

MISSION HILLS POST



SEPTEMBER

2024

Labor Day, celebrated on the first Monday in September in the United States, has a rich history tied to the labor movement and workers' rights.

Origins and Early History:

Late 19th Century: Labor Day emerged during the labor movement's push for better working conditions, fair wages, and reasonable work hours. In the late 1800s, workers organized strikes and demonstrations to advocate for these improvements.

First Labor Day Parade: The first Labor Day parade is often credited to the Central Labor Union (CLU) of New York City. On September 5, 1882, the CLU organized a parade to celebrate the contributions of American workers. The event included a march from City Hall to Union Square, followed by a picnic, speeches, and other festivities.

Recognition and Legislation:

Labor Day as a Federal Holiday: In 1894, the U.S. Congress officially made Labor Day a federal holiday, following the Pullman Strike—a major nationwide railroad strike that ended in violence. The federal government wanted to appease the labor movement and promote national unity, so they passed the legislation to recognize Labor Day.

The Role of the Holiday: Labor Day was intended to honor the contributions and achievements of American workers and to recognize the strength, prosperity, and well-being that workers have contributed to the country.

Modern Celebrations:

Contemporary Observance: Today, Labor Day marks the unofficial end of summer and is celebrated with picnics, parades, and various leisure activities. It also serves as a time to reflect on workers' contributions and the ongoing issues in labor rights.

Labor Day remains a significant occasion to honor the efforts and achievements of workers and to acknowledge the ongoing importance of labor rights in American society.

As always, the Booster Club has a get-together celebration. We encourage everyone to attend. See the information in the Booster Club section of the Post.

The first day of fall is on Sunday, September 22, 2024

Fall, also known as autumn, is a season characterized by its vibrant transformations and cozy charm. Here's a little about what makes fall special:

Changing Leaves: Fall is renowned for its stunning foliage. As temperatures drop, deciduous trees turn brilliant shades of red, orange, and yellow, creating picturesque landscapes.

Cooler Weather: After the heat of summer, fall brings cooler temperatures that are perfect for enjoying outdoor activities like hiking, walking, biking, etc.

Harvest Time: It's a season of abundance with harvests of pumpkins, apples, and other seasonal produce. This is a great time for farmers' markets and delicious homemade pies.

Cozy Atmosphere: As days get shorter, fall invites a cozy atmosphere with opportunities to enjoy warm beverages, read a good book, or gather around with friends.

Overall, fall is a season of transition and reflection, offering a blend of natural beauty and comforting traditions.

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MISSION HILLS DIRECTORY

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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: 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

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Handling the aftermath of the storm, along with the regular maintenance issues, has made this a particularly challenging month for our service department.

We had a lot of tree branches and debris scattered everywhere after the storm. As always, some of our residents stepped up to help with the cleanup. In addition, we dealt with roof leaks in almost every building, adding to the month's challenges.

The crew couldn't mow the lawn during the storm, and as a result, the grass grew faster than we could keep up with.

Some had roofs leaked, others didn't have hot water, and a few complained about the grass being too long while the crew was busy picking up branches, trash, and recyclables. But despite the challenges, the show must go on—and it did.

After a week of working at full steam, we are finally back to almost normal. Ken's return to work has helped bring operations back to their almost usual pace.

We are always grateful to the crew; they are the best in my eyes and in the eyes of a lot of you.

Phase 8 is now fully serviced with hot water, bringing much relief and happiness to the residents. In appreciation, the crew was treated to lunch and received gift cards from the grateful residents of Phase 8.

We are fixing a couple of glitches on phases 9 and 10 at this time. But we don't stop there.

We are currently meeting with roofers to plan the future of our buildings. Additionally, we have residents attending these meetings, volunteering to assist with the transition to the new board next year, ensuring a smoother handover.

Additionally, we've had volunteers stepping up and getting their feet wet in preparation to potentially run for the board next year.

As an additional note, the Booster Club is subsidizing the cost of the new lighting in the clubhouse hall at a cost of about \$10,000. These funds come from residents' participation in events organized by the Booster Club and funded by you. The board is also providing panels, fans, and paint to support the project. The Conference/Poker room has been updated as well.

Finally, we are getting ready to start working on the budget for 2025. Stay tuned.

One resident expressed concern about the lack of direction and signage for 911 calls. The board has been working diligently with Pinellas County, and they have been working on matching their addresses to our map. Currently, they are trying to align USPS and Google addresses as well. Keep your fingers crossed; we really need this resolved.

As you can see, we never stop until we get everything done and done right.

We'll see you at our next B.O.D. meeting.

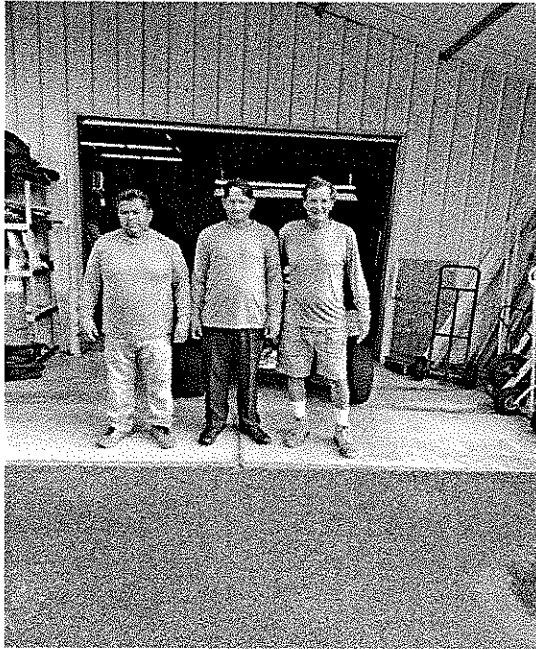
Red Dot Post Alert: If you would prefer to receive the Post electronically, please place a red dot (available at the office) in a visible spot, so our volunteers know to skip your unit.

Orientation Reminder: For residents who have not yet attended Orientation, please note that this does not excuse you from adhering to Mission Hills' Policies & Procedures (P&Ps). Please coordinate with Sue to schedule a formal Orientation session when available.

Mission Hills Monthly Maintenance Report

By Doug Kuchle

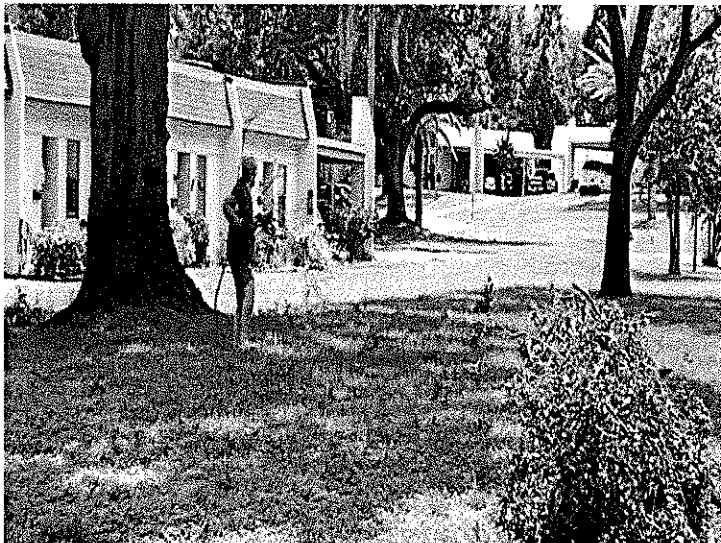
We would like to welcome our new service crew member, Richard Allen. He will be working closely with the rest of the crew. If you see him, please take a moment to welcome him to Mission Hills, make him feel at home, and show him what our community is all about. Richard has experience in landscaping, tree care, and lawn maintenance. He will also be learning about other areas of need under the guidance the rest of our professional crew.



Three of our guys



Pat treating the crew for lunch at Duff's



Residents helping clean up



New address sign—thanks Becky

Keeping Politics Out of Your Community Association, by Donna

DiMaggio Berger's blog

Not surprisingly, the chatter about whether or not political signs should be permitted in private residential communities has increased as we draw closer to the elections in November.

Let's first discuss whether or not an owner in a Florida HOA (COA) has the "right" to install signs. The short answer is "no" with one exception. FL homeowners' associations can prohibit all types of signs other than one security sign located ten or fewer feet from the entrance to the home. All other signs including "For Sale" signs, signs installed by vendors doing work at a home, seasonal and congratulatory greetings and political signage may be prohibited IF the board determines that doing so is in the best interests of the community. Naturally, if the members disagree with their board's decisions they may decide not to re-elect that board in the future.

Some owner signs enhance a community's charm including seasonal greetings, and in the time of Covid, the congratulatory yard signs letting neighbors know of a child's accomplishments when a traditional party could not take place. However, other signs cause concern. Many boards dislike the posting of "For Sale" signs as an abundance of those signs may send the wrong signal to both residents and potential purchasers.

And, it goes without saying that political signs these days are capable of igniting deep fractions inside residential communities. One school of thought is that some people's sensitivities should not dictate others' ability to promote their political candidate of choice.

The other school of thought associated with political signs is that they do not belong inside a private residential community where they can do more harm than good. The advocates for keeping politics out of communities believe that one's political ideology is more productively expressed through monetary donations, volunteering for a campaign and/or waging war on social media sites to one's heart's content.

Some owners maintain that their constitutional rights are being trampled if their association denies them the right to install a political sign or political flag. In fact, you need a state actor to be the entity violating one's First Amendment rights in order to mount a sound constitutional argument. In Florida, condos and HOAs have not been found to be state actors so prohibiting political signs and political flags is possible either through a recorded covenant or a board rule if the board has rule-making authority under the governing documents. In the case of *Quail Creek Prop. Owners Association, Inc. v. Hunter*, 538 So. 2d 1288, 1289 (Fla. 2nd DCA 1989), the Second District Court of Appeal found that an association's sign restriction was not unconstitutional as "neither the recording of the protective covenant in the public records, nor the possible enforcement of the covenant in the courts of the state, constitutes sufficient "state action" to render the parties' purely private contracts relating to the ownership of real property unconstitutional."

Some boards choose to regulate the number and size of political signs and flags and how long they can remain in place, however, when it comes to wording on those signs and what may or may not be considered offensive that requires a more in-depth analysis which some boards understandably wish to avoid. After much debate, many communities simply decide that political signs are best left outside their communities.

The place you call home should be a respite from the world and respites often don't involve contentious political signage next door.

FROM THE WELCOME TEAM:

We would like to welcome our new resident to Mission Hills: Nancy Rizzitano. If you run into her, please welcome her to Mission Hills.

As you know, Arlene Doutré is back up north and Christine Picard has stepped up and will be working together with Kathy Spooner. Thank you ladies once again for helping and welcoming newcomers.

FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS TEAM:

When to Call 911 in an emergency:

If you encounter a criminal act, call 911 immediately. The police need to catch the perpetrators in the act to take swift and effective action. A ring camera or video will assist the police in this situation.

You should call in situations when there is an immediate threat to life or property, or medical response is required.

When to in a non-emergency:

You should call the non-emergency number in situations where immediate police, fire, or medical response is not required. Some examples include:

- Reporting a crime that occurred earlier and does not pose a current danger (e.g., vandalism, theft).
- Noise complaints, such as loud parties or barking dogs.
- Reporting suspicious activity that is not currently happening.
- Non-urgent welfare checks on individuals.
- Reporting lost property.
- Animal Control Violation in addition to Code Compliance

Calling 911 is for emergencies when there is an immediate threat to life or property, while the non-emergency number is for situations that require police attention but are not urgent.

When to Call the City of Clearwater Code Compliance

You should call Code Compliance in the following situations:

- **Property Maintenance Issues:** If you notice a property that is poorly maintained, such as overgrown lawns, dilapidated structures, or accumulation of trash and debris.
- **Zoning Violations:** For issues related to illegal land use, such as operating a business in a residential zone or unauthorized building modifications.
- **Illegal Dumping:** When someone is dumping waste or hazardous materials on public or private property.
- **Noise Complaints:** For ongoing noise issues that violate local ordinances but are not an immediate threat (e.g., loud music or construction noise outside of permitted hours).
- **Parking Violations:** When vehicles are parked illegally on residential streets or in areas where they are not permitted.
- **Animal Control Violations:** Such as excessive barking, animals not on leashes, or other issues related to the care and control of pets.
- **Signage Violations:** For signs that are improperly placed, too large, or otherwise not in compliance with local regulations.
- **Unsafe Living Conditions:** If you observe conditions that may be unsafe for occupants, such as exposed wiring, lack of running water, or other issues that may pose health and safety risks.

If you encounter any of these issues, you should contact your local Code Compliance department to report them. They will investigate and take the necessary actions to resolve the problem.

When to report overstayed visitors to the Board:

Visitors may stay for 3 weeks for every 6 months

If you have a visitor who will be staying longer than the stipulated time, they must be vetted in the office and pay \$40.00 for a background check.

If the visitor has an overstayed stay and does not report to the office, the property owner will receive a warning from the Property Manager.

The timeline for Compliance is posted on the Bulletin Board, after the period allowed, the owner will receive a letter from the attorney to have the visitor vacate the premises or face eviction.

Please, help the association, your neighbors, and residents to keep Mission Hills safe and avoid unnecessary expenditures.

LAUNDRY ROOM CHANGES

We are streamlining the laundry room operations to improve efficiency and service. Ken will soon be taking charge of the laundry room, and some other improvements are on the way. We'll need everyone's cooperation to implement these changes effectively. If you notice a washing machine or dryer that isn't working, please submit a work order. If you know which specific unit is broken, include that information in the work order—this will help speed up the repair process.

As always, make sure to insert good US coins.

Thank you for your cooperation

NO YARD SALE OR GARAGE SALE SIGNS ALLOWED IN MISSION HILLS. PLEASE REVIEW YOUR POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Please clean up the poop from your emotional support animal or service animal. Our lawn mower run over and spread the feces all over the lawns.

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . .

. . . our speed limit in Mission Hills is 20 mph? Please slow down when driving through our neighborhood.

. . . Mission Hills has a great website - missionhillscondos.org? You will find all sorts of information about the community, our documents and our policies there. Do check it out!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH by Susan Salesses, Coordinator

We are still in the midst of longer summer days. Please be sure to keep your doors and cars locked and your outside items secured. The longer daylight hours can be tempting to the younger people in the area. And, as always, please keep those front porch lights on. That little bit of light shines to protect your neighbors as they return home and walk to their condos and also help the people who patrol see what is going on in your area. We appreciate everyone who helps to make this happen.

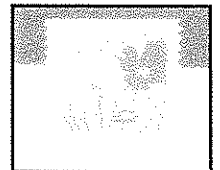
Stay cool and enjoy the month of September!

Keep Your Porch Lights On!

This 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 ★*

Stamps for the Wounded Project

Thank you everyone, for saving your stamps for this worthy cause. Residents of Mission Hills have collected thousands of stamps. This is an ongoing project, so keep them coming! Stamps are collected year-round. Brochures explaining the *Stamps for the Wounded* project are in the collection box.



To donate the stamp, **please leave a minimum of 1/4" of the envelope bordering the stamp(s).** *This is a change* Lately stamps have been donated with little to no border which makes it difficult to peel the stamp from the paper backing.

Stamps may be left in the in the STAMPS FOR THE WOUNDED box on the table outside the Club House office.

www.stampsforthewounded.org

BON APPETITE FOR SEPTEMBER

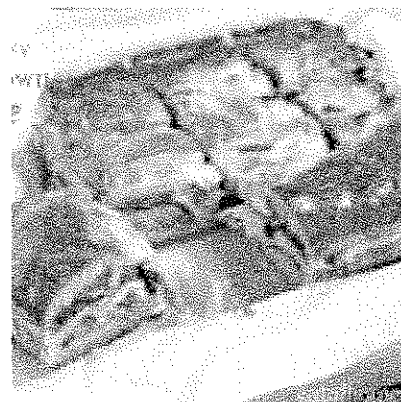
Here is a quick and easy dish that is also served at O'Keefe's in downtown Clearwater a nice change and can be used at any of our Pot Luck social events ... yum!!!!

Kentucky Hot Brown Bake

Servings: 9 servings

Ingredients

- 8 oz package refrigerated crescent rolls
- 1 lb. package smoked turkey lunch meat
- 8 slices cooked bacon
- 8 slices Swiss cheese
- 3 Roma tomatoes sliced thin
- 4 eggs beaten



Instructions

Unroll the crescent dough and separate into 2 squares.

Place one square in bottom of 8" pan that is greased or lined with parchment paper.

Press dough to fit pan.

Layer with half the turkey, bacon, cheese and tomatoes.

Pour half the eggs over the top.

Repeat the layers.

Top with remaining dough square.

Pour remaining eggs over top.

Bake at 350 for 20 minutes, covered with foil. Remove foil and bake another 20-25 minutes.

Let sit at room temp for 15-20 minutes before serving.

Notes

This recipe is adapted from Mr. Food's Italian Layer Bake.

You will need about an hour total to bake and let it set after baking.

BOOSTER CLUB EVENTS

Submitted by Kay Hunt, Booster Club President

I want to thank all our volunteers that come out to help with our Booster Club activities, your help is greatly appreciated.

Our Booster Club Breakfast for September will be on the 14th at 9:00 a.m. presented by Janet and Kathy. They will be preparing a bacon, egg & cheese croissant, hash brown, fresh fruit, juice and coffee.

The Booster Club will be having a spaghetti dinner for \$10.00 per person. September 21, 2024, 5:00 p.m. Please bring a dessert, as well as your choice of beverage. We will have coffee.

The Booster Club will be raffling off baskets again this year at our Thanksgiving dinner in November, however, we would appreciate basket and new item donations i.e. gift cards, themed basket items, etc. I will be happy to answer any questions.

As a reminder about our advance ticket sales for all the Booster Club activities, except for the ice cream social. So that we can prepare for the activities, all tickets must be purchased in advance, the cut off is the Wednesday before the activity. Tickets are available for purchase during Monday night Bingo, Wednesday Night LCR, Friday Dominoes and you might even find someone at the pool selling them. You may also call one of our ticket sellers. Joanne Dunn, 617-686-4078, Kay Hunt, 810-845-6597, Diana Colletti, 727-251-4599, Regina Hickey, 412-600-0802.

The next Booster Club meeting will be held September 19th, 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Our Bingo team is hard at work every Monday, bingo card sales end at 6:50 p.m. and Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. You can come and join the fun for as little as \$5.00 or buy as much as you like in bingo cards. Kay, Peggy and Judy work the sales table. Don't forget we have a new game, "The Speedy" it costs \$1.00 per card, this game is paid out separately. So come and join the fun. We are happy to have our two wonderful callers, Dee Laymon and Keith Arndt, they do a great job, thank you both. Oh! and please no large bills.

The Ice cream social committee scoops up a mean ice cream Sunday every month, the next one is September 15th, 7:00 p.m. Come and enjoy some ice cream and trivia games by Regina Hickey. The ice cream is \$5.00 per person.

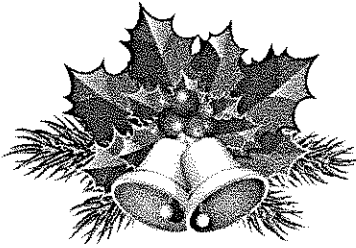
SEPTEMBER BOOSTER CLUB ACTIVITIES:

Bingo every Monday 7:00 p.m. card sales stop at 6:50 p.m.

September 14th, Booster Club Breakfast; tickets are \$8.00 per person.

September 15th, Booster Club Ice Cream Social and Trivia \$5.00 per person at 7:00 p.m.

September 21st, Booster Club Spaghetti Dinner, dinner at 5:00 p.m. Bring in your favorite dessert and your choice of beverage. Tickets are \$10.00 person



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING FAIR (a Mission Hills Booster Club event)

WHEN: Saturday, November 9, 2024

WHERE: Our Mission Hills Community Center

What: The best Christmas Shopping Fair ever!

TIME: Doors open for business at 11AM till 4PM .. food will be available for purchase and a fabulous bake sale at our very own "Krinkle's Krumbs" table – bring a "treat" for the sale **no later than 10AM** and you will receive **ONE FREE VENDOR TICKET!!**



Ring in the holiday cheer and be treated to a variety of unique gifts from our talented local artists. Just imagine the look of wonder and surprise as your loved ones open a gift selected especially for them by you -- brings a big smile to your face, right?

BUT WAIT ... THERE'S MORE!!

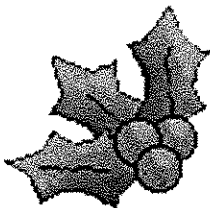
Lunch will be available for purchase from 11:30am to 2:30pm for \$5.00

Special Christmas Vendor Raffle (**RED TICKETS**) with gifts that are compliments of our guest vendors! The small price of **1 tickets for \$1, but a bargain of 10 for \$5**, you stand the chance of winning yet more gifts for yourself or to tuck under your Christmas tree simply by placing your raffle ticket with the vendor(s) you like the best!

And on top of all this, we will be holding a 50/50 (**GREEN tickets**) and at **1 tickets for \$1 or 10 for \$5**, it's a great opportunity to win that "one size/fits all" prize!

NOTE: since you need not be present to win, be sure to have your name and phone number clearly written on the back of both the raffle and the 50/50 tickets drawings for both will begin at **3:30PM**

Come join us for your early holiday shopping at our Christmas Shopping Fair –



Questions for Santa's Elf?
Contact: Regina Hickey at
reginahickey287@yahoo.com
(412-600-0802)

Ice Cream Social

When: Sunday, September 15th,
7PM

Where: Clubhouse Hall

Try your luck with 50/50!

**Test your knowledge with
Trivia by Regina Hickey**

\$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!

Ladies Lunch Bunch

When: Tuesday, September 3rd

Time: 4 PM

Where: *Island Way
20 Island Way
Clearwater, FL*

**ALL LADIES
WELCOME!!**

RSVP: Jean Curtis—727-791-1942

PURPLE PASSION LUNCHEON

Come celebrate the first of the "ber"
months with the

Purple Passion Ladies at Bon Appetite
in Dunedin

WHEN: September 18th

TIME: 1PM

PLACE: Bon Appetite

148 Marina Plaza

(727-733-2151)

RSVP: please RSVP your intention to
attend no later than Monday, 16th

CONTACT: Jean Eldredge (727-314-
4353) or Helen J. Strupczewski (609-
706-7214)

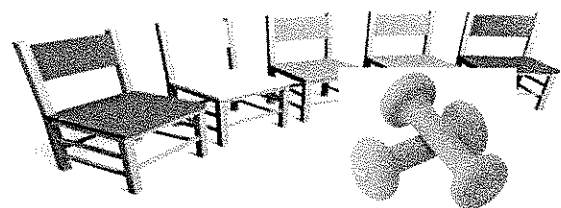
All are welcome to join yet another fun
group from Mission Hills ... be sure to
RSVP since the restaurant requires a
firm head count to hold our reservation.



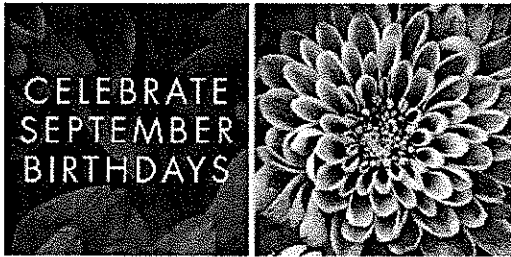
CHAIR EXERCISE

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



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“Of course I’ve gained weight.
That’s why it’s called growing older!”

Here's how to protect your pets from cane toads this summer in Florida

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An invasive species, cane toads are poisonous to most animals that try to bite or consume them, according to FWC.

Where did they come from?

Cane toads are nonnative to Florida, according to FWC. They originated from the Amazon basin in South America and north to the Rio Grande Valley in Southern Texas.

FWC said cane toads were first introduced to the Sunshine State to control agricultural pests in sugar cane in the 1930s and 1940s. Current populations are reportedly believed to be linked to escapes and releases by importers in the 1950s and 1960s.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — In Florida, summer doesn't only mean humid temperatures and tropical storms. It also means an influx of an invasive frog species known as cane toads.

Most active during the summer months, cane toads are commonly found in yards, around buildings or near canals and ponds in the Sunshine State, according to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).

What if I come into contact with a cane toad?

FWC says residents who come into contact with a cane toad should thoroughly wash their hands and always wear latex, rubber or nitrile gloves to safely handle them.



What if my pet bites/swallows a cane toad?

Pets that bite or consume a cane toad can become sick and die in as little as 15 minutes without proper treatment, according to FWC. Cane toads release a milky toxin in defense that can stick to a pet's mouth.

Common symptoms in pets affected by this toxin include frantic or disoriented behavior, brick-red gums, seizures and foaming of the mouth. FWC says pet owners should follow these steps if their pet is showing these symptoms:

- Wash toxins forward out of the mouth using a hose for ten minutes being careful not to direct water down the throat.
- Wipe gums/tongue with a dish towel to remove toxins
- Get your pet to the vet!

How do I remove them from my property?

To safely remove cane toads, FWC says residents looking to handle them should wear eye and skin protection and latex, rubber, or nitrile gloves. Those who need help can hire a wildlife trapper.

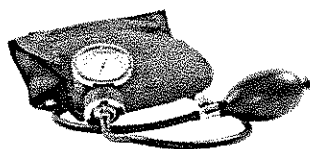
Residents should follow these steps to keep cane loads off their property, according to FWC:

- Cut your grass regularly and keep it short
- Fill in any holes around structures
- Trim the underside of shrubs
- Keep branches or riprap off the ground
- Clear away brush piles
- Remove clutter

Blood Pressure Screening

Submitted by Marie Purcell

Come 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.

From Tina Hans

Hello Mission Hills Neighbors!

My name is Tina Hans and I've lived in our community 15 years! It's an old community, but I fell in love right from the start. Because of the age of our community, we have seen increases in our COA fees and have had to come up with some assessments, as well. My concern is for some homeowners that just can't pay the fees. They've been residents here for many years and now can no longer afford to live here. And they have no place to go.

Some of us can afford an extra \$20 per month. We have 477 units here. If 100 of us would contribute \$20 per month, that would be \$2,000 a month and would go a long way to take care of neighbors that may be in danger of losing their homes.

There is a white lockbox on the wall outside the office. Can you put \$20 a month in there? It would be completely anonymous. I will work with Ameritech to see that the money goes to the right place. I've already put my \$20 in and will do so every month. I don't want to see our neighbors out on the streets. Can we be good neighbors and help them out? Thanks so much!

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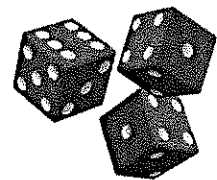
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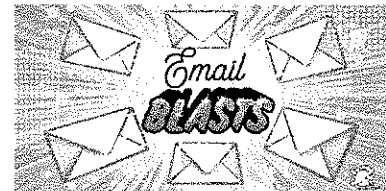
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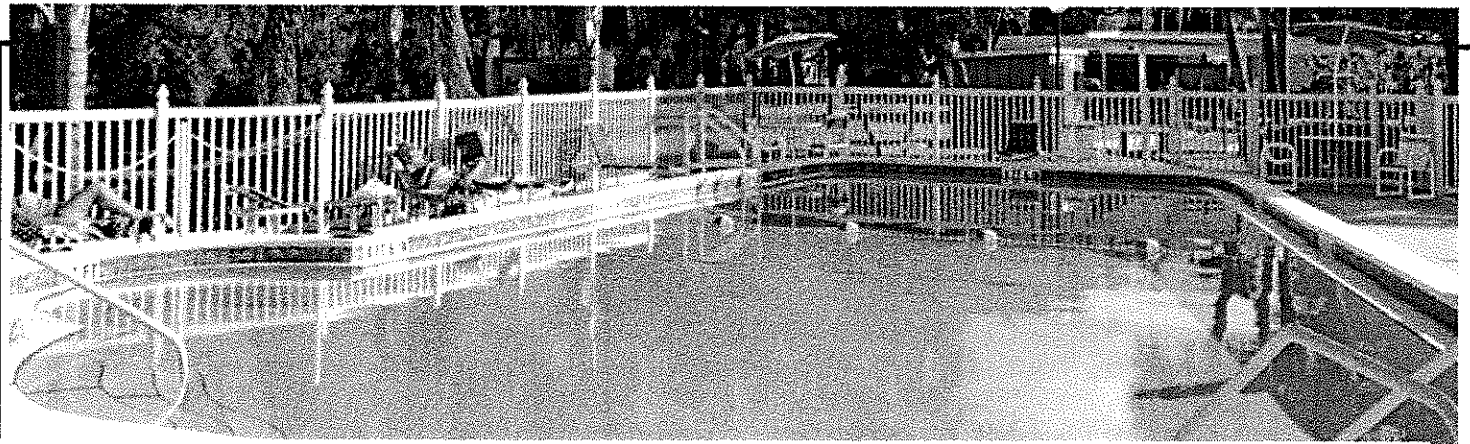
(submitted by Helen J. Strupczewski)

The primary purpose of this Email Blast is to keep our Mission Hills folks informed about the really fun stuff and various activities that are here in our little slice of paradise.

We have found over the past 8-1/2 years that this a pretty valuable tool for communications. It has always been a challenge to be able to reach out efficiently to a community this size. Not everyone goes to the pool or to the clubhouse and we have found that this method is a suitable (thought not perfect) addition to our toolbox. We have also created our own Face Book Page (Mission Hills, Clearwater, Fl) and post the same activities reminders there as well.

Having said all of this, if you are a newbie or more seasoned resident and would like to be put on the mailing list, just drop me (Helen) a line a vetnerz2@gmail.com ... I will happily add you!

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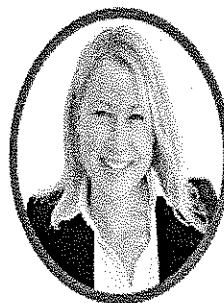


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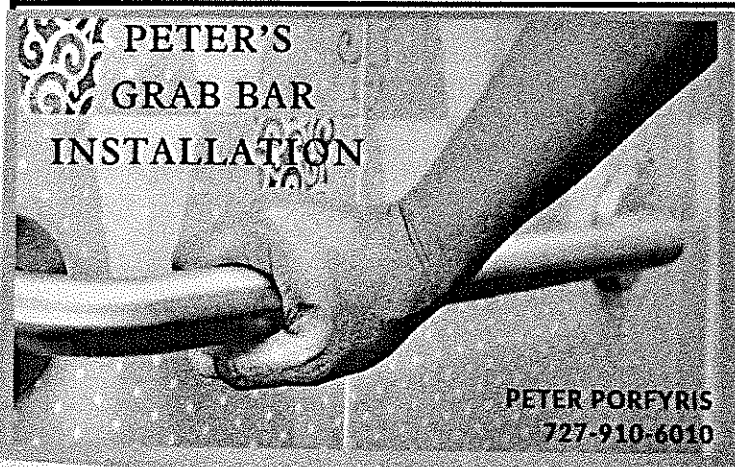
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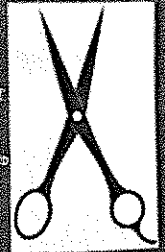
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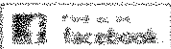
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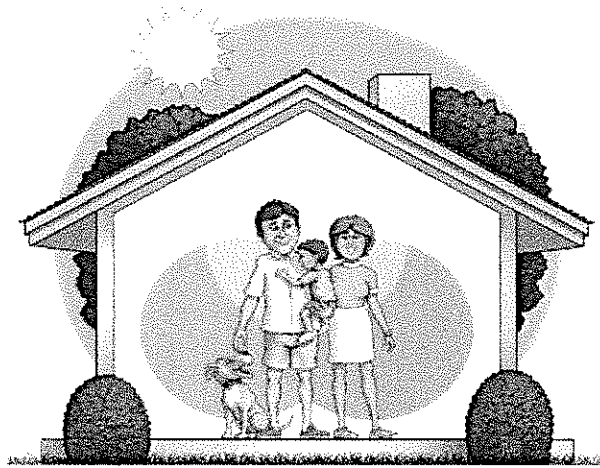
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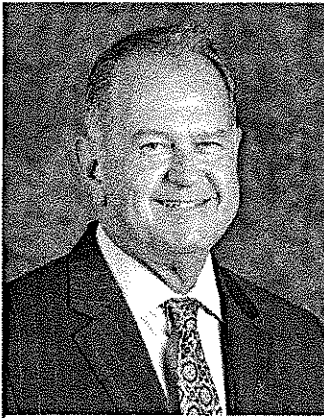
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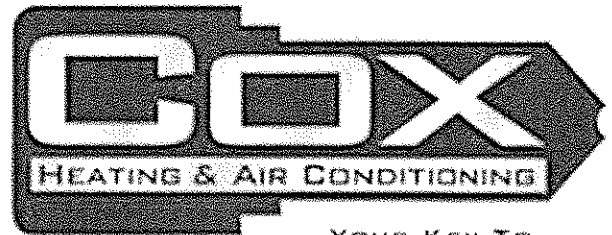


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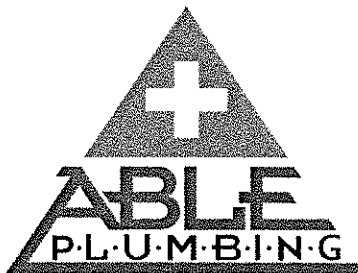
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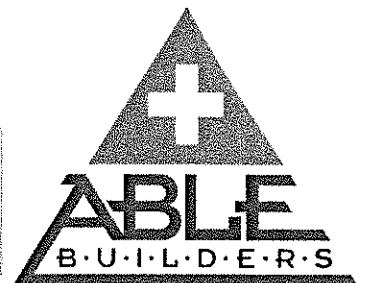
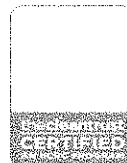
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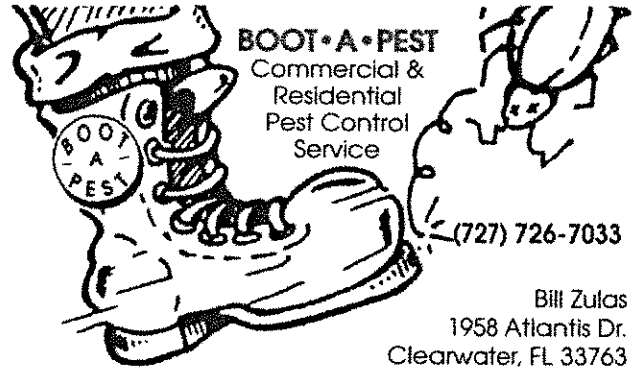
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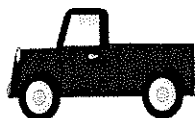
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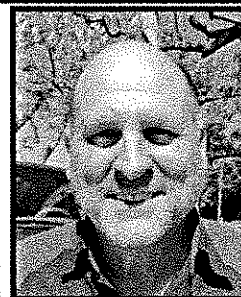
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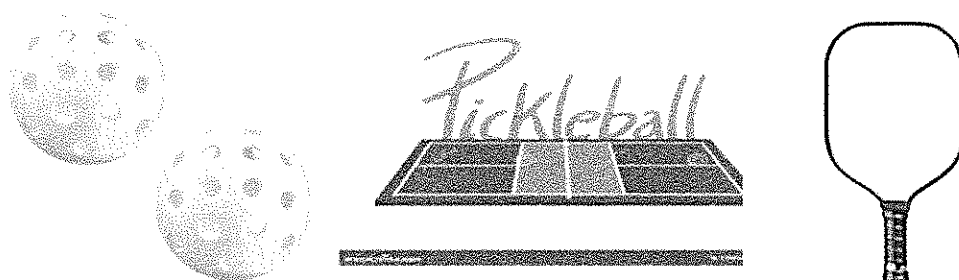
It has occurred to us on more than one occasion that the basically unused area which now holds the shuffleboard courts would make a great space for a pickleball court (or 2)

Anyone else have that idea?

Going forward we are going to get some initial information regarding the creation of a pickleball court and plan a time for those also interested to meet and make some plans. Obviously, this will not happen overnight as the rules and regs of the condo association will need to be followed and the board will need to examine and eventually vote before anything takes place.

But let's get the (pickle) ball rolling!

Anyone interested please contact Sandy Kallin at 610-850-5511 or Chip Spencer at 336-467-8051 and let's talk!





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8		9	10	11	12	13	14
15		16	17	18 Red Hats—Bon Appetite 1pm	19 BC Mtg 7pm	20	21 BC Spaghetti Dinner 5PM
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 Poker 6pm
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