

## MISSION HILLS POST

### President's Statement October 2023

Last month we discussed that out of the four process phases (Evaluation, Sorting, Aligning, and Consistency), this board is now moving into the SORTING phase. Much like in an emergency clinic when someone comes in – there will be an immediate and thorough EVALUATION of the root cause so the medical practitioners can quickly SORT their best options for solving the situation. Their abilities to do this come from continual education reinforced by their growing experience. I for one, am thankful for our healthcare in this, the greatest nation on earth. (Hope I didn't offend anyone!)

I recently talked to someone who felt that these *President Statements* on the POST were maybe a little difficult to follow and should be more in the common language of the average man! So, let's take the advice of

Albert Einstien!

A man probably more like us than we would like to think: Part of the reason for Einstein's fame is surely that his earliest, and best known, achievement – the 1905 special theory of relativity – seemed to have come out of the blue, without any prior achievement. Like Newton (but unlike Charles Darwin), he did not have anyone of distinction in his family. He was not notably excellent at school and college (unlike Marie Curie); in fact, he failed to obtain a university position after graduation. He was not part of the scientific establishment, and worked mostly alone. In 1905, he was struggling as a mere patent clerk, with a newborn child. Regardless of whether we grasp relativity, his apparently sudden burst of genius inevitably intrigues everyone. Did you like that?

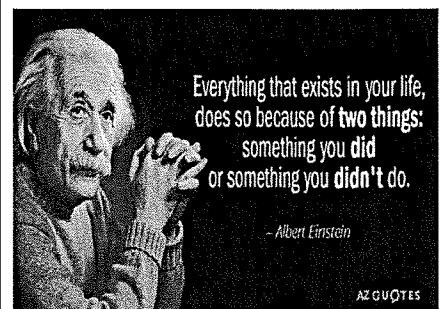
When someone has a medical emergency they don't want to hear "Would you like a coffee and doughnut" when they enter the ER. They want CRITICAL THINKERS to Evaluate and Sort out their best option immediately. That is how this five-equal-member board is functioning for you. We are people who made our livings looking for solutions and improvements and ways of maintaining performance! We are not into social game nights, clubs, as much as we would like to be – there is simply too much to be done and never enough time in a day it seems. So yes, we are beginning to SORT and determine the best options available for our Mission Hills community. When we assess a gas leak, broken underground water pipe, a potential problem tree, roof leak, etc., it is now being done with the understanding that our future is about what we did and did not do!

This board's approach to *leadership* and *tree roots* is much like Einstein's side quote. No, we are not Einsteins – there was only one. But we are "Critical Thinkers" and best of all – "DOERS." Guess what – you are too!

John (Jack) Emberson

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# MISSION HILLS DIRECTORY

## THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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

**Property Manager:** Bob Kelly \* [rkelly@ameritechmail.com](mailto:rkelly@ameritechmail.com)

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

**Bingo:** Kay Hunt – 810-845-6597

**Booster Club President:** Vicki Loper – 610-248-1158

**Bridge Club:** Ron Halvorson – 651-235-6036

**Crafters:** Dorothy Blewis – 505-220-1542

**Documents:** Helen Strupczewski – 609-706-7214 \* [vetnerz2@gmail.com](mailto:vetnerz2@gmail.com)

**Dominos:** Joanne Dunn – See calendar for schedule

**Finance Committee:** TBD

**Neighborhood Watch:** Susan Salesses – 727-754-8421

**Post Editor:** Susan Huntley– 727-797-6402 \* [missionhillspost@gmail.com](mailto:missionhillspost@gmail.com)

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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](mailto: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, 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

Our delinquencies were much reduced this month from \$18,739.63 to \$8,099.90. August revenues were \$275,708.01. August expenses were \$251,430.94. We are under \$24,277.07 for the month but still over \$55,048.86 year to date. The operating expense budget is under budget \$2442 for the year.

We are still over budget on utilities-electric \$4.4K, Water \$11.4K Sewer \$9.4K and Trash \$2K. Gas is OK. We are also over \$7,208.56 on TV and Internet. This is largely due to retransfer fees charged by the networks. Currently, Spectrum is charged 27% and these surcharges are passed on to us. This is still a relatively good value at \$52.92 per unit. Our contract isn't up until 8/25/2026 and we have to give 90 days notice if we don't want to auto renew for 1 year.

We will be having a budget workshop in the next few weeks. I will schedule this with Bob Kelly on Monday and we will post the date and time for everyone.

	Current Period Actual	Current Period Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance(Actual - Budget)
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	\$ 275,708.01	\$ 243,523.50	\$ 2,170,560.75	\$ 1,948,188.00	\$ 222,372.75
Operating Expense	Current Period Actual	Current Period Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance(Actual - Budget)
Admin(Ameritech)	\$ 35,618.65	\$ 41,407.67	\$ (310,438.95)	\$ 331,261.36	\$ 20,822.41
BLDG	\$ 5,173.39	\$ 5,616.67	\$ (43,111.65)	\$ 44,933.36	\$ 1,821.71
CPA	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ (6,400.00)	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (2,400.00)
Equip	\$ 4,192.55	\$ 3,250.01	\$ (15,311.35)	\$ 26,000.08	\$ 10,688.73
Grounds	\$ -	\$ 1,666.67	\$ (10,013.23)	\$ 13,333.36	\$ 3,320.13
Ins	\$ 39,385.91	\$ 29,750.00	\$ (233,348.86)	\$ 238,000.00	\$ 4,651.14
Land Lease	\$ 40,423.31	\$ 40,423.00	\$ (322,386.48)	\$ 323,384.00	\$ 997.52
Legal	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ (6,824.45)	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (2,824.45)
Pest	\$ 253.50	\$ 125.00	\$ (1,089.10)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (89.10)
Pool	\$ 928.80	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (7,678.96)	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 321.04
Roof	\$ 4,926.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ (10,561.00)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (561.00)
Safety - Fire Alarm Inspection	\$ -	\$ 375.00	\$ (3,909.76)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (909.76)
TV/Internet	\$ 25,243.46	\$ 24,342.00	\$ (201,944.56)	\$ 194,736.00	\$ (7,208.56)
Util	\$ 57,636.35	\$ 59,161.09	\$ (499,476.53)	\$ 473,288.72	\$ (26,187.81)
<b>Total Operating</b>	\$ 213,782	\$ 209,367	\$ (1,672,495)	\$ 1,674,937	\$ 2,442
<b>Total Non-Operating(Reserves)</b>	\$ 36,514.51	\$ 34,156.41	\$ 515,465.87	\$ 239,094.87	(\$ 276,371.00)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	(\$ 251,430.94)	\$ 243,523.52	\$ 2,225,609.77	\$ 1,948,188.16	(\$277,421.61)
<b>COMBINED NET INCOME</b>	\$ 24,277.07	(\$ 0.02)	(\$ 55,049.02)	\$ 0.16	(\$ 55,048.86)

**From Cheryl Acton and Al Robinson**

**Welcome Team:**

We would like to welcome Linda Mc Carthy.  
If you run into her, please welcome her to Mission Hills.

**Communications Team:**

We mentioned the following at several board meetings, but I will mention it again as a refresher for those that don't know. We have a mailbox in the lobby for your questions to the board. For those of you that left questions in it, we would like to thank you. In order to avoid false rumors, please send your questions directly to the board through the email Board Blast. We bring the questions to the board meeting and share them with the rest of you. By law, you also have the opportunity to ask questions at the end of the board meeting in the Q&A section; the only difference is that the questions at the Board Meeting must be related to the agenda. Therefore, if you have questions, please send them to us, and we will answer them in full.

Once again, the question regarding Compliance keeps coming up. Please note that from the original 350 violations done by Ameritech in March, this board has narrowed them to a handful, and mainly, they are trees against the building walls that may cause damage to the infrastructure. If damage were to occur to the infrastructure, the rest of the residents would have to incur the cost of repairs. Also, there are repairs to the front and back walls of the units and they can't be performed if trees are too close to them. Our crew may do some of the work but we will need your assistance in what is considered personal items. Some of the "out of compliance" items are personal and we can't touch or decide for you. Please, clear those items up if you would possibly like help from our crew. **IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE EMAIL THE BOARD OR CALL SUE AT THE OFFICE.**

The dumpster is open for trash, not trees; the city does not pick up branches from the dumpster, it's for trash only. We placed the trailer in front of the dumpster for branches and trees.

**Green Team:**

Note that from the 75 trees originally targeted for removal out of the last Special Assessment, John Snow targeted a fraction of that number and identified trimming of trees with specific risk. We have received 3 bids from three different companies and Apollo O'Neil had the best price this time around and the bid was awarded to his company. He has done work in the past, he is also a Master Arborist and has trained our crew for free as well. We recognized the other two vendors for their contributions and we hope that in the future they participate in bids as well as they have in the past.

**Advocacy Team:**

211.org: We hope you enjoyed Mr. Kip's introduction to the scope of assistance. He left a full PowerPoint presentation for all to enjoy which I will be sending on the board blast soon. If anyone would like a copy of the full presentation, if you are not on the board blast, please send me your email, and I will send it to you.

"Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions Class": for those aged 60 and above at Mission Hills Clubhouse. Once a week, 6-week Course. Starts Mondays, October 23 through December 4th. 1:30-4 pm. Sign-up is at Clubhouse. At this time, please hurry to reserve your spot!

From Cheryl Acton and Al Robinson

### Safety, Safety, Safety

Once again, the concern regarding the sale of the lift truck keeps coming up. Please understand that the lift truck was purchased by Jerry, our then-maintenance supervisor. Jerry had a landscape license and was able to use the lift (or Boom truck) legally. Mission Hills does not have a landscape license and the workmen's compensation our crew is covered by includes "grounds keepers, maintenance workers..." Therefore, the board decision was made based on the safety of our crew and the cost the community would have to incur if the worker's compensation were to be reset based on this new claim.

Other safety training is in the works as well. Stay tuned!

## 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 [missionhillsboardblast@gmail.com](mailto:missionhillsboardblast@gmail.com). Join the Board Blast

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

# CLEARWATER RECYCLES

## SIMPLIFY TO 5

### 1 PLASTIC



**PLASTIC BOTTLES  
& CONTAINERS**  
Labeled #1-7  
Lids stay on

### 2 METAL



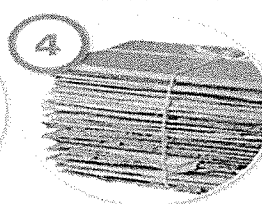
**METAL CANS**  
Tin, steel, aluminum  
& empty aerosol cans

### 3 GLASS



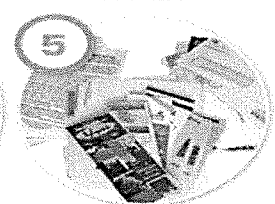
**GLASS BOTTLES  
& JARS**  
Remove lids or caps

### 4 CARDBOARD



**CARDBOARD BOXES**  
Flattened

### 5 PAPER



**PAPER**  
Includes junk mail &  
paperboard like shoe  
boxes & cereal boxes

**EMPTY, DRY, AND UNBAGGED  
ITEMS ONLY!**




## CHRISTMAS BELL RINGING

### SALVATION ARMY

Greetings neighbors in Mission Hills. For the second year I am looking for volunteers to assist in our Mission Hills Friends group bell ringing this Season. Our date to volunteer is Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at our local Walmart Store on Coachman Road. We ask for one hour slots to man the Red Kettle for donations to the Salvation Army. We have hours from 10:00am to 8:00pm. This is Salvation Army's largest effort of the year and all monies collected locally go towards supporting our local communities. Please call me if you are able to give an hour to help in our effort to help others. My name is Joan Carlson – living on Flint Drive South – 727-723-1242. If I am not able to answer your call, please leave your name and number and I will return your call. Thank you for your kind efforts in the Season of giving.

### 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: [vet-nerz2@gmail.com](mailto:vet-nerz2@gmail.com) ... I will gladly add you to the mailing list!

See you in the Hills!!!

### Recycled Sneakers by Susan Salesses

Do you have any old sneakers that you are not wearing anymore? Well, I have the solution for you. They can be donated to Got Sneakers who recycles pre-loved sneakers. So, start looking around for those old sneakers and bring them to the Clubhouse for the Thanksgiving Feast. If you are not attending and/or wish to donate them sooner, give me a call at 727-745-8421 and I will be happy to come pick them up. This collection is being sponsored by the Beta Iota Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, a group of outstanding women educators. The funds will be used for programs to assist beginning educators and mentoring students. Thank you, in advance, for your donations.

### PURPLE PASSION SPONSORED

#### LUNCH CRUISE



Ahoy, mates!! Just a friendly little reminder to be sure to get your ticket payment into Jean Eldredge (407-577-8025) before the October 15<sup>th</sup> deadline ... we have 30 cruisers signed up but not everyone paid yet ....

The lunch cruise is on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and a final deposit needs to be made ... thanks, all!

## DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .

. . . our website, [www.missionhillscondos.org](http://www.missionhillscondos.org) contains a wealth of information that you can access at any time? Take a moment to explore our website and all that it has to offer.

. . . Mission Hills has a variety of activities for you to participate in almost every day? Be sure to read this issue of the Post and look at our calendar to see what's being offered. Attending events and activities is a great way to meet people.

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH by Susan Salesses

The Neighborhood Watch team and the Board of Directors has been encouraging residents to keep their front lights on each and every night for the safety of their neighbors and to protect the area in front of their condo. We would like to recognize the following six packs for their cooperation with everyone having their lights on as noted on a recent evening patrol:

1189 - 1199 Mission Circle,

1177 - 1187 Mission Circle,

1389 - 1399 Mission Drive West,

2964 - 2974 Mission Drive East,

2969 - 2974 Feather Drive,

1500 - 1510 Flint West and

1513 - 1523 Arrowhead Great job everyone!!

Dusk to dawn lights may be purchased from Susan Salesses at 727-745-8421. The cost is \$5.

**Reminder that the Mission Hills speed limit is 20 mph!!!**

The Neighborhood Watch team is in need of more people to do evening patrols. If you can share an hour of your time, at least two evenings a month, please contact Susan. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Have a great October!

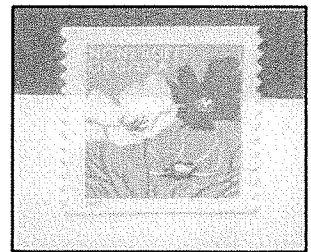
## Stamps for the Wounded Project

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!

**T**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 Doug Kuchle

We want to welcome John Prokopovich back. We really need the help. The maintenance crew is doing an excellent job. These guys really and do great work. If you see the guys, including Sue in the office, give them a Thank You. John has joined the crew as a hands on technician. You may see him out in the field working, please say Hi and Welcome Back.

It is important that everyone who hires an A/C company to work on their unit on the roof have come down to the office and first sign in before they get on the roof. The folder and forms are on the table outside the office. If your roof starts leaking after the A/C people work on the roof, and it is determined the leak was a result of them doing the repairs, they will be contacted and possibly be billed for the cost of roof repairs. They need to contact Doug, and we will meet them before they start working. This makes it easier on everyone. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Average roof repairs are between \$650 and \$2,800. It's your monies paying for repairs.

We are in the process of inspecting every roof for age and wear and documenting on a master plan for roofing companies in the future along with pictures of said roofs. It will be available online soon.

We are also completing the inspections for siding repairs needed on the walls of units. We have a backlog of work orders and we will have a schedule soon to be released, indicating when each work order will be done. Please be patient.

The electrical main line repair is ongoing. The locate service has been marked by all utilities and I am meeting Leland Electric there this Friday, 9/29/23, at 11:00am . We will be moving forward.

We have had a lot of lawn sprinkler issues. The repairs are on going, repairing as the problem occurs.

We found a number of gas line repairs. Clearwater gas responds within hours. Thanks to Clearwater Gas.

Just a note:

There are no chiefs here, we are all workers, working to maintain this beautiful place we live in and preserve it for the future residents, boards and community





# BOOSTER CLUB EVENTS

Submitted by Vicki Loper, Booster Club President

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

A reminder about advance tickets for all of our events, with the exception of the Ice Cream Social are required. We will not be selling tickets at the door for breakfasts, or other Booster Club events. Tickets are available at bingo, LCR, around the pool, or call one of our ticket sellers. Joanne Dunn 617-686-4078, Penni Deitrich 631-742-7926, and Vicki Loper 610-248-1158.

Thank you to all our Booster Club volunteers for all the hard work they put into all of our events. Feel free to join us at our monthly Booster Club meetings. Speaking of our monthly meeting, starting in November we will be having our meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7pm in our clubhouse. This is so we have time to put our updated information together for next month's Post.

## OCTOBER BOOSTER CLUB ACTIVITIES:

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

Thursday, October 12, 7pm-9pm. Tampa Game Night in our clubhouse. Ladies and gentlemen all welcome.....let's get some guys involved. A fun night for all, whether you are picked to play, or just watch and enjoy the fun games like Wheel of Fortune, Price is Right, or whatever else they offer to us. \$10 p/p, BYOB and snacks to share. Last day to purchase tickets is October 9.

Saturday, October 14, Booster Club breakfast 9-10:30am. Last day to purchase tickets is October 11. Hosted by Shirley Laurie and Peggy Settlemire. Egg, sausage and cheese croissant sandwich, fresh fruit, hash browns, juice and coffee.\$8 p/p.

Sunday, October 22 Booster Club Ice Cream Social/Trivia hosted by Pat Loretto 7pm

Thursday, October 26 Booster Club Meeting 7pm

Saturday, October 28 Halloween Party 7pm. \$10 p/p BYOB and snacks to share. The Booster Club will supply a few snacks. Dress up if you like, or come as you are. Prizes will be awarded. Live music with Keith. Contest for best costume and scariest snacks.

This is a reminder that the refrigerator and its contents are the property of the Booster Club, along with anything else in the kitchen. We pay for these items, and they are not to be taken.

## FALL GIFT BASKET RAFFLE

(a Booster Club event)



Get your creative juices flowing for this fund raising event!!

**WHEN:** winning tickets will be drawn on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, at the annual Thanksgiving dinner.

**TICKET PRICES:** a bargain at \$2 each or \$10 for 12

### **BASKET THEME OR DONATED ITEMS SUGGESTIONS:**

- Wine: create you own gift or donate items towards this theme
- Books: any bookworms out there? Create or donate items
- Tea/Coffee: both go so well with chocolate .. or donuts!
- Snacks: ummm .. to take to the movies or share with guests?
- Lottery: you won't win if you don't play!
- Christmas: a timely theme to either create or donate items
- Beach: we are 8 miles from the most popular beach in America
- Chocolate/candy: don't let the tea/coffee basket have all the fun
- Spa: ahh, spa ... we have one of the nation's best so close
- Italian: hmmm ... goes so good with wine
- Gift Cards: so many fantastic places to choose from!
- Cleaning: yeah, I'm tired of dusting, too

Collect your items or create your own baskets and place them in the box in the Mission Hill office M-F from 9:30AM to 2PM.

OR: you can drop items/baskets off to:

Pat Loretto (727-366-0433)

Becky Anderson (727-542-3453)

Penni Deitrich (631-742-7926)

Susan Salesses (860-208-9035)



**\*\*NOTE .. the deadline for drop off is Friday,  
November the 3<sup>rd</sup>, before noon**

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, October 22nd  
7PM

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: Tuesday, October 15th

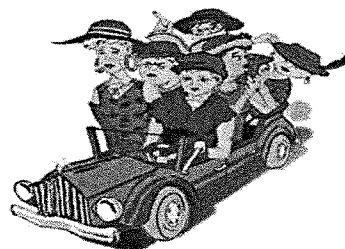
Time: 1 PM

Where: *Pete & Shorty's*  
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For reservation, please contact:

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# Ladies Lunch Bunch

When: Tuesday, October 3rd

Time: 1 PM

Where: *Cricketers*  
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RSVP: Jean Curtis—727-791-1942

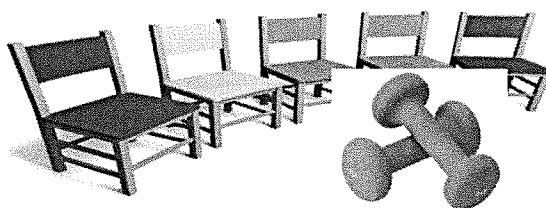
**ALL LADIES  
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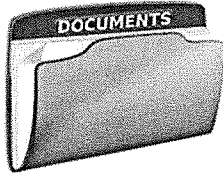


# CHAIR EXERCISE

Submitted by Joanne Dunn

**C**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!!

Greeting and salutations to all of our fellow Hillers! Your Documents Committee held a meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30AM in the clubhouse living room. We had much to discuss with some new proposed amendments to compose for BOD approval at their October meeting. It would be ideal to have these approved by them and our attorney in time for the March annual meeting.

We are also planning on setting up One-on-5 meetings for residents who would be interested in a less crowded environment to learn about what drives condo living in Florida and especially here in Mission Hills. Stay tuned for further updates on dates/times.

Never fear, though .... we will also continue to offer Educational Seminars (most likely one in January and one in February) to help you plow through the proposed amendments as well as the finer points of our proxy.

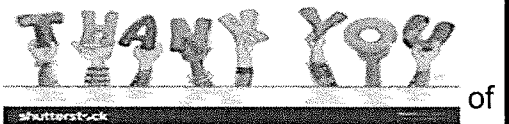
As always, we invite our residents to be part of the audience as we discuss our business. Please keep in mind that we expect all in attendance to afford us the trust and respect that this remarkable committee deserves. We always offer a Q&A at the adjournment of our meetings so there is absolutely no need for ANYONE to continuously interrupt the proceedings. This just causes chaos and is completely unacceptable. We appreciate those who do attend to listen and learn, so many thanks for that!!

Be aware that our Mission Hills documents are open for amending ... reach out to us with your suggestions/concerns regarding our documents ... we can help you from there.

Our next meeting will be held on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30AM .. we hope to see you there!!

Always feel free to contact any member of the committee or simply drop us a note at: [veterz2@gmail.com](mailto:veterz2@gmail.com)

The Documents Committee has one less outstanding volunteer. Our Connie Smith has resigned from the committee for a variety of her own reasons.



We are going to miss her valuable input with all of our research ... and even though she didn't like the "homework" of researching our many issues, she came through with flying colors every time.

Connie, you are priceless and will be sorely missed as we continue to help bring Mission Hills and her documents into the new twenty-year old millennium.

To our residents, when you see Connie out and about, please take the time to thank her for her valuable service to our community for all these years.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY and HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!



Maria Sarmiento .....	2
Joanne Reagin .....	3
Clare Johns .....	4
Robert Loretto .....	8
Barbara Ehrlich .....	12
Kathy Lipke .....	12
Jim Wagner .....	12
Lynn Herrick .....	13
Daryl Moyer .....	14
Fran Owens .....	18
Cyndi Peterson .....	18
Gerb Korthuis .....	19
Neoma Robinson .....	20
Regina Hickey .....	21
Nancy Eden .....	23
Caryn Scott .....	24
Ken Golden .....	23
Joe Chagnon .....	25
Linda Hoskinson .....	27
Kathy Douglass .....	29
Jean Curtis .....	29
Karni Davidi .....	29
Linda McCarthy .....	29
Peter Salesses .....	30
George DeLaGrange .....	30

## ANNIVERSARIES

Robinson, Beverly & Albert ....	2
John & Wendy McDonald .....	5
Dick & Nancy Eden .....	8
Dean & Esther Culp .....	16
John & Sharon Stevens .....	18
Barry Martin & M.A. Sinnhuber .....	26
Paul & Jean Roush .....	27
Ed & Becky Jarrell .....	29
Richard & Jone Burr .....	30

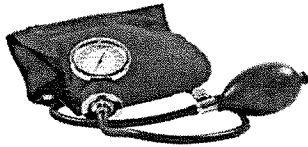


Another of our long time residents, Charlie Collett, has passed away on July 23, 2023. Our hearts go out to his wife Nancy and their family and friends

## Blood Pressure Screening

Submitted by Marie Purcell

**C**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

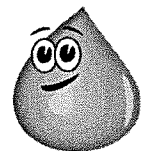
It has been addressed in the past but we can't stress enough the need to avoid disposing of wipes/towels in the toilet. Please use one ply toilet paper and do not dispose of anything else in the toilet other than that. This is one of the main reason why we have clogged pipes. Our pipes need to be treated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

## WATER USAGE

Submitted by the MHCA Board of Directors

**W**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.





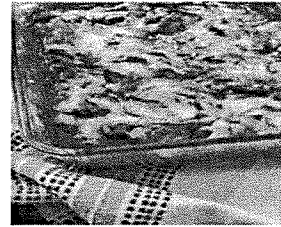
## FRENCH ONION CHICKEN BAKE

( Weight Watchers recipe from the vault)

Submitted by Helen J. Strupczewski

### INGREDIENTS

- 6 (4 oz.) chicken breasts, raw
- 1/4 tsp paprika
- 1/4 tsp seasoned salt
- 2 Tbsp Land o'Lakes light butter made with canola oil
- 1 small yellow onion, peeled & sliced
- 1 (10 oz.) can French onion soup ( I use Campbell's)



1/2 CUP FAT FREE OR LIGHT MOZZARELLA (I USE MARKET PANTRY REDUCED FAT MOZZARELLA)

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. In a skillet pan ( or cast iron grill skillet) melt butter and add sliced onions. Saute the onions in butter until softened and translucent.
3. When onions become soft, place onions on a plate and set aside.
4. Using the same skillet, spray the skillet with non stick cooking spray.
5. Season each chicken breast with paprika, garlic powder, and seasoned salt. Place seasoned chicken breasts into prepared skillet.
6. Cook for 5-7 minutes on medium high, on both sides or until chicken breasts are golden brown.
7. Add onions back into the skillet with the chicken breasts.
8. Pour in the can of French onion soup. Simmer the chicken and onions in the soup for 2-3 minutes- this will allow the soup to caramelize the chicken.
9. If using a cast iron skillet pan top each chicken breast with light mozzarella cheese. (otherwise- transfer chicken, onions, and sauce into an oven safe baking dish- and top with light mozzarella cheese.)
10. Place skillet or baking dish in preheated oven.

COOK FOR 10-15 MINUTES OR UNTIL BUBBLY.

### NOTES

1. In order to calculate the smart points on a recipe you have to enter the ingredients in manually (by ingredient) not by the nutritional information in the ww recipe builder- since this recipe contains zero point items the app doesn't realize there is zero point items in the recipe and will calculate it based only off the nutritional info which is not accurate.

1/4 tsp garlic powder

**\*\*NOTE: do you have any recipes you'd like to share? Just EMail Helen at [vetnerz2@gmail.com](mailto:vetnerz2@gmail.com) ... we'd love to have some of your fine cooking!!**

# Men's Breakfast

Every Thursday 8:30am

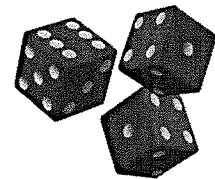
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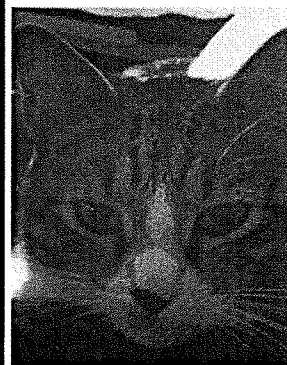
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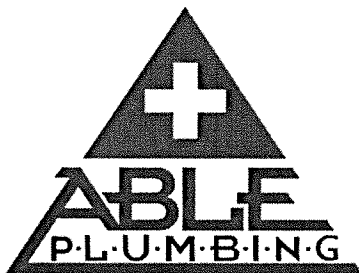
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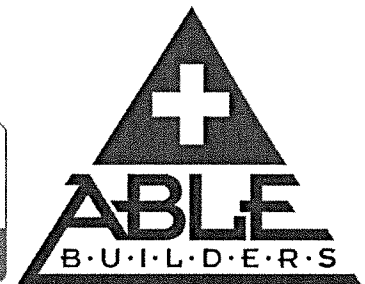
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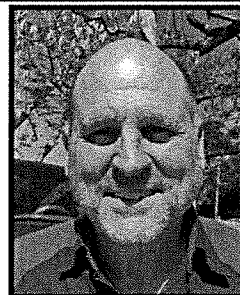
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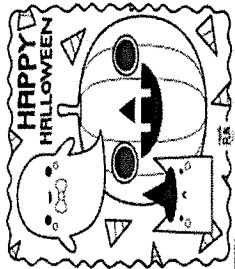
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 Blood Pressure 2pm  
 Poker 6pm  
 Left, Right Center 7pm

**Thursdays:**  
 Men's Breakfast 8:30am  
 Athens Restaurant

**Fridays:**  
 Chair Exercise 10:30am  
 Poker 6pm  
 Dominos 7pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Coin Sale 12:30 to 1:30pm Lunch Bunch 1pm Cricketers	4 Budget Workshop Clubhouse 5pm	5	6	7
8	9 Columbus Day	10	11 Purple Passion 1pm Pete & Shorty's	12 Honor Flight Clubhouse 1-3pm BC Game Night—7pm	13	14 BC Breakfast 9-10:30am
15	16	17 Coin Sale 12:30 to 1:30pm BOD Meeting 5:30pm	18	19	20	21
22	23 Area on Aging Clubhouse 1:30—4pm	24	25	26	27	28
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