Royal Ridge Recorder

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<NOTE: The next due date for news and ads is Saturday, April 20, 2019>

ROYAL RIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Welcome to Spring! The weather has been typically Texas – we either wake up to freezing temperatures or we debate whether to wear short sleeves to try to stay cool during nearly summer time conditions. Personally I'm hoping for a little bit more winter weather, although I am grateful we have not had the extreme weather conditions of our friends up north who had to deal with terms such as "bomb cyclone."

In a few days, all homeowners will receive our appraisal notices from the Bexar County Appraisal District. Here are some dates and facts you should know.

- The notices should be in our mailboxes no later than April 2.
- If you plan to appeal your home evaluation because you think it is too high, you should keep in mind that you must file your Notice of Protest no later than May 15. This will guarantee you the opportunity to take your formal protest to the Appraisal Review Board.
- If you don't file your appeal by May 15, then the appraisal review board chair may decline your Notice of Protest. The chair is the only person who can decide whether to consider your appeal if the notice is filed after May 15.

Before you appear before the Appraisal Review Board, you can set an informal hearing with a representative from the Bexar Appraisal District. Appraisal district officials recently spoke to members of the Northeast Neighborhood Alliance and said 85 to 90 percent of informal protests are settled.

If you are not satisfied with the informal hearing, you can then take your appeal to the Appraisal Review Board. It is strongly suggested that you bring photo or video evidence of why you believe your property is overvalued, and that you bring five sets of evidence – one for each of the review board members, for the appraisal district representative and for yourself.

If you want to file your appeal electronically, visit this link to learn more: http://www.bcad.org/index.php/eFile.

Depending on the facts and type of property, you may be able to appeal the Appraisal Review Board finding to a state district court in Bexar County; to an independent arbitrator; or to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). You will have to pay a \$500 filing fee, but if the appeal is in your favor, then \$450 will be reimbursed to you.

For more information, visit this link to the Texas Comptroller's website: https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/protests/index.php.

Another set of dates to know are the dates for early voting and election day for the upcoming municipal elections, including for San Antonio mayor and for the District 10 city council representative.

Early voting will be from April 22 – April 30. Election day is May 4. As usual, Royal Ridge Elementary School will serve as the Election Day polling place.

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The Northeast Neighborhood Alliance will play host to a candidates' forum on April 15 at The Tool Yard (Northeast Service Center), 10303 Tool Yard. The forum begins at 7 pm and it is recommended you arrive by 6:30 pm to get a good seat and maybe get some 1-1 time with the candidates.

Finally, remember with Spring Break over and school back in session to watch out for children walking to school or waiting for the bus.

Have a great start to Spring.

ROYAL RIDGE CITIZENS ON PATROL Bob Robbins, Coordinator, 210-655-4226 Email: rrcop@att.net

Southwestern Bell Mobile Systems partnered with the city and the San Antonio Police Department in 1993 to sponsor a structured COP program where neighbors would be trained by the SAPD and patrol their neighborhoods using SBMS cell phones preprogrammed 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 38 folks had been trained. (Several of those folks are still patrolling with Royal Ridge Citizens-On-Patrol as the COP program is now known). 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 now just 16 active members, down another 6 since last year, well short of the number we need to comfortably sustain the program.

So, where is this going? If RR COP membership doesn't grow in the very near future, the program will, of necessity, be discontinued. The end is near without immediate new interest and greater participation. Fewer and fewer members patrolling an increasing number of patrols each month is not sustainable nor is it fair.

Here's a breakdown of current participation by RR neighborhood:

Royal Ridge COP Resident Participation



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<u>Neighborhood</u>	<u>Homes</u>	<u>Mbr</u> Hshlds	<u>Mbrs</u>	Pct.
Crown Ridge Patio Homes I	133 103	0 2	0 2	0.0 1.9
Patio Homes II	96	0	0	0.0
Garden Homes I Garden Homes II	64 124	5 2	5 3	7.8 1.6
Royal Ridge I	162	3	4	1.9
Royal Ridge II	129	1	1	0.8
Inwood Place	209	0	0	0.0
Royal Ridge GVH	127	1	1	0.8
Total	1,147	14	16	1.4

Let me hear your ideas on how to keep this longstanding collective safety and security program viable. Silence newsletter deliveries, and individual HOAs. and lack of participation will sound the death knell for the RR COP program if we don't soon generate greater partic-

Thanks to all our past and present RR COP members for your commitment, contributions and continued supto our Royal Ridge neighborhoods' quality of life. We truly within our community. Please help if you can. appreciate you and your contributions.

Interested in helping out? Great! The next SAPD COP training classes will be held at the North Patrol Substation, 13030 Jones Maltsberger on Monday, April 1st, 6-10 PM and then Saturday, May 4th, 9 AM-1 PM. Attend one or the other, let us know and we'll get you started on patrol with RR COP.

Thanks in advance for your interest, support and participation.

ROYAL RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Counselor Michelle Martinez, 210-407-7024 Email: mmartri20@neisd.net

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

Apr 12	Purple Up for Military Kids
Apr 19	Student Holiday
Apr 25	Royal Ridge International Night, 6pm Cafeteria
Apr 26	Student Holiday

Every Tuesday from 9:30-11 am until the remainder of the school year - Parent Academy **ESL Basic Class**

Every Tuesday beginning March 5 11 am-12:30 pm—Parent Academy Conversational English Class

MONTHLY SOCIALS AND TRIPOLEY

Bonnie Hopkins, 210-650-0852 Email: bhopkins9@satx.rr.com

The next Monthly Socials will be Friday, March 22 and April 26 at 5:30 pm, at the RRRC Clubhouse. All Clubhouse. Spaces are available for \$10 and open to any-adult members of the Royal Ridge Recreational Club one inside or outside of Royal Ridge. Contact Diane Luna (RRRC) Clubhouse are welcome. Visitors are welcome to come and see if they are interested in joining the RRRC. asked to bring finger foods to share. Hope to see you there!

7 pm, also held at the RRRC Clubhouse.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Gary H. Harmon Jr., Editor, 210-884-6926 Email: gharmon@idworld.net

There are eight homeowners associations (HOAs) listed in the Directory but not all provide input to the *Royal Ridge Recorder*. We would enjoy hearing from the other areas on a regular basis.

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.

Qualified volunteers are still needed in key Royal Ridge areas such as RRRC, RR COP, Royal Ridge Recorder

Having parking issues? Contact North SAFFE Officer Crystal Aguero, NORTH AGENCY at (210) 207-8266.

Several Royal Ridge organizations need your help port. Your participation has contributed in large measure **badly, even to the point of continuing their efforts**

ROYAL RIDGE RECREATIONAL CLUB

Diane Luna, President, 210-393-6976 Website: rrrecclub.org Facebook.com/royalridgerecreationalclub

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL Ending Soon

Ends April 30th **EARLY BIRD Special** \$175

2019-2020 Dues \$195

To date (Feb 18), we have received 15 memberships. Thank You for your renewals and continued support. Our goal is 100 memberships ... Only 85 more to go!! In case you misplaced your form, we have included another and they are also available at the Clubhouse by the iron gates. Please take a few minutes to complete and mail yours in today.

Memberships are good for June through May and include 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 the Clubhouse for your family events. Guest passes will be made available at \$3 each, limited to use of five (5) daily.

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 also a show of pride in your community.

Mark your calendar for our semi-annual Community Garage Sale on Saturday, April 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Start your spring cleaning by clearing out the garage and hosting a garage sale at your home or rent a space at the at 210-393-6976 for more information.

Due to lack of interest/attendance, we no long-Drinks are provided for a small donation and people are er hold monthly Volunteer Days. With our pool season around the corner, we will be needing LOTS of help before our Memorial Day weekend opening. With that said, The next Tripoley Nights will be Friday April 12 at we will be hosting two major Volunteer Days on Saturday, April 13 and Saturday, May 11 from 9 am to Noon.

We hope you will find some time to help as we begin the process of getting things in order for our pool season.

Come and show off your Fiesta medals and attire at our 4th Annual Fiesta FUN Friday on April 26 from 5:30-7:30 PM. It is set in a NIOSA-style atmosphere with various foods/drinks to enjoy. Again, 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, alone. Please come out to meet your neighbors and make please get back to me. This will be an adult-only event. new friends. Admission is free for members. Non-Members can join in the fun for a \$5 donation.

~ THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT ~

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Community Garage Sale Saturday, April 6th 9 AM - 2 PM

Volunteer Days 10 AM - Noon Saturday, April 13th Saturday, May 11th

Fiesta FUN Friday Friday, April 26th 5:30 - 7:30 PM

~ GIRL SCOUT TROOP 0871 ~

IT'S GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME

THANK YOU to ALL for supporting our cookie campaign. It has been a HUGE success to date. We started off with 3,330 boxes as our troop goal. We have well surpassed that goal and have set a new goal of 4,500

The girls and parents have done an outstanding job in selling. Our campaign ended on March 10th and I will relay our final number in the next issue of the Royal Ridge Recorder. The girls are working towards using their profits on a horseback riding field trip and a fun-filled sleepover at the Clubhouse to include a movie and a game truck. They also will donate 10 percent of their proceeds to the Animal Defense League.

Prior to our cookie campaign, the girls participated in two Cookie Rallies. We participated at the official Council-sponsored Cookie Rally held at the SA Zoo on January 12. The second cookie rally was sponsored by Community "T" at the UMC Church on Walzem on January 19. They made posters for the upcoming cookie booths, played Cookie bingo, and had loads of fun playing various carnival games. They acquired tickets for games played and in turn were able to claim awesome prizes.

On March 30, 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. This year we will honor one of our scouts and host Nigeria.

The girls will also continue to work on various volunteer opportunities/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 Email: jmlatch@satx.rr.com

Our March luncheon will be on the 26th. We carpool and if you call, I'll make sure that you are in someone's car from your section of the housing section. There's no reason for you to always be alone if you live

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

PATIO HOMES I

Lisa Gerlich, Reporter, 210-590-6095 Email: lisagerlich@me.com

All Patio Homes I residents should have received a very informative letter before this issue of the Recorder was published. If you did not receive a copy, contact me at the number above.

PATIO HOMES II

Kathie Obeck, Reporter, 210-967-5038 Email: dkobeck@sbcglobal.net

Learned that **Debra Uecker** on Archwood passed back in September. Our prayers go to her family and friends.

Once again, prayers are asked for our many residents who continue to suffer with health problems. If you can help and wish to know who some of them are, just give me a call.

All our residents were sent their HOA dues letter in January and just remember that dues were due by February 28, 2019. If any questions, give me an email or

We have guite a few homes with overgrown weeds. Now that the weather seems to be getting better, it would be appreciated if the weeds were pulled, grass cut, trees trimmed over sidewalks and alleyways.

GARDEN HOMES I

Gary H. Harmon, Jr, Reporter, 210-884-6926 Email: gharmon@idworld.net

From Suzanne Ryan: I have contacted our police officer for the Royal Ridge area regarding speeding and loud, roaring cars and trucks. I have also talked with District 10 Councilman Clayton Perry's office regarding this issue. If you would like to contact them reference these issues, please email jason.reno@sanantonio.gov

steven.peterson@sanantonio.gov.

If we have enough complaints, maybe we can get a bigger police presence. If you are interested in speed bumps, please contact me at sryan2580@gmail.com. I will compile a petition, if there is enough interest.

We are also having a problem with mailbox theft. I had two checks stolen from my mailbox last year and noticed a month later that my checking account had been breached. They used my account number and another person's name and address to steal \$1,007 from my checking account. The bank reimbursed me. I now drop my mail at the Windcrest post office. I have heard my mailbox being closed twice in the last two weeks between 2:30 a.m. and 3 a.m. as a vehicle slowly drives down the street. Look at your checking account statement closely.

From John Bertram: Thanks to all the Garden



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Stephen Burkett, RR Resident sburkett89@hotmail.com

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Homes One homeowners who have paid their 2019 dues. As of Feb 17, 14 home owners have not paid their 2019 dues. If you have not paid your 2019 dues, please use your self-addressed stamped envelope and send them to GH1 Treasurer, 5906 Royal Ridge Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78239. If you have any questions you can call **John Bertram** at 210-390-7172. Thanks in advance for your support.

GARDEN HOMES II

Janet Latiolais, Reporter, 210-655-1873 Email: jmlatch@satx.rr.com

Weeds, weeds everywhere and no one seems to make any effort to pull them up. One of the nice things about Garden Homes II has always been the beautiful yards from 99 percent of the residents of our 124 hous- Royal Ridge Recreational Club (RRRC) Board es. Now, it seems that percentage has dropped to 50 percent. Those of you who don't know a yard man, please call a neighbor and get a phone number. Please, please clean up those weeds out of your yard. Many of us who don't want weeds coming into our yards from yours. You're devaluating the value of your home as well as your neighbors with the lapse of yard

Bluebonnets are back in bloom again, and as usual the two neighbors at the end of my block have the most beautiful patch ever! Drive or walk through my alley to see them soon! My alley butts up to the ditch that has the school playground on the other side. The school finally opened up the new mini track that had been built late last Fall. It will be especially nice for those of you who like to jog. We're fortunate to be able to use the school grounds to do various exercise programs. When the school was being built, I was apprehensive about the noise coming from the playground since it is so close to me. However through the years, I love to hear the noise of the children when the wind blows their sounds into my back yard.

Wally and Barbara Wagemaker took a winter vacation and went to Myrtle Beach. S.C. and Orlando, FL. She said it was really cold with the wind coming off of the water. Bill and Cho Mayo went on a tour to the Far East visiting several counties in that part of the world. Bill had spent a lot of time there during his military career.

Two new neighbors have moved to my block: Daryl McCain and Anna Fitch. He moved from Tennessee and she did a local move. We welcome them into Royal Ridge. Yes, our neighborhood is becoming younger than **Printing by Proforma Media & Print Solutions**

just two years ago (a good thing for Royal Ridge).

Our neighborhood ladies' luncheon started off
again in January. We welcome new ladies from all parts of Royal Ridge. Call me if you wish to attend. Our March luncheon will be Tuesday, March 26th. Time and place to be announced.

The third Monday of the month is Councilman Clayton Perry's meeting at the Tool Yard. It begins at 7 pm and is a good thing to put on your calendar to attend. There is valuable information given out concerning our district as well as the city. Think about attending. It's grassroots politics at it finest.

Reminder: Don't forget to pay your annual HOA dues to our Treasurer, Teri Sandoval.

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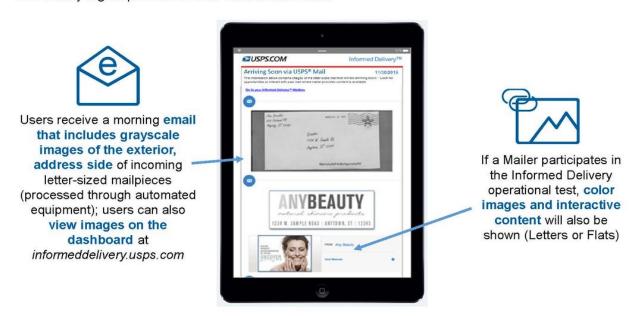






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