by Peter Salesses, US Army, Vietnam 1969-1970

Thank you to everyone who has been saving stamps for this worthy cause. So far, we have collected over 500 stamps. This is an ongoing project, so keep them coming! Please consider donating the cancelled stamps you receive on your mail by tearing off the stamp, leaving at least a ¼" of the envelope bordering the entire stamp.

All cancelled stamps are 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 100% a volunteer organization. This is simple and helps many of our veterans.

Stamps are 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!

## **Keep Your Porch Lights On!**

his has been noted in the Neighborhood Watch articles by Susan Salesses for over a year 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 Diamond in the Rough

Submitted by John Prokopovich, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor

Thank you Mission Hills Residents for your continued support.

Walking over 12 miles a day in temperatures that are consistently over 100° is challenging. Our mowers are like saunas on a bumpy road. Team members are having challenges with heat exhaustion so safety must be our number one priority. The grass grows quicker in the summer so when it's cut on a Monday by Wednesday, it's ready for another trim.

Replacement of carports is on going.

South Laundry area has been updated with a fresh coat of paint.

When getting quotes on a new Hvac, make sure you get a couple of quotes not just one.

Do not place loose shredded paper in the recycling containers: first put in a bag.

Front of the clubhouse has been freshened up and the benches stained and painted.

Trimmed the fence line on Arrowhead West. Also took a Brazilian Pepper tree down. The branches were hitting the top of the mowers.

Sewer back ups continue to be a problem. A back up on Flint Drive North affected five units. We unblocked it saving the community in excess of \$3500. Take this as a reminder not to throw hand wipes down the toilet. Please remind your cleaning services not to do it either.

A back up at Flint Dr. South affected nine units. We unblocked it and ran a large cutter through the system saving the community in excess of \$3500.

On Mission Hills Boulevard we used a camera to check the sewer line. We unblocked it and ran a large cutter through the system, saving the community in excess of \$3500.

A hot water line break on Mission Circle was a two day job for us with high heat and humidity in a confined space. We saved the community between \$5000 and \$15,000.

Do not cover your sewer clean-out area up or place pavers or shrubs by them.

To give everyone an example of the money your maintenance department saves this community allow me to share this information with you. Three and half years ago, that's pre-Covid, we got an outside bid on landscaping. That bid was \$324,000 which breaks down to \$27,000 a month, not including unforeseen caveats.

"Some of us should receive medals for being able to bite our tongue so hard without biting them off."

#### **BOOSTER CLUB EVENTS**

Submitted by Vicki Loper, Booster Club President

Thank You to Keith Arndt and Dee Laymon for calling our Monday night bingo games, and to Kay, Peggy, and Judy for working the games. Thank you to everyone that donates snacks and drinks to share.

A big thanks to all of our Booster Club volunteers for all the hard work they put into all of our events. We do this for our community so they can enjoy the monthly events. Any suggestions for future events are welcome. That being said, we are still in need of volunteers to take the lead on some future events. If we can't get residents to be in charge of some events, we won't be able to hold the event.

A reminder, we ask that you not leave any donations or anything in our kitchen or clubhouse without first checking with Vicki Loper at 610-248-1158 to see if it's something we can use or need.

Advance tickets are required for breakfasts and all other Booster Club functions, with the exception of the Ice Cream Social. Tickets this month are available at bingo, LCR, around the pool, or give a ticket seller a call. Joanne Dunn 617-686-4078 or Penni Dietrich 631-742-7926. No tickets will be sold at the door.

We are looking for someone to take the lead for our Labor Day Picnic....we need volunteers to cook and be in charge. Without someone to take charge, we won't be able to hold this event.

#### **AUGUST BOOSTER CLUB ACTIVITIES:**

Bingo every Monday night at 7pm. Bingo card sales end at 6:50pm

Saturday, August 12 Booster Club Breakfast \$8 9-10;30am Last date to purchase tickets is August 9. This month is hosted by Janet Russell and her crew. Bacon, egg, and cheese croissant. Hash browns, fresh fruit cup, apple or orange juice, coffee or tea.

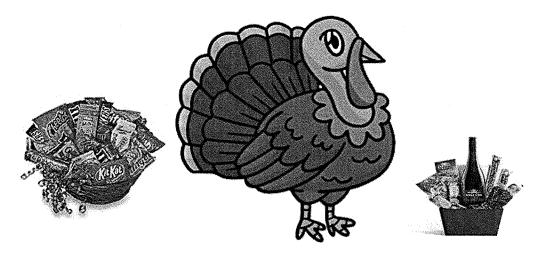
Saturday, August 19 Pizza Party \$8, includes 2 slices of pizza (choice of plain, sausage, or pepperoni) and a drink. Happy hour 4-5pm, followed by pizza dinner at 5pm. Please bring a dessert to share. Followed by Corn Hole

Thursday, August 24 7pm Booster Club monthly meeting....ALL ARE WELCOME.....ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW RESIDENTS TO JOIN IN!

Sunday, August 27 7pm Ice Cream Social followed by Pat's Trivia \$5. Bring your own bowl and spoon.

#### SEPTEMBER SAVE THE DATES:

Saturday, September 2 Labor Day Picnic (tentative)
Saturday, September 9 Booster Club Breakfast
Sunday, September 24 Booster Club Ice Cream Social/Trivia



## COMING SOON!! FALL GIFT BASKET RAFFLE SATURDAY. NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> AT OUR BOOSTER CLUB

#### THANKSGIVING DINNER

You ask, "How can I help?" You can all help by donating new items to be used in theme baskets. Or, you can do a basket by yourself or with several other people together.

Bring your NEW items to the office any day between 9:30 - 2:00 PM. There will be a box there for your items. If you cannot bring them to the office, call Pat Loretto: 727-366-0433 for pick up.

Let's be creative and make this fund raiser a big success!!

Some suggestion for items or a theme basket might be:

Wine

Lottery

Spa

**Books** 

Christmas

Italian

Tea/Coffee

Beach

Gift Cards

**Snacks** 

Chocolate/candy

Cleaning

This is a Booster Club Event and the drawing will be held at our annual Thanksgiving dinner on November 18, 2023. Please call Pat Loretto at 727-366-0433 for any questions or ideas.

## MISSION HILLS CRUISERS AND BERKSHIRE TRAVEL AGENCY INVITE YOU TO CRUISE ABOARD CELEBRITY CONSTELLATION

## FROM PORT OF TAMPA MARCH 2-11, 2024 HOSTED BY: VICKI AND JOHN LOPER

9 NIGHT NEW ORLEANS & THE CARIBBEAN starting from \$1284.66 p/p

SHIP NAME: CELEBRITY CONSTELLATION

SAIL DATE: MARCH 2, 2024

PORTS OF CALL: TAMPA, FL; AT SEA; NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA; AT SEA; ROATAN, HONDURAS; BELIZE CITY, BELIZE; COZUMEL, MEXICO; AT SEA; TAMPA, FL



PRICING: INSIDE \$1284.66 p/p OCEAN VIEW \$1534.66 p/p VERANDA \$1986.66 p/p

RATES LISTED INCLUDE: BEVERAGE PACKAGE /WIFI /GRATUITES

NOT INCLUDED: ANY ITEMS OF A PERSONAL NATURE PURCHASED EITHER ONBOARD

THE SHIP OR AT ANY OF THE PORTS OF CALL AND AIRFARE INSURANCE AVAILABLE - QUOTE UPON REQUEST

CALL FOR AIRFARE QUOTE

EARLY BOOKING BONUS - BOOK BY MAY 2, 2023 - RECEIVE ON BOARD CREDIT

VALID U. S. PASSPORT IS REQUIRED FOR TRAVEL

A DEPOSIT OF \$450.00 p/p IS REQUIRED AT TIME OF RESERVATION AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. DEPOSITS ARE FULLY REFUNDABLE UP TO FINAL PAYMENT DATE. YOU WILL BE INVOICED FOR FINAL PAYMENT DUE; FRIDAY DEC. 1, 2023

BERKSHIRE TRAVEL AGENCY
PLEASE CONTACT:

DOREEN 610-374-4538 DTROUTMANBTA@GMAIL.COM
DEBBIE 610-374-2204 DEB4TRAVEL@GMAIL.COM

## Ice Cream Social

When: Sunday, August 27th 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 the fourth Sunday at 7 PM!

## PURPLE PASSION LADIES

When: Wednesday, August 9th

Time: 1 PM

Where: Rumba's Island Grill

1800 Gulf to Bay Blvd

Clearwater, FL

For reservation, please contact:

Nancy Eden

727-669-6268



## Ladies Lunch Bunch

When: Tuesday, August 1st

Time: 1 PM

Where: Village Inn

3682 Tampa Road

Oldsmar, FL

RSVP: Jean Curtis—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. Welcoming, Matter of Balance participants.



#### **DOCUMENTS COMMITTEE NEWS FLASH!!**



You may have heard that the lion sleeps tonight,,but not your Mission Hills Documents Committee!!

We've been hard at work ensuring that our Mission Hills Documents are in line with the laws that govern our little slice of paradise like State Statute 718, our Declaration, the Articles of Incorporation, our By-Laws and our Policy and Procedures just to name a few. After July 1<sup>st</sup>, the state of Florida has approved various new laws and they are now on the books. Your Documents Committee must now review all of them to determine their impact on our Mission Hills By-Laws, etc.

We are also currently working on 3 requests from our residents and have begun to research the parts of our documents that they are suggesting to be updated. Currently, we are in the draft phase yet still plugging away.

If any of our other residents would like us to assist them, just follow the instructions found on our website under the Policy and Procedures section .. search for "Proposed Amendment Guidelines" ... EMail (please follow this step) us and we will take it from there for you!

And remember that if you have any compliance issues, just EMail Bob Kelly (his info is on page 2 of the Post) and type "MH Compliance" in the subject. Please include the issue at hand, the address and any photos if you can ... that's all there is to it! A friendly reminder: our office secretary cannot help with Compliance issues, your neighbor cannot help you. The community has asked for compliance and we have worked very hard for you ... we cannot help you if we don't know the issue ... the key is to follow the process that is in place with our thanks!!

DEFINITION OF A LESSER COMMON ELEMENT: these are areas directly on the outside of our condos ... some prefer not to have a patio or shrubs/gardens. Those of us who prefer to have these things are totally responsible for the care and upkeep of maintaining these areas. Remember: it is your CHOICE to have a patio/shrubs/garden. For our northern visitors, you know when you are preparing to leave Mission Hills to go away for the summer .. it is YOUR responsibility to make your own arrangements to have your patio/shrubs/gardens cared for in your absence and NOT a job for our Maintainance Department.

REMINDER: due to various member vacations, the Documents Committee will not be meeting again until September 15<sup>th</sup> at 11AM in our living room ... all are invited to attend, as always. In the meantime, remember that only the lion sleeps.



#### **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. So just drop me a line at: vetnerz2@gmail.com ... I will gladly add you to the mailing list!

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY and HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!**



Sofija Vuletic 1
John McDonald1
Jim Garrison5
Carol Frost 8
William Speck8
Ed Reagin 14
Richard Burr15
Heidi Cuscino 24
Edsel Pelaez25
Karla Huston 25
Wanda Bocanegra 27
Eudora Partridge 28
Bert Busocker 28
Susan Rousset30
Martha H Ortiz 31

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Ed & Joanne Reagin	14
Nick & Donna Trivinia	.16
Stephen & Mary Lundy	24
Robert & Heidi Cuscino	27
Michael Vorel & Angela	
Chuo	29



Anniversaries and Birthdays

#### PLANNING TO VOTE IN 23-24??

Re-request your mail-in ballot for the 2023-2024 elections.

Due to a change in the law, ALL Florida voters who vote by mail MUST submit, (via phone (727-464-8683)or online (https://www.votepinellas.com/votebymail), a NEW mail ballot request to their county Supervisor of Elections.

#### 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.



## 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.

#### WAYS TO HELP LOWER THE POTENTIAL OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

It has been addressed in the past but we can't stress enough the need to avoid disposing of wipes/towels in the toilet. Please use one ply toilet paper and do not dispose of anything else in the toilet other than that. This is one of the main reason why we have clogged pipes. Our pipes need to be treated with TLC. Please help.

#### WATER USAGE

Submitted by the MHCA Board of Directors

ater in Mission Hills is something we pay for as a part of our monthly COA fees. Only we, on an individual basis, can control how much or how little is used. We are hearing reports of people washing cars and cleaning patios using the "free" water. Well, it's not really free...we all pay for it one way or another.

Please be considerate of your neighbors. Use the local car wash for your vehicles, and use a broom or blower to clean your patios. We all need to be considerate in this regard to control our expenses.



#### **KEY LIME POKE CAKE**

#### (A FACEBOOK RECIPE SUBMITTED BY HELEN J. STRUPCZEWSKI)

#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 box white cake mix, plus ingredients called for on box

#### FOR THE FILLING:

1 (14 oz) can sweetened condensed milk

34 cup heavy whipping cream

½ cup bottled key lime juice



#### FOR THE TOPPING:

1 ½ cups heavy whipping cream

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

½ cup powdered sugar

#### **PREPARATION**

Prepare and bake cake according to package instructions in a 9x13-inch baking pan.

Let cool for 5 minutes, then poke holes all over cake with the handle of a wooden spoon, but don't poke through to the bottom. Set aside.

For the filling, add condensed milk, whipping cream and lime zest to a medium bowl. Whisk to combine. Add lime juice and once again, whisk to combine. It will start to thicken quickly; pour over cake, spreading with a spatula to encourage it to fill in holes. Chill for at least 1 hour, and up to overnight.

While cake chills, make the topping. To a medium bowl, add whipping cream and vanilla extract. Beat with an electric mixer until starting to thicken, then gradually add powdered sugar and continue beating until stiff peaks form.

Spread over cake and garnish with sliced limes and lime zest, if desired. Enjoy! Recipe adapted from The Recipe Critic.

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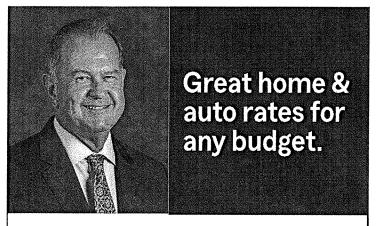


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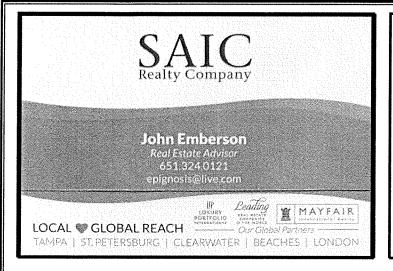


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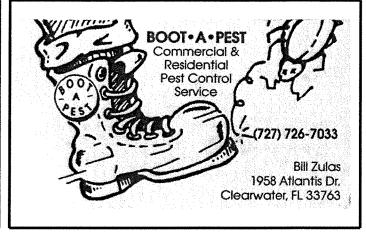
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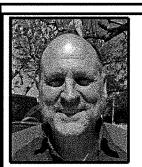
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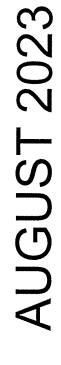


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