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Hello to my fellow Mainlanders!

I want to wish all of you the happiest New Year possible as we enter into the new year of 2021.

First things first. I want the thank the Members of the Board who served us throughout 2020, persevering over decisions that affected us all during the crisis, and for wanting to make our community a better place to live. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH.

I don't think much needs to be said about the past year as it has placed many constraints on all of us. While we may have had moments of growth and happiness, the struggles cannot be forgotten soon enough. We will continue to follow the Broward County Emergency Orders to the letter pertaining to the clubhouse and its operation. Please practice Safety protocols at all Civic and Board meetings. As we enter Broward Counties phase 4 and things change, we will update our procedures accordingly.

The clubhouse will remain open on Saturday evenings for bingo, but until further notice the rest of the festivities will be placed on hold due to the uncertainty of Broward Counties regulations. The clubhouse is still open for use to play pool, shuffleboard and the use of our library and of course the pool amenities.

Members of Mainlands Section 4 are allowed and encouraged to attend the Board Meetings held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6 pm, as well as the Civic meetings the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 7 pm. So come and see how your board functions and meet the new members of your Board.

Thank you, Michael O'Malley

On Wednesday, December 16th, 2020 our new Board was installed for the coming year. We thank all those who served and those who are serving in these most important roles. Please help us in welcoming your new Board.

### Our Mainlands 4 Board of Directors for 2021

•	Mike O'Mally	President	Momalleyms4@gmail.com	954-826-5815	
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•	Stephen Hartner	Civic Treasurer		201-739-1075	
	Tony Spada	Maintenance Chair	Tspadams4@gmail.com	954-733-3009	
	Suzanne Johnston	House Chair	Sjohnstonms4@gmail.com	954-868-2048	
	Kate Johnson	Publicity Chair	KateJohnsonms4@gmail.com	305-490-1778	
	Social and Recreation Chair vacant				

We are here to serve this community to the best of our abilities!

For maintenance, lawn, or sprinkler issues, please call Tony Spada at 954-733-3009

### **Monthly Events**

2nd Wednesdays (this month January 13th) Board Meetings @ 6 pm

3rd Wednesdays (this month January 20th) Civic Meetings @ 7 pm

Saturdays @ 6:30 pm Bingo



Pool and Clubhouse remain available for use (of course using mandatory guidelines set forth in the Executive Order).

For use of the Clubhouse at other times, please contact Suzanne at sjohstonms4@gmail.com or by phone at 954-868-2048 to make arrangements.

# Committees for the coming year!

We are excited to begin the year with forming new committees and updating existing ones to help in the compassionate care of our community. If interested in serving on any of these committees, please contact Mike O'Malley for consideration.

### **New Resident Interview Committee**

This committee's purpose is to interview potential residents and provide an orientation to Mainlands 4. We are in need of one volunteer to assist the President, Secretary, and Publicity Chair on this committee.

### **Architectural Control Committee**

The purpose of this committee is to provide guidance, recommendations, and approval regarding changes made to owner properties, including requests regarding landscaping, home and driveway colors, and physical changes to property (i.e. windows, doors, patios). (new request forms are available in the clubhouse).

### **Violations and Fining Committee**

According to FS 720.305(2)(b) any resident given a violation has the right to appear before a committee of their peers. There must be at least 3 members of this committee, none of whom may be Board members. This allows for the parcel owner to be heard before proposed fines are imposed. The sole purpose of this committee is to determine whether to confirm or reject the fine or suspension levied by the Board. If at all possible, we seek to amicably settle disagreements before fining an owner.

#### Social and Recreation Committee

While we do not have any current activities scheduled, we would like a list of people willing to volunteer once everything "opens up" after COVID. If you have helped in the past with breakfasts, dinner dances, etc. or want to try your hand at an event, please let us know.

# **Upcoming Board Meeting Agenda (not an exhaustive list)**

(this will be a regular feature so that we may have your input on topics that interest you as a community member)

- Committee Membership
- Food Pantry Creation



#### **Newsletter News:**

If you would like to receive the newsletter by email, please notify Kate Johnson by sending an email to katejohnsonms4@gmail.com. It is also available on our website.

# Safety and Health are Our Priority

There are Safety Protocols in place in Broward County and Mainlands 4 has no exception in following them. That means we must adhere to their guidelines in all of our activities and we ask you to please do so. These are MANDATORY for all at our common areas and facilities. Hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes are available at the Clubhouse to insure these are carried out.

If you are at the Clubhouse, please **wear your mask at all times.** Wash your hands frequently and practice physical distancing where able. The fact is that we are a vulnerable population and some of our members have already contracted COVID. We want to do all we can to keep everyone safe and obey Broward County Emergency Orders. The following are copied from the website and can be found at https://www.broward.org/coronavirus/pages/default.aspx



# Wear your Masks

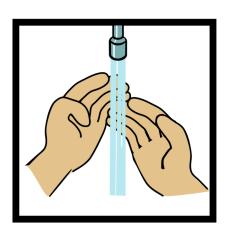
Broward County Emergency Orders require residents and visitors, unless otherwise exempted, to wear a facial covering in public, and to wear it properly, including over the nose and mouth. The facial covering can be constructed of any material, but should utilize CDC guidelines. Disposable face masks and gloves are not recyclable – please dispose of properly.

[I don't know about you, but I am sick when I see masks and other litter thrown on the ground. If you throw them away, be sure to cut

the end ear loops so wildlife does not get tangled in them.]

# **Observe Physical Distancing**

Practice physical distancing by staying at least six feet from other people. Avoid groups and crowded places that can contribute to community spread of the virus. Remember that the elderly and those with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable to COVID-19. \*\*



# **Prevent Infection Spread**

Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, avoid touching your face, and follow Florida Department of Health guidelines for other preventive measures.

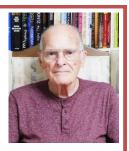
If you are sick, stay home, and follow the advice of your health care provider.

PLEASE! We can beat this thing together!

<sup>\*\*</sup> I have changed the wording to physical distancing rather than social distancing to more accurately depict what it is.

### Librarian's Report: Jim Cogswell

A reminder that we have two top shelves full of French language novels with several more recently contributed. A favorite of mine are the 14 books written by Vince Flynn and after his death, continued by Kyle Mills. The main character, Mitch Rapp, is a true CIA assassin, whose job is to protect American from those who would do our country harm. The library has nine of the 14 and we will try and obtain the other 5 by trading our duplicates with other libraries. Also



recommended are over 50 thrillers by Mary Higgins Clark. We have many of her novels in both paperback and hard cover. You will enjoy her works. Call me at 954-999-5464 if you have suggestions



or questions and all contributions of books and puzzles are appreciated. Let me know and I will come and pick them up.

NOTE: The light switch to the library is on the left side of the entry area and behind the coffee machine. Please remember to turn it off when you leave the library.



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- 50% of senior home buyers first learned about the home they eventually purchase online.
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### Those We Lost...

2020 was a year of losses in so many ways. Some of those losses were friends, neighbors, and family... and those neighbors and friends who to us were family. We mourn for them and with their families.

### **Rosanne Geiselman**

**Bob Mulhearn** 

**Lois Schwartz** 

### **Herman Imam**

"I thought I could describe a state; make a map of sorrow. Sorrow, however, turns out to be not a state but a process."

C.S. Lewis

### Those We Welcome!

With the limited printing of last year's Reporter, we've got some catching up to do so let's welcome our new neighbors!

WELCOME

Thomas and Caroline Edwards 4/12 NW 48th Avenue

Janie Le Blanc 4724 NW 44th Street

Cesar Capo and Doris Olmeda 4717 NW 47th Terrace

Donna and Robert Keys, Glenn and Brittany Hargraves 4705 NW 47th Terrace

Juan, Nelly, and Darwin Guevara 4622 NW 45th Court

Raguel Sandoval and Gabriel Rotver 4519 NW 47th Terrace

Deyanira Mendez Osso and Enrique Serrano 4513 Monterey Drive

Stanley Gorsky and Nicholas Vizzone 4640 NW 44th Street

Meloni Pollard and Moriah Bocus 4903 NW 48th Avenue

Jenny Geniessee 4719 NW 44th Street

Joan Meister 4643 NW 44th Street

Joan Harris 4635 NW 45th Court

Warren Senior 4714 NW 48th Avenue

# Community Events have taken a hiatus! We want them back... safely.



### **Social and Recreational Activities**

2020 was the year we saw so many things cancelled, postponed, and restructured and here at Mainlands 4 it has been no different. From monthly breakfasts, dinner dances, to holiday activities, things have looked very different. Sadly, this has meant that our community had very little community. We will keep you posted on any events that we feel can be done safely and in accordance with Broward County and CDC guidelines.

### Rummage Sale—Bake Sale

The annual Mainlands 4 Rummage Sale/Bake Sale has been cancelled due to COVID concerns. While we are all disappointed, I'm sure you'll agree that being safe and healthy takes priority.

Check out our community website for information and printable forms:

MainlandsSection4. Org



### Tips for a healthy mind and spirit

Many people are feeling isolated, down and just plain blah these days. We are not meant for isolation, we are meant to be with others. Unfortunately, this hasn't been possible lately. Here are 5 tips to help you not only now, but any time

1. Dress for the social life you want.

Get showered and dressed in comfortable clothes, wash your face, brush your teeth. Put on some bright colors, fancy clothes, or your best jewelry. It is amazing how our dress can impact our mood.

2. Get out at least once a day, for at least thirty minutes.

It is proven how much fresh air can do for spirits. Walk if you can, sit on the porch if you can't. But get beyond your four walls. And breathe deeply while you do.

3. Find some time to move each day, again daily for at least thirty minutes.

If you don't feel comfortable going outside, find a video to watch or put on music and dance!

4. Reach out to others.

Don't wait by the phone seeing of someone will call, call them. Someone once told me to create what you want, and that includes reaching out to others.

5. Stay hydrated and eat well.

Stress and eating often don't mix well, and we find ourselves over-indulging, forgetting to eat, and avoiding food. It's important to take care of yourself. Drink plenty of water and eat good, nutritious foods!

# RESIDENTS CLASSIFIED

Residents may advertise items for sale or donation in a classified sized ad at no charge.

Please have your ad to Kate at the HOA Civic Meeting or emailed to her by that date to make it into the following month's Reporter.

### ADVERTISING RATES FOR THE REPORTER

# Residents may have one month free for a business card size ad

SIZE:	MONTHLY		ANNUALLY
Business Card	Resident	\$10	\$ 80
	Non-Resident	\$12	\$108
Quarter Page	Resident	\$18	\$162
	Non-Resident	\$22	\$198
Half Page	Resident	\$35	\$315
	Non-Resident	\$40	\$360
Full Page	Resident	\$70	\$630
	Non-Resident	\$75	\$675

Please have your ad to Kate at the HOA Civic Meeting or by email (katejohnsonms4@gmail.com) by the third Wednesday of the month to make it into the following month's Reporter. Thank you.





Your Ad Here Space Available!