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# JOCKEY CLUB OF NORTH PORT

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## A Message from Your POA President

Dear Jockey Club Neighbors,

My name is Sebastian, and I am honored to serve as President of the Jockey Club POA. I joined the board last year because I believe our community should be safe, well-run, and a place where families truly feel at home.

Over the past year, your board has faced major challenges—and met them head-on. We inherited outdated systems, deferred maintenance, and financial and legal risks that placed the association in a difficult position. Despite leadership transitions and the sudden loss of key staff, your board stepped up rather than stepping away.

Thanks to countless volunteer hours, we stabilized office operations, rebuilt internal systems, and reduced our reliance on any single individual. Our ECC process was completely overhauled, shifting from a punitive fine-based approach to one that focuses on cooperation and helping residents stay in compliance.

Financially, the prior budget projected a deficit. Through renegotiated contracts, vendor changes, reduced payroll expenses, improved office efficiency, and smarter banking choices, the board turned that projected loss into a \$19,700 surplus as of October 31st—while collecting a minimal amount in violations. This

reflects our commitment to responsible leadership, transparency, and sound financial decisions.

Looking ahead, we are focused on long-term stability. We are exploring professional management support to reduce the burden on volunteer board members and make service more accessible. We are also working toward reinvesting in our amenities, strengthening reserves, and expanding community engagement—without raising dues.

We cannot do this alone. If you care about the future of Jockey Club and want to be part of shaping it, we encourage you to consider volunteering or joining the board. Fresh ideas, diverse perspectives, and more helping hands are essential to building a stronger, more connected community.

Serving on the board is your opportunity to protect property values, guide smart decisions, and help create the kind of neighborhood we're proud to call home.

Thank you for your support and involvement. It is truly an honor to serve this community.

Warm regards,  
Sebastian Gardner  
President, Jockey Club POA

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# FROM THE BOARD: COMMUNITY NEWS

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## 2026 Assessment Payment Notices

The 2026 Assessment Payment letters have been mailed, and all POA dues are due by March 1, 2026. We encourage residents to review their notice and plan ahead to avoid any late fees.

Payments are accepted by check, credit/debit card, or cash. Please note that courtesy fees apply to credit/debit card payments, and cash payments are accepted in person only—please do not mail cash.

- Checks should be made payable to JOCKEY CLUB OF NORTH PORT POA, INC.
- Credit/debit card payments may be made in person at the Clubhouse or by telephone

If you are interested in setting up a payment plan, please contact the office for assistance. We're happy to help make this process as smooth as possible.

## Upcoming Meetings

Stay informed and get involved! The next Jockey Club Board meeting is scheduled for January 9th at 6:00 PM. If you're unable to attend in person, you can watch the meeting live on The Friendly Jockey Club Neighbors Facebook page.

We'll update this section 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!

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## Did You Know? Host Your Next Event at the Jockey Club Clubhouse!

Looking for the perfect spot for a birthday party, baby shower, game night, or special celebration? The Jockey Club Clubhouse is available for residents to rent and makes a great space for gatherings of all kinds!

The rental rate for residents is just \$50 per hour. Planning a longer event? Any reservation of five hours or more includes one extra hour before your event for setup and one extra hour after for cleanup—at no additional cost.

It's a convenient, comfortable option right here in our community. If you're interested in reserving the clubhouse or would like more details, please reach out to the office or email us at [jockeyclubnorthport@gmail.com](mailto:jockeyclubnorthport@gmail.com). We'd be happy to help you plan your next event!

## 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](mailto:jockeyclub.ecc2@gmail.com).

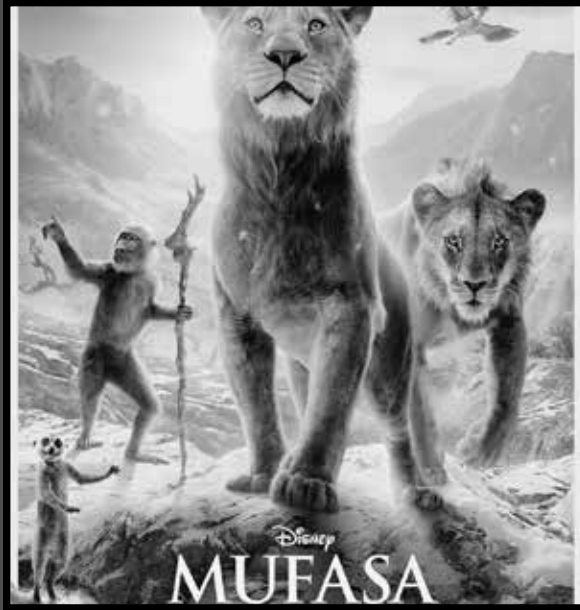
Let's keep The Jockey Club beautiful — together!

## A Fresh Look for Jockey Club!

Have you noticed the new Jockey Club signs around the community? They're hard to miss —and for a good reason! These beautiful new signs were generously donated by our Maintenance Director, Bain Edmondson, and they add a clean, modern flair that truly elevates the look of our neighborhood.

We're grateful for Bain's generosity and pride in our community. The updated signage is a great reflection of where Jockey Club is headed—fresh, welcoming, and moving forward. Be sure to check them out next time you're driving through!





## City Event: Movie Under the Stars – January 30

Each month, we highlight a City of North Port event happening outside of our neighborhood. While not a Jockey Club event, these activities are a wonderful way to engage with family, friends, and neighbors, and to explore all that our city has to offer.

The City of North Port will be hosting a free Movie Under the Stars at the George Mullen Activity Center. Bring a chair or blanket and settle in as the lawn transforms into a cozy open-air theater under the night sky. Concessions will be available for purchase, so you can enjoy your favorite snacks while watching the film.

Join us on January 30 at 6:30 PM for a special showing of Mufasa: The Lion King. Whether you're looking for a relaxing evening out, a chance to spend time with loved ones, or simply to enjoy a fun community experience, this event is the perfect way to kick off the New Year. Gather your friends, bring your family, and make some memories together!

## Looking Ahead: Professional Management for Our Community

Over the past several months, the board has carefully researched and interviewed management companies to find the best fit for the unique needs of our community. This was a thoughtful and thorough process focused on long-term stability, improved service, and added support for residents.

We'd like to extend a sincere thank-you to our review committee, whose tireless efforts helped evaluate proposals and contracts. Their time, attention, and dedication played a key role in this important step forward.

In December, the board voted to select Real Management as its preferred vendor. A professional management company offers significant benefits, including stronger administrative support, financial oversight, operational continuity, and access to industry expertise—all designed to better support residents and volunteer board members alike. Importantly, these benefits would be provided without an increase in POA dues.

Now, it's your turn. This month, the vote will be opened to the community to determine whether to move forward with this initiative. Your voice matters, and your participation helps shape the future of Jockey Club.

More details will be shared soon. We encourage all residents to stay informed, ask questions, and vote—because every vote truly matters.



## Join the Beautification Committee – Help Our Neighborhood Shine!



Exciting things are happening around the Jockey Club! Our Beautification Director, Laura Smith, and a team of wonderful volunteers did a beautiful job decorating the clubhouse for the holidays. Their creativity and hard work have made the space warm, festive, and inviting for all residents to enjoy.

Want to be part of the magic? The Jockey Club is always looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join the Beautification Committee! You'll help plan and implement projects that keep our neighborhood looking its best—recreation areas, common spaces, streetscapes, and more.

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](mailto: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!

## Happy New Year from the Jockey Club!

As we ring in 2026, it's a perfect time to reflect on the past year, celebrate our community, and make new resolutions for the year ahead. The New Year is all about fresh starts—spending more time with family, connecting with neighbors, and creating memories that last a lifetime.

Looking ahead, the board's goals for 2026 are to secure our administrative foundation and resolve any outstanding legal liabilities. Once that foundation is in place, our focus will shift to investing in community amenities—updating, repairing, and restoring our clubhouse into a vibrant space for gatherings, events, and community engagement.

One great way to start the year is by getting involved with the Jockey Club. Whether it's attending events, volunteering, or even joining the board, there are plenty of ways to make a difference while building a stronger, more connected community. Let's make 2026 a year full of connection, community spirit, and positive change together!



## Thanks to Our Recreation Committee for a Jolly Good Time!



A big thank you to our Recreation Committee for organizing The North Port Express Kids Holiday Party! We hope everyone had a wonderful time and got the chance to snap a photo with Santa. Your hard work helped make the holiday season extra special for our community's kids!

## 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!

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In Honor of Mary Layden | 01/15/2026

In Memory of Bill & Catherine Bingham | 01/15/2026

Glenn & Ellen Jeffers | 01/15/2026

In Memory of Fran and Harry Willax | 01/15/2026

In Memory of Delroy Scheelk | 03/15/2026

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

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

## 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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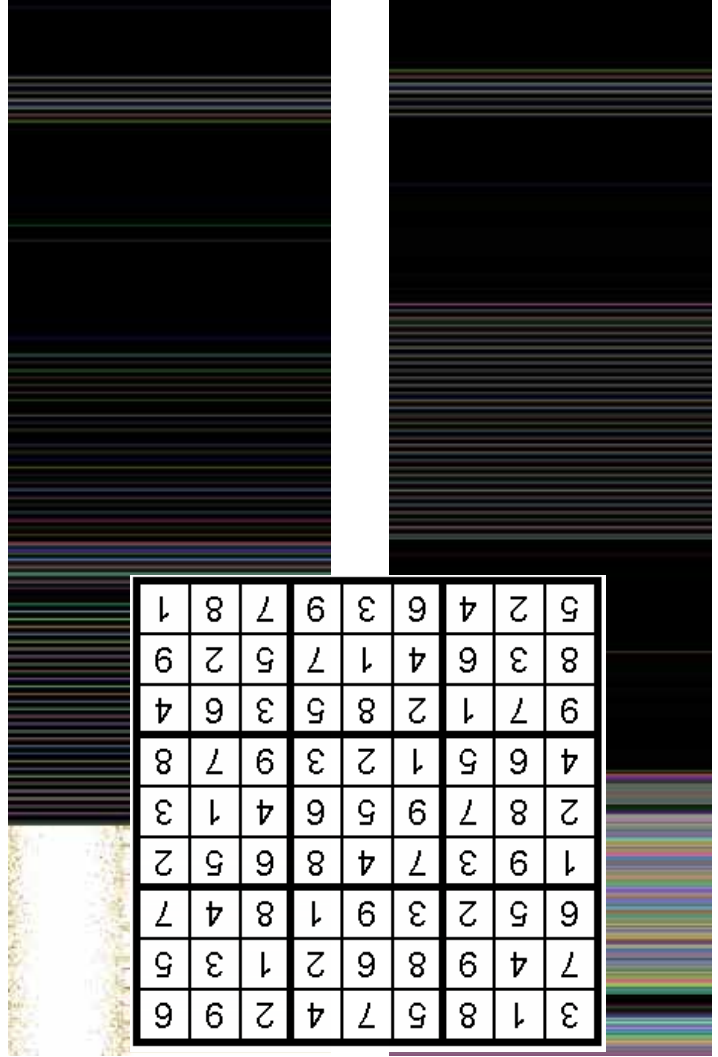
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