



**AT**

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**Margaret Taylor & Delma Hueffman  
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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Another year comes to a close at Mainlands Five and something very unusual happened last week.

Fedex delivered a dozen roses with a box of candy, with an anonymous note which said "thank you for all you do" from Mainlands Five.

The thanks should have included the rest of the Board of Directors because without them, I could have gotten nothing done. I say it is unusual because the norm has been to yell, scream and criticize everything we do or try to do but a dozen roses with a note is absolutely unexpectedly wonderful. I wish I knew who orchestrated the nice gesture so that I could properly thank them. That is what I call ending the year on a high note.

Please attend the Civic Meeting December 12th. Kenneth Zeilberger, Esq., the attorney representing Mainlands Five in the matter of Quality Management and the payoff of the arrears of the Recreation Lease. He will answer all the questions you may have regarding this matter.

Mike

**This year the Board is loosing a cherished Board Member, Sybil Burgess, who has devoted 10 years to the service to Mainlands Five. She has been a Board Member since 2007. She worked each and every Brunch which was ever served at Mainlands Five; she worked every affair either serving drinks, doing decorations or working the door. As a Board Member she served as Co-Secretary for numerous terms, a dirty job of filing and maintaining the records and paper work in a manner where they could be found in that little office.**

**December 5th the last meeting of the existing Board of Directors will take place and the new Board will be sworn in to begin serving January 1st and will serve for the next two years.**

**It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as President of Mainlands Five, with the existing Board. We had no arguments, we agreed to disagree in a polite manner and everyone worked to advance the business of Mainlands Five.**

**As of January 1st, the new Board will get together and elect their Officers, who will serve in that position during the next two years.**

**See you at the Christmas Party on the 17th!**

## **NORTH LOT**

**For the few that are still interested in the possibility that the North Lot could be used as a doggy park, let me put the matter to sleep.**

**The North Lot is not owned by Mainlands Five. It is part of the lands which are covered by the Recreational Lease. The City cannot just come in and install a Doggie Park.**

**The matter has been brought up in front of the Board discussed and voted down 3 times, as well as voted down by you, the residents at a civic meeting.**

**That, in itself, should be sufficient but the Board doesn't vote requests down without any good reasons behind it. Following are some of those reasons.**

**1. If the City gets involved in sponsoring any project, then it has to be open to all residents of Tamarac. Anybody who is a Tamarac resident would have the right to use it.**

**2. We would have to provide parking for anyone who wishes to use the lot for their dog to play or do their business. What is going to happen to the Mainlands Residents who live around the North Lot who would have to contend with all sorts of vehicles parked in front of their homes?**

**3. If instead of the City, Mainlands Five decided to sponsor a Doggy Park, how do we police that only Mainlands Five residents have access to it?**

**4. How do we protect the residents who live around the Clubhouse from fleas, ticks and flies, who are a usual**

**result of a doggy park? Once those pesky bugs move over to your lawn or your neighbor's lawn, good luck in getting rid of them.**

**5. What happens if a resident with a large dog is in the property and someone comes in with a yippy little toy dog who thinks he is bigger than a German Shepard, and the big dog gets spooked and attacks and hurts the little dog. Whose liability insurance will cover the injuries? The dog owners or Mainlands' and who determines what dog was at fault?**

**6. How do we keep it clean? While well meaning residents will volunteer to clean it, from experience we know that they will clean it for a week and then stop doing for one reason or another.**

**7. We will have to hire someone, 7 days per week) to come in and open the park in the morning, come in and keep it clean during the day (with 50 or 60 dogs defecating) it needs to be kept up in so that the residents of Mainlands Five do not get the stench and the flies and then come back to lock it up at night. Who is going to pay for this person's salary?**

**8. Mainlands Five has about 50 to 60 homes who own pets. The remaining 200 do not own pets (give or take 10). Why should they bear the brunt of an assessment to cover the salary of a person to maintain the doggy park?**

**These are just some of the reasons why you elect a Board of Directors to take care of matters like this.**

## **MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS ARE INCREASING**

**It is that time of year again when Florida Statutes require that we present and approve a Budget for the upcoming year, therefore, the Board, in compliance with Florida Statutes, approved a Budget for 2018.**

**The last time we were ready to raise Maintenance was in 2012 and then the City leased the North Lot and that money was sufficient to cover the deficit so for as long as the rent for the lot was coming in, we were able to sail along with the maintenance staying at the same rate.**

**You all know that the Fire Department has vacated the North Lot therefore we no longer are receiving the \$2,000 per month which we were getting from the City. The price of everything as gone up like we see in our household bills.**

**While the Maintenance was raised January 1, 2017 to accommodate the lawn cutting payment, the maintenance portion itself was not raised.**

**The Board has voted to raise the monthly maintenance assessment to \$60.00 per month, as of January 1, 2018.**



**KEITHLY WERNER**  
Father Werner was a retired Priest  
who joined us in 2011.  
Father Werner died last week at Uni-  
versity Hospital after a long illness.  
He will be missed

**Agenda will be posted at the Clubhouse**  
**Bulletin Board**

**MEETINGS**

**Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 5th**  
**at**  
**7:00 pm**

**Membership (Civic)**  
**Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 12th**  
**at**  
**7:30 pm**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**  
**THOSE RESIDENTS BORN**  
**DURING THE MONTH OF**  
**DECEMBER**

# Mainlands Five Holiday Party

**Date:** Sunday, December 17, 2017  
**Time:** 5:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Mainlands Five Clubhouse



**FREE to Residents with dish to share**  
**Guests: \$5.00**

**Bring your favorite holiday dish to share and the Board will provide baked ham with some side dishes.**

**Soda, Water, Coffee & Punch will be provided. If you prefer, you can B.Y.O.B. (bring your own bottle - liquor) is acceptable.**

**We will be having a grab bag! If you wish to participate, bring a \$10.00 (minimum cost) wrapped gift. Must be appropriate for male or female. We have had a lot of fun and laughs doing this in the past and hope you will all join us.**

**We look forward to sharing a fun evening and meeting fellow residents. We have added quite a few new people to our community this year so let's "meet and greet"!**

**Make your reservation and let us know if you will be bringing a side dish or dessert and how many guests you will bring if any.**

**Call: Delma Hueffman at 954-739-1524 to make your reservation!**

**Deadline: December 11<sup>th</sup> (to give us time to shop)**  
**NOTE: This is the only notice of the party that you will receive.**