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ROYAL RIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Lunch, exercise classes, introductory computer use – these are some of the resources and activities available to seniors –age 60 and older – at the Northeast Senior Center. For those who have not yet toured the Center, go and visit 4135 Thousand Oaks. It is about two blocks west of Nacogdoches Road on the right-hand side. The large gray building housing the Senior Center is open weekdays from 7 AM - 4 PM. The phone number is 210-207-4590. MEMBERSHIP IS FREE.

The City of San Antonio operates the Center. A Medicare counselor is available by appointment. You can get a daily wellness check, including blood pressure and diabetes monitoring. Classes include crafts, crocheting, art, painting, jewelry making, and dance. Some days they show movies; other days they have bingo.

The Center lunches usually include the choice between two entrees. Those who can pay are asked to contribute 50 cents, but otherwise meals are free.

The times for senior fitness classes vary but there are classes every morning. Traditional exercise equipment is available on a first come, first served basis.

Getting there – The City may be able to provide transportation for those living within 5 miles of the Center. The good news is that the Royal Ridge Clubhouse is 4 miles from the Center. If you are interested in transportation, please call me at 210-842-9220. Leave your name and phone number – please speak slowly and clearly. I will try to coordinate with the Center receptionist for group transportation from our Royal Ridge Clubhouse to the Center.

Please remember to thank **Councilman Gallagher** for this wonderful benefit. He always visits our National Night Out in October. If you see him before then, express your appreciation.

While we are talking about services provided to our seniors, you may want to look at the information and services available for caregivers. See www.dads.state.tx.us. No-cost services exist for those caring for someone age 60 or older, an adult

child with a medical or physical disability, Alzheimer's disease, or if you are age 55 or older caring for a child age 18 or younger. In addition to information, assistance and education, you can get short-term respite care and adult day services. Support can include meals, home care, transportation, health services, legal assistance and an ombudsman. Additional information is available by telephone at 866-390-6491 or on-line at www.caregiverteleconnection.org.

The Alamo Service Connection can link you with a variety of services. You can reach them at 210-477-3275. CARS is a program sponsored by the Alamo Area Council of Governments and can provide rides. Visit www.callarideforseniors.org to learn more. They also need volunteer drivers for the Northeast Senior Assistance. Also ask about Handy Helpers volunteers for routine home maintenance. For help with Alzheimer's patients, try 800-272-3900 or www.alz.org/sanantonio.

If you have an idea of a way to improve our community, please let me know. You can coordinate summer pool and water activities with **Diane Luna**, President of the Royal Ridge Recreational Club (RRRC). We have a goal of increasing club membership for 2016.

The value of the Royal Ridge community and our neighborhood desirability is only limited by our individual enthusiasm and participation. Please contribute only one hour per month to your Home Owners Association (HOA).

VOLUNTEER



Check www.royalridgesa.org for your area's president and phone number. Citizens-on-Patrol (COP) is another community service needing volunteers.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Gary H. Harmon, Jr., 884-6926
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Let me wish everyone a very Happy New Year for 2016! January is a good time to check your schedules and revisit your opportunities for helping in the respective HOA areas. The Royal Ridge Citizens On Patrol, Royal Ridge Recreational Club, Royal Ridge Elementary School, and your individual HOAs always need assistance. There are also several openings identified on the *Royal Ridge Recorder* Directory located on the last page of this newsletter. Some take more time than others. Perhaps you can assist a neighbor who needs help. Before I became the *Royal Ridge Recorder* Editor, I served as Treasurer and then Secretary of the Garden Homes I HOA so I know from experience that opportunities exist. Look around and become a participating member of our wonderful community. You and the folks you help will both be better off.

ROYAL RIDGE CITIZENS ON PATROL

Bob Robbins, Coordinator, 655-4226

Happy New Year to one and all. Let's all work on being especially vigilant this year and resolve to call San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) for any and all suspicious persons, vehicles or activities at the time we see them.



Those efforts will go a long way toward maintaining our neighborhoods relatively crime free and perhaps reduce the few crimes we do see even more. I say relatively crime free because we still see several burglaries and thefts each month along with occasional criminal mischief and graffiti tagging, etc. So, be alert and be prepared to call when you see things that don't look right.

SAPD invites your calls! Their non-emergency number is 207-SAPD (207-7273). Put it in your cell phone directory and home phone quick call list.

Want to be more knowledgeable and better prepared? Attend the SAPD COP training and ride along with an SAPD officer (optional) to better understand how they operate. The classes are only four hours long and there is no end-of-course test. Once you have attended a class, consider joining your neighbors patrolling with RR COP.

UPCOMING SAPD COP TRAINING CLASSES

Saturday, February 6, 9 AM - 1 PM

Monday, March 7, 6 PM - 10 PM

All classes are held at the SAPD North Patrol Substation at 13030 Jones Maltsberger.

Give me a call if you are at all interested or need more information. Thanks!

ROYAL RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Counselor Michelle Martinez 407-7024

Royal Ridge Elementary School is looking for mentors for the 2016 school year. All mentors need to be Department of Public Safety (DPS) cleared. Both the mentors and students benefit from their time together so if you have questions about the role of a mentor, please give Michelle a call to find out the details.

MONTHLY SOCIALS

Bonnie Hopkins, 650-0852

The **next social** will be **Friday, January 22** and **Friday, February 26** at **5:30 PM**. 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!

ROYAL RIDGE RECREATIONAL CLUB

Diane Luna, President, 393-6976

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Website: <http://rrrecclub.org>

~ A YEAR IN REVIEW ~

Hope everyone's Holiday Season was one filled with joy and cherished memories. This past year was one of many changes and hard work. Beginning with **Mr. Fentress'** passing and the clubhouse being deeded over to the community, we initiated the huge undertaking of amending the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws. This, in turn made our membership available to other near-by neighborhoods with hopes of attracting new members.



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EARLY SERVICE

It is more important now than ever to prepare your lawn for the tough summer ahead. Aerating and adding compost to your lawn are the two most important steps you can take to accomplish this. These steps will help generate much needed oxygen and nutrition to your soil, as well as the ability to retain moisture. Now is also the time to apply pre-emergent; it will help prevent spring weeds from germinating. Even if you don't need us on a regular basis, it is our pleasure to help you with any questions you might have about your yard. Give us a call today!

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We also raised dues to help offset our operations costs and offered tiered memberships respectively. All these changes were met with a positive outlook.



The **Save Our Pool** campaign was also initiated. The response was indeed overwhelming. Donations were generous ranging from \$10 to \$500. We are presently at approximately \$15,000. We will be reviving this campaign within the next month. We will keep you posted via e-mail and Facebook.

Amidst all the new changes and increase in dues, we decided to postpone our plans to begin work on resurfacing the pool to another year. We hope to have the necessary membership/support to sustain pool operations going forward if/when we do this major renovation.

We will continue our efforts going forward in 2016 to make our facilities more accessible whether it be via membership or an event open to the community.

Speaking of events open to the Royal Ridge community, this year we hosted a family event in lieu of our annual members' Christmas Dinner. We offered the showing of the movie, *Polar Express* along with arts/crafts, hot cocoa and popcorn. Approximately six families took advantage of the event. We hope this event will become one equivalent to our Halloween Bash that started with a small attendance and has now grown to 20+ families.

An area that we would LOVE to see major change is our **Volunteer Days**. We continue to remain with the SAME individuals who have been doing this for years. Our volunteer pool is next to nothing. We need to ease their workload by adding volunteers. We are always in desperate need of assistance in lawn maintenance and pool maintenance. In order for us to continue our operations running within budget, we NEED volunteers.

At this time we are also putting an early Call Out for Pool Personnel and CPR Volunteers. Please contact **Deb Kennedy** at dkenn78239@gmail.com or 219-2426 with any questions/concerns.

We look forward to 2016 being a year of positive outcomes. We wish to THANK each and every one of

you, both members and non-members for your continued support. Our possibilities are endless when we come together as a community.

VOLUNTEER DAYS

Saturday, January 30, 9 AM - 12 PM

Saturday, February 27, 9 AM - 12 PM

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

March Date TBD

9 AM – 2 PM

Continuing with the theme of events offered to the RR community, we will have had the New Year's Day ***Polar Bear Plunge*** by the time you are reading this. This event is now also becoming quite the social go-to event and attendance keeps growing. What a better way to start the New Year than with good food and good company.



The Polar Bear Plunge is fun for kids and all!



Steve Camp visiting with Carmen Dreumont at the Polar Bear Plunge on New Year's Day.



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Neighborhood News

PATIO HOMES I

Catherine "Taffy" Haenze, Reporter, 424-0110

Happy New Year to all the neighbors. We have had a pleasant year. Some old, well long time neighbors, have moved. New ones have joined us. I, personally, am happy to see more children. A neighborhood without children lacks joy and energy. Oh yes, they all have their moments, but don't we all? So, welcome to the neighborhood all you newbies! Get to know each other, right and left. Get to know as many of your neighbors as you can. That's what makes for a friendlier and safer neighborhood.

We had more decorations out this Christmas. I liked the lights on the hedges at 5811 Royal Bend, and of course, the very full yard on Royal Club. (at the bend). The lights on the garage of Royal Bend alley were a great addition. The houses look quite sedate without them now.

Ernie Jones is working hard on catching things up after our 5 year delay due to the stucco painting of the outside of the houses. While it was a planned expense, it did cut us close on the HOA budget. Repairs on the houses have begun again. Give those in charge some time to get things fully fitted in the work lineup. There are some repairs that fall in the emergency standing. Therefore, you and I may have to wait a bit longer to get all our things done. Ernie, as well as all the Board members, work without pay and around their own schedules. So, please be patient while the work is getting back on track.

THANK YOU ALL for slowing down. Now, please remind your guests our alley is 15 mph. While the main streets are legally 30 mph, since we are getting more children, maybe 20/25 mph would be better?

Lastly, don't forget the **Patio Homes I Annual Meeting**. It's at **7 PM** on **Wednesday, January 20** at the RR Recreational Clubhouse Remember,

important decisions are made at these meetings. Your voice matters but can only be heard if you attend the meeting. Be there!

GARDEN HOMES I

Polly-Dee Burrowes, Reporter, 599-1352

There has been a lot of activity in and around Garden Homes I. Remodeling to live better and remodeling to sell... the work goes on. These improvements go a long way to make our neighborhood better.

Thanks to those who put up lights and decorations for this time of year. It takes a lot of work but looks so nice.

We also have the same issues with traffic and sometimes speeders in our alley parallel to Royal Ridge Drive. More than likely it is folks using the alley to get around the school zone. Be careful walking and leaving your driveway.

If you have items for the *Recorder* please let **Polly-Dee** know.

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PATIO HOMES II

Kathie Obeck, Reporter, 967-5038

Kudos to **Bill Keyes** who was finally able to get City Public Service to come and Trim the branches on the big tree on Grand Circle. Thank you Bill for your perseverance.

The Painting/Construction Committee wants to remind all our residents 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. It won't be long before we start with painting the brown trim on our units.

We had many neighbors do an outstanding job of decorating for Christmas and made our area a delight to drive through. Thank you. We also hope you all had a nice Christmas and wish you all a healthy happy new year.

We have new neighbors on Archwood that will be moving in soon, so welcome **Josefina** and **Bernabe Bernal**.

The **Obecks** had company from New Jersey the end of October to have an early Thanksgiving. It has been years since Kathie's brother Ed and wife Janet have been able to make it out to Texas. It was a great visit and we enjoyed touring all of the San Antonio Missions with them.

Don't forget to let me know of any happenings. All help is appreciated, a reporter I am not.

GARDEN HOMES II

Janet Latiolais, Reporter, 655-1873

Hello and welcome to 2016! Didn't we have some nice weather for most of December? It was nice to be able to get things done around the house in keeping with the holiday season. Oh by the way, don't forget your HOA dues need to get to **Teri** by January 31 for 2016. Check your roster for her address or phone number.

At the semi-annual meeting in December, it was decided to move the two annual meetings to June and November beginning next year. They will take place on Sundays as usual. **Lee Mays** continues to serves as President but I have retired from my secretary position. We would greatly appreciate it if someone could step up and take my position.

Lots of neighbors had relatives in for both holidays. It is always a lot of fun when the little ones come to visit whether it's grandchildren or great-grandchildren.

Did you happen to see the new lights **Ramon** and **Carmen Martinez** had in their yard this year. It's an interesting concept with the many multi-colored dots all over the front of the house. Unfortunately, this year, not as many houses were decorated (shows that we are all getting up in age and not as flexible to do these things as we used to be).

On a note of sadness, **Sandi Mays** lost her mom right before Christmas. She says her Mom had a good life. It is always sad to lose a loved one during the holiday season.

Additional care and compassion is extended to **Tony** and **Sheryl Stokley**. They lost their son in an auto accident right before Thanksgiving. Some of you remember them from when they had the AC/Heating business across from the Royal Ridge subdivision on Randolph Boulevard. We send our sincere condolences to each family.

On a brighter note, let's welcome a beautiful baby girl, **Ella Slater**, born to **Colby** and **Heather Slater** right before Thanksgiving. Colby is the grandson of **Ella Kay** who once lived in this house; now her great-granddaughter lives there. And, so life continues on into the next generations.

Have some news for me, please call or send me an e-mail.

VALENTINE'S DAY JOKES

Boy: Do you have a date for Valentine's Day?

Girl: Yes, February 14th

What do you say to your single friends on Valentine's Day? Happy Independence Day!

You're like my asthma - you take my breath away.

Like dandruff - I can't get you off my head.

Like my car - you drive me crazy.

Like dentures - I can't smile without you.

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY WORD SEARCH

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CALENDAR

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