

# REFLECTIONS NEWS

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**A New Year arrives with hopes and it gives us new courage  
and belief for a new start.  
Wishing you a Happy New Year.**

***RICK GRAY, CECE NEWCOMER, CAROLYN DORRELL, BRAD BARRETT,  
MARSHA STEPP, DEBROAH MORGAN, IMMANUEL BANKS, AND ROBERT COX***

## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**



To All ROA Owners and Tenants:

Happy New Year! We're a month into the New Year. That means winter temperatures will soon leave us (hopefully by mid-February if like me you aren't cry about cold weather).

We had a busy, and I believe successful, year in 2018, so I want to summarize some of our Community's accomplishments

- Our lakes are back! After much work on the part of our contractor both Mirror Lake and Otter Lake are full. We will restock the lakes when the weather warms up, probably I March. That means no fishing until March of 2020, to allow the fish the opportunity to grow and produce more fish.
- Our roads are re-surfaced! It was at times an inconvenient process, but the smooth new surfaces are appreciated by everyone.
- We completed re-landscaping in Gardenwood and are on track to complete Shadow Creek this year, and possibly Ridge Lake as well. This is thanks to Deborah Morgan and cooperating residents in each neighborhood.
- We finally got Spectrum cable television (includes one TV) and internet (includes telephone service) up and running; that monthly fee, included in our homeowner association fees, is \$35 per month. Spectrum currently advertises those same two services at a monthly fee of \$90.
- The Red Tips in Southbury were replaced. We are looking forward to significant growth in our new natural "barrier" this coming season.
- We sadly said goodbye to a faithful Board member, Bonnie Raishe, who was also our Board Secretary. We welcomed a new Board member, Robert Cox, and Brad Barrett agreed to serve as our new Board Secretary. Current officers are Rick Gray, President; Cese Newcomer, Vice-President, Carolyn Dorrell, Treasurer, and now Brad as Secretary. Other members are Deborah Morgan, Marsha Streep, Harvey Lucas, Immanuel Banks, and Robert Cox.
- The Board was able to keep growth in the budget for 2019 to 2.8 percent. That compares to an increase in the Consumer Price Index of 3 percent, and a maximum allowable increase of 6 percent. I know that whatever the increase is, it hurts, but keeping the increase under the CPI means my military retirement and Social Security pay raise was at least a little greater than the increase in homeowner fees.

## ***An Extraordinary ROA Member***

On November 10, 2018, the Reflections Owners' Association lost a member whose contributions to this community cannot be overstated. During her more than 30 years as a resident of Reflections, Doris McAndrew contributed to the community in many ways.



- She served several terms on the ROA Board of Directors, serving as Vice-president in 1989 and as President from 1990 through 1993.
- In 1994, when the dam between Mirror and Otter Lakes broke, the Association had no reserve fund and was unable to obtain a loan from any bank. At this point, Doris and Chuck Stephen created the Reflections Fund, an investment fund that enabled residents of Reflections and Emerald Lake to loan money to the Association so that the dam could be rebuilt.
- For many years Doris served on the Architectural Committee and, for most of those years, she chaired that important committee. With her leadership, the *Architectural and Landscaping Guidelines* were revised and republished in 2006.
- That same year, she and Rod Hungerford drew up an agreement with Emerald Lake residents determining the amount that that Association would pay for the use of the Reflections Clubhouse and other amenities.
- In 2002, the Board established a Long-range Planning Committee. Every year, the LRPC presented to the Board a report dealing with painting and roofing schedules, road repair, recreation areas, foliage replacement, common area lighting, and the like, along with cost estimates. Doris chaired this committee for roughly ten years.

Clearly, these were important contributions to the community. Doris's major accomplishment, however, was as Chair of an ad-hoc committee charged with combining and harmonizing the ROA governing documents (CCRs) so that they would be applicable to all Reflections neighborhoods. This was no easy task, and Doris's background as an attorney was invaluable to the Committee. The revised CCRs were approved by the ROA membership and recorded on April 27, 2011.

Those fortunate enough to have known Doris McAndrew personally remember her wit and wisdom, her humor, her charm, her intellect, her integrity and her generosity, including the time and talent she devoted to serving this community. Her legacy of service to Reflections should inspire us all

Elizabeth Joiner

## ***Eulogy for a human unknown***



I did not know him. I did meet him just for 30 min in March, at our house closing. His name was Allan Schurr. Today I learned that he passed away last Thursday. Quietly, in a nursing home. He was 92.

Who will mourn him? His wife, Audrey, passed away 8 years ago. His adopted son passed even before that. He does have an adopted daughter. I wonder who will think of him and who will shed a tear? As I did my chores today, I thought of him. Allan Schurr was a bright electrical engineer. He built the house we live in now. His ideas, his visions, his intelligence,

and his skills appear before me day and night. I probably remember him more than anybody else on this earth. His brilliance shows itself at every turn I take and every switch I flip. I know what he liked and what he disliked, just by living here, by sleeping in his room, by studying in his radio-room and working in his workshop. I know why there is a pulley outside the sunroom: so he can lift and drop items to the back garden without having to step outside. I know why there is an intercom between the basement workshop and the kitchen: because he called his wife when she was cooking. I know why he has an upstairs room with a skylight and a dwarf-size door to the attic: because he used sunlight when cold and the cold attic air when hot. I know why he has a switch for the backyard floodlights right over the headboard of the bed: because when the fox barks in the garden or the rains come pouring down, he can watch what goes on there in dark right from his bed. Why is there a large thermometer on the tulip tree? What is the purpose of the switch in the attic room that controls the passageway lights? Why is there a plastic snake in front of the workshop door? Why are there shelves with lights in the basement? I have learned it all. I met him that one time. He was in a wheel chair, all skin and bones. But his spirit and intelligence burned through his glasses. "So, you are going to live in my house, are you?", he asked. I could only guess the pain and imagine his anxiety. But ever since I have lived here, in this lake house, I have sensed his presence. How could they have taken him away from here? This was his imagination and skill, intuition and knowledge, all put together. I could now feel his pain.

I wanted to bring him here one day to show him what I have done to his house. How I have brought more electrical updates, paint, color, light, garden. I even have an electric car parked in his garage. But alas.

I will mourn him today and every day that I am here. I will shed the tear. One tear because I never got to know him. Two because I get to enjoy what is his legacy and what should really have been his forever.

Kajal Ghoshroy

## ***HELLO! Reflections Neighbors***

Mardi Gras is fast approaching. Reflections will be celebrating it Saturday, March 2, 5:00 p.m. at the Reflections Clubhouse. Let's bust out our cooking skills and Cajun dish or just a good Ole "Southern" dish. Can't cook... dinner rolls, cornbread, or desserts are a great contribution.



### **Everybody Bring your own Drink!**

Come and together we can make this a great function.

If there are any question or you would like to help, please call:  
Fran Kirby 803-260-6866

## ***STAY INFORMED BOARD MEETINGS!***

Board meetings are held in the Reflections' Clubhouse 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. Please bring your suggestions and ideas. . You will have an opportunity to be heard. Residents may address the Board in resident comments beginning at 7:00 pm.

## ***OFFICE HOURS/CLOSURES***

The office is open for residents/guest Monday, Wednesday, & Friday from 8:00 to 4:00 and Tuesday & Thursday 1:00 to 4:00, Closed 12:00 to 1:00 for lunch. The office has extended hours the third Thursday of the month 1:00 to 6:30.

Want to write for this newsletter? Please bring your articles to the office or email to [maggie-reflections@sc.rr.com](mailto:maggie-reflections@sc.rr.com) by February 20, 2019. We cannot promise all will be published but we would appreciate articles.