



# Royal Ridge Recorder



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## ROYAL RIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Happy March! The New Year is flying by already and spring is almost here. That means many of us will be taking time out to do some spring cleaning: Clearing out closets and attics, holding garage sales, and just getting rid of unwanted nick knacks. Before the leaves start growing again, it is also time to trim those trees and bushes.



If you can't wait for bulk trash pickup, or you missed the last one, the City of San Antonio offers Free Landfill Days. The next ones will be on April 14 and July 14. Hours are usually limited from 8 AM to 1 PM.

Items accepted at the city landfills include appliances, bagged litter,

brush, carpet, fencing materials, furniture, mattresses, tires (limit 6 passenger tires per household), toilets, and water heaters.

To qualify to take your trash to the landfill at no cost, you must (1) be a City of San Antonio solid waste fee rate payer, (2) bring a valid picture ID, (3) bring a copy of your most recent CPS Energy Statement showing payment of City Services for Solid Waste Fee, and (4) cover your loads with a tarp.

No roofing materials, sheet rock, dirt, brick, lumber or construction materials will be accepted. The city also will not accept industrial, commercial or construction waste.

Some of the nearest landfills are the TDS Transfer Station (for bulky items only) at 11601 Starcrest and the Bitters Brush Recycling and Bulky Waste Collection Center (for brush and bulky items

only) at 1800 Wurzbach Parkway.

All items listed above can be dropped off at the following centers: Republic Landfill Services, 7000 Interstate 10 East and Waste Management Landfill, 8611 Covell Road.

For the latest updates on Free Landfill Days, visit [www.sanantonio.gov/swmd/Media-Center/Events](http://www.sanantonio.gov/swmd/Media-Center/Events).

Speaking of cleaning up, the island at the Randolph Boulevard entrance is in need of some serious weeding, a responsibility that falls on ...me. I cleaned it up a year ago after volunteering for that duty but admittedly have let that important beautification effort fall on the back burner. I am organizing a volunteer cleanup day with students from Ed White Middle School who need to earn volunteer credits as part of their National Junior Honor Society commitment. Look for a notice on [www.royalridgesa.org](http://www.royalridgesa.org) about the date and time, and feel free to come lend a hand.

The recent frost/freeze killed off one of the bushes at the island. Any of the master gardeners in our community with the right tools would be welcome to come out and help us dig up that bush so we can remove the eyesore. I'd also welcome suggestions about whether we should plant a new shrub or just xeriscape over the area. Please send your suggestions to my personal email address: [dancalderon1967@gmail.com](mailto:dancalderon1967@gmail.com).

I hope you have a successful spring cleaning.

## ROYAL RIDGE CITIZENS ON PATROL

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In 1992, then Southwestern Bell Mobile Systems introduced the Cellular On Patrol (COP) program as an informal service for cellular phone subscribers providing free air time for 911 calls and non-emergency calls to the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) dispatch and to the Department of Public safety outside of the city. Subscribers were encouraged to use the free-dial numbers to seek assistance and to report accidents or crimes they observed while mobile.

The following year Bell partnered with the city and the San Antonio Police Department to sponsor a more structured COP program where neighbors

would be trained by the SAPD and patrol their neighborhoods using SBMS cell phones pre-programmed with free dial emergency numbers. The first COP class graduated from the Eastside substation in October 1993 and the program was then expanded to include the entire city beginning with classes at the Northside substation in May of 1994.



Royal Ridge neighbors were first trained in July 1994 and by the end of the year thirty eight folks had been trained. Several of those folks are still patrolling with Royal Ridge (RR) Citizens On Patrol as the COP program is now named. RR COP

membership increased and remained stable in the mid-to high 40s for the remainder of the 1990s and early 2000s where it began to drop off for a number of reasons, e.g. moves, other priorities, aging, deaths, etc. Active RR COP membership is now at its lowest level since the beginning of the program with just 22 members, roughly half of what we had for many years and what we need to sustain the program. Here is a breakdown of current participation by RR neighborhood.

**Royal Ridge COP Resident Participation**

Area	Homes	Participating Households	Members	%
Patio Homes I	103	3	4	2.9
Patio Homes II	96	1	1	1.0
Garden Homes I	64	5	6	7.8
Garden Homes II	124	4	6	3.2
Royal Ridge I	162	2	3	1.2
Royal Ridge II	129	1	1	0.8
Inwood Place	209	0	0	0.0
RR GVH	127	1	1	0.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,014</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>1.7</b>

So, where is this going? If RR COP is not sufficiently meaningful or attractive to our younger and newest neighbors and our membership doesn't grow in the near future, RR COP membership will continue to decline and the program will be discontinued. The end is near without new interest and greater participation.

Let me hear your ideas on how to keep this long standing collective safety and security program viable. Silence and lack of participation will be the death knell for this program in the not too distant future if we fail to generate greater interest and participation.

Thanks to all our past and present RR COP members for your commitment, contributions, and continued support.

### **Next SAPD COP Training**

North Patrol Substation  
13030 Jones Maltsberger  
Monday, April 9, 6 PM – 10 PM  
Saturday, May 5, 9 AM – 1 PM

### **ROYAL RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Counselor Michelle Martinez, 210-407-7024  
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Royal Ridge Elementary is searching for mentors. If you are interested in dedicating one to two hours per week to a student Kinder through 5th grade who needs extra support, please contact Michelle Martinez at (210) 407-7024. It takes a village to raise a child.

### **RR Elementary Upcoming Events**

March 12-16, Spring Break  
March 26-28, Young Masters Art Exhibit at Littleton Gymnasium Blossom Athletic Center  
March 30, School Holiday  
April 13, Royal Ridge PTA Fiesta Event 5-8 PM  
April 27, Battle of Flowers School Holiday

### **MONTHLY SOCIALS AND TRIOLEY**

Bonnie Hopkins, 210-650-0852  
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The next **Monthly Socials** will be **Friday, March 23, April 27, and May 25 at 5:30 PM**. All Socials are held at the RRRC Clubhouse. All adult members of the Royal Ridge Recreational Club (RRRC) Clubhouse are welcome. Visitors are welcome to come and see if they are interested in joining the RRRC. Drinks are provided for a small donation and people are asked to bring finger foods to share. Hope to see you there!



The next **Tripoley Nights** will be **Friday, March 9, April 13, and May 11 at 7 PM**; held at the RRRC Clubhouse.





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## EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Gary H. Harmon Jr., Editor, 210-884-6926  
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**Bobby Younts**, President of Garden Homes I, passed away on February 1. Bobby was buried at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery on February 15 with full military honors. His obituary is available on the internet. Our sincere condolences to **Barbara** and the family.

The due date for news articles of the next issue is displayed under the heading on the top of the first page. I usually send a reminder email several days before it is due. Please mark your calendar.

If you have input for the newsletter please let your *Royal Ridge Recorder* point of contact or me know, so we can include it, if appropriate.

There are eight homeowners associations (HOAs) listed in the Directory (Page 8) but only four provide input to the *Royal Ridge Recorder*. We would enjoy hearing from the other areas on a regular basis.

Qualified volunteers are still needed in key Royal Ridge areas. Check the *Royal Ridge Recorder* as well as the Directory/Calendar on the last page.

Recommend use of Nextdoor.com. Nextdoor is a free, private social network for neighborhoods and you can filter it specifically for the Royal Ridge subdivision. It is one way for us to hear what is happening in our local community. When neighbors start talking, good things happen. Lost and found, giveaways, wanted items, recommendations of repair folks, and many other interesting things are discussed.

I received a note from a Meadow Point resident about mailbox doors not being closed and/or flags not put down after pickup/delivery. If this is an issue for you, call the postal annex on 11119 Landmark off Randolph Boulevard at 210-590-0293 and discuss it with them. If they receive enough calls they should advise the delivery folks. You may also have a mailbox that needs repair, adjustment, or replacement.

### ROYAL RIDGE RECREATIONAL CLUB

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Royal Ridge Recreational Club

**E**arly Bird Special Ending Soon! Have you mailed your membership form? To date (February 20), we have received ONLY 15 memberships. In case you misplaced your form, we have included another and are also available at the Clubhouse by the iron gates. Please take a few minutes to complete and mail yours in today.

Membership is June through May 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. Guest Passes will be made available at \$3 each and limited to use of five (5) daily.

### **\*\*ENDS MARCH 31\*\***

Early Bird Special-1  
\$150

### **\*\*APRIL 1 - APRIL 30\*\***

Early Bird Special-2  
\$175

### **2018-2019 DUES**

\$195

Our Clubhouse continues to remain on the Endangered Species category and we struggle every year to maintain its' operation. Your membership is very important to us not only as a show of your support but as pride in your community.

I'm sure we are all familiar with our neighboring subdivision of Cheyenne Valley on the opposite side of Weidner. They have been trying for quite some time to build some sort of recreational area within their neighborhood for their families to enjoy. Unfortunately, due to city regulations, there is no area large enough to do so.

At the time of submission of this article, we are in talks with the Cheyenne Valley HOA. Many of their residents are members of our Clubhouse. They have shown a huge interest in forming a partnership to keep our Clubhouse in operation. We are very excited with their enthusiasm and positive energy. We look forward to a positive outcome for the good of both of our communities. We will relay all results in our next newsletter.

Mark your calendar for our **semi-annual Community Garage Sale** on **Saturday, April 7** at **9 AM – 2 PM**. Start your spring cleaning by clearing out the garage and hosting a garage sale at your home or rent a space at the Clubhouse. Spaces are available for \$10 and open to anyone in or outside of Royal Ridge. Contact **Diane Luna** at 210-393-6976 for more info.

As referenced in our last issue, we no longer hold monthly Volunteer Days due to lack of interest and attendance. With our pool season around the corner, we will need LOTS of help before our Memorial Day weekend opening. With that said, we will be hosting two major **Volunteer Days** on **Saturdays April 21** and **May 12** from **9 AM - Noon**. We hope you will find some time to help as we get things in order for our pool season.



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to do this. These will help generate much needed oxygen  
and nutrition to your soil, as well as the ability to retain  
moisture for longer. It's March; everything is changing  
color! It is time to use a Weed and Feed on the lawn.  
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pleasure to help you with any questions you might have  
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Come and show off your Fiesta medals at our **3rd Annual Fiesta FUN Friday** on **April 27** from **5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**. It is set in a NIOSA style atmosphere with various foods and drinks to enjoy. We would very much like to include live entertainment such as mariachis or folklorico dancers. If anyone has contacts for such or any ideas/suggestions to help make this event more festive, please get back to me. This will be an adult only event. Admission is Free for members. Non-Members \$5 Donation



THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

#### **Volunteer Days**

Saturday, April 21  
Saturday, May 12  
10 AM - Noon

#### **Community Garage Sale**

Saturday, April 7  
9 AM – 2 PM

#### **Fiesta FUN Friday**

Friday, April 27  
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

#### **GIRL SCOUT TROOP 00871**

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**T**HANK YOU to ALL who supported our cookie campaign. It was a HUGE success. We started off with 3,500 boxes of preorders.

Some of you may have seen us unloading the U-Haul. Yes, we had to rent a U-Haul to transport all the cases to the Clubhouse. Our troop goal was to sell 5,000 boxes. We reached and surpassed our goal. At the time of article submission, we have sold well over 6,000 boxes! The girls and parents have done an outstanding job in selling them. Our campaign ends on March 4 and I will relay final number in the next issue. The girls are working towards using their profit on a SeaWorld sleepover scheduled for June. Well-deserved I must say.

Prior to our cookie campaign, the girls participated in a Cookie Rally held at the UMC Church on Walzem Road. They made posters for the upcoming cookie booths, played Cookie bingo, decorated cookies and not to mention had loads of

fun with props at the photo booth.

We introduced the girls to some science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) by having them make name bracelets using binary coding along with a project learning the power of magnets.

On March 24, we will participate and celebrate World Thinking Day with several other nearby troops. Each troop must host a booth and choose a country to represent. We have chosen China.

The girls will also continue to work on various volunteer opportunities and projects as they may be presented. If there is a project or agency anyone may feel our Scouts can be of assistance, please feel free to contact **Diane Luna** at 210-393-6976.

Our Greatest Desire Is To Make An Impact On Our Community...

### MONTHLY LADIES LUNCHEON

Janet Latiolais, Coordinator, 210-655-1873  
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**E**very lady in Royal Ridge is invited to attend the monthly luncheons. The dates and locations of follow-on luncheons are determined by the host for that month and will be announced when available. Call me for additional information and for the next scheduled luncheon date.

Thank you, ladies, throughout Royal Ridge. Our monthly ladies' luncheon has really been a success! We average about 15-16 ladies each month with new ladies coming to check us out daily. We've gotten to know each other much better throughout the subdivision. This is important as now more are aware of where some single folks are living and are keeping an eye out daily for that single dweller.

## Neighborhood News

### PATIO HOMES I

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**G**reetings! When this issue of the *Recorder* is published any bitter cold days should be passed and we will be waiting for the heat of summer. In the meantime, there will be plenty of beautiful spring days to decide how and what to do about any plants that suffered in the cold. I think I will be cutting a lot of the greenery back in hope of new growth.

A former resident of Patio Homes I succumbed to bone cancer Monday, February 5th. He had moved to Houston when he was diagnosed back in July. His name was **Bill Dovali** and he had lived in our neighborhood for quite some time. He was retired

military and spent his retirement helping at-risk youth become productive members of society. He also traveled a lot. Sounds like a life well lived to me.

Thanks to the persistent efforts of **Kathy Crim** who lives on the Randolph Boulevard end of Royal Club, the city replaced the lamp in a street light that had been out for many months.

I would also like to welcome my new neighbors **Robert and Jessica**. They own a very interesting looking white calico cat. Her name is **Zoe**, but I call her Jangles because of the noise the tags on her collar makes. She is very shy of humans, but one of my cats is becoming friends with her.

By the time submissions are due for the next *Recorder*, I hope to have met many of you at the Patio Homes I annual meeting. It should be very interesting.

## PATIO HOMES II

*Wanda Espinosa, Reporter, 210-382-0613*

*Email: wandamespinosa@gmail.com*

Congratulations to **Dick Schutte** and **Sue Hughes** on their St. Valentine's Day wedding. We wish them all the best in life.

On a sad note, **Robbie Barnhart**, a longtime resident on Archwood, joined our Lord in heaven on Monday, February 5. Our sympathy goes out to her family.

We bid farewell to **Raymond Foley** of Grand Park who moved. He was a longtime resident and supporter of our HOA.

Plus a Get Better Soon to **Mary Milburn** of Royal Ridge who is in rehab. We hope to see her smiling face soon.

I wish we could get somebody to help put a stop to all the CATS roaming our streets; they are multiplying in leaps and bounds. Those that have cats and let them roam, be on the watch out for a cat disease, that I have been told of, if your cat gets it, it will end up killing your cat.

Please keep your children from playing in your neighbor's yards. This is the second time on Grandwood that the children playing on the sidewalk went through about 5 yards; mine included and kicked the rocks onto the sidewalk. It looks as though perhaps a bike or they were just running. They may not reside on Grandwood but chances are if it's happening here, it's occurring at other locations. Keep a watch out for this and ask them not to do this if you see it.

Watch out for all the walkers. Folks walk at night and early morning hours before daylight. PLEASE slowdown in the Royal Ridge. Lots of folks have decided to get their feet moving so let's take it a little slower.

## GARDEN HOMES I

*Gary H. Harmon, Jr, Reporter, 210-884-6926*

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Our HOA President for Garden Homes I, **Bobby Younts**, passed away on February 1. He will be sorely missed. We send our heartfelt condolences to his wife, **Barbara**, and his children.

We have an URGENT NEED for a new HOA President and Vice-President! We are also looking for a Secretary to take the minutes of the meeting in October. We meet once a year in October for the general meeting and once a year in the spring for a Board meeting, if necessary. Please consider our need. Call **Suzanne Ryan** at 806-382-8426 or **John Bertram** at 210-390-7172 to volunteer and for additional information.

**John Dunn** and **Jerry Schmidt** celebrated their 90<sup>th</sup> "un-birthday" on January 14 at the Dunn's home. The guest list included eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

## GARDEN HOMES II

*Janet Latiolais, Reporter, 210-655-1873*

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Happy St. Patty's day and a blessed Easter season to each of you this fine day!

Some sad news to begin with; our neighbor, **Elliott Samuels** passed away in early February. He and his late wife are original owners of their house when GHII was built. He was a pleasant gentleman and he had a distinguished military career. I will miss seeing him drive by in the alley.

On the upside, **Kathie Nix** had back surgery in late January. She will be doing home rehab for a while at her house. She says she's much better and will be out walking our neighborhood soon!

My sweet neighbor, **Carmen Martinez** just celebrated her birthday. She usually fixes huge meals at her home for their large family to visit on Sundays, but this time, the family said, "No cooking, we're taking you out!" It's nice to see such close family ties.

**Pat Biggs** took an interesting cruise recently. She went to the Caribbean with the theme aboard the ship being "Star Trek". Needless to say, there were many "Klingons". It was a fun cruise because of the costumes, she said.

Spring is just around the corner, and so is Easter. I just recently went back to Facebook after a few years absence. Some folks have posted old pictures of us as children and how our parents used to dress the family for Easter. Oh my, how times have changed! My favorite memories of Easter were the beautiful blooming dogwood trees that lined the street where we would walk to church.

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### **Club Activities**

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

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## CALENDAR

### **March 2018**

*Monthly Ladies Luncheon, Date TBD, Call 210-655-1873*

03 Sat 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, SAPD COP Training Class  
09 Fri 7:00 PM, Tripoley  
12 Mon 7:00 PM, Citizens-on-Patrol Meeting  
19 Mon 6:00 PM, RRRC Board Meeting  
23 Fri 5:30 PM, Monthly Social

### **April 2018**

*Monthly Ladies Luncheon, Date TBD, Call 210-655-1873*

07 Sat 9:00 AM-2:00 PM, Community Garage Sale  
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09 Mon 6-10 PM, SAPD COP Training Class  
13 Fri 7:00 PM, Tripoley  
16 Mon 6:00 PM, RRRC Board Meeting  
21 Sat 9:00 AM-Noon, RRRC Volunteer Day  
21 Sat *Royal Ridge Recorder* Articles Due  
27 Fri 5:30 PM, Monthly Social  
27 Fri 5:30-7:30 PM, Fiesta FUN Friday

### **May 2018**

*Monthly Ladies Luncheon, Date TBD, Call 210-655-1873*

05 Sat 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, SAPD COP Training Class  
11 Fri 7:00 PM, Tripoley  
12 Sat 9:00 AM-Noon, RRRC Volunteer Day  
14 Mon 7:00 PM, Citizens-on-Patrol Meeting  
21 Mon 6:00 PM, RRRC Board Meeting  
25 Fri 5:30 PM, Monthly Social

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