

Mission Hills Post



May 2025

April showers bring May flowershopefully we will begin to see some changes to the landscape here at Mission Hills as we have begun to fertilize the grounds, begun grub control and are making efforts to return the lush grounds of the past. Please keep in mind these acres have not been treated for 3 years so it may take some time but green is in our future.

The board has seen some changes in the past month. Lisa Schlechty resigned her position ...her ongoing health issues require her strength and attention, but she is, and always will be, a true asset to the community, she has stepped up in numerous ways and will continue to do so. We are very fortunate to have gained a new member in Barnaby Smith. Barnaby is a true researcher and questioner...he genuinely wants to learn about the runnings of Mission Hills and the people who live here, please join me in thanking Lisa for her service and welcome Barnaby! It truly takes a village to run this community and we appreciate all who help in so many ways!

I would also like to remind all residents that every single member of this board is a volunteer, there is no glory in being on the board. I personally have been called a Nazi for asking someone to remove an unauthorized tree they planted in a common area and a power hungry liar because I followed a rule that states, once a member has been turned over to our attorneys for any reason no member of the board or employee of Ameritech may have contact with that person. All communication must be done between the resident and the attorney. The other board members and I serve because we care about where we live and are trying to plan for the future of Mission Hills. I would like to encourage each and every one of you to get involved ... armchair quarterbacking is easy, the real game is hard work!

We have seen the departure of the most of our snowbirds and wish them a safe and productive summer! If anyone has any concerns about their properties please call Lexi in the office, or email anyone on the board we will do whatever we can do to help out.

The summer months are about to descend upon those of us who live here year round. Remember it is also that lovely time of year known as HURRICANE SEASON!

Preparedness is always key, so get your water, batteries, canned goods and remember clearing off patios of chairs and potted plants is also required ! I have a blue tarp I put down in my lanai and load everything on to that. I am mindful that some of our residents are older or have physical disabilities that prevent them from heavy lifting. Please come to the office and just ask for help or ask a neighbor..... we will help anyone get prepared. Also we are going to work to get a plan in place for residents to gather at the Rec Hall if we lose power.

To all who have returned to their summer places ...it's 91 here today, the pool is beautiful and we all keep checking the weather reports of the states you all live in...flights are cheap if you want to come back for a little bit more warmth! The sun will shine on all of your states and warm you up soon enough! Be safe and have a good summer everyone. To those who live here year roundlets have some fun! Come to the pool, let's have a barbecue and get out the cornholeits our quiet time!



Jelly aka Pat Banning

WHAT IS COMPLIANCE?

For a number of years, Mission Hills residents had been concerned about some By-Law violations with “nothing being done about it”. In June of 2019, Mission Hills established the very first Compliance Committee to help address these issues. Many, especially our newer residents, might not be aware of the initial steps required to report a Documents or Statute 718 violation. If the concern is written anywhere in our Documents, it becomes a Compliance issue. Here is the simple process to follow:



with as much detail as possible, you must send an EMail to our Property Manager. The contact information is always in every edition of the Mission Hills Post. In the subject line of your message, you must write “MH COMPLIANCE”. Include as much information as possible with photos, if available along with the name/address of your issue(s). This is the only process to follow ... no phone call/voice mail or other forms of communication will be accepted ... EMail only as per above instructions.

This is where resident participation ends.... and remember: your message is strictly confidential ... the ONLY people who would know who the sender is will be that person and our Property Manager. *** Also, be aware that there is no other entity in MH who has the authority to send notification letters except our Property Manager.

DO NOT CONTACT THE OFFICE, ANY BOD MEMBER (it is a violation of the Statute 718 for any BOD member to participate in Compliance until after a Hearing), OR OUR MAINTANENCE DEPARTMENT!

So what, then, is the role of the Compliance Committee?

Chapter 718 Florida Statutes (718.303(3)(b), dated July, 2018, states, in part that “A fine or suspension levied by the board of administration may not be imposed unless the board first provides at least 14 days’ written notice to the unit owner and, if applicable, any occupant, licensee, or invitee of the unit owner sought to be fined or suspended, and an opportunity for a hearing before a committee of at least three members appointed by the board who are not officers, directors, or employees of the association, or the spouse, parent, child, brother, or sister of an officer, or employee. ***The role of the committee is limited to determining whether to confirm or reject the fine or suspension levied by the board. If the committee does not approve the proposed fine or suspension by majority vote, the fine or suspension may not be imposed.***”

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The preceding paragraphs are key to understanding the role of a Compliance Committee. The committee does not search the community for violations, report violations to the board, nor determine what a fine will be.

What the committee does do, if requested by the resident(s) is to meet with him, her or them and re-view the situation and make a recommendation as to whether the fine proposed by the board is fair and reasonable.

Any additional questions must be addressed, in writing, to our Property Manager.

Mission Hills would like to extend our deepest condolences to the family of Eileen Smith. Eileen's gravesite service will take place on May 5th at 10am, at Bay Pines National Cemetery in St. Petersburg.



CLEAN AND AFFORDABLE



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DO NOT FEED THE BIRDS AND ANIMALS!!

There has been an increase of wildlife around the hills. This is caused by giving them food. Not only is it bringing more rats, it is also bringing coyotes. This is not only bothersome to those of you with small dogs, but it is dangerous to everybody. The birds and animals are coming in because they have found a food source. It costs the membership money to put out rodent traps, so please stop attracting them. This applies to birds, as well as furry creatures.
Do not feed any of them!



CHAIR EXERCISE

Submitted by Joanne Dunn

Come 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.



Ice Cream Social

When: Sunday, May 18th, 7PM

Where: Clubhouse

Test your knowledge with Trivia by Regina Hickey

\$5 per person

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

BEADED JEWELRY FOR BEGINNERS

(submitted by Helen J. Strupczewski)

Your Purple Passion Ladies are hosting this fun class right in our Mission Hills Clubhouse. You will learn how to make simple but eye-catching jewelry using glass and semi-precious stone beads.

Choose from a wide selection of bead colors and chain styles. You will be making a pendant necklace in your choice of length along with a beaded adjustable slider bracelet in either gold or silver tones.

We only have 25 spots available, but will have a waiting list if need be.

DATE: Wednesday, May 21st

TIME: 1 PM

PRICE: \$25 per person for both pieces and all materials

RSVP: No later than Friday the 16th with full cash payment.

Reserve your space today with Helen at 609-706-7214

Purple Passion, where our motto is FUN!!!



This month's Lunch Bunch will be held Thursday, May 6th at 1pm. All ladies welcomed!

Jack Willies 1013 St. Pete Drive in Oldsmar. Please call Jean Curtis at (727) 791-1942 for more details.

Corn Hole League will be forming and start playing on Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. by the Shuffleboard courts.



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HELP FOR MISSION HILLS RESIDENTS

Pickup: TVs, computers and other electronics, used paint cans and solvent. All items will be recycled.

Pick up used clothing/bedding to help the homeless at Focus Hope (Tent City).

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Light Hauling: furniture and mattresses.

Call for pricing.

Pinellas County Dump Fee: \$11

Mike Spooner: 727-213-7666

Kathy Spooner: 727-639-3481

BOOSTER CLUB EVENTS

Submitted by Vicki Loper



A big thank you to Kay Hunt, for her hard work as Booster Club President over the last year. We appreciate everything you do for our community.

All tickets for Booster Club activities must be purchased by the Wednesday prior to the event, with the exception of the Ice Cream Social. Tickets are available at Monday night bingo, LCR, Dominos and around the pool. Ticket sellers are Joanne Dunn 671-686-4078, Shirley Laurie 401-302-1914, and Helen Strupczewski 609-706-7214.

Thanks to our bingo team for all your hard work on Monday nights. Bingo card sales end at 6:50pm and bingo starts at 7pm. Come and join the fun! Please remember NO LARGE BILLS! A big thank you to all of our volunteers, Kay, Peggy, Judy, Dee, and Cindy.

Ice Cream Social gals scoop up a "mean" sundae every month. Everyone is invited to enjoy ice cream and trivia games with Regina Hickey. \$5 p/p, no advance tickets needed.

MAY ACTIVITIES:

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

May 10-Booster Club Breakfast 9 to 10 am \$8 p/p cooked by Beverly and Susan, French Toast Bake, sausage links, fruit cup, coffee and tea.

May 15-Booster Club Meeting 7 pm, everyone is invited!

May 18-Ice Cream Social/Trivia 7 pm \$5 p/p

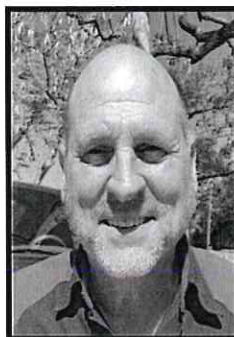
May 24-Memorial Day Picnic Happy Hour 4pm, Dinner at 5pm. Please bring a side or a dessert to share. Barnaby, Barry, and Loni will be our grill chef's.

SAVE THE DATES FOR JUNE:

June 14-Breakfast 9-10 am

June 15-Ice Cream Social/Trivia

June 28- Pizza Party w/salad, Happy Hour, followed by Karaoke.



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**Every
Thursday
8:30am**

Men's Breakfast

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Bored on Tuesday Nights?

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Lunch Bunch 1pm	7 Quarters in lobby 1-2pm	8	9	10 BC Breakfast 9am
11	12	13 Bulk Trash Pickup 9am-12pm	14	15 BC Meeting 7pm	16	17
18 BC Ice Cream Social 7pm	19	20	21 Quarters in Lobby 1-2pm	22	23	24 BC Memorial Day Picnic 4pm
25	26	27 Bulk Trash Pickup 9am-12pm	28	29	30	31

Weekly Reminders:

Monday– Water Aerobics at 11am
Bingo at 7pm

Wednesday- Blood Pressure at 2pm

Thursday-Men’s Breakfast at 8:30am
Cornhole at 2pm

Friday– Chair Exercise at 10:30am



Save the date for June!

June 14th– Breakfast at 9am

June 15th– Ice Cream Social

June 28th– Pizza Party w/ salad