



# Royal Ridge Recorder



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## ROYAL RIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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**HOW WOULD YOU FEEL ABOUT TRADING IN THE CLUBHOUSE AND POOL FOR TOWN HOUSES OR APARTMENTS?** Do you think it would improve our community?

Certainly this situation would be a worst case scenario. But, it could happen. The Recreational Club (RRRC) must have 150 members to limp along next year and should have 200 members annually to stay financially viable. I encourage you to join at the \$200.00 per year level to keep the Clubhouse running. Dues of \$225.00 include use of the pool. Without the Clubhouse, the meetings of our homeowners associations would have to be in a volunteer's house or front yard.

The Recreational Club has had insufficient participation. If the current Board of the Recreational Club votes to dissolve, the property – Clubhouse, pool and tennis courts – would be transferred to another Bexar County non-profit. If that entity decides that the property is not needed, it may sell the land to a developer. And, development is what we would get.

We need to raise \$25,000 to refurbish the pool. If

we are unsuccessful, we will have to close and cover over or fill the pool with dirt. If the community no longer desires to have a pool, all it takes is a lack of support. We may be able to keep the Clubhouse without an operational pool. However, we need young families to maintain high home values and perpetuate our community. An elementary school and a community center with a pool are essential ingredients to attract them.

RRRC volunteers exist. **Diane Luna** and **Deb Kennedy** have carried the RRRC as Board members and as volunteers. Other Board members have contributed their time. **Kim and Dave Hermann** spent nearly full time at the club three administrations ago, "singularly" maintained the pool, grounds and clubhouse and generally had it on a sound footing. **Bob Robbins** has provided guidance to the Board and has also maintained the pool on a daily basis for several years. **Ernie Jones** has worked during the 3-hour per month volunteer work sessions, and whenever he is called upon. His wife, **Frances**, is on the RRRC Board. The Clubhouse, pool and tennis courts require continuous maintenance. We don't need 10 volunteers; we need 200.

I will provide an additional incentive for you to join. I will give four (4) one-hour seminars to RRRC members for the 2015-2016 year. For those who agree to contribute one hour per seminar to the Club, I will talk about investments, taxes, estate planning, and how to help you save money on things like home remodeling and repairs. My resume is on-line at [www.rlmys.com](http://www.rlmys.com).

Please join the Board at its **next meeting** on **May 19 at 6:30 PM** at the Clubhouse. We each can change our individual priorities and make RRRC a yearly and monthly priority. Let us all join and act on behalf of our wonderful community.

## EDITOR'S NOTES

*Gary H. Harmon, Jr., 884-6926*

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**Bob Robbins and Debbie Kennedy compile the proxy votes concerning clubhouse membership**

**W**eeds continue to be a problem in the Garden Homes and Patio Homes in Royal Ridge, especially in areas with rocks. Most folks keep their front yards neat and tidy but some ignore

## ROYAL RIDGE RECORDER-NEWSLETTER

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Good news! We previously requested a payment of \$3.00 per year for the paper *Recorder*. After reviewing our finances and with a number of neighbors requesting email delivery, we no longer need to charge for paper copies. Therefore, we expect to be able to refund the \$3.00 to anyone who has paid for 2015, and requests a refund. You will continue to receive paper copies of the *Recorder*.

To reflect your delivery preference, please drop this completed page off at **6307 Royal Ridge** (preferred). You may also call or leave a message at 210-967-6501, but I have only a 50% chance of writing your information down correctly.

Lee Mays

the alley areas. Some even cut back the weeds with a weed eater. This just encourages the weeds to repopulate stronger and bigger than ever. As the weeds get larger, some share their spores and their offspring prosper in other areas. Weeds should be pulled and/or sprayed with a suitable weed killer. Let's all work together to make Royal Ridge as nice as it can be.

Another issue from a resident – "I was wondering if you can post something in the *Royal Ridge Recorder* about people letting their dogs go to the bathroom on other people's yards and not picking it up. Just because I have rock on property doesn't

mean it's a public restroom for everyone's dog in the neighborhood to use. There's currently four piles of dog droppings on the Royal Ridge side of my house and also in my front yard. This has been going on for quite a while but had stopped, and now it's starting up again. I appreciate your help."

### YOUR NEIGHBOR

Observations from your neighbor, Kathie Obeck - WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE ROYAL RIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD FAMILY? I hope it just isn't a sign of the times, where people just don't want to participate in helping their community.



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We have had such a wonderful community since I moved here back in the 90's, where people worked together to help each other, both on Boards for the area in which they lived and for our wonderful Recreation Center. There was never any problem in having people volunteer for each. People then just made time for these jobs.

Without volunteers to work on our Individual Boards and the Club House Board, this community WILL become like so many others that just fall down a deep hole, not only financially and cosmetically but all of our home values will go to POT along with the community.

There are a few volunteers who, believe it or not, also have jobs, families and commitments. But they feel the importance of the community needs them and are willing to make time to help keep our community a wonderful place in which to live and raise a family.

Please search your souls to see if you could spare just a little time for your community.

Volunteers are need for the Recreation Club, your individual section boards, security patrols, *Recorder*, etc. Don't hesitate to give a call to one or more of the above mentioned areas, the numbers for each are on the back of your *Recorder* which is delivered to you by volunteers.

The ***Neighborhood Monthly Games*** are attracting more folks each month. So far, games played include Bunco and Mexican Train Dominos. As the group continues to grow, other games will be added according to what folks want to play. The location varies each month. For additional information, call **Janet Latiolais** at 655-1873 or **Cathy Steinman** at 392-5057. The next game days are scheduled for **May 16** and **June 13**. You are invited to join us from all areas of the neighborhood.

#### **MONTHLY SOCIALS**

*Bonnie Hopkins, 650-0852*

**T**here will not be a social gathering in May due to the pool opening. Normally, the socials are held on the fourth Fridays of the month. The next social is **June 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 CITIZENS ON PATROL**

*Bob Robbins, Coordinator, 655-4226*

**I** started my article last month noting we live in a particularly safe neighborhood and thanked our residents, past and present Citizens on Patrol (COP) members, and past and present San Antonio

Fear Free Environment (SAFFE) Officers for their efforts on our behalf to make it so. Let's not rest on our laurels though as any lapses in our individual and collective vigilance will certainly be exploited by the ne'er-do-wells and opportunists.

Want to know about police activity and crimes reported in our neighborhood in near real time and over time? Visit the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) Crime and Call Information webpage, <http://www.sanantonio.gov/sapd/CrimeandCallInformation.aspx>, and click on the "Calls for Service" and "Areas Crime Maps" links.

The first will lead you to a page where you can review non-dispositioned calls, i.e. calls actively being worked by police officers; or historical calls, i.e. calls from the previous month and earlier by day, week or month, area, etc. depending on your search criteria. There are several geographic filters available. To view calls from Royal Ridge use the Homeowner Association drop down menu to select it and then either press the "View Data" or "Map It" buttons.

The "Area Crime Maps" page will show you that the SAPD is continuously busy. To zoom in on our neighborhood, type in your address, expand the "Event" bar and press the "Select All" button at the bottom of the list to see what has been happening in our neighborhoods and nearby for the past 30 days. Fortunately, we have fewer and less serious calls for the most part than nearby neighborhoods and certainly other parts of San Antonio. Again, I attribute much of that to our interested and involved neighbors, COP members, the SAPD, and our SAFFE officers.

Let's keep it going. Report any and all suspicious persons, vehicles and activities to the SAPD on their nonemergency number at the time you witness it. Put the number in your cell phone directory—207-SAPD (207-7273). If you are in doubt, call anyway—the dispatcher will send an officer to check it out.

Is there unusual activity happening down the block or somewhere else in the neighborhood, or a high volume of traffic, people coming and going at all hours, etc.? If yes, then contact our SAFFE officer, **Officer Jason Reno** by email and let him know about it and of your concerns. Officer Reno's email is [jason.reno@sanantonio.gov](mailto:jason.reno@sanantonio.gov). He has expressly invited us to let him know of such activity.

Thanks for your interest and support. Stay safe!

#### **ROYAL RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS**

*Counselors Shannon/Annie, 407-7024/7025*

**R**oyal Ridge is looking for mentors for the 2015 school year. All mentors need to be DPS cleared. Both the mentors and the students benefit from their time together. If you have time to give to a student, please give us a call.





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*Diane Luna, President, 393-6976*

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*Website: <http://rrreclub.org>*

The General Membership Meeting scheduled for March 17 was unable to take place due to lack of quorum. We have rescheduled the next **General Membership Meeting** for **May 19 at 6:30 PM**. For those members who have not yet completed a proxy and wish to do so, please contact me at 393-6976.

Annual Membership Drive is in progress and the membership application should come with your *Recorder*. As referenced in the last newsletter, we are offering a tiered membership this season.

### GOLD MEMBERSHIP

Clubhouse and Tennis Court Access  
\$200

### PLATINUM MEMBERSHIP

ALL Access  
Pool, Clubhouse and Tennis Courts  
\$225

Membership is June 2015 through May 2016 and includes up to eight (8) family members residing in your household. Membership amenities include year round access to tennis courts, numerous social events, and rental access to club rental for your family events. Our Guest Pass option was a huge success last season and will be offered once again. Guest Passes will be \$3.00 each and limited to use of five (5) daily.

The **Royal Ridge Recreational Club (RRRC) and Pool Open House** will be **Saturday–Monday, May 23-25, 2-8 PM**. ALL Royal Ridge residents are invited to come try our pool and tour our club facility any one of those days. We have A LOT to offer.

On **Saturday, May 23**, we will offer **door prizes** along with a **Fundraiser Plate Sale** from **2-5 PM**. A plate will consist of Pulled Pork Sandwich, Coleslaw, Chips, and a drink for the low price of \$6.00. You may eat-in or take-out.

The **pool season** will start **Friday, June 5**. Please make note of our new pool/concession hours. Our decision for new pool hours were made due to lack of attendance between the hour of 1-2 PM. Concession stand hours have also been changed respectively to coincide with new pool hours.

### NEW POOL HOURS

*Tuesday–Sunday 2-8 PM*  
*Family Fun Nights until 9 PM*  
*Monday CLOSED*

### NEW CONCESSION STAND HOURS

3–7 PM (continuously)

We are still in need of CPR qualified safety personnel in all areas. Contact **Deb Kennedy** at 219-2426.

In order for us to continue operating our facilities and remain competitive, we had to increase our rental fees for pool parties. New rates are effective June 1. The clubhouse rental rates remain the same.

### NEW POOL PARTY RENTAL RATES

\$50/hour = Includes staff for first 24 swimmers

\$65/hour = Includes staff for 25-49 swimmers

### CLUBHOUSE RENTAL RATES

Monday-Thursday = \$15/hour

Friday-Saturday = \$20/hour

Four-Hour Minimum

We will once again host our monthly summer events beginning with our **Summer Bash** on **June 27**. We are looking at possibly doing a **Movie Night** in **July** (TBD) and end with our **Farewell to Summer Luau** on **August 21**

Our **Teen Night** was a huge success last season and will host one **each month this summer**. Dates TBD. We also plan to host **Family Fun Nights** on **Fridays** and remain open **until 9 PM**.

Feel free to contact me, **Diane Luna**, or **Deb Kennedy** with any questions or concerns regarding membership, rentals, and pool parties. Book early. Dates are quickly being filled.

We will continue to strive to make your experience at our facilities a favorable one and look forward to an AWESOME season filled with fun and great memories.

BE COOL AND JOIN THE POOL!!!

### NEIGHBORHOOD LADIES LUNCHEON

*Janet Latiolais, 655-1873*

The monthly Neighbor 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:

**Monday, May 18, 12:30 PM**

Chili's

410 and 8502 Broadway, 822-2639

**Tuesday, June 16, 11:30 AM**

Longhorn Steak House

Sears Parking Lot

410 and San Pedro, 348-5724

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# Neighborhood News

## PATIO HOMES I

*Catherine "Taffy" Haenze, Reporter, 424-0110*

**B**arbara LaDue supplied the following article for her Mother, Taffy.

Dear Neighbors, I am writing for **Taffy Haenze** this month as she had a fall and has been hospitalized. We are blessed for such a well-trained EMS and Fire Department that responded to our 911 calls. Mother was taken to SAMMC and wound up having surgery and is currently in the Warm Springs rehabilitation hospital. I know that we have all been blessed with the great neighbors checking on Daddy and lending a hand as we care for Mother.

**Betty Woods** also availed herself of these emergency services as she too fell this month. **Jack** is having to make new arrangements for her care and can use all the support he can get as he deals with this issue.

Since I am on your HOA Board, I'd like to drop a couple of notes. First, I am still trying to chat with each neighbor about the mandated covenant changes. I am running behind with all that's going on but if you want to get together, feel free to call me 238-8004 and hopefully by May I can get back to this task.

The second thing is that pesky reminder about weeding in the alley and front rock areas. Keeping things clean and neat helps all of our neighborhood to stay looking attractive and desirable.

The third note is a reminder that neighbors need to be considerate of the exterior common walls. Please remember that putting things up outside could be damaging another's person's property and that gates might block someone from accessing their outside wall if there is an issue. Get to know your neighbor and this helps alleviate stress over common walls.

I am blessed to have great neighbors and I hope you do too! Royal Ridge has been a great area to live in.

## PATIO HOMES II

*Kathie Obeck, Reporter, 967-5038*

**B**everly and **Dick Schutte** took a delayed cruise to Roatan, Belize, and Cozumel. Beverly fell and broke her neck back in December, finally recovered, and they really enjoyed the cruise.

**Kathie** and **Doug Obeck** had a great week with military friends from when they were in the Dayton, Ohio area in the 80's. They meet in Phoenix, the guys played golf a couple of days, and the ladies toured the shopping areas, etc. What a wonderful way to spend a relaxing week.

Congratulations to **Jim Patin** and **Gloria Spidel** from Amarillo, Texas, who were married March 3, 2015!

Welcome to our new neighbors, **Celso Villagran** on Grandwood and **Tanner Gipson** on Royal Ridge.

We are really in need of people willing to serve on the PHII Board. Please contact Kathie Obeck. All help is greatly appreciated.

## GARDEN HOMES I

*Polly-Dee Burrowes, Reporter, 599-1352*

*Jerome Allen, Reporter, 999-5485*

**W**e give a hardy welcome to **John** and **Nancy Sosa**, now residing on Royal Ridge Drive. They relocated from Universal City and are very pleased with the welcome they have received.

**Gary Harmon III** and his wife, **Cathy**, visited friends and family in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana. They also visited the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio and the Professional Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. It was an enjoyable time!

**Thomas** and **Michelle Steinman** enjoyed a quick trip to Las Vegas with Michelle's family. They did not come back with winnings but still had a fun mini-vacation.

## GARDEN HOMES II

*Janet Latiolais, Reporter, 655-1873*

**H**ello Royal Ridge neighbors! The end of the school year is just around the corner; our neighbor kids are counting the days as well as the staff. Soon, there will be notices for you to renew your membership to the clubhouse/pool. It's a problem that needs your attention; please consider seriously joining the recreational club this summer.

On a sad note, our neighbor, **Ned Drakeford** recently passed away. He and his wife, **Betty**, had been married thirty-six years with two beautiful children. Betty has moved to an assisted living home as she cannot live alone anymore. Ned was a familiar face on our street spending lots of time keeping his yard in pristine shape. Another wonderful gentleman, **Richmon Walden** passed away. He was a proud military veteran serving in WWII, Korea and Vietnam and a friendly talkative neighbor to those who knew him. He was ninety-six years old; **Sylvia** and him had been married over seventy years and were honored by Garden Homes II residents in 2012 at the semi-annual meeting in July. His daughter, **Dawna**, resides with them and has a son, **Don**, who lives close by.

**Barbara Loomis** and a friend, **Meg Monks**, recently spent a week in Panama. They had a lot of fun exploring the Canal and various tourist attractions including seeing old Indian villages. The tour included great entrainment and food/drinks.

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### RRRC Website/Email

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### RRRC Committee Chairpersons

Club Reservations .... Diane Luna ..... 393-6976  
Alternate ..... Debbie Kennedy ..... 219-2426

### RRRC Pool Management

Manager ..... **Volunteer Needed**  
Maint. Supervisor .... Bob Robbins ..... 655-4226

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Bridge (Mon) ..... Nell Walker ..... 657-3396  
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### Royal Ridge Neighborhood Association

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### Royal Ridge Citizens-on-Patrol (COP)

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

## CALENDAR

### May 2015

\*No Monthly Social in May

06 Wed 10:00 AM, Women's Bridge  
08 Fri 7:00 PM, Tripoley  
09 Sat 7:00 PM, Pair's Bridge  
11 Mon 10:00 AM, Monday Bridge  
12 Tue 7:00 PM, Citizens-On-Patrol Meeting  
16 Sat 7:00 PM, Neighborhood Monthly Games  
18 Mon 7:00 PM, Neighborhood Monthly Games  
18 Mon 12:30 PM, Ladies' Lunch – Chili's  
19 Tue 6:30 PM, RRRC Meeting  
23 Sat 2:00-5:00 PM, RRRC Fundraiser Plate Sale  
23 Sat 2:00-8:00 PM, RRRC and Pool Open House  
24 Sun 2:00-8:00 PM, RRRC and Pool Open House  
25 Mon 2:00-8:00 PM, RRRC and Pool Open House  
28 Thu 7:00 PM, Party Bridge  
28 Sat 9:00 AM-Noon, RRRC Volunteer Day

### June 2015

\*No Women's Bridge in June

05 Fri 2:00-8:00 PM, Pool Season Starts  
08 Mon 10:00 AM, Monday Bridge  
09 Tue 7:00 PM, Citizens-on-Patrol Meeting  
12 Fri 7:00 PM, Tripoley  
13 Sat 7:00 PM, Pair's Bridge  
13 Sat 7:00 PM, Neighborhood Monthly Games  
16 Tue 6:30 PM, RRRC Meeting  
16 Tue 11:30 PM, Ladies' Lunch – Longhorn  
22 Wed *Royal Ridge Recorder* articles due  
25 Thu 7:00 PM, Party Bridge  
26 Fri 5:30 PM, Monthly Social  
27 Sat RRRC Summer Bash

### July 2015

\*No Women's Bridge in June

10 Fri 7:00 PM, Tripoley  
11 Sat 7:00 PM, Pair's Bridge  
13 Mon 10:00 AM, Monday Bridge  
14 Tue 7:00 PM, Citizens-On-Patrol Meeting

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[www.royalridgesa.org](http://www.royalridgesa.org)

Check it out!

### WANTED

We need a volunteer from Patio Homes II to write the news only six times a year. Call **Kathie** 967-5038

### WE DEARLY MISS OUR PET!

Our family Pomeranian went missing on December 2, 2014. He is 15 years old, 16 pounds, and neutered. Please contact us at **210-854-7065**, if you or anyone you know has taken in a Pomeranian in the last 4 months. We dearly miss him.