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DEADLINE

The deadline for the next issue of The Heather Newsletter is **Feb 8, 2026**.



You can send the article in PDF format to heatherpoa11@yahoo.com or drop off your typed article at the HPOA office, attention Editor. Thank you.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE: TO ALL HEATHER CONDO AND HOMEOWNERS

Please **DO NOT** drive across the median centers on St. Andrews Blvd. and Heather Blvd.

Not only are you posing danger to people walking or riding bicycles and other vehicles, but you also are damaging the grass and plants.

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Attention: All Nighttime Walkers!

To be safe at night, bright, colorful clothing helps drivers see you while walking at night and dog walking!

Reflective tape or shapes added to your clothing would make you and your dog more visible to drivers.



President's Corner

Richard Roth

2025 has come and gone and 2026 is about to enter our lives. Here's hoping that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and enjoyed the Holiday Season with family and friends.

The HPOA Board of Directors begins the new year with two big losses and resulting changes. We are losing Isaac and Susan Thompson as they have decided to move back to Ohio. This is not just a loss for the HPOA, but the entire Heather Community. Isaac was a valued member of the Board for the past few months and Susan did a fabulous job running the HPOA Office. It is more organized and functioning better than it has been in several years. The two of them put together several events that enabled residents to gather and meet new friends. They will certainly be missed!

One of Isaac's latest accomplishments was to find a company that was able to come in and make a huge difference in the Lochs/Ponds. Although it was expensive, we will be able to reduce maintenance costs by over 50% this year. I have been here for almost thirteen years and, as I write this, the Lochs are in better shape than I have ever seen them. The Board is still working on ensuring that expenses are reduced wherever possible, and controlled to the best of our ability. As previously mentioned, we will keep the members of the HPOA informed and involved in the expenditure of YOUR money. I have instructed the Treasurer to make sure that the Financial Reports are included in the Monthly Newsletter every month. Board Meetings will occur monthly starting in January and we invite ALL residents of The Heather to attend. Doesn't matter if you live in a Condo, Town Home or Villa, you are invited to attend along with the owners of single-family homes.

On behalf of the HPOA Board of Directors, I hope for a Happy, Safe, Healthy and Prosperous New Year for all.



From Susan's Desk

As many of you have seen, there is now a For Sale sign in our yard.

This was one of the hardest decisions we have had to make, but we know it is what's best for our family right now. We will still be here until the house sells, but I wanted to share this openly since so many of you have reached out with concern, love, and questions.

When the house goes under contract, I will begin my final 30 days of training the new office personnel. I will make sure they are fully prepared to do everything I do, with the same care and dedication this community deserves.

Isaac will continue to serve on the board until the day we leave. If anyone feels called to step into that roles and help continue the progress we have made, please email your resume to
heatherpoa11@yahoo.com.

We will miss all of you more than we can express. Being part of this community—and being part of the positive change in The Heather—has been one of the greatest honors for our family. This neighborhood has shaped us, supported us, and filled our lives with memories we will carry forever.♥

With love and gratitude,
Susan Thompson



From the Treasurer

Happy New Year!

Current Financials coming soon.

Words of Encouragement

“The beginning is the most important part of the work.”
— Plato

“Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.” — Henry David Thoreau

“What we call the beginning is often the end. And to make an end is to make a beginning.” — T.S. Eliot

“New beginnings are often disguised as painful endings.”
— Lao Tzu

Architectural and Design Committee

First of all, we want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, Feliz Navidad, and Mele Kaikawaka!

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season spent with family and friends. The neighborhoods looked beautiful, and the kids truly enjoyed all the activities that took place this month.

Now it's back to business and continuing to make our neighborhood a great place to live. Stay amazing!

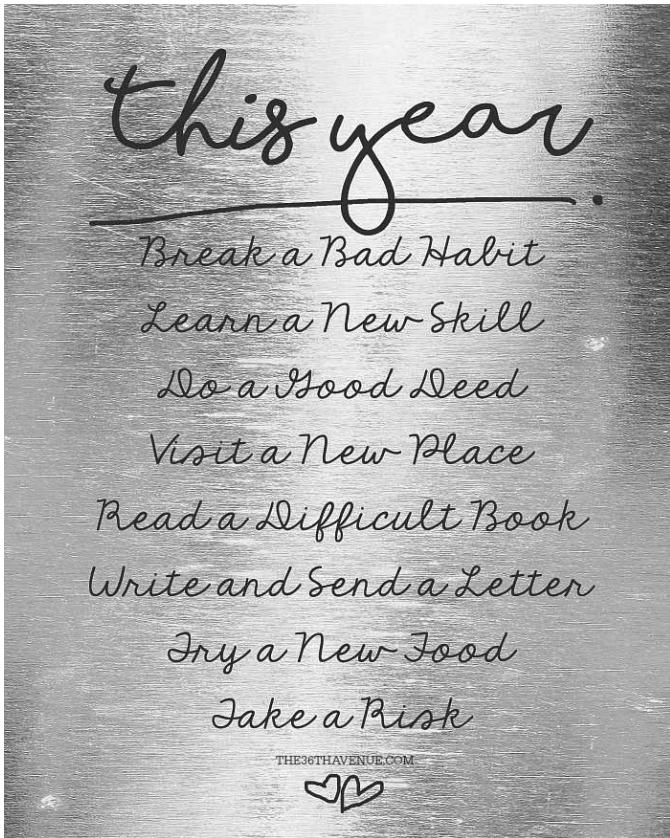
We currently have five members on the A&E Committee, and recently lost two members, so we are looking for two volunteers to join the team.

The commitment is very manageable:

- Two meetings per month (1st and 3rd Tuesday)
- 6:30 PM
- Inspections are done at your leisure, whenever you have time, on the streets assigned to you — no pressure.

We're simply looking for neighbors who want to help keep our community looking great and ensure everyone is happy with the place they call home.

If you're interested, we'd love to have you!



Buildings & Grounds

Community Building

The security building remains clean, organized, and well-maintained. Ongoing upkeep allows the team to operate efficiently in a comfortable and fully functional workspace.

Grounds

The community grounds continue to look well cared for and inviting. A special thank-you goes to Keith Elder for his outstanding effort in installing the Christmas lights throughout the property, adding a festive touch for everyone to enjoy.

GATEHOUSE NEWS

Happy New Year!

The personnel at the Gate shack wish all the residents of the Heather a happy and safe year.



SPEED LIMIT IS 30MPH!

The Gate Shack Personnel

RV Compound



The **RV compound** remains in excellent condition. Routine inspections are being completed successfully, and residents continue to take pride in maintaining their spaces in accordance with community guidelines.

Security operations continue to run smoothly and effectively. Patrols are conducted consistently, systems are functioning as intended, and the security team maintains a strong and visible presence throughout the community. Their dedication ensures that community rules and standards are always upheld.

••EVENTS••

Mark your calendars!

Jan 24th 11am-1pm Community Meal

Loaded Potato Soup & Chicken Noodles Soup with Rolls



Please join HPOA The Heather Facebook page for more detailed info on each event.

Take a look at local Upcoming Theatre Performances

There are some wonderful performing arts theatres in our area. Consider experiencing some of the great talents in Hernando County at either of these venues.

Live Oak Theatre – 21030 Cortez Blvd. Brooksville, FL 34601 **Upcoming Performances (2025-2026 Season)**

- Cinderalla: March 13-15, 20-22, & 27-29, 2026.

Visit the official Live Oak Theatre website at www.liveoaktheatre.org. to check for the most current show dates, times, and ticket information.

Stage West Playhouse – 8390 Forest Oaks Blvd. Spring Hill, FL 34606 **Upcoming Performances (2025-2026 Season)**

- Assassins: January 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 2026
- The Front Page: February 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 and March 1, 7 and 8, 2026

Visit the official Stage West Playhouse website at www.Stagewestplayhouse.org for the most current show dates, times, and ticket information.

Editor's Column

Susan Thompson

Happy New Year, neighbors!

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and is feeling refreshed as we kick off a brand-new year here at The Heather.

This January newsletter is filled with helpful updates, upcoming events, and important HOA information to keep our community running smoothly. Thank you for being such a great group of neighbors—your involvement and support truly make The Heather a special place to live.

Here's to a happy, healthy, and connected year ahead. We're so glad you're part of our community!

Warmly,

Your Newsletter Editor

The Heather Owners Association

Let's Play Bingo



HPOA — Community
Lunch **COMPLIMENTARY**
Loaded Potato and Chicken Noodle Soup & Roll
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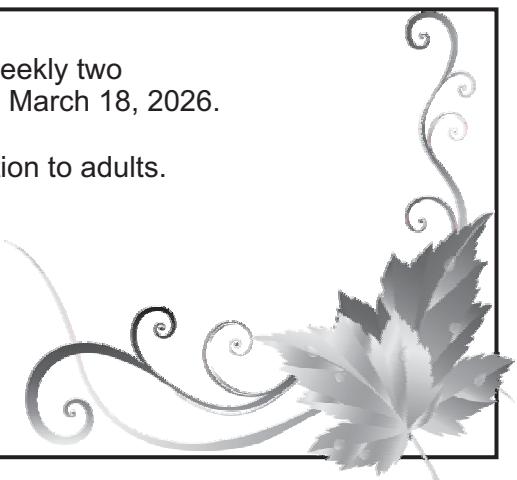


Academia Hernando is a nonprofit organization (5013C) offering a weekly two hour lecture series this spring beginning on January 21, 2026 through March 18, 2026.

This year we celebrate 25 years of bringing entertainment and education to adults.

We meet at the Welcome OM Center
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Peanut Allergies Finally Decline After Years-long Surge

Peanut allergies are one of the most common causes of life-threatening allergic reactions, and have grown increasingly common in recent decades. According to JAMA, about peanut allergies affected .4 percent of children in 1997, but by 2018, more than 2 percent of children were allergic to peanuts. But recent data suggests that peanut allergy incidence is finally starting to decline -- and also suggests that previous guidance on peanut introduction may have been driving the sudden increase.



During the late 1990s and early 2000s, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommended that parents delay peanut introduction for three years, and some providers encouraged parents to wait as long as five years. But the landmark Learning Early About Peanut Allergy (LEAP) study, published in 2015, showed that introducing allergenic foods early actually decreased allergy risk among infants and young children.

Today, AAP guidance reflects these findings, and urges the introduction of allergenic foods for all infants at approximately six months of age. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, potentially allergenic foods include cow's milk products, eggs, fish and shellfish, tree nuts, peanuts, wheat, soy, and sesame.



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Every Monday at 1:00pm at the Heather Community Center

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ATTN FACEBOOK USERS!

JOIN US

There are now 2 Facebook pages for ALL residents in the Heather to utilize. Please join us and spread the word. This is one of the most expedient methods to disseminate info within the Heather.

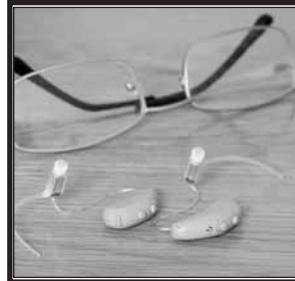
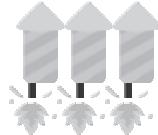
"The Heather Community Residents, Weeki Wachee, FL"

Currently, this group has 880 members

"HPOA The Heather"

Currently, this group has 336 members

You are number 6 in queue for a song that will get stuck in your head for the rest of the day.



PLEASE BRING OLD EYE GLASSES or HEARING AIDS TO THE Heather office for the Lions Club to give to those in need. Thank you!

PLAY DOMINOES – Mexican Train

Come and hop on the train!!

It's fun and a great way to meet new friends and neighbors!

On Thursdays at 1:00pm in the Heather Clubhouse residents from our condos and homes gather to enjoy playing Dominoes – Mexican Train



Audrey and Kathy

Heather Walk News

Can you believe it is New Year Time!!! Resolution time! Another fun year coming for all of us here in Heather Walk.

The Christmas Party was a great success. The Social Committee did another wonderful job! A big thank you to Rick and Vicki for the delicious ham! Andie sure does come up with the most interesting games to play. A big thanks to you to all that worked so hard on making it festive for all of us to enjoy.

We want to congratulate Mandy, Troy, and Big Brother Landon on their new addition. Baby Cody was born November 30, 2025. Mandy is our new Board member and will function as secretary.



Loaded Potato Soup

Ingredients

- 4 strips thick cut bacon diced
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup onions small diced
- 3 cloves garlic minced
- 4 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 cups chicken stock
- 2 cups milk
- 1 ½ pounds red potatoes peeled and cut into ½-inch cubes
- 1 ½ teaspoons salt
- ½-1 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup cheddar cheese shredded
- as needed green onions sliced
- as needed sour cream

Instructions

- In a large pot over medium heat, cook the bacon until it's crispy. Remove and set aside, reserving 2 tablespoons of the bacon grease in the pot.
- Add the butter and onions to the pot and sauté until tender. Stir in the garlic and cook for an additional 30 seconds.
- Now whisk in the flour to make the roux. Once all of the flour has been incorporated, continue whisking for 30 seconds. Now whisk in the chicken stock and milk.
- Add the potatoes, salt, and pepper to the soup. Bring it to a boil and cook for 10-15 minutes, or until the potatoes are tender, stirring frequently to prevent scorching.
- Remove from the heat and stir in the cheese and half of the bacon. Garnish with reserved bacon, green onions and sour cream. Enjoy!

Reminders:

Security monitoring continues. Please remember that parking on grass is NOT permitted even on edges. Sod has been replaced so let us try to keep it grass and not dirt.

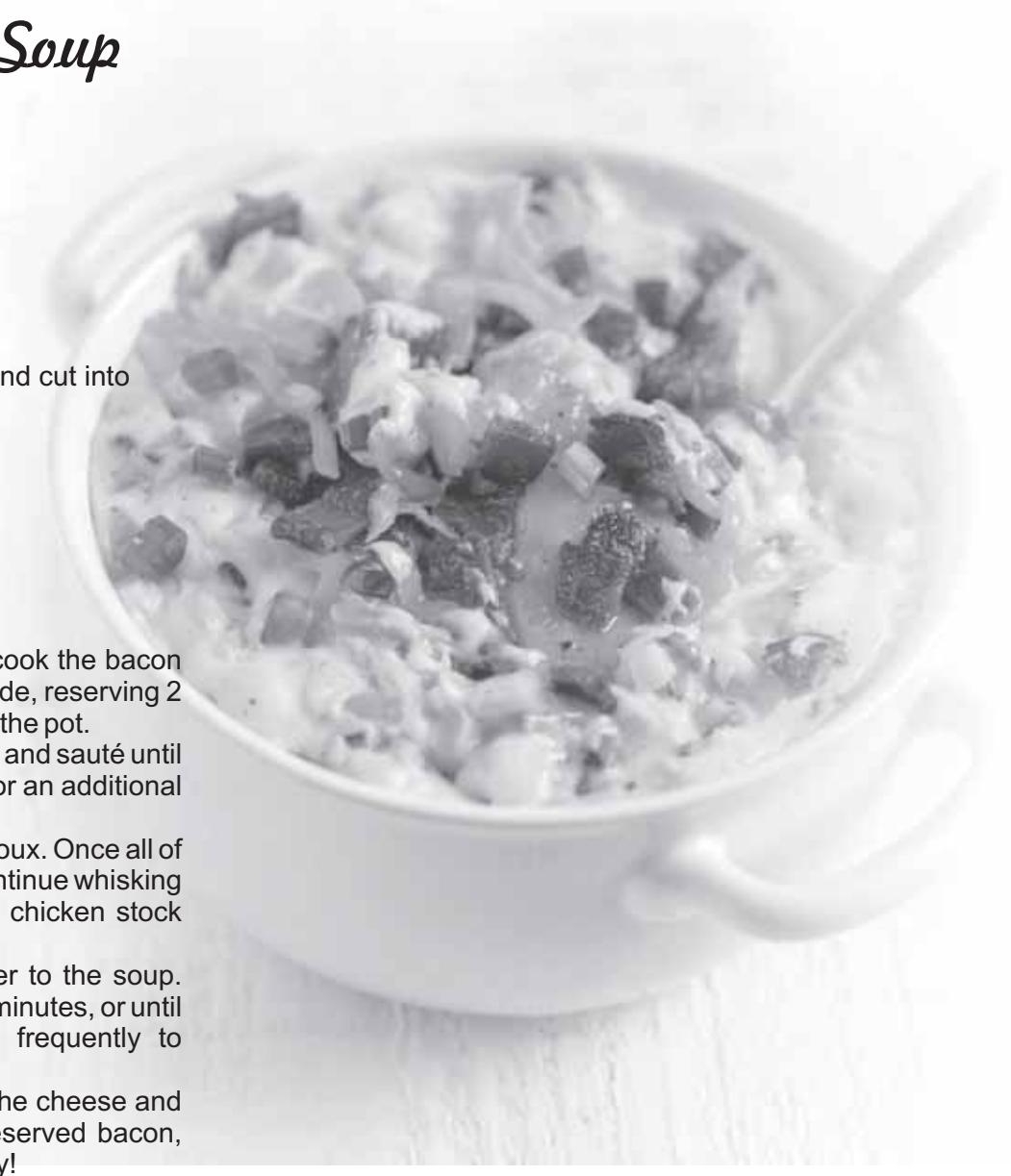
Coming Soon:

Coastal Waste and Recycling will be our new trash company starting January 2026. Pickups will remain the same on Mondays and Thursdays with recycling changed to MONDAYS instead of previous Fridays. Call 352-741-5494 for bulk pickups for up to six times per year. See residents page for more information.

Please join us at the next board meeting. (Dates will be posted on bulletin boards)

Happy New Year!!!

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AND MORE



The Fairway

We continue to serve the “hot” projects this month which are:

- Soffit repair on building 5. We selected three bids and the contractor will do the repairs soon.
- We will hold off on a sprinkler refit since it is not critical in the wintertime.
- We are getting bids for large tree pruning. The trees need to be done sometime after the first of the year.
- Finally, we renewed our contract with Integrity for termite protection. It is scheduled to be done again in 2027.

That's all for now. A big reminder is to please turn your outside water spigots off when you leave your condos even overnight.

Your Fairway Board wishes you a very Happy New Year and a healthy one as well.

Carl Huffman
President, Fairway Board



Heather Sound

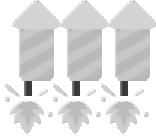
We wish all our family, friends and neighbors' good health and a new year filled with love, fun and adventure. We try to make that happen here in Heather Sound.

A warm welcome to our new residents. All of us old-timers look forward to getting to know you.

I would also like to remind people that we have 2 three-bedroom Villas for sale in Heather Sound. We are a 55+ neighborhood. If you know any awesome people, send them our way.

A reminder to our residents that we need people to step up and serve on the board. We will be hiring a property management company at some point but still are required to have a board.

Thank you to everyone for a good 2025. Let's make 2026 even better.



Picketts Park Pool

Nothing to report

Happy Holidays & Happy New Year

The Bluffs

Happy New Year to all!

We received great news on our 2026 insurance premium this year: far under our budgeted item so I am hopeful we can finally catch up on reserving funds to pay next year's premium and avoid having to pay financing charges for this required item. Good news all around.

Please remember that monthly fees are now \$450 each month and due by the 10th of the month. That does not mean postmarked by the 10th but in our office and ready for deposit. The Board will be diligent in collecting any remaining 2025 past due balances. Most of you use automatic payments and we thank you for that. Unit owners may have payments drafted from your account or set up by your own bank to send to us before the 10th. Please ask any questions about this time saving and postage saving option. PMI Adventure Coast is happy to answer those and set up the ACH.

Still looking for a few volunteers to work on a landscaping plan for our common areas. Some people seem to believe the land surrounding individual units belongs to that unit. It does not. We all own 1/40 of all the outside spaces. Likewise, unit owners do not own parking spots. Per our documents, each unit is assigned one parking spot but ownership remains with the association. Just clarifying some statements I have heard.

Enjoy these cooler days. Check the bulletin board for new announcements.

Your Board,
Edna Carmella, Kelly, Yuri and Julie



Ponds and Lochs

Earth Co Aquatic Maintenance has done an excellent job maintaining the two main front ponds—one along the golf course side and the other behind Heather Walk and Heather Sound. Additional ponds will be addressed as budget allowances permit

DON'T FEED THE WILDLIFE!

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (Rule: 68A-4.001 General Prohibitions) states that people should not feed wildlife as wildlife can be a public nuisance. “Intentionally offering or placing food or garbage out will attract black bears, foxes, raccoons as well as other wildlife.”

The Greens

Happy New Year everyone!! Hope you all had a safe, great Christmas and New Year holidays. We wish you all a Happy & Healthy 2026 for you and your families.

The sidewalk, building & fence cleaning should be completed by now. The delay was due to an unimaginable loss of an employee (crew lead on our job) for the company doing the work. The company treats their employees like family, and this was tragic accident during off hours for the employee. Beginning of December, we had some much-needed tree trimming / removal completed. We will continue doing this in 2026 further through the community along with palm tree trimming.

Upcoming meeting dates:

Quarterly board meeting February or March: date TBD

Annual Meeting: April 9, 2026

Start thinking if you would like to run for the board, volunteer for a committee. We could use some more

residents, especially full-time resident owners to assist our community. Some of us board members have been doing this for quite some time. Some of us are part-time residents as well, which at times it is challenging. As a board we enjoy contributing to the community, but we could use some help. Think about what you can do.

As a reminder, this is a deeded community and we have governing documents and state statutes that all owners must adhere to. The board as well as the property management company has too as well. If you see something not aligning with governing documents, please contact QPM about it so a record of concern can be documented in our system to begin the investigation process. If you see suspicious illegal activity, please report it to the Hernando County Sheriff's office. Illegal activity investigation is handled by law enforcement, not the board or QPM.

Sincerely,
The Greens Board



9474 Nakoma Way (The Greens) M LS 2254275
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PROPERTY CHANGE APPLICATION

Mail or hand deliver to

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HEATHER PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION

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Weeki Wachee, FL 34613
(352) 596-5028

This form is to be used by Heather Property Owners to file a property change with the A&D Committee. Only one project may be listed on each application.

Please Note: If you are not in good standing (paid up to date) with the HPOA your application will not be considered.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

LOT _____ BLOCK _____ PHONE # _____

DATE PRESENTED _____

DESCRIBE SITUATION

**Attach copy of plans/diagrams/etc. to this application

LOCATION _____

State location of property change

TYPE OF CHANGE (Be brief, but descriptive and accurate)

This request may or may not fall within the jurisdiction of the A&D Committee. Nevertheless, You will be notified within 30 days of our decision.

Your Signature

COMMITTEE USE ONLY:

Date received by Committee _____

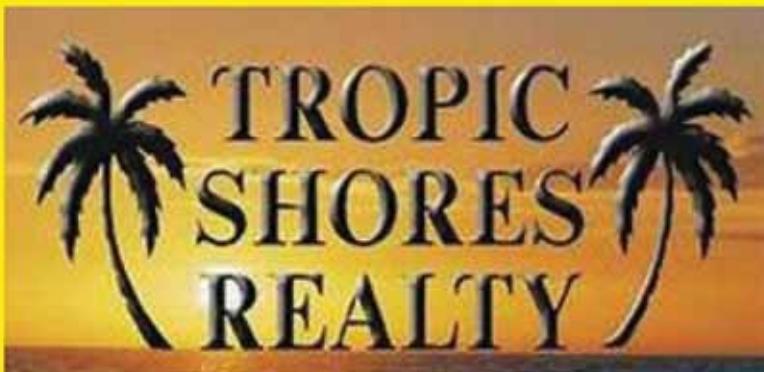
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