

THE REPORTER



President's Report:

Hello Lovelies! It's the month of love ♥ and we celebrate our lovely people ♥ in our lovely community ♥! Seriously, we are so glad to be here with you all! ♥

So how do we make our community even more loving? Let's start with respecting and honoring our neighbors. Some ways to do that are not to put things in your neighbors' yards, like cars (unless you have written permission) or garbage. It has been reported that some people have lots of garbage and put it in front of their neighbor's yard. PLEASE DON'T. If you have lots, put it in front of your own yard. Also, as has been said a few times, park in front of your own yard and not your neighbors. If your neighbor lets you use their driveway to park overnight, please be sure we have a copy of your written permission from them. This way if anyone asks (which they do), you and your neighbor are covered. Plus, it is in our Declaration of Restrictions that this is how it is to be done. Thanks for your cooperation.

Coupon Books and Maintenance Payments

We have gotten a lot of calls asking for coupon books. To date, coupon books are printed every two years, so this year's coupons are in the books you received for 2022. This is really not a reason for late payments as payments can still be made. If your check has your address in Mainlands on it, it will be credited to your account with no problems. If it has another address, you can write your address or your lot/account number in the memo. We will be considering printing them each year so that this does not happen again and will be voting on this at the next Board meeting. Speaking of Board meetings...

Board Meetings

This is not a political post, but rather concern for our city. Many things are happening that cause many of us to be worried about the direction our city is taking. If you do not know what is happening, I urge you to check out the various news outlets like RedBroward and Tamarac Talk, among others, to see what is happening. (You can google Tamarac politics and I'm sure things will come up.)

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President's Report (continued)

Because of our concern, we think every Tamarac resident should be able to attend the Commission meetings whenever possible. Our Board meetings conflict with evening Commission meetings, and our Bylaws allow the Board of Directors to designate when meetings take place. Therefore, the Board has voted to move our board meetings to Thursdays to allow as many residents as possible to attend the Commission meetings. Commission meetings are the second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm and the fourth Wednesday of the month at 9:30 am. Please consider attending and letting your voice be heard. This is our City, the City of our lives. We should be informed and educated about what is happening. At present, Civic meetings will remain the 3rd Wednesdays of September through February.

Financial Situation

I wanted to let all residents know that you have the right to see our financial status. Our 2023 Budget is available upon request. Next month you will be provided with a Financial Report for 2022. A summary will be in the newsletter. Should you ever have any questions, please feel free to ask. Each month, a copy of each Treasurer's report is placed in a bin by the office door and any resident is welcome to view them. At present, we are in a good financial situation. More will be explained next month.

Activities

We are getting back into the swing of things and so excited about it! Although I forgot to take pictures (my apologies), we had a great time at the Brunch and Bingo Sunday the 29th! Dick is a great Bingo Caller! And the food and volunteers were wonderful! A special thank you to all our volunteers, from food preparation to cooking on the grill to serving the food, you all make it look easy! But we know it is not.

Many more events are in the works and if you would like to help plan an event, we are more than excited to have your help and ideas. We are super excited that we will be having a dinner Dance March 18th hosted by our dear Canadian friends! I, for one, cannot wait to experience their hospitality! So mark your calendars and save the date!

Alcohol Waiver

In the last newsletter, it was explained why we needed an alcohol waiver from residents who consume alcohol at events. If you have not completed one, please fill one out for our records. You only need to complete one and we will keep it for all events.

Our Last Civic Meeting until September!

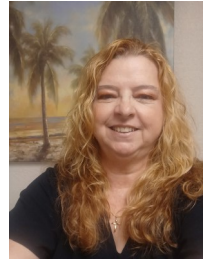
As you may remember, the Civic Association voted to reduce the number of Civic meetings to 6 per year. That means that February's meeting will be our last until September. If we have something that comes up that we need input on or a vote by the Association, we will call a Special Civic Meeting. As always, all residents are also welcome to attend our Board Meetings. If you have a topic you would like to discuss, please feel free to let me know. We always welcome your voice and concerns.

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President's Report (continued)

As always, this Board is here to serve you, the community. Should you have any issues or concerns, please feel free to contact us. We do ask that you remember that we are volunteers and many of us have full or part time jobs as well as serve on the Board, so if we cannot respond right away, it is because of other commitments. Please be respectful when communicating to make it more pleasant for all involved.



This month, I also want to take the time to wish you a happy Valentine's Day. You do not need a spouse or significant other to enjoy Valentine's Day! We are called to love ourselves every day, so please, do something special for yourself this Valentine's Day and show yourself some love!

Wishing you Gentleness! ... And love! Kate Johnson

From the Vice-President: CYNTHIA (CINDY) BAKER

Greetings from the dark side! I have been on the job since the beginning of January and have already sent out several courtesy violation letters plus a couple of formal violation letters. These violations mostly involve out of control landscaping, building maintenance, painting without approval, parking on the grass and rentals. PLEASE clean up your property, remove all those plantings that you gained no permission to plant, trim your hedges, stop parking on the grass and tell your guests not to park on the grass as well. All we want is for every one of you to abide by the HOA Deed Restrictions and the Rules and Regulations. After all, you did promise to do that when you were interviewed. And please think of your neighbors' well-being and happiness.

A tiny tidbit of knowledge From Florida Realtor News: "Renting Room May Hit Homestead Tax Exemption. Some Fla. Homeowners with homestead property-tax exemptions are finding that the exemption is at risk if they rent out part of the home or run a small business."

So besides violating our HOA documents for renting out rooms, it could cost you a much heavier price with your homestead exemption.

Look forward to seeing a lot of you at the Civic meeting. WE NEED A QUORUM.

Take care of yourselves.



As we begin the new year and come up with new possibilities for social functions, I'd love to have you join my team! If you are willing to help out and be on the Social and Recreation Committee, please contact me at swaithms4@gmail.com or by text or phone at 954.907.2395. I look forward to working together for our Mainlands 4 community!

Thank so much! Sheriza Waith



Maintenance Chair Report

Dear Neighbors, I just wanted to touch base and let you know that I understand your frustration with the sprinkler issues. These issues didn't happen overnight and I am trying to get them fixed one house at a time. For instance, on 44th, the company found multiple patches to the wiring which they are trying to address. Hang in there, all complaints are valid in my eyes.

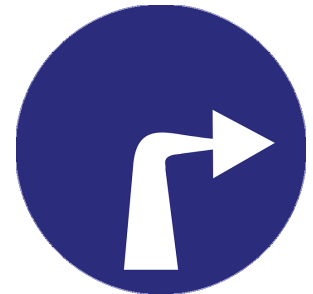


God Bless! *Blair Christophe*

Great News

Last fall we asked Mayor Michelle Gomez what could be done about our turning lanes at entrances and exits to Mainlands. Currently, some turn right lanes are also straight ahead lanes which causes a back up and does not allow for a continuous right turn. We asked for a designated right turn lane and to put the straight ahead lane in with the turn left lane. The turn left lane cannot continuously go, so it makes sense.

Mayor Gomez commissioned a study to address this issue between State Road 7 and 47th Terrace. The study was completed and the good news is they will be changing all the lanes to have designated right turn lanes. This should help a great deal!



We thank Mayor Gomez for her commitment to our community and her steady leadership to get things done.

Our Annual Rummage Sale needs help!



It looks like we won't be having our Annual Rummage Sale as no one has come forward to assist or organize. If you would like to help out, please let us know! Otherwise, we may have to look at other fundraisers.

What do you think about a Mainlands 4 community wide yard sale? Maybe a percentage of the proceeds would be given to Mainlands Civic Association or a \$10 per household fee to have a yard sale? Community yard sales draw a large number of people. All these are options that we could advertise to the broader community.

Please let Sheriza know your thoughts. Better yet, come to the Civic meeting February 15th and let's discuss it! Your ideas are always welcome.

From the Help Desk

We wanted to share these resources with you. We all need help at times, and there is nothing wrong with reaching out. I (Kate) personally know both Executive Directors of these organizations and both are deeply committed to caring for our community. If you need or assistance or know someone who does, please reach out to them. You can use my name as a referral source.

CPR/AED Classes

If you received the Tamagram, you might have noticed that Tamarac Fire Rescue will be holding CPR/AED Classes this year on March 11th, May 13th, July 15th, September 23rd, and November 18th.

To register, please call 954.597.3800 or visit www.Tamarac.org/FireRescue to sign up.

The cost is \$15 per person.

We are also trying to see if they will schedule a class for us at our Clubhouse. Stay tuned for more info on that.

Enrollment is now open for the Tamarac Minor Home Repair Program

Open enrollment for the City's Owner-Occupied Minor Home Repair program has begun. Applications will be accepted through 5 p.m. on July 31, 2023. Eligible homeowners can get assistance with repairs that correct health and safety hazards as well as building and code violations. Weatherization, impact windows and doors, roof replacements all qualify. (I'm thinking driveway repair might be possible, but I'm not sure.)

Depending on the available funds, applicants may be awarded on a first-ready, first-served basis. To qualify, homeowners must meet income and other program requirements. For additional information, go to

Tamarac.org or

<https://www.tamarac.org/425/Home-Rehabilitation>.



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Volunteer Services:

- Homemaker & Companionship
- iPad Program
- Food for Hope
- Community and Care Center visits



Everyone deserves to live in a safe home and community.

In partnership with the community, our primary goal is to eliminate unsafe and deplorable living conditions for low-income homeowners who are elderly, veterans, and/or have disabilities. Our impact extends beyond the individuals served to revitalize and stabilize vulnerable neighborhoods and communities across the county. For more information or to contact someone....

info@rebuildingtogetherbroward.org
(954) 772-9945

<https://rebuildingtogetherbroward.org/contact-us/>

Save the Date!

March 18th



*Complete with seated dinner and DJ
You will not want to miss this return of the
dinner dance!*

More information will be available soon!

Watch for it!

Tickets will be on sale March 4th

We want to hear any ideas you have for future events. Are you willing to host and plan a dinner dance? A BBQ?

How about a game night with dessert! (Bring your favorite to share)

Or maybe an outdoor game day? We have croquet, corn hole, and others. Maybe a BBQ to go with it?

Please contact Sheriza with any ideas you may have! Or to volunteer.

Those We Lost...



We mourn for the friends, family members, and with the families of our lost neighbors. May we remember them fondly, with love and prayers.



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'Our hearts will be full forever with the beauty of what remains...'

Steve Leder, The Beauty of What Remains (I commend this beautiful book to anyone grieving—Kate)

... IF WE MISSED SOMEONE PLEASE LET US KNOW.



WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

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IMPORTANT

If you have a survey for your property, would you please give us a copy? We are trying to update all files.

It is especially important to receive surveys for **44th Street**.

Thank you for your assistance with this.

PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF YOUR NEIGHBORS

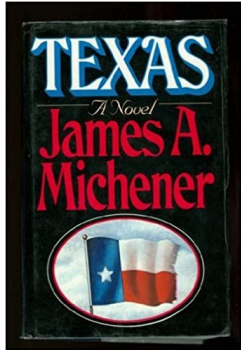
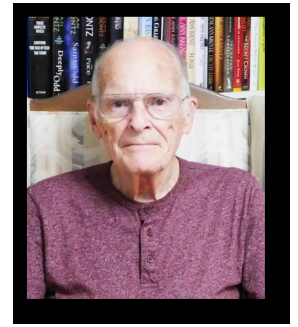
If you have vehicles that you park in the road, please park in front of your own house, not your neighbor's without their specific permission. In addition, be sure that your neighbors can safely ingress and egress from their driveways. It's the neighborly thing to do!



FROM OR LIBRARIAN JIM COGSWELL

The library has received several new French and Spanish novels and many new 300 piece puzzles. The largest 1500 piece puzzle is a new entry.

If you would be fascinated by the history of any of our 50 states, I suggest that you read "Texas" by James A. Michener. Spanning four and a half centuries, beginning in the 1500's when the first Spaniards explore parts of it and ends with present day eminence as one of our most powerful states.. It is second only to Alaska in size, and second to none in natural wealth and human enterprise.

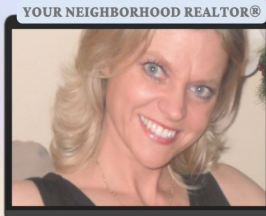


It is a history full of violence and conflict, political chicanery, wheeling and dealing, but also of patriotism and statesmanship of growth and development. Some includes the rise of cotton production and cattle ranching, the discovery of oil, the expansion of industry, the account of how Texas became unique among out states. It is as exciting as it is informative.

The library is here for your enjoyment. Have fun reading and puzzling!

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Committees

Please consider serving. You are welcome to let the Chair of that committee know or let any Board member know and we will direct you to the right person. If you have questions about the committees, please ask a Board member or attend the Civic meetings.

Here is a list of some committees:

New Residents (interviews)

Social and Recreation

Clubhouse and Clubhouse Landscaping

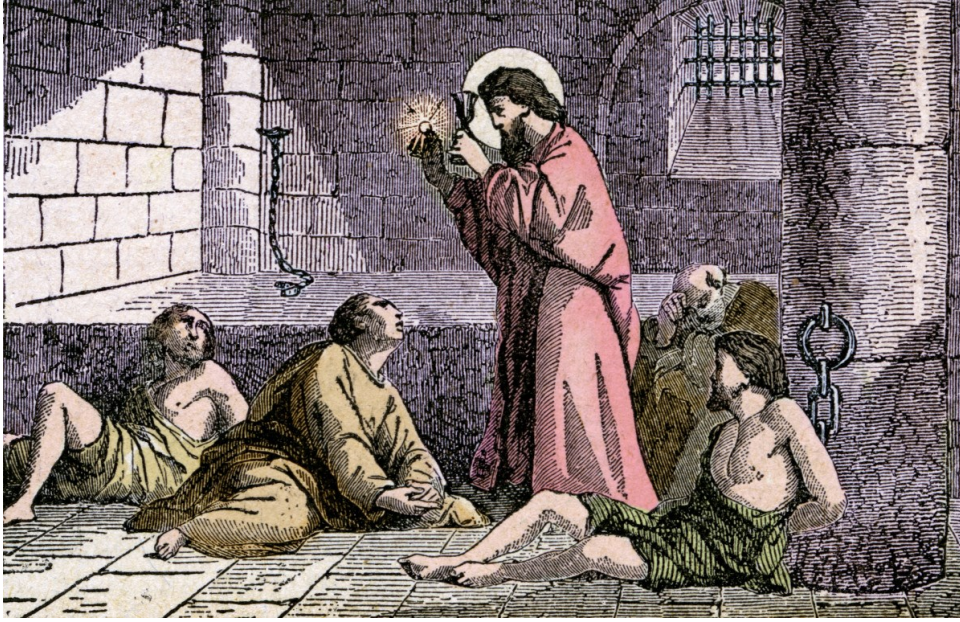
Bylaws, Declaration of Restrictions and other Governing Documents

Violations and Fines Review

Bingo

Thanks so much for your help!

The Legend of St. Valentine



Where did Valentine's Day originate from? The history of the holiday—and the story of its patron saint—is shrouded in mystery. We do know that February has long been celebrated as a month of romance, and that St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. But who was Saint Valentine, and how did he become associated with this ancient rite?

The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Still others insist that it was Saint Valentine of Terni, a bishop, who was the true namesake of the holiday. He, too, was beheaded by Claudius II outside Rome.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and tortured. According to one legend, an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl—possibly his jailor's daughter—who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed "From your Valentine," an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories all emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic and—most importantly—romantic figure. By the Middle Ages, perhaps thanks to this reputation, Valentine would become one of the most popular saints in England and France.

From: <https://www.history.com/topics/valentines-day/history-of-valentines-day-2#the-legend-of-st-valentine>



Weekly and Monthly Events

Free Tuesday Morning Coffee

Tuesdays from 8—9 am

This is a free social event in order to expand community and friendships. You can sit and chat or get a cup to go. Mmmmm coffee!



2nd Thursdays (this month February 9th) Board Meetings @ 7 pm

3rd Wednesdays (this month February 15th) Civic Meetings @ 7 pm

Bingo (canceled until further notice, please consider volunteering)



Veteran's (and significant others) Meeting: First Saturday of most months, 10am—12noon

Pool and Clubhouse remain available for use.

To reserve use of the Clubhouse at other times, please contact Jerry at jfaustms4@gmail.com or by phone at 941-276-7527 to make arrangements.

Upcoming Board Meeting and Civic Agenda

(not an exhaustive list)

- ◆ Clubhouse Ownership Status
- ◆ Increasing Credit Scores for Applicants (need a quorum to vote)
- ◆ Restarting Bingo Discussion and Movie Nights
- ◆ Expanding Current Violations and Fines Procedures
- ◆ Owning more cars than Documents allow and overnight street parking
- ◆ Appoint/Reappoint Committee members (please volunteer)



If you cannot attend in person, you can attend by Zoom. Your attendance and vote counts toward our quorum. For Civic Meetings.

Don't forget you can Zoom to our meetings...



And you count toward the Quorum!

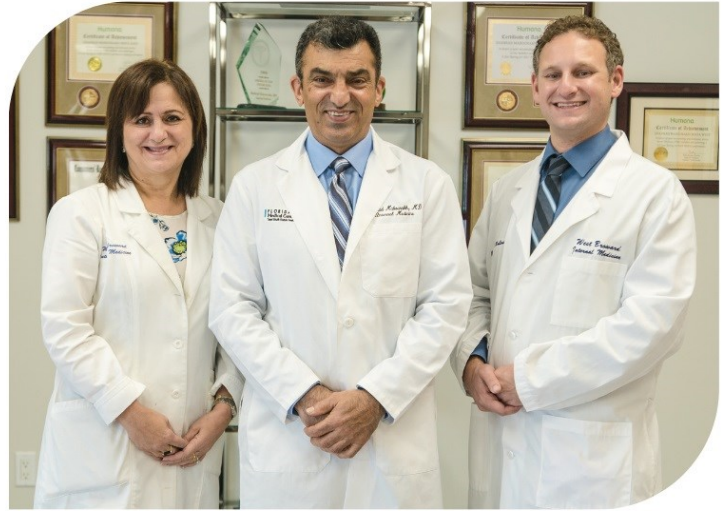
Board Meeting: Time: February 9th, 2023 @ 7:00 PM Eastern Time

Zoom Meeting ID: 852 8322 9937 Passcode: 739900

Civic Meeting: Time: February 15th, 2023 @ 07:00 PM Eastern Time

Zoom Meeting ID: 881 5112 8693 Passcode: 634493

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

SIZE:		MONTHLY	ANNUALLY
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	Non-Resident	\$45	\$400
Full Page	Resident	\$72	\$670
	Non-Resident	\$80	\$725

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 (check payable to Mainlands Civic Association). Thank you.

Ad Rates



Remember, you are always welcome to advertise in our newsletter. Whether it is a one-time ad (one card size is free for residents) to sell an item, rent your home, or alert people to your business, you are welcome to let us know. This year, we have minimally raised our ad rates. Check out our Ad rates above.

Should you have an ad, please feel free to send it to me at katejohnsonms4@gmail.com.



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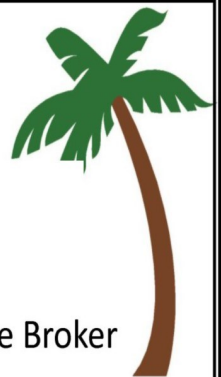
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