

The Mainlands Section Four Reporter

Our 50th Year

September 2016

Issue 6

From the President: Cindy Baker

Well, our quasi-vacation is almost over and all of us are looking forward to completing our final missions for the year.

The most important item for discussion is the upcoming elections. We are starting early in discussing this because there are several members of the Board who are not running for our positions for 2017. This is important because, come November, there must be other homeowners ready to take our place.

The Board positions that will be open are: President (Cindy Baker); Vice President (Michael



Andres); Secretary (Ruby James); Treasurer of Maintenance (Sue Wright); Social Chair (Judy Mulhearn), Treasurer of Civic (Dottie Ross) and Publicity Chair (Claudia Stoner). Anyone interested in any of these positions need only to call the existing chair and discuss the job duties.

We need to have a minimum of six board members to enable the board to conduct business. If we don't have enough board members to constitute a quorum, we could be facing a situation where a receiver

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Social Report: Judy Mulhearn

It's September and the summer is coming to an end, so I am once again planning social activities for Mainlands 4 for the upcoming season.

The activities scheduled for September 2016 are:

Labor Day BBQ. Monday September 5, at 2 p.m Please join us at our annual Labor Day Barbecue. Call Judy Mulhearn at 954-484-1748 if you want to buy tickets, which cost just \$8.

Bunco. Friday, September 23, at 6:30 p.m. This simple game of dice, luck and prizes is the perfect way to meet new friends and have fun. And you get to create your own ice cream sundae at intermission.

Bingo, the Sunday Brunch and the monthly Dinner Dance will begin in October, and details will be provided in the October Reporter.

As Social Chairperson I am always looking for suggestions regarding improving our social activities. If you have any suggestions, please let me know.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer. I hope to see you at the September Civic Meeting on September 21.



From the President: Cindy Baker

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might have to get involved in running the association until we get a sufficient number of directors. And this could be very costly for the homeowners by way of assessment. For this reason, it is imperative that each of you consider stepping up and running for the vacant seats.

This Association is a corporation and must be run like a small business. We have to collect our maintenance, must take care of the clubhouse properties, the sprinkler system and lawns. We also have the social events such as dinner dances, brunches, Bingo, Bunko, library, cops, book club and various senior activities such as a health fair and the AARP driving course. The money derived from social events pays for certain expenses for the clubhouse.

President's duties

The President's job is much like a CEO of a corporation; he/she is to make sure everything gets done at the proper time. It is a position of responsibility and objectivity. It is also very interesting, can be fun, keeps you from being bored, works your brain constantly and you get to meet most of your neighbors. The President runs the meetings, both Board and Civic, sits on all committees (does not necessarily attend all of them), is the chair of the New Resident's Committee, is a signator on all bank accounts, works with the accountant and the treasurers on the income tax, works with the Vice President and committee in getting the census done on time and signs the letter filed with the state as to our age requirement, works with the Vice President on violations and makes sure to renew our insurance. There may be some duties not mentioned but easy to do such as the annual renewal of the corporation with the state. And with all of this, you can also have fun.

HOA documents

The Board is working diligently on getting the HOA documents ready for your deciding which amendments you want and which ones you don't want. It is very important that you read every word and think about what you truly believe

would be the best for the whole Association. Everyone here chose to live in an Association and agreed to abide by Association rules and regulations.

Some of these amendments are mandated by state or federal laws and some are amended because these are the things that were voted on in 2001 and under which we were operating until we found out that we needed to preserve our documents in 2015 and we had to take several steps backward.

Other amendments have been created because of issues that have come up in the past few years that have threatened the values of our homes, such as foreclosures, or threatened to cost each of us an assessment if we don't take a harder stand on what is allowed and what is not.

And, the amendments have been strengthened to give us the power we need to enforce rules and regulations that are necessary to maintain our properties and values. Do any of us want to pay an assessment because we need to replace our sprinkler system due to people planting whatever and wherever they want without thought to future consequences?

These are our homes and, for some of us, an investment against taking care of ourselves later in life. So consider what's best for the whole, not just the individual.

New directory

The directory is out and if anyone sees mistakes regarding their own name and number, please drop a note into the maintenance box at the clubhouse and we will include the corrections in our next Reporter. There may be mistakes concerning others but it may be a case of them not wanting their numbers to be in the directory.

Please consider your abilities and which seat would be perfect for you and for the Association.

There is a Shredathon on September 10 at the Coconut Creek Community Center located at 1100 Lyons Road from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Another Shredathon is being held at the Moose Club, 6191 Rock Island Road, on October 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. You are allowed 5 boxes without charge.

Thank you.

Board Posts Open in 2017

Social Chair

I have been the Social Chairperson since 2010 and will not be a candidate for the office for 2017. If anyone is interested in this position, I will be happy to assist them.

Listed is a brief description what the job entails:

- Arrange for food and entertainment for all the monthly dinner dances.

Secretary

I have been your secretary since 2010. I will not be a candidate for Secretary for 2017. Being on the Board has truly been a learning experience and I mean that in a good way.

I will be very happy to assist anyone who is interested in being a candidate for secretary for the year 2017. Below is a brief outline of the duties of the Secretary:

Minutes are taken and transcribed of the Civic

- Arrange for food and volunteers to work the monthly Sunday Brunch.
- Supervise the weekly Bingo activity.
- Supervise and participate in the monthly Bun-ko games.
- Coordinate the annual Rummage Sale. Arrange for volunteers, raffle prizes and setting up the donated goods.

— Judy Mulhearn

and Board meetings, which are held once a month except for June, July and August.

The minutes are recorded, which makes the transcription more accurate. The Secretary is a co-signor on the association's checks.

The Secretary is on the Interview Committee, which meets Wednesday mornings when there is a prospective buyer. Each interview usually takes less than one hour. Any questions, please call me at 954-714-3320 or cell 954-298-2984.

— Ruby James

Treasurer of Maintenance

For anyone who is interested in the position it would be a help to be familiar with the program Quickbooks, although it is not difficult to learn. My main duties are to make sure that all payables have been approved by the member of the board responsible for that particular bill and make sure that the checks are written, signed and sent on time. The bills are filed under the appropriate heading.

Another task is to do the bank reconciliation

and make any corrections needed so that our records and the bank's records coincide. You must compile the Profit and Loss Statement, Balance Sheet and Check Register for each month and put them up in the clubhouse for the residents to see. You must also get everything ready for the annual audit. After the audit, any suggestions made by the auditor must be looked into and problems corrected.

— Sue Wright

Publicity Chair

Greetings all. I am stepping down from Publicity and the duties of the Reporter. It has been both fun and creative. Most of all it has given me a chance to meet the residents of our wonderful community.

Publicity needs organizational skills, creative thinking and knowledge of the computer. If this sounds like activities that suit your abilities, please contact Claudia at 561-281-2646.

— Claudia Stoner

Civic Treasurer

The Civic Treasurer collects, counts and deposits in the Civic checking account all money from the social activities' chairpersons. The Civic Treasurer pays all bills pertaining to Civic activities and at the end of each month posts the treasurer's and the profit and loss reports.

— Dottie Ross

Welcome Committee: Hilda Pierson

The Committee visited these new residents:

Michael Leeds
4720 NW 44th St.
Phone: 954-873-1212

Michael O'Malley
4713 NW 48th Ave.
Phone: 954-826-5815

Marguerite Brown & son Courtney Brown
4805 NW 48th Ave.
Phone: 954-593-2825

Joseph C. Korpics Jr.
4714 NW 47th Terr.
Phone: 850-524-4306

Vernice P. Howell
4630 NW 44th St.
Phone: 917-538-3080

Patricia Lara & Robison Alvarez
4710 NW 44th Ct.
Phone: 954-391-0785

Anthony and Linda Irons
4516 NW 47th Terr.
Phone: 954-592-917; 954-801-8451

Minerva Pina
4540 NW 44th Ct.
Phone: 954-213-5347

Angela Schwartz
4518 Monterey Dr.
Phone: 954-296-9601

Andre C. Josaphat
4625 NW 44th St.
Phone: 954-803-9500

Vernice Allen
4711 NW 48th Ave.
Phone: 407-451-2399

Steven Begert-Clark & Tom Begert-Clark
4700 NW 44th St.
Phone: 954-218-9711



Sunshine: Dolly Marcus

Thank you to everyone who has reported concerns of their friends and neighbors so that our Association can offer support.

The following people have received get-well cards: Dick Hirsch, Mac McKenney, Harvey Chaffin, Joseph Picardi and Carl Altieri.



Sympathy cards have been sent to the Beauchesne family on the loss of their beloved relative Giles and to the family of Marguerite McCarthy. A sympathy card was sent to Dee Cotter on the passing of her mother, Mrs. LaGasse.

A special "Enjoy Your New Home" card was sent to Martha Barton as she decided to move to Willow Wood.

To contact the Sunshine Committee, call Dolly Marcus, 954-288-5629.

Attention,

All musicians!

Publicity wants to gather those who play an instrument or sing and would enjoy getting together to form a Section Four band. The purpose is for fun and possibly concerts for our community. Contact Claudia at 561-281-2646 or reporter-sec4@gmail.com

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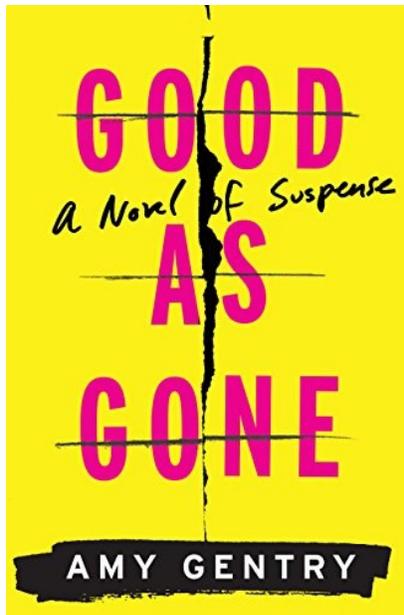
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Library by Doris LaFayette: ‘Sea of Glass’

In 2002, 14-year-old Elizabeth Smart was kidnapped from her home and rescued nine months later by the police. This is the news item that intrigued Amy Gentry. She wondered what would happen if the victim did not return until years later, the premise of her novel *Good As Gone*.

The story begins as Julie, a 13-year-old, was forced from her bedroom at knifepoint in the middle of the night; the only witness was her 10-year-old sister Jane, huddled in a closet, too terrified to scream or move until three hours later. Eight years later, a tattered, emaciated young woman collapses on their doorstep. It's Julie! Or is it? The euphoria of her return soon collapses into doubts as Anna, her mother, is unsettled by the inconsistencies of her story and "Julie's" erratic behavior.

The novel is structured with alternating chapters — the one, Anna's pursuit of the truth; the



other, the experiences of the victim (or victims) of the kidnapper. This is an effective method of building suspense and giving the reader simultaneous knowledge of both sides of the story. Although this is the author's debut novel, she is not a novice writer. She has been writing columns for newspapers for years. Her experience as an advocate at The Safe Place in Houston, a shelter for victims of sexual and domestic abuse, makes her an authority on the kind of trauma explored in this book. Authenticity and edge-of-your-seat action makes this novel

a very satisfying read.

Now that summer is over and vacations are winding down, this is the time to revisit your library to see all the new items that have come in over the past couple of months. You may find just the book you have been looking for.



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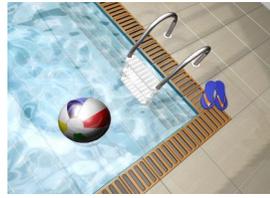
Paul Pacitti



Residing in and Serving Tamarac for 29 years.

House Chair: Bob Mulhearn

Welcome back anyone from up north from your House Chairman. We have had several maintenance issues addressed over the summer, including replacing the pool filter, and replacing the flag. The clubhouse, gazebo and shuffleboard court were tented for termites.



The installation of the new water fountains has begun. The indoor fountain is complete and work is progressing on the outside fountain. The office renovations will begin following the completion of the water fountains.

Please let me know if you have any concerns with the clubhouse or pool area.

COPS: Bob Mulhearn

In June, Mainlands Section 4 drove the Citizen Observer Patrol car 138 miles in a total time of 12 hours by eight COPS personnel.

In July, Mainlands Section 4 drove the Citizen Observer Patrol car 162 miles in a total time of 15 hours by nine COPS personnel.

In August, Mainlands Section 4 drove the Citizen Observer Patrol car 140 miles in a total time of 11 hours by 10 COPS personnel.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Book Club 11:30 a.m.	2	3
4 COPS	5 Labor Day BBQ 2 p.m. COPS	6 COPS	7 COPS	8 COPS	9 COPS	10 COPS
11	12	13	14 Board Meeting 6 p.m.	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 HOA Meeting 7 p.m.	22	23 Bunco 6:30 p.m.	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Maintenance Line: 954-733-3015

Police non-emergency: 954-764-4357 (954-764-HELP)

Mainlands Section 4 website: <http://www.mainlandssection4.org>



Mainlands Life and Times

Summer is hot, so Mainlands 4 celebrates indoors. Residents came together for Memorial Day and Fourth of July barbecues, with the Labor Day event coming up Sept. 5.

Festive: Brian Gillespie, Dale Roberts, Cindy Baker, Neil Kolner, Leo Perez, Tom Morris



New residents: Barbara Moulet, left, with Mary Pierson. Nancy and Phillip Carnes, above, join the summer fun.



Socializing: Sam Connally and Bob Warner, left, enjoy a holiday barbecue meal. Above, Connie Forrest, Ruby James, Joyce Pilcher and Harvey Chaffin.

Share your Mainlands life photos. Email tam801@gmail.com or call 954-530-8496 if you need us to scan photos.

Photos by Barbara Dulski