

MISSION HILLS POST



Jelly's Desk

March 2025

As March approaches I am reminded of the saying that March either comes in like a lion and out like a lamb, or vice versa, and it can also be swept in with great winds. This month will be brought in like a Lion here in the Hills and with great winds of change.

First off and most controversial is the Board and Ameri-Tech decision to revamp the position of our office staff. While we realize the fantastic job Sue did running the office for many years, we envision Ameri-Tech taking on more responsibility for office functions, as well as getting the maintenance department online and organizing their work and schedules. We knew this was a major undertaking and that going forward it was going to require a 40 hour position. Now splitting hairs you may have heard we never offered the position to Sue, that is true, no one from the Board approached her because this is an Ameri-Tech employee. This was a Board call, but an Ameri-Tech staffing issue. The Board was told that in discussion with Ameri-Tech, Sue made it clear she was not interested in working 40 hours, so a replacement was made. That is the story and we, as a Board can not thank Sue enough for her dedication and commitment to Mission Hills. We hope to see a lot of her at all of our family functions as she will always be a part of Mission Hills. If you have not already been by the office to meet our newest staff member Alexis (Lexi) Sesto. Lexi has already made significant money saving discoveries and has begun streamlining many processes and procedures. Lexi is also a licensed Cam (Community Association Manager) so she is very well versed in all aspects of facility management and has been spot on when issues have arisen that need a quick decision and given the Board great help and direction. The Board is amazed by her daily and we hope you will all welcome her into our family. She is in the office Monday thru Friday 9am -5pm, please stop in and say hello.

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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: Michael Diorio

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

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Booster Club President: Kay Hunt—810-845-6597

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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!

Treasurer's Report

By Ron Stock October, 2024



January Financial Report

For January Revenues exceeded Expenses. Revenues were \$288,460 and Expenses were \$254,466. A difference of \$33,994.

More than 80% of our owners have corrected the January COA fees. If you have not, the correct amount is \$22.74 for 1 and 1s, \$28.40 for 2 and 2s, \$26.70 for 2 and 1s, and \$26.90 for 2 and 1 Specials. You can make payment by mail to Ameritech or by dropping a check off at the office. These amounts will be in the post so there is no need to write them down.

Seven accounts are in the hands of the attorney for collections.



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

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.

Did you know that ...

...it is very important that all residents of your condo are registered in the office? If you have recently had someone move in with you or you are now renting your condo, please be sure that the office has up-to date information.

...no major items should be placed by the green garbage pails? The garbage pails are for garbage ONLY! Major items (lamps, old rugs, etc.) should be dropped off at maintenance on the second and forth Tuesdays of the month. If you are doing any remodeling, your contractor is responsible for removing any items like sinks, cabinets, etc.

Neighborhood Watch by Susan Salesses, Coordinator

Happy March! We are looking forward to spring and the time changes soon as well. That means longer sunlight and warmer weather. Please be on watch for people walking through our property and do report anyone that you feel is suspicious. Also, remember to lock up any bicycles or other items that you leave outside. It is also important to lock your car at night, as well as your condo. These precautions will help keep everyone safe. And, don't forget your front lights and the 20mph speed limit!

We are so pleased to welcome four new members to our evening patrol team. We are very close to our goal of having two members assigned for each night of the week. Can you spare two hours a month to help us reach our goal? If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Susan Salesses at (727) 754-8421.

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.** *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

Booster Club Events

Submitted by Kay Hunt, Booster Club President

Breakfast will be served on March 8th, presented by Janet and Cathy. They will be serving a croissant with egg, cheese and bacon, fruit cup as well as juice and coffee. Tickets are \$8.00 per person.

The February breakfast was well attended. Mel and Mary served about 55 people. Great job ladies!

The ice cream social committee scoops up a mean ice cream Sunday every month. The next one is March 16th at 7:00pm. Enjoy some ice cream and trivia games by Regina Hickey. The ice cream is \$5.00 per person.

March 22nd is Neighborhood Day. This is when Fire Truck and Kona Ice Cream Trucks come. We get a visit from various departments, i.e. police, fire, sanitation, City Board Members, etc. This will be a potluck, starting at 4:00pm with happy hour and 5:00pm dinner.

As a reminder of our advanced ticket sales for all Booster Club activities, except for the ice cream social. All other tickets for activities 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 Night Dominos, 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, Brenda Ferguson (330) 671-7103, and Kay Hunt (810) 845-6597.

The next Booster Club meeting will be held on March 20th at 7:00pm. Everyone is welcome.

Our Bingo Team is hard at work every Monday. Bingo sales end at 6:50pm and Bingo starts at 7:00pm. You can come and join the fun for as little as \$5.00, or buy as many bingo cards as you like. Kay, Peggy and Judy work at the sales table. "The speedy" and last game are single cards, the cost is \$1.00 esch and can be used with either of these two games. This is new to make it easier. So come and join the fun! We are happy to have our two wonderful callers. Dee will be back in a week or two. Barry has been filling in and he and Cindy are doing a fantastic job. Thank you both for volunteering. Oh! And please remember no large bills.

March Booster Club Activities:

Bingo every Monday at 7:00pm. Card sales stop at 6:50pm.

March 8th Booster Club Breakfast; tickets are \$8.00 per person.

March 16th Booster Club Ice Cream Social and Trivia. \$5.00 per person at 7:00pm.

March 22nd Potluck; 4:00pm Happy Hour and 5:00pm Dinner.



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Monday the 3rd of March brings the Hills a return of an all time favorite!!

Weather permitting, come to our beautiful pool to enjoy the first session of Water Aerobics ... yep...that's right!!!!

See you poolside at 11AM as our instructor, Dorothy Blewis (along with appearances by our Lisa Schlechty), puts us through the paces as we get fit while making waves! And if we all survive this, Dorothy will be back on Wednesdays, too ... YAY!!!



Bring your water weights (if you have them) or empty water bottles (with caps) along with your noodles, sunglasses, and hats! No sign up ... just show up ... this is gonna be so much fun!!

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