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Property Owner's Association, Inc.
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Upcoming Community Vote: Management Transition

Letters have been mailed to all property owners announcing an upcoming vote on whether the Association will transition from self-management to professional management with RealManage. These letters include full details about the proposal and clear voting instructions.

The Board is recommending a "Yes" vote to support compliance with Florida Statute 720, strengthen financial oversight, and provide long-term stability for our community. These added services and community benefits would not result in an increase to resident dues, and the proposed management agreement includes a 30-day exit clause, providing flexibility if the partnership does not meet expectations.

If approved, RealManage would provide unbiased ECC enforcement through consistent, scheduled inspections, ensuring fair and uniform application of community standards. Financially, their systems and oversight are projected to improve efficiency and reduce expenses, resulting in a forecasted operating surplus of approximately \$25,000 in 2026, with additional funds allocated to reserves. Additional benefits include professional budgeting and accounting, timely vendor coordination, organized recordkeeping, improved response times to homeowner requests, and continuity in day-to-day operations.

Homeowners would also benefit from an improved homeowner experience, including a centralized online portal for access to community documents, account information, payments, maintenance requests, and association communications. Office staff will remain available to assist residents who prefer in-person support.

Professional management also helps reduce the risk of state-appointed receivership, which occurs when an association is unable to meet legal or operational requirements. In a receivership, control of the Association is turned over to a court-appointed party—often an attorney—at significant cost to the community. These costs are typically passed directly to homeowners through special assessments, meaning residents are personally responsible for additional, and often substantial, out-of-pocket expenses.

The vote will conclude on February 13 at 6:00 PM. Members may vote in person all day on the day of the meeting, beginning at 9:00AM, or vote ahead of time. If voting in advance, a completed Limited Proxy form with your vote clearly indicated is required for your vote to count. Your participation is encouraged as we consider this important decision for the future of our community.

Please contact the office if you do not know your lot number.

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FROM THE BOARD: COMMUNITY NEWS

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A Warm Welcome to Our New Board Members!

We are absolutely thrilled to welcome Toni Cane and Cassie Silletti to the board! Their passion for our community, fresh ideas, and dedication to making a positive impact will be incredible assets as we continue to grow and improve our neighborhood. Toni and Cassie bring a wealth of experience, enthusiasm, and creativity, and we can't wait to see the exciting projects and initiatives they will help lead.

During this transition, we ask for your patience as we set up their email addresses so residents can contact Toni and Cassie directly. Once their accounts are ready, we'll share the information so you can reach out with questions, ideas, or just to say hello. Please join us in giving them a warm welcome—Toni and Cassie, we are so excited to have you on board!

Upcoming Meetings

Stay informed and get involved! The next Jockey Club Board meeting is scheduled for February 13th at 6:00 PM and will also serve as a Special Membership Meeting to vote on the proposed transition from self-management to a professional management company with RealManage.

Residents are encouraged to attend and participate. If you are unable to attend in person, the meeting will be streamed live on The Friendly Jockey Club Neighbors Facebook page.

This section will be updated with future meeting dates as they are scheduled, so you always know when and how to participate. Your voice matters, and we encourage all residents to stay engaged!

Get in Touch with Your POA Board

We're here for you! Whether you have questions, suggestions, concerns, or neighbor recognition, your POA Board is always happy to hear from residents. Don't hesitate to connect with us.

Your voice Matters!

President: Jockeyclub.president@gmail.com

Vice President: Pending

Secretary: jockeyclub.secretary2@gmail.com

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The Importance of Visible House Numbers

Submitted by Resident Ellen Jeffers

Accidents and emergencies can happen in and around our homes without warning. For this reason, I urge residents—especially those who have recently had their homes repainted—to ensure that house numbers are replaced as soon as possible.



Currently, there are several homes in our community that do not have visible house numbers on either the home or the mailbox. In an emergency, you may not be able to stand at the curb to wave down EMTs, firefighters, or law enforcement. Clearly marked house numbers can make a critical difference.

When choosing house numbers, contrast is key. Large, dark-colored numbers are much easier to see from the street than small or light-colored ones, particularly in low-light or stressful situations.

As the daughter of a firefighter, my siblings and I grew up hearing how important these small details can be. In life-and-death situations, minutes truly matter. Planning ahead by ensuring your house numbers are clearly visible can help first responders reach you as quickly as possible.

Help Keep The Jockey Club Beautiful — Join the ECC!

Do you take pride in where you live? Want to help keep our neighborhood clean, attractive, and thriving?

The Environmental Control Committee is looking for friendly, community-minded volunteers to join our efforts in maintaining the charm and curb appeal of The Jockey Club.

Volunteers help by walking or driving through the neighborhood to ensure homes and lawns are in line with our appearance guidelines — all with the goal of keeping our community looking its best.

By working together, we're not only protecting and increasing property values — we're building a place we're proud to call home.

If you enjoy being active, observant, and supporting your neighbors in a positive way, we'd love to have you join the committee!

To learn more or express interest, please contact the office or email us at jockeyclub.ecc2@gmail.com.

Let's keep The Jockey Club beautiful — together!

2026 POA Assessments

The 2026 Assessment Payment letters have been mailed! All POA dues are due by March 1, 2026, so please review your notice and plan ahead to avoid late fees.

Payments can be made by check, credit/debit card, or cash (cash accepted in person only—please do not mail). Checks should be made payable to JOCKEY CLUB OF NORTH PORT POA, INC., and credit/debit payments can be made in person at the Clubhouse or by phone.

If you'd like to set up a payment plan, contact the office—we're happy to help make the process easy and convenient!





Please Keep Our Sidewalks Clear

As a proud walking community, our sidewalks play an important role in keeping neighbors connected, active, and safe. Whether it's residents out for a stroll, families with strollers, or individuals using mobility devices, clear sidewalks help ensure everyone can get around comfortably.

The City of North Port has regulations in place that prohibit blocking sidewalks, including parking vehicles, placing trash cans, or storing items that obstruct pedestrian access. Sidewalks are public walkways and must remain clear at all times for safety and accessibility.

This reminder is being shared at the request of a resident who wanted to help promote courtesy and awareness throughout the neighborhood. We appreciate residents looking out for one another and helping keep our community safe and walkable for all.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our sidewalks open and accessible!

Helping Keep Our Community Looking Its Best

Our homes are one of the things that make our community such a great place to live, and a little exterior care goes a long way! Florida's climate can naturally lead to dirt, mildew, and mold buildup on the sides of homes over time—but routine cleaning helps keep everything looking fresh and well maintained.

Our governing documents remind homeowners that exterior surfaces, including walls and siding, should be cleaned periodically to remove mold, mildew, dirt, and grime. Regular pressure washing is an easy and effective way to meet this standard while protecting your home's appearance and longevity.

With cooler weather upon us, now is the perfect time to get ahead of these exterior maintenance needs. Milder temperatures make outdoor projects more comfortable and allow homeowners to take care of upkeep before warmer, wetter months return.

Taking care of exterior maintenance not only enhances curb appeal but also helps preserve property values and keeps our neighborhood looking clean and welcoming for everyone. Thank you for doing your part and for taking pride in our community—we truly appreciate it!

If you have questions or need clarification on exterior maintenance guidelines, the POA office is always happy to help.



Join the Beautification Committee – Help Our Neighborhood Shine!



Our Beautification Director, Laura Smith, along with a dedicated team of volunteers, will be focusing their efforts on enhancing the plants and gardens around the clubhouse. These improvements will help keep our common areas fresh, welcoming, and enjoyable for all residents.

Want to be part of the effort? The Jockey Club is always looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join the Beautification Committee! Volunteers help plan and carry out projects that maintain and improve our neighborhood's appearance—including recreation areas, common spaces, streetscapes, and landscaping.

Whether you have a green thumb, a creative eye, or simply a passion for making our community beautiful, your ideas and energy can make a real difference.

Interested in volunteering? Reach out to jockeyclubecc@gmail.com to learn more and sign up.

Together, we can continue making the Jockey Club an even more vibrant and welcoming place to live!

Valentine's Day Wishes from Your POA

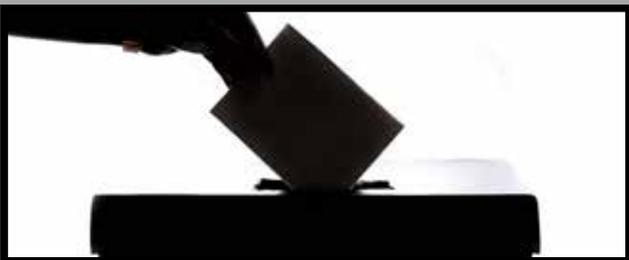
Love is in the air! As Valentine's Day approaches, we want to take a moment to wish all of our residents a happy and heartfelt celebration. Whether you're spending the day with a special someone, family, friends, or simply enjoying a little self-care, we hope your day is filled with kindness, laughter, and moments that make you smile.

Valentine's Day is a great reminder to show appreciation—not just to those we love, but to our neighbors who help make our community such a wonderful place to call home. A friendly wave, a kind word, or a small act of generosity can go a long way.

From all of us at the POA, Happy Valentine's Day!



Annual General Membership Meeting – Coming Next Month



Next month, we will hold our Annual General Membership (AGM) meeting. During this meeting, members will elect board members to fill positions where current terms are expiring. Additional details, including the meeting date, time, and election information, will be shared soon.

Thank You to Our Amazing Boosters!

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to each and every Booster who has supported our POA and helped make our community events, improvements, and initiatives a success. Your generous contributions make a real difference—bringing neighbors together and enhancing the quality of life we all enjoy here in the Jockey Club.

From sponsoring seasonal events to helping us keep the community vibrant and welcoming, your support has truly been the heartbeat behind our success. We couldn't do it without you!

In Memory of Joe Layden | 01/15/2027

In Honor of Mary Layden | 01/15/2027

In Memory of Bill & Catherine Bingham | 01/15/2027

Glenn & Ellen Jeffers | 01/15/2027

In Memory of Delroy Scheelk | 03/15/2026

In Memory of Carol Hammond | 03/15/2027

In Memory of Kathy Stysick | 03/15/2026

In Memory of Carol & Ray Sherman | 4/18/2026

In Memory of Alyce & Laddie Suchan | 05/15/2026

In Remembrance & Appreciation of Guenter Recknagel | 07/15/2026

In Memory of Robert & Edna Schelenberger | 10/15/2026

In Memory of Ken & Bev Sharkey | 10/15/2026

In Appreciation of Bill & Jen Iiams | 10/15/2027

Marcia and Galen | 11/15/2026

Want to become a Booster?

It's easy—and it means so much! A minimum contribution of \$10 makes you a Booster for the year.

How to Join:

- Bring your contribution to the Clubhouse office.
- Make checks payable to: The Jockey Club
- Be sure to include your name exactly as you'd like it to appear in the Clarion newsletter.

Whether you're a returning supporter or joining for the first time, becoming a Booster is a meaningful way to show your community spirit and be part of something special.

Thank you again for your kindness, your generosity, and your unwavering support. Let's continue building an even better place to call home—together.

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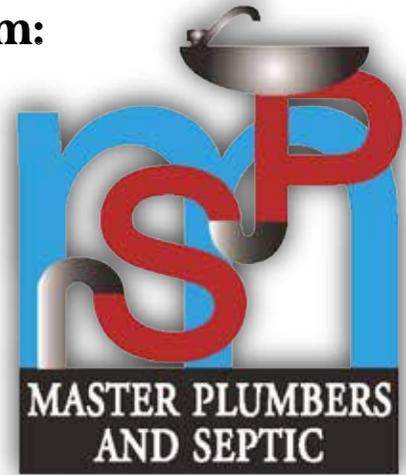


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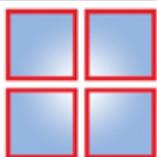
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