



Tarpon Shores Chatter

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Manager's Corner

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Charla Galbraith, CMCA, AMS PCAM®

They say April showers bring May flowers. Let's hope that holds true this year. We certainly could use those showers.

Many thanks to our Administrative Assistant, Paula Nielsen, for "holding down the fort" while I was on medical leave. She's a superstar.

The automatic gate locking system has been installed and FOBS have been distributed to residents who reside in the park. If you have not received our FOBS we have them in the office. If you have a renter in your unit, we require that you contact us to give approval for the renter to pick up the FOBS.

We now have 5 wells that are online and pressure for the irrigation system seems to be back up to par. We still have one new well that needs to be drilled to bring the park back up to 6 functioning wells.

For Sale as of the printing of this edition:

Homes for sale:

117 Rachel Dr.; 171 Melody Lane and 241 Harmony Way.

WELCOME:

John & Gena Bogard
245 Harmony Way

GOOD-BYE:

Jack & Mary White

Social Club

As our winter season is nearing the end, we want to say thank you to everyone who has chaired or attended our social club functions. It truly took all of our support to make this season successful, **THANK YOU!**

Sadly, many of our friends and neighbors are now starting to return to their northern homes. We will miss everyone and look forward to their return in the fall. Be sure to read the upcoming editions of the Chatter online for all the events being planned for next season!

Please join us at the last monthly meeting of the Social Club on April 4th to gather one last time before our neighbors leave. Hole in One Donuts, too!

*Please remember to check 732 for specific event details and for all individual ongoing events.

April 4: Social Club meeting in clubhouse 9am coffee/donuts 9:30 meeting

April 6: End of season pizza party. Chairs: Rick and Linda Axtell

We appreciate any additional suggestions for activities or bands for your 2024-2025 season!

Also, volunteers are needed for event/dance chairmen and committees for next season! Please submit your recommendations to the suggestion box located outside pool room where event postings and sign up sheets are located or contact any of the following Board Members:

President:	Mary Jo Hendricks
Vice President:	Marleen Thompson
Treasurer:	John Wiczorek
Assistant Treasurer:	Jim Johnson
Secretary:	Linda Payne
Assistant Secretary:	Jill Johnson

The purpose of the Tarpon Shores Chatter Newsletter shall be to promote social, recreational, and park activities for the benefit of our residents. Our goal is to share information and to encourage a quality and active lifestyle as well as spreading goodwill among our residents. The newsletter shall not include editorials or opinion news articles.

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Important Notice- Going Away Form

If you are planning on leaving Tarpon Shores for an extended period of time, please come to the office and fill out a "Going Away Form" OR for your convenience, one is included in this newsletter on page 23.

This form gives us basic information such as when you will be returning, how we locate you in case of an emergency, who will be taking care of your home and who will be maintaining your sprinkler system while you are absent from the area.

A NEW FORM SHOULD BE COMPLETED FOR EACH YEAR.

Thank you.

Donations

Judy Demko will be collecting non-perishable food items from May 1 until June 30.

Please put them on her carport table at 51 Drury. No expired food please. Food will be donated to St. Timothy's Church which feeds the homeless.

Thank you!

Lock Your Cars

Residents of Tarpon Shores. Please lock your car with your key fob especially after 6pm. Let's keep your cars and valuables safe.

Thank you.

Judy Demko, Crime Liaison

"Bingo"

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EASTER DINNER

Sunday, March 31st, 2024 at the clubhouse

Appetizers at 5:00pm Dinner at 5:30pm

Ham

Potatoes Green Beans/Corn

Fruit Salad Rolls & Butter

Assorted Deserts Coffee

BYOB, Bring your own plates & cutlery

Sign up in the Clubhouse by March 23rd

Buy tickets at clubhouse Monday, March 25th from 3-4 pm

Cost: Members \$10.00 Non-members \$13.00

Chairs: Jayne Barnes

Deb Erwin



El Presidente Golf Tournament

(for Wednesday golfers)

Wednesday March 27th, 2024

at Silver Dollar Golf Course

Nine Hole Scramble with Shotgun Start
on Bobcat at 9:00 AM for Wednesday Golfers

Cut off date for signing up is Sunday March 17th
Team Captains will collect the money

Cost \$40 Dinner Guest \$10
Guests for Dinner are limited to spouse or significant other.

Join us at 5:00 PM at the clubhouse for dinner at 5:30 PM

Bring your own plates and cutlery and BYOB

Chairpersons: Vikki and John Zulpo 613-324-8220

April Birthdays

- 2..... Fidelma Fusciardi
- 3..... Jewell Weldy
- 4..... Peter Grace
Ramona Plourde
Debra Yanulavich
Sandra Rowe
- 6..... Ernest Hughes
Connie Sheppard
- 7 Donald Cooling
- 8..... Doris Bell
- 9..... Linda Boris
- 11..... Debbie Pfendler
- 13 Cynthia Phillips
- 14..... Margery Hale
Richard DelConte
Lyle Knochenmus
Nancy Stites
- 19..... Marcia Bartholomew
Len Genis
- 20 Bill Horner
Kenneth Sheppard III



- 22 Barbara Mills
Gail Hitsman
Everett Osterud
Salvatore Argante
Joseph Morin
Donna Fox
- 24..... Larry Sullivan
- 25 Brian "X" Cook
- 27 Fred Ergas
- 29 Randall Sproul

April Anniversaries

- 7..... George & Linda Boris
- 9 John & Rita Shepherd
- 11 Lorraine & John Thern
- 15 Richard & Nancy DelConte
Edward & Heide Marzheuser
- 21 Kent & Kathy Zachar
- 22 Carl & Shirley Gustafson
- 28 William & Gretchen Rea
- 30 Susan & David Lloyd-Rees



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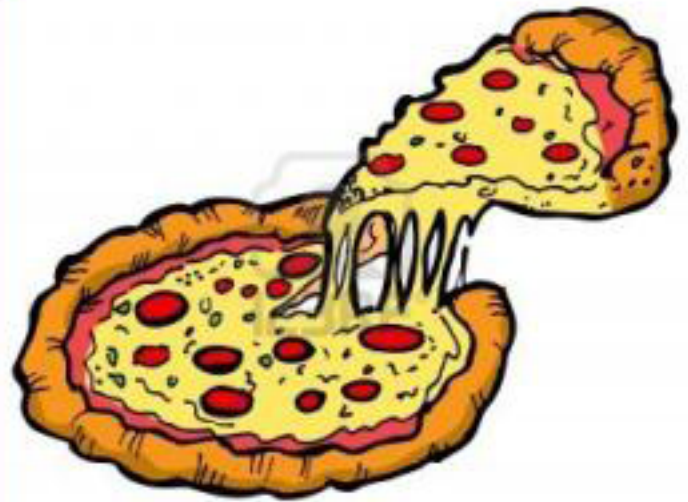
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At the Clubhouse/pool

Saturday, April 6, 2024 4pm-6pm

BYOB

Social Hour starts at 4pm

Pizza served at 5pm

Bring your own plates/cutlery

Eat there or take home

Cost - Residents \$3 Guests \$5

Sign up in Clubhouse by 03/30/24

**Purchase Tickets 04/01/24 at the Clubhouse
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Chairpersons: Linda & Rick Axtell

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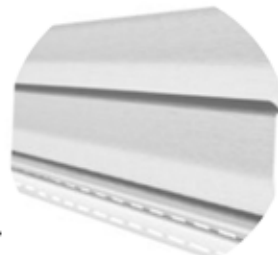
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Crime Prevention Meeting Of 2/22/2024 Attended by Jim Goga

There have been 56 incidents of cars being entered, apparently because they were not locked, 3 weapons were taken, several cars taken because keys were inside. Regarding our park's issue, they have a possible offender identified. Jim Goga asked about the bike riders not stopping at stop signs and he said they are starting to issue citations. One woman was struck blowing thru a sign and was almost killed.

On March 2 there was a donate blood mobile set up. 15 pints of blood were donated. More lives will be saved because of these donations.

An effort to start police volunteers to work with officers at police functions. They undergo polygraph and background check, be uniformed, and work 20 hours a month.

Operation Medicine Cabinet. Properly dispose of expired meds. Saturday, April 27, 1:00 pm-2:00 pm at 444 South Huey Ave (police station).

Shred It event is Saturday April 20, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm 444 South Huey (police station)

Helpful Safety tips:

- Dispose and change these items. Manual toothbrush toss replace after 4 months. Replace brush of electric toothbrush 2-3 months. Especially after an illness will carry bacteria.
- Clean your trash can interior. Germs like salmonella bacteria will grow.
- Disinfect door handles, any handles, frig handles, etc. carries lots of germs.
- Clean shower liners monthly to stop mold.
- Clean brooms, toilet brushes, mops by putting them in hot soapy water. Can buy toilet brushes at \$ store for \$1.25.
- Keep crumbs out of toaster so a fire doesn't occur.

Shelf life of some items:

- Shampoo good for 18 months.
- Hairbrush 6mos - 1 year
- Old makeup toss 6 mos. especially after illness.
- Dull razors can inflame hair follicles.
- Hydrogen peroxide up to 6 months.
- Rubbing alcohol up to 3 years.

- Shower sponge/loofahs breeding grounds for bacteria.
- Sunscreen up to 3 years.
- Contact lens cases 1-3 mos.
- Toilet seats replace every 5 years unless they crack earlier.

Hazardous things should NOT go in trash:

- No batteries.
- No electronics, phones, T.V's contain lead, mercury, arsenic. Thank you to those that donated to recycling event. 2,500 pounds was collected.
- Tire recycle on Friday, 4/5 from 7:00 am-4:30 pm & Saturday, 4/6 from 7:00 am-noon @ 101 Meres Rd, yard waste facility.
- Fluorescent light bulbs contain mercury can seep into water supply. Check if Lowe's or Home Depot will accept.
- Oil based paint. Check paintcare.org for disposal sites.
- Motor oil places that sell required to accept unused oil, gas stations, car dealers, mechanic shops.
- Smoke detectors, contain radioactive material. If it contains americium241 contact manuf. or take to hazardous site for disposing.
- Please lock your cars, bikes & golf carts.
- Before you leave for the season go to tspd.us fill out form for police safety checks at your residence.

Next crime prevention meeting Thursday, March 28 @ 7:00pm

Judy Demko
Crime Prevention



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HIGH SCRATCH GAME

WEEK 02/09/24

Elaine Carone 189
 Lisa Losekamp..... 168
 Linda Axtell 163

Dave Stapleton 223
 Steve Laudree..... 211
 Rick Axtell..... 194
 Split: 4-7-9 Lisa Losekamp,
 Baby Split: Eric Bingham, Kirk Lewis, Jim Goga (2)

HIGH SCRATCH SERIES

Elaine Carone 511
 Linda Axtell..... 469
 Lisa Losekamp 458

Dave Stapleton 581
 Steve Laudree 562
 Rick Axtell 544

WEEK 02/16/24

Ann Saylor 179
 Nicky Parker..... 178
 Lisa Losekamp..... 175

Lisa Losekamp 481
 Elaine Carone 425
 Ann Saylor..... 425

Rick Axtell..... 243 Dave Stapleton 591
 Dave Stapleton..... 237 Rick Axtell 582
 Eric Bingham 192 Dave Drew..... 502
 Split: 5-7-8 Elaine Carone, 5-7 Kathy Tracy, Nicky Parker,
 Baby Split: Kirk Lewis, Steve Laudree, Kathy Tracy

WEEK 02/23/24

Elaine Carone 195 Elaine Carone 526
 Debbie Lasater 190 Lisa Losekamp 459
 Lisa Losekamp..... 166 Kathy Tracy 444

Steve Laudree..... 208 Steve Laudree 578
 Zoomer 202 John Harden..... 509
 Dave Drew 194 Dave Drew..... 503
 Split: 4-7-8 Jim Goga, 5-7 Rick Carone,
 Baby Split: Brien Stewart (2)

WEEK 03/01/24

Lisa Losekamp..... 181 Lisa Losekamp 496
 Nicky Parker..... 171 Elaine Carone 496
 Elaine Carone 170 Nicky Parker 453

John Harden 202 Dave Stapleton 542
 Steve Laudree..... 201 Steve Laudree 532
 Al Carrol..... 196 Rick Axtell 503
 Splits: 5-6-7 Holger Schwab, 6-7 Rick Carone, Jim Goga
 Baby Split: Kathy Labarbera, Cheryl Duncan

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	1 7:00 am Golf 9:30 am Water Walk 6:30 pm Texas Hold'em 7:00 pm Bingo	2 9:00 am Pickleball 9:30 am Water Aerobics 7:00 pm Euchre	3 9:30 am Golf 9:30 am Water Walk 12:00 pm Arts & Crafts 2:00 pm Mahjongg	4 9:30 am Water Aerobics 1:00 pm Shuffleboard 5:45 pm Left Center Right 6:30 pm Mexican Train Dominoes 6:30 pm Texas Hold'em	5 9:00 am Pickleball 9:30 am Water Walk 1:30 pm Bowling	6 9:30 am Water Aerobics	
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Men's Breakfast

Last Men's Breakfast for the season was Saturday, March 9th. See pictures below.

If you missed the last Men's Breakfast for the season you missed the best one so far. Once again, Brien Stewart and his organized team did a great job. Dave Fitz on pancakes and sausage. Tom Naymick on fluffy scrambled eggs. Raisin toast and whole wheat bread. Leo Vallee brewed coffee. A special treat breakfast cheesy potatoes made by Jayne Barnes. They were all eaten in 30 minutes. 107 hungry people were served. The cost still only \$3/\$5 at the door. If you still have a ticket, use it on the next one.

Enjoy your summer, see you on Saturday, December 14, at the next Men's Breakfast.



Saving Our Planet 1 Pound at a Time

By Judy Demko

Thank you to all those residents that donated electronics and items with a cord. On February 5th the recycling company came to Tarpon Shores. A total of 2500 pounds and 2 truckloads of items were collected. Some of the items were gas grills, microwaves, vacuums, outdoor equipment, metals of various types to name a few. (see pictures) Thank you gogreenhelp@yahoo.com for collecting.

This recycling event will be done again next year and changed to have items put to the curb on a designated day.

Also coming up on Sunday, April 7th @ 7am is Tarpon Springs "Spring Cleanup" and Tire Collections. See flyer for details.



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Women's Club

The Women's Club hosted a Pasta Dinner on February 27. It was hosted by Barb Harrison and Debbie Lasater and many volunteers. The event started at 3:00 p.m. to view the 26 gift baskets on display and enjoy some appetizers (see pictures). We had over 100 people in attendance, 170 meatballs, 100 Italian sausages, many pounds of pasta and gallons of sauce to cover it all!

A "Special Thank You" goes to Rick Carone for preparing and rolling his famous meatballs, Darlene Drew for the gallons of sauce, Judy Demko for the multitude of gift cards she collected, and the many generous vendors who donated for the event.

Thanks to the generosity of our residents, we were able to raise \$1,400.00 for the Cops-N-Kids program. Two representatives were on hand, and each spoke of the importance of the program and were thrilled with the donation.

All in all, the event was a huge success and Thank You to everyone who participated.



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Down

1. Before, in short
2. " ____ help you?"
3. "Inside Your Heaven" singer Bo
4. Opening for a coin
5. Grammy winner Jones
6. House paint varieties
7. Ph.D., for example
8. 2000 Nobelist Kim ____ Jung
9. Paid pitches
10. Kind of truth
11. Thought prefix
12. Machu Picchu's land
13. Warm-up exam for H.S. students
18. Made up
21. Dictionary abbr.
23. Not square
24. Before now
25. Wild ruminant?
26. Sports awards
27. Give ____ (care)
28. Gainesville player
29. CPR provider
31. Ghostly pale
32. Rumba relative
33. Donkey calls
38. Tour of ____
40. Beach souvenir
41. Bag-screening gp.
44. A sibling, briefly
45. Vitamin supplements brand
46. Suffer
49. Congo border river
50. Alley prowler
53. WWII sub
54. Duet
55. See red
56. Greek god of love
58. Striplings
59. "The Forgotten" novelist Wiesel
60. Haley or Trebek
61. "Well!"
63. Blvds. and sts.
64. Towing org.
65. "Star Trek: ____"

Across

1. Environmental toxins, for short
5. Character in "I, Pagliacci"
10. Rockne's star player George
14. Marsh bird
15. Beginning of the "Common Era"
16. Poetic compositions
17. Eggs on
19. Antitoxins
20. Miss Saigon's homeland
21. Pontificate
22. Where Dutch royals live
26. All fired up
30. National dish of Australia
34. Famous orca
35. Location
36. Isl. west of Naples
37. Like some plants
39. Cause of wheezing
42. ____-hoo (chocolate drink)
43. Links-governing org.
47. Food package words
48. Swagging
51. iPods available in 1GB versions
52. Three-fingered saluter
54. Sleep phenomenon
57. The Heat or the Bulls
62. Kitten's ball
63. In a sane manner
66. Keenly eager
67. Who's the Boss? star
68. Per ____ (daily)
69. An Arnaz
70. "Full House" dad portrayer
71. Hot, like a hunk

(solution on page 25)

2024 GOING AWAY FORM

TO: ALL RESIDENTS
FROM: MANAGEMENT OFFICE

Please take a few minutes to fill out this form and return it to the office.
If you are leaving Tarpon Shores for an extended period it is very important that we have this information updated each year. Thank you!

Name(s)	
Date Leaving	Anticipated Return Date
Tarpon Shores Address	Northern Address
Phone Number	Northern Phone Number

The person who will take care of flowerbeds & weeding in my absence is:
 _____, Phone Number _____

The person who will take care of my sprinklers in my absence is:
 _____, Phone Number _____

In case of emergency I have left a key with:

 _____, Phone number _____

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR EMERGENCIES _____
(Please print legibly)

The office does not hand out keys for rentals, pest control, deliveries, etc. Keys for individual unit owners are kept in the office for emergency use only.

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American fighter planes in WW2 had machine guns that were fed by a belt of cartridges. The average plane held belts that were 27 feet (9 yards) long. If the pilot used up all his ammo he was said to have given it the whole nine yards.

(We'll have more little tidbits for you in future editions.)
ENJOY!!



Celebrate Our Sunshine State on Earth Day!

Every year on April 22nd, the world comes together to celebrate Earth Day. This year, let's focus on what makes Florida special and how we can keep the Sunshine State sparkling!

Florida boasts some of the most unique ecosystems on the planet, from the vibrant coral reefs teeming with life to the lush Everglades teeming with alligators and birds. These beautiful ecosystems not only provide us with stunning landscapes but also play a crucial role in protecting our coastlines, filtering our water, and supporting a rich tapestry of life.

Here are some ways you can celebrate Earth Day and show your love for Florida:

- **Embrace the Outdoors:** Take a hike through a local nature preserve, spend a day at the beach collecting trash, or volunteer your time for a community clean-up.
- **Plant Native:** Native plants provide vital food and shelter for our local wildlife. Plant a pollinator garden in your yard or support a local organization dedicated to restoring native habitats.
- **Conserve Water:** Florida is naturally prone to droughts. Take shorter showers, fix any leaky faucets, and consider watering your lawn only when necessary.
- **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle:** Florida recycles a significant amount of waste, but there's always room for improvement. Reduce your consumption of single-use plastics, find creative ways to reuse items, and recycle diligently.
- **Support Sustainable Businesses:** Many local businesses are committed to eco-friendly practices. Seek out restaurants that use local ingredients, shops that offer sustainable products, and businesses with a commitment to reducing their carbon footprint.

By taking small steps every day, we can make a big difference. Let's celebrate Earth Day by remembering the importance of protecting Florida's natural beauty. Together, we can ensure that future generations can enjoy the sunshine, beaches, and wildlife that make our state so special.

Looking for Earth Day Events? Check out the website of your local environmental organizations or parks department for a list of Earth Day celebrations happening near you!



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(Please refer to back page for guidelines)

(Homeowner please read and sign page 2 of this form)

Homeowner Print: _____

Address: _____ Date: _____

Description of work: (please attach a clear drawing, sketch or diagram)

Contractor's name: _____

Contractor's phone number: _____

Approximate start date: _____ Completion date: _____

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Date Approved: _____ Signed: _____

Special Conditions: (Please see page 3) .

.....
Date Denied: _____ Signed: _____

Reason for denial: _____

Additional information needed: _____

**GUIDELINES FOR MAKING A REQUEST FOR IMPROVEMENTS,
CHANGES OR ADDITIONS.**

All requests to make changes, additions or alterations to or around the outside of your home must be submitted to the office for review.

This form and any accompanying paperwork must be turned into the office no less than 2 weeks prior to the start of work.

Requests must be on the front of this form which asks the following:

1. Written description of exactly what is to be done.
2. Drawing of proposed work needs to be attached.
3. Drawing should show position of home and any existing improvements on lot.
4. Description of materials to be used including style, color, etc.
5. Proposed construction timetable with proposed completion date.
6. Improvements must not infringe, restrict, impede, hinder, obstruct or be in conflict with neighbor's property, common area and set-backs.
7. All improvements must be consistent in color and style of existing dwelling.
8. Homeowner is responsible for locating and marking underground utilities. Contact Sunshine Dig-Safe at phone number 811.
9. Homeowner is responsible for any damage to neighbor's property, common areas, and all underground utilities that have been located/marked or not located/marked.

These guidelines are not inclusive of homeowner responsibilities regarding maintaining or improving your home. Please refer to the Tarpon Shores Rules and Regulations for detailed information.

Project working hours: Monday – Saturday 8 A.M. to 6 P. M. NO SUNDAYS

Plumbing working hours: Monday – Thursday 8 A.M. to 2 P.M.

Tarpon Shores is not required to provide City of Tarpon Springs permits. All work that requires a permit (City or County) is the full responsibility of the homeowner and a copy of the permit must be turned into the office.

The jobsite must be kept clean and orderly. All work materials must be removed immediately following completion of the job.

Homeowner Signature: _____

Date: _____

ADDENDUM FOR REQUEST FOR IMPROVEMENTS, CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

Special conditions:

Use caution digging. Many unmarked utility lines are underground such as potable water, irrigation water, electric lines, cable TV lines, etc. These utility lines/pipes are most likely not buried very deep.

Please prepare the area by delicately digging/trenching and identifying where the lines are located prior to the commencement of the construction work. Move any lines that have to be relocated.

Kindly contact the office prior to digging so we can attempt to give you a general idea where the lines are buried. We do not have plans/blueprints to some of the buried utility lines so the park will not be responsible for accurately identifying these lines.

Contact Sunshine Dig Safe at telephone number 811.

Please schedule all work to be done Monday – Thursday. If you break a main line or individual line we may have to contact a plumber and this can get costly if it is after hours. The homeowner who breaks a line is responsible for all payments associated with its repairs.

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• Completed "Auto Debit (ACH) Authorization Form" must be received by the 20th of the month prior to your next payment due date, to take effect.
• By submitting this form, you authorized RPM to initiate the ACH debit authorization for the below property/unit owner.
• Mail completed Association Auto Debit Authorization form and a void check (deposit slip for savings) to:

Resource Property Management, Inc.
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OR email to:
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- If your payment debit date is on a weekend or holiday, your payment will be debited the next business day.
• All questions regarding your association or payments should be directed to Resource Property Management, Inc. at (727) 581-2662.

Association Name: _____

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ACH Debit Date: 3rd

Association Account Number: _____

Unit Owner Name: _____

Routing/Transit Number: _____

- Account Type: Checking [] Savings []

Banking Account Number: _____

Assessment Amount \$: _____ Start Date: _____

Be sure to include a void check (or deposit slip for savings) from your designated debit account .

Authorizing Signature _____

Date _____

By signing this authorization, I agree to the following: I hereby authorize RPM to initiate entries to my checking or savings account at the U.S. Financial Institution indicated above for the purpose of making Association Assessment Payments, to include all future amount changes. I also authorize RPM to withdraw these payments from my account. RPM is authorized to accept, from the Association, updates to the debit amount, the account information or the cancellation of this debit. I understand that these debits will continue unless notification is received by RPM in writing of its termination. Authorization must be received by the 20th of the month prior to next payment date to take effect.



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