<NOTE: The due date for news & ads for the next issue is Saturday, October 24, 2015>

ROYAL RIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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As we come to the end of the summer, let us review the things that we can do to keep our neighborhood and ourselves safe.

First, we can turn on our house lights in the evening, and then check to make sure that our security lights in the alley are on at night. A few homes do not have automatic light switches for the security lights. Please think about upgrading your lighting system if yours is not automatic. When you read this, please check your own lights, as well as those of the neighbor to either side of you.



Although it was a number of years ago, one former neighbor installed a rear floodlight triggered by a motion sensitive switch. Imagine his surprise when he came out one morning and found his car's gas cap off, a hose inserted into his gas tank and an

empty gas can sitting next to the hose. Obviously, his motion sensitive floodlight paid for itself that evening.

My next suggestion is that we keep our garage doors shut except when we are in the garage or in the immediate area. We have strangers and just folks going up and down our alleys. Closed doors keep honest people honest. An open garage with a \$300 lawn mower, just waiting for a new owner, may be too much for some folks to resist. And, Royal Ridge should not be known as a good place to find "free" property. Another person mentioned that open carry is one way to solve that problem. No one needs the hassles associated with that solution, even if you are found to be blameless. Closed garages also reduce the possibility of an actual home evasion.

Please also remember to remove your garbage and recycling containers from view, except on collection days. It is mandatory in most of our restrictive covenants. Please either build a sheltering fence or put them inside the fence of your backyard.

Let me give you a report on the Royal Ridge Recreational Club (RRRC). The most recent information is that we have about 100 memberships for 2015. As you may remember, the club and pool needed about 150 members to remain viable. I don't know what the RRRC Board will decide for 2016. But, it does not appear to me that RRRC can continue. For example, in July one air conditioning unit at the Clubhouse failed and had to be repaired, as an unplanned expense.

Finally, I want to commend **Al Dreumond, Pat Biggs**, and **Janet Latiolais**. They met with Allison Cohen, the administrative assistant to Mike Gallagher, to discuss the two flea markets, the flooring business, and the used car lots on Randolph Boulevard. Some violate the City Municipal Code requirements.

Al also had a wonderful suggestion concerning the mobile home park, located on the left just past Weidner Road. He suggested that the property be purchased and converted into a park.

I believe that the one meeting will not be enough. Please call or email Mike Gallagher and express your support for the purchase of the mobile home park to create at least one city park east of IH-35. District10@sanantonio.gov or 210-207-0999. Please give your name and street address, so that Gallagher's office can track the support for this idea. We can only imagine what we will see without proper planning and community support.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Gary H. Harmon, Jr., 884-6926 Email: gharmon@idworld.net

Weeds continue to be a problem. Some fences need attention. Not everyone has a driveway security light on at night. Believe it or not, from past experience, not everyone knows when their light is busted. Some folks have them on a switch and forget to turn them on and off. Lowe's has a nice selection of lights and they are not that expensive. Some existing lights have a bad sensor and won't come on or go off. Those are also available from Lowe's.

Someone in another part of Royal Ridge called me in early August asking about the 5 foot property

setback in garden homes. This info should be readily available in your covenants and each resident should have a copy in their files. They may be available on the Royal Ridge website or most assuredly from your Home Owners' Association (HOA) Board of Directors. Your covenants should tell you if you have a setback and what you can and can't do in your area. If you have questions, you need to ask your own HOA folks because the rules may not be the same from HOA to HOA.

Make sure you read the Royal Ridge Recreational Club information. **Diane Luna** and her staff have a huge workload. Help them when you can.

Thanks to all the folks who provide input for the *Recorder*. Timely input makes it easy for me to put it all together so I can hand it off to my ""favorite daughter-in-law Cathy who lives down the street" so she can do her magic and finalization before distribution and printing.

ROYAL RIDGE CITIZENS ON PATROL

Bob Robbins, Coordinator, 655-4226

Welcome new members Cecilio and Patricia Cisneros, RR II residents. And thanks to our other 35 members from 26 Royal Ridge households for your time, efforts and commitment to our neighborhood crime prevention efforts. Thanks too to the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) for their efforts on our behalf, especially Officer Jason Reno, our San Antonio Fear Free Environment (SAFFE) community policing officer.

I'll make this short. Royal Ridge Citizens On Patrol (COP) needs additional members to continue this important neighborhood program without posing undue hardship on our current members. We have roughly 1,050 homes in the larger Royal Ridge subdivision and only 27 are participating in our mission. You get the picture and the message. Please give some serious thought as to how you can help.

SAPD North Patrol conducts a four-hour *training class for COP volunteers* and the fall schedule begins this month with classes scheduled for:

Wednesday, September 23 Saturday, October 3 Monday, November 2 Saturday, December 5

Weekday classes are held from 6-10 PM and Saturday classes from 9 AM-1 PM. All are usually held at the SAPD North Patrol substation at 13030 Jones Maltsberger with the exception of the September 23rd class will be held in the Council 9 District Office at 16500 San Pedro, Suite 290.

If you plan on attending any of the classes, please call **Officer Dave McDonald** at 207-6086 and let him know. If you have questions or concerns, please give me a call at 655-4226.

Thanks for your attention, interest and hopefully your support. Stay safe.

BROOKE ARMY MEDICAL CENTER PROSTATE CANCER EDUCATION AND SUPPORT CENTER

The Urology Clinic at Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC) has established an "US TOO" Prostate Cancer Education and Support Chapter, affiliated with the International "US TOO" Organization, for Prostate Cancer patients and survivors in our area. The BAMC Chapter is open to all active duty military and military retirees, regardless of where treatment is being or has been received, at civilian or military facilities.

The "US TOO" organization and chapters provide education and support at monthly meetings through guest speakers and open discussions on various forms of treatment and personal experiences of patients/survivors afflicted with this form of cancer. Patients and survivors are encouraged to bring family members, relatives, and friends to the meetings.

The *monthly meeting for the BAMC "US TOO" chapter* is presently scheduled for *5:30 PM*, on the *first Tuesday of each month* (except this July), in the *BAMC Pediatrics Clinic*, located on the first floor, in the new section of BAMC Clinics. The meetings last for approximately one hour and snacks/refreshments are provided. The meetings are also open to relatives and friends. For further information, contact the Urology Clinic at BAMC, telephone number 916-1640.

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ROYAL RIDGE RECREATIONAL CLUB

Diane Luna, President, 393-6976 Like us on Facebook @royalridgerecreationalclub Website: http://rrrecclub.org

Our pool season ended with a great turnout at our 2nd Annual Aloha To Summer Luau held on August 21. We hosted an evening of Karaoke made possible by our member, **Jerry Brown**. It was a fun-filled event enjoyed by both young and old. American Idol Beware...

We also hosted our 1st BBQ Chicken Plate Fundraiser and yielded \$400 to boot. Thank you for your continued support!

This summer we attempted our first ever Movie Night as part of our Summer Bash held on June 26. Much to our dismay, we had technical difficulties with the sound. Kids still had a blast enjoying the movie while viewing it from the pool. We will work on this little setback and plan on hosting another Movie Night soon.

A Teen Night was hosted each month during our pool season. They were well attended and we look forward to continuing these events in the future.

Our overall pool season was met with a low attendance. There were many days where by 6:00 or 7:00 in the evening, the pool was empty. We never really had more than 25 people in the pool at one time except when a pool party was in progress. Our attempt at Friday Family Fun Nights whereby we stayed open until 9 PM was not as well attended as we had hoped. We also experienced a decline of pool party bookings

Low attendance also caused a ripple effect into our concession sales. On a happier note, our Sundae Sundays were ALL the rage. Kids looked forward to making their own sundaes weekly.

Moving forward with clubhouse business, as I write this we have just under 120 members for this year. We were well aware that the raise in our dues would cause a decline in membership but it was a risk we needed to take. The Board has taken this into perspective and we feel that we need to give the new dues along with plans to increase membership another year. We plan to focus on working with our neighbor subdivision of Cheyenne Valley and reaching out more to our new families in Royal Ridge.

Our plans to begin work on resurfacing the pool will also be delayed to another year. We presently have \$15,000 in our Save Our Pool fund and feel that we need another year to hopefully get closer to our goal of \$25,000. We also want to ensure that we will have the membership necessary to sustain pool operations going forward if/when we do this major renovation. We will continue to offer fundraisers throughout the year to offset operating costs and get closer to our goal.

Let's give a BIG SHOUT OUT to our pool personnel. Thank You to **Lauren** for ALL your hard work and dedication. Your enthusiasm and smile was a daily treat.

Thank You to **Michael** for filling in during Lauren's absence and giving of your time to make the kids' time at the pool a little extra special.

Thank You to **Victoria** for your flexibility by being able to work our Concessions and serve as CPR attendant if/when needed.

Thank You to **Susan Hodge** and **Katherine Ellis** for making yourselves available as our party safety personnel sometimes on a day's notice.

Thank you to **Bob Robbins** for making our entire pool season possible by ensuring our pool chemicals are in synch on a daily basis. Your efforts are truly appreciated.

Our *Community Garage/Rummage Sale* will be held on *Saturday, October 10, 9 AM-2 PM*. You may host at your residence or rent a space at the Clubhouse. We are also making a call-out to all vendors/crafters near and far. We will again make an attempt to hold a *Vendor/Craft Bazaar* in conjunction with this event. The Bazaar will be held inside the Clubhouse. Contact **Deb Kennedy** at 219-2426 for more info.

Our annual *Spaghetti Plate Fundraiser*, *11 AM-2 PM* will also be held alongside these events. Plates include spaghetti without meatballs, salad, roll and drink for the low, low price of \$6.00.

Continuing our tradition, we will hold our annual *Halloween Boo Bash and Egg Hunt* on *Saturday, October 24, 6-8 PM*. This event is open to ALL Royal Ridge residents. Candy donations gladly accepted.

After taking our summer break, our 1st *Volunteer Day* of the season will also take place on *Saturday, October 24* from *9 AM – Noon*. Volunteer Days are held on the last Saturday of the month between October–May. No special skills are required. We rely heavily on our volunteers for the upkeep of our facilities.

We continue to strive to meet your needs as members of our Clubhouse. Please feel free to contact me via my cell at 393-6976 or e-mail at diane.luna12@yahoo.com with any suggestions and feedback you may have.

~Thank You For Your Support~

ROYAL RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Counselor Shannon 407-7024

Royal Ridge Elementary is looking for mentors for the 2015-2016 school year. All mentors need to be Department of Public Safety (DPS) cleared. Both the mentors and the students benefit from their time together. If you have time to give to a student, please give **Shannon** a call.



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MONTHLY SOCIALS

Bonnie Hopkins, 650-0852

The next two socials are **September 24** and **October 23** at **5:30 PM**, the fourth Fridays of the month. All adult members of the RRRC are welcome. Visitors are welcome to come and see if they would be interested in joining RRRC. Drinks are provided for a small donation and people are asked to bring finger foods to share. Hope to see you there.

NEIGHBORHOOD LADIES LUNCHEON

Janet Latiolais, 655-1873

The monthly Neighborhood Ladies' Luncheon has had a good response. Any lady or her adult female family member can join us. It is a great way to meet your neighbors throughout Royal Ridge. Ladies, please join us on the following dates:

Tuesday, September 22, 11:30 AM
The Purple Garlic
1017 Austin Highway, 822-2300

Wednesday, October 14, 11:30 AM Hacienda Mexican Restaurant 18747 Redland Rd., 497-8000

Wednesday, November 18, 11:30 AM Biff Buzby's Burgers 12702 Toepperwein Rd., 590-2040

Carpool available from the RRRC Parking Lot at 11:00 AM

Neighborhood News

PATIO HOMES I

Catherine "Taffy" Haenze, Reporter, 424-0110

t's been a quiet summer. Everyone in Patio Homes I who reads this - needs to lift your arm straight up, turn your hand to face backwards and give yourselves a mighty pat in the back. We did it! I did not see or hear of one driver thinking he was on the speedway. I didn't have to jump once! My pup has finally learned to walk to the curb and stand still. The walker (yes, I still am using one on long walks) slows me down, but at least there's been no fear for my life.

We have two new families, both on Royal Ridge: The **Granroos** and the **Kenefecks**. They moved in about the same time. Welcome to **Gary** and **Cindi Granroos**! He works at Toyota. She is enjoying new

retirement from Verizon. Their favorite holiday is St. Patrick's Day. Green beer anyone? She is the daughter of **Larry** and **Charlotte Sweats** who recently moved to Emerald Oaks.

The second family we welcome to the neighborhood is **Brian** and **Kristi Kenefick**. They have three children and two grandchildren. They lived in Cibolo, Texas before moving to Royal Ridge.

If you have someone new on your street, greet them, meet them and get to know each other. Then how about giving me a head's up so that we can at least know when someone joins our neighborhood. Let's keep this a friendly neighborhood!

PATIO HOMES II

Kathie Obeck, Reporter, 967-5038

A note from **Sue Hassell**, President: Thank you to all homeowners who have taken an active role in cleaning up/maintaining your yards this summer. It has not been an easy task in this heat! Also, thank you to all who took advantage of the low-cost lawn help on Saturday, August 1st. We worked on seven homes in Patio Homes II, trimming, weeding etc. and they all look great. Next we will tackle code compliance issues with cracked sidewalks, visible wood and trash debris left inside and back yards, street lights, etc. Please look for an email on this subject addressing these areas.

Reminder that Patio II Home Owners Association will hold its Annual Meeting on October 22, 2015 at 7 PM at the Club House.

As many of you may know, **Jim Pena**, Chairman of our Painting/Construction Committee, has moved from the area. With painting of the brown trim on our units due to start in the not so distant future we are in need of a replacement chairman. If you are interested, please contact **Kathie Obeck** at 967-5038. We remind all our people that if you have rotted or termite riddled wood, your unit will not be painted. NOW is the time to take action to repair any damaged wood.

Betty and Dick Schutte celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary with an adventurous driving trip through portions of Arizona, Utah, and Nevada. The trip included Sedona and the surrounding area, Grand Canyon, Monument Valley, Glen Canyon, Lake Powell, Zion National Park and concluded in Las Vegas. They are still in awe from the diverse and spectacular beauty of each area.

Phil Freeman will be visiting New Hampshire and Massachusetts in September and joining three classmates from 1952 for a luncheon, and also visit his sister in his home town of Leominster, Massachusetts. He also intends to visit the home of his birth, if it's still there, and if they will listen to him - he will give them a history lesson about the house they are now living in. He has many



memories of that home/farm.

Well, the **Obecks** took another trip to New Jersey, this time for the Obeck Family reunion. They had about 60 relatives attend and it was a wonderful weekend.

Sue Hassell just got back from her annual trip to South Padre Island with her grandson Kaynen, enjoying fishing and surfing.

Please extend a warm welcome to **Jesse Saucedo** when you see him on Grandwood and also to **Robert** and **Sandra Delashaw** on Archwood. Welcome to our community!

We are sorry to hear about the passing of **Beverly Eckhart** on Grandwood back in June, and **Nell Fox** who lived on Grand Circle. They will be missed by many, our sympathy goes out to their families.

GOD BLESS AMERICA AND OUR TROOPS

GARDEN HOMES I

Polly-Dee Burrowes, Reporter, 599-1352 Jerome Allen, Reporter, 999-5485

Exciting news on Royal Ridge! **Damien** and **Stephanie Shortridge** welcomed baby girl **Braelynn** to their family on July 1st. Big brother, **Nolan**, is very happy to have this new baby sister and loves her a lot. Congratulations!

Priscilla McNeil married **William Wolff** on June 25. William retired after time spent in the military and as Security Chief at the San Antonio Museum of Art. When asked how they met, Priscilla laughed and said, "Aisle 2 at HEB." It's always good to take note of your surroundings.

GARDEN HOMES II

Janet Latiolais, Reporter, 655-1873

School began recently; I had a back alley view of parents bringing their children to our neighborhood school for their first day. Of course, I don't know if tears were shed as the littlest ones crossed the threshold of the school to begin a new phase of their life. **Nancy Cochran** was a first grade teacher so she all too well knew the anxiety they felt as they began to leave the nest.

Al and Carmen Dreumont recently went down to South Padre Island to attend a family event from Carmen's side of the family. Each attending member was given the family reunion T-shirt which stated this company began in 1937 (year of her parents' marriage). Very clever of the folks putting the reunion together, Carman said.

Hank and Sally Hadigian just returned from a short trip to New York City. They went up to see Hank's sister, Dorothy. Hank and Sally also just recently celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

Chuck and Eileen Lusk also went on an interesting trip to the West Coast. They travelled by Amtrak for ten days staying two nights in Los Angeles, California and three nights in Seattle, Washington. Eileen then came home to have surgery on her right hand which is doing well at this time. Last week, her sister, Susan, drove up from Brownsville, Texas to visit them.

Bob and **Nancy Cochran** had their granddaughter, Maria, visit for two weeks before she begins her last year of high school. Maria is from Iowa; coming to visit her grandparents was a vacation as she had worked part of the summer and helped with projects through her church.

Our mild summer has allowed for more neighbors to walk more in the mornings then previous years. It's always nice to catch a few minutes visit with each one as they walk. Lee Mays is probably the most popular walker in the entire subdivision as he gives neighborhood pooches a treat. My dog "Star" is probably the only mutt who carries her bone in to hide it all around the house, including my bed, for days until she has flavored it enough to eventually eat it. Another busy four-legged neighbor, Skye, has declared himself the official squirrel chaser. You'll sometimes see Tony Turpen standing at Jeanette Gittinger's gate while Skye checks out the squirrels in the trees.

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CALENDAR

September 2015

08 Tue 7:00 PM, Citizens-on-Patrol Meeting
11 Fri 7:00 PM, Tripoley
15 Tue 6:30 PM, RR Recreational Club Meeting
15 Tue 7:45 PM, RRRC Seminar Taxes and Insurance
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**Refer to RRNA article on Page 1 of the previous Recorder for details of this Seminar by Lee Mays

19 Sat 7:00 PM, Neighborhood Monthly Games22 Tue 11:30 AM, Ladies' Lunch-The Purple Garlic

23 Wed 6-10 PM, SAPD COP Training Class

25 Fri 5:30 PM, Monthly Social

October 2015

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10 Sat 9-2 PM, Garage/Rummage Sale
10 Sat 9-2 PM, Vendor/Craft Bazaar
10 Sat 11-2 PM, Spaghetti Plate Fundraiser
13 Tue 7:00 PM, Citizens-on-Patrol Meeting
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20 Tue 6:30 PM, RR Recreational Club Meeting
21 Thu 7:00 PM, Patio Homes II Annual Meeting
5:30 PM, Monthly Social
Sat 9-12 AM, RRRC Volunteer Day

November 2015

No Monthly Social this month 02 Mon 6-10 PM, SAPD COP Training Class

10 Tue 7:00 PM, Citizen's-on-Patrol Meeting

13 Fri 7:00 PM, Tripoley

17 Tue 6:30 PM, RR Recreational Club Meeting

24 Sat 6-8 PM, Halloween Boo Bash & Egg Hunt

18 Wed 11:30 AM, Ladies' Lunch-Biff Buzby's

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PATIO HOMES II ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, October 22 7 PM RRR Clubhouse

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Coordinator...... Bob Robbins............. 655-4226