



# Royal Ridge Recorder



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## ROYAL RIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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A few months ago, on one of my many drives up Weidner from Walzem Road on a trip from Wal-Mart, or Walgreens, or H-E-B (and to be honest, I may have been to all three), I noticed a pleasant surprise: A pothole I invariably managed to run into jarringly on the drive back to Royal Ridge was now paved over.

Had someone called the 3-1-1 city services hotline to report the increasingly dangerous



pothole? If they did, then the repair should have been made within two business days of the call, according to City of San Antonio policy. By the city's definition, a pothole is a collapsed area within the roadway

that does not exceed three feet by three feet. Or was this patchwork part of much-needed, planned repairs in our neighborhoods?

Whatever the case, I and my shock absorbers appreciated it. How our city dollars are spent to improve our neighborhoods is a primary concern for all of us, with public safety and city streets and drainage normally topping the list.

A member of **City Councilman Clayton Perry's** office, **Steven Peterson**, recently provided a list of street improvements for District 10 planned for 2018-2022. The estimated cost of these 500 street improvement projects totals a little more than \$33.31 million. Repairs generally fall into the broad categories of fixing cracked seals to asphalt overlay (essentially, repairing potholes).

Some familiar street names in our community are on the list, including Royal Coach, Meadow Haven, Royal Wood, Royal Meadow, Grand Court and Grand Meadow. Many more streets in our neighborhood, however, are not.

The list of street improvement projects for all of

District 10 has been uploaded to our website, [www.RoyalRidgeSA.org](http://www.RoyalRidgeSA.org). Click on the "streets" tab to see if your street is on the list and, if, so, when street repairs will be made to your neck of the woods.

School crosswalk markings in and around Royal Ridge Elementary School also are slated for an estimated \$2,500 upgrade by 2020.

Funding for additional street repairs will require passage of a bond issue, according to the councilman's office. To prepare for a possible future bond package, however, city officials need to know where repairs need to be made. If there are repairs you think need to be made to your street, contact Councilman Perry's office using email address [District10@sanantonio.gov](mailto:District10@sanantonio.gov) or by mail at his office: Councilman Clayton Perry, 635 NE Loop 410, Ste. 604, San Antonio, TX 78209.

If you need to report a pothole, or access many more city services, you can call the 3-1-1 hotline or 210-207-6000. You can also go online to [www.sanantonio.gov/GetConnected/Services](http://www.sanantonio.gov/GetConnected/Services) or you can download the mobile app on your phone at [www.sanantonio.gov/Commpa/MobileApp](http://www.sanantonio.gov/Commpa/MobileApp).

## ROYAL RIDGE CITIZENS ON PATROL

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A Happy New Year to all our Royal Ridge neighbors. Here's hoping everyone had a very Merry Christmas and are on your way to a great new year.

A big thank you to each of our Royal Ridge Citizens-on-Patrol (RR COP) members for their commitment and contributions to our safety and security efforts throughout 2017. We continue to patrol RR streets and alleys roughly two hours a day every day of the year. Several members patrol twice each month and some three times. We truly appreciate everyone's efforts and especially those who go above and beyond.

I again want to offer a special thanks to **Officer Jason Reno**, our San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) San Antonio Fear Free Environmental (SAFFE)/Community Policing Officer. Officer Reno has quietly yet aggressively addressed continuing



and emerging police matters in our neighborhoods, some mundane and others more serious, many on his own and others at our request, efficiently and effectively. We appreciate his efforts on our behalf as well as those of

his fellow officers. Thanks SAPD for helping us keep RR an attractive place to live.

Still, we need help. RR COP membership is low and we can really use more members. Please consider joining RR COP and attend the **SAPD COP Training** to get started. The next classes are:

**Monday, February 5, 6-10 PM**  
**Saturday, March 3, 9 AM-1 PM**

The classes are held the **North Patrol Substation, 13030 Jones Maltsberger**. One 4-hour class is all that is required and entitles you to a ride-along with a patrol officer arranged at a mutually agreeable later time. Give **Officer McDonald** a call at 207-6086 and let him know you will attend for planning purposes. Or email him at [james.mcdonald@sanantonio.gov](mailto:james.mcdonald@sanantonio.gov).

You've read it here before and in our emails because your involvement is crucial in maintaining our collective safety and security.

Report any and all suspicious persons, vehicles and activities to the SAPD on their non-emergency number, 210-207-SAPD (210-207-7273) at the time you observe it. Certainly report all crimes regardless of whether or not you think the SAPD can do anything about it or might be concerned with more important matters. Knowing the extent and nature of all crimes allows us to be more aware and more vigilant. It allows the SAPD to allocate the proper resources to problem areas. You can report all crimes using the non-emergency number above or on-line at <http://www.sanantonio.gov/SAPD/File-Electronic-Report>.

Thanks for your attention, interest and support—and for getting involved either by attending a training class, joining RR COP, or just making the appropriate calls. The RR community will benefit from your involvement. We need and appreciate your help. Again, Happy New Year! And, stay safe! (P.S. If this article seems familiar, it may be. It's essentially a reprint of last year's Jan-Feb article. "The more things change, the more they stay the same." -Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr)

**ROYAL RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**  
Counselor Michelle Martinez, 210-407-7024  
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Happy Holidays and Happy New Year from Royal Ridge Elementary! Upcoming events and dates include MLK Holiday - January 15 and Early Dismissal - February 28.

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.

**MONTHLY SOCIALS AND TRIPOLEY**  
Bonnie Hopkins, 210-650-0852  
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The next **Monthly Social** will be **Friday, January 26** and **Friday, February 23** 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, February 9** and **Friday, March 9** at **7 PM**; held at the RRRC Clubhouse.

**EDITOR'S COMMENTS**  
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The due date for news articles of the next issue of the *Royal Ridge Recorder* is displayed under the heading on the top of the first page and in the Calendar located on the last 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.

Qualified volunteers are still needed in key Royal Ridge areas. Check the *Royal Ridge Recorder* as well as the 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.



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## ROYAL RIDGE RECREATIONAL CLUB

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**H**APPY NEW YEAR! At the time of article submission, our annual Polar Bear Plunge on New Year's Day has not yet taken place. This event is always well attended both by young and old. We are looking forward to another successful event.

Last couple of years we have hosted a Polar Express themed event for the holidays. Unfortunately, attendance has been low and the Board decided to scratch it off our event calendar. We will brainstorm and hopefully find another replacement. Any and all ideas/suggestions are most welcome.

With the start of a new year, we shift back our focus to club membership. Our last membership drive was indeed one of the best by bringing in the most members to date. The membership numbers (165) were great however financially we were short from the previous year by approximately \$2,000 because the membership fee was lower than previous years.

The 2018-2019 Membership Drive is officially in progress. Keeping in mind that we still must be able to keep up our operational costs and yet be affordable enough to join, the Board has re-evaluated our current dues. Our Early Bird discounts were a HUGE success so we are happy to offer once again an Early Bird specials from January to April 2018.

### EARLY BIRD SPECIAL-1

**January 1, 2018 - March 31, 2018**

**Only \$150!**

### EARLY BIRD SPECIAL-2

**April 1, 2018 - April 30, 2018**

**\$175**

### STANDARD MEMBERSHIP

**After April 30, 2018**

**\$195**

We feel our slight increase is fair and extremely compatible with regards to other neighborhood pool memberships. The simple fact that we ARE NOT

HOA-funded in any way, shape, or form does not give us much leeway on our dues. Our ultimate desire is to be able to find a happy median whereby we can be confident with our membership renewals to keep us in operation.

We hope you will take pride in our community and become a member. Membership is June 2018 through May 2019 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.

A Membership Form is included in this issue and also available at the RRRC Clubhouse by the iron gates. Please feel free to contact me, **Diane Luna**, at 210-393-6976 or **Deb Edens** at 210-861-9512 with any questions or concerns.

Looking back on 2017, our struggle with lack of volunteers continued to be in the forefront. Our monthly scheduled Volunteer Days will no longer take place since we have zero attendance. We will announce Volunteer Days as needed for major projects such as preparing for the pool opening going forward. We will use our neighborhood email blast, as well as, the NextDoor app for announcements between newsletters. We hope to make our Volunteer Days more of a community event. For all students needing community service hours, we will be happy to assist.

Our semi-annual **Community Garage Sale** will be **Saturday, April 7, 9 AM-2 PM**. You may host at your residence 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.

We look forward to 2018 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.

**THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR  
YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

### GIRL SCOUT TROOP 00871

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**T**roop 0871 kept extremely busy with service projects for the first part of our year starting with helping Hurricane Harvey victims to laying wreaths at Ft. Sam Houston cemetery.

Our first troop field trip was to the Airport Fire Department on October 28. The girls were amazed to learn all the responsibilities and challenges these first responders face. Though, they are not faced with airplane-related emergencies daily, they still must go out and assist with fires and 911 calls



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whenever needed.

We earned the Girl Scout Way badge by celebrating our founder's birthday (Juliette Low, October 31).

On November 17, the girls enjoyed a sleepover at the RRRC Clubhouse. Some of the activities included a nature walk, making s'mores, spa time, games, and arts/crafts. It was a good time had by all.

We had our last meeting of the year on December 12. We made Christmas ornaments for our families to enjoy along with Christmas cards to be donated to one of our nearby nursing homes. The girls enjoyed playing a Left-Right game during their gift exchange.

Weather put a damper on our attendance with Wreaths Across America on December 16. A total of eight girls (4 Daisies, 1 Brownie, and 3 Juniors) braved the wet and cold day and placed 150 wreaths at the Ft Sam Cemetery. The experience was most humbling and we will make this event a tradition.

Going forward, we plan to volunteer at the San Antonio Food Bank, do a tour of Haven for Hope to incorporate volunteer opportunities as well as volunteer at Relay-for-Life in May 2018.



Last but not least, we start our Cookie Sale Campaign on January 1, 2018. Cookies are \$4/box. Orders will arrive and be delivered in February. For those not able to place orders in January or want more cookies, boxes will be available for purchase in February. Be on the lookout for us throughout the area as we participate in our cookie booth sales. We will once again be hosting several sales at the RRRC Clubhouse and be making some door-to-door visits. We will keep you posted via NextDoor and neighborhood email blast.

#### MONTHLY LADIES LUNCHEON

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

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Every 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.

#### PRIMARY ELECTION

The **Primary Election** for State Representatives and Congress will take place on **Tuesday, March 6**. This election is important and will directly affect you! The last day to register to vote is Monday, February 5. **Early voting** takes place from **Tuesday, February 20 - Friday, March 2**. Check your county elections website for voting information and locations.

## Neighborhood News

#### PATIO HOMES I

*Lisa Gerlich, Reporter, 210-590-6095*

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I hope everyone had a very Happy Christmas. I appreciate everyone who took the time to display outdoor Christmas decorations. I think Royal Bend had the most lights. But my favorite was the display of trees and a deer made out of sheet metal in front of a house at the end of Royal Club close to Randolph Boulevard. At night a spotlight projected their shadows on the wall. Now we are into the New Year!

Just a reminder about the **Annual Patio Homes I Homeowners Association Meeting** which is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 28 at 7 PM**. Please plan to attend. One of the topics we will discuss is paint colors.

We still need people to fill key board positions of Secretary, Treasurer, and Maintenance Director. I really hope to see a lot my neighbors at the annual meeting.

#### PATIO HOMES II

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

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We are pleased to announce our new Board of Directors. **Cyndi Manes**, President, **Roger Martin**, Vice President, **Cecila Guzman**, Secretary, and **Kathie Obeck**, Treasurer. Board members are **Glenn St. Claire**, **Frances Hensley**, and **Linda Marion**.

So wonderful to see a lot of lights in the neighborhood this year. So many folks put out some beautiful lights. Our son came over and put out some things from the attic. It really brought the Christmas spirit to our place.

And what a opportunity for us to enjoy the snow! Of course we were out in it. On Grandwood our



neighbors built a snowman that made it through several days. Do hope you enjoyed it. Never can tell with our weather.

Thank you for putting the trash and recycle cans away. Out of sight keeps our yards and alleys looking good and will keep folks from wanting to investigate if we are at home.

Mailbox theft is an ongoing problem. You may want to make sure you grab your mail each day, rather than leave it in your mailbox. Keep an eye out for your neighbors.

Remember to slow down in our neighborhood. There are more walkers out so we must slow down.

# Welcome

Welcome to our new residents: **Bruce and Sherryl Culbertson** on Archwood, **Linda Marion** on Grand Circle, and **Cyndi Manes'** sister, **Sally Ahrndt** from Skandia, Michigan who is now living on Grandwood with **Cyndi**. She has a cat, makes jewelry, and is interested in rocks. Also welcome to **Rodney and Rolanda Crawley** on Grandwood.

**Doug and Kathie Obeck** just returned from a week in New Jersey with Kathie's brother and his family and visiting family and friends. Then off they went on a Christmas Market Cruise on the Rhine. BURR!!! They had a wonderful time with good friends going to the different Christmas Markets.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year with many blessings.

## GARDEN HOMES I

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

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**T**he snow was amazing. I still had some on my truck several days later. Amazing!

**Teddy and Cheryl Wise** recently returned from a Royal Caribbean cruise to Cozumel, Grand Cayman Island, and Jamaica. It was their first cruise. They had an awesome time. The cruise was a gift from their children and was so appreciated.

Note from our HOA President regarding frequently mentioned issues: RV parking, vehicles parking in the alley, trash cans not screened from view, grass and weeds not cut, and security lights not working. Thank you for maintaining your property following our By-Laws and Covenants.

## GARDEN HOMES II

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

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**A**s I begin to write this, I can only hope that 2018 will be better than the past year. There were many neighbors here in Garden Homes II who had medical issues that cut into their quality of life.

Then, there were neighbors who moved away and those who passed. The neighborhood is "aging" out quickly. Maybe it seems that way since I'm beginning to feel my age and watch dear friends cope with health issues that slow down their activities. However, it's always nice to meet the new neighbors who come to live in our neighborhood.

On a happier note, did you notice the bluebonnet plants didn't know it was only early December as they began to grow? One of the joys of Spring for me are those beautiful flowers.

Wow, we can have "winter" temps sometimes in south Texas.

Easter is on April 1 in 2018. Easter brings back memories of the excitement of getting a pretty new outfit to wear Easter Sunday morning for church. Alright ladies, remember our moms with their new hat, matching purse and shoes along with the gloves ready to scoot us into the car to get to Easter services on time...

Some of our neighbors who took trips over the past couple of months: **Lee and Sandi Mays** to South America. **Eileen Lusk** took her granddaughter, Zoe, on a cruise. **Chuck Jungwirth**



went to visit family in Seattle, Washington. **Barbara and Wally Wagemaker** took a short trip west to Arizona and New Mexico. Right before Thanksgiving, **Al and Carmen Dreumont** took a trip to Australia and New Zealand.

Of course, there are many folks who welcomed loved ones in for the holidays. It's nice to see friends out enjoying a short walk with some of their loved ones from out of town. We are very lucky to enjoy such nice weather over the major holidays compared to other parts of the country.

One thing nice about 2017 was the friendships I personally formed with ladies from other parts of Royal Ridge. There are also other ladies who feel the same way I do thanks to our **Monthly Ladies Luncheon**. The next one will be **Monday, January 22 at 1 PM at Pompeii's** on Nacogdoches Road.

Here's hoping the New Year will be a good and safe one for you.

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

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### **Neighborhood SAFFE Officer**

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## CALENDAR

### **January 2018**

*Monthly Ladies Luncheon, Call 210-655-1873*  
08 Mon 7:00 PM, Citizens-on-Patrol Meeting  
12 Fri 7:00 PM, Tripoley  
15 Mon 6:00 PM, RRRC Board Meeting  
22 Mon 1:00 PM, Monthly Ladies Luncheon  
26 Fri 5:30 PM, Monthly Social

### **February 2018**

*Monthly Ladies Luncheon, Date TBD, Call 210-655-1873*  
05 Mon 6:00-10:00 PM, SAPD COP Training Class  
09 Fri 7:00 PM, Tripoley  
12 Mon 7:00 PM, Citizens-on-Patrol Meeting  
18 Mon 6:00 PM, RRRC Board Meeting  
23 Fri 5:30 PM, Monthly Social  
28 Wed 7:00 PM, Patio Homes I Annual Meeting

### **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  
18 Mon 6:00 PM, RRRC Board Meeting  
23 Fri 5:30 PM, Monthly Social

### **April 2018**

07 Sat 9:00 AM-2:00 PM, Community Garage Sale

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### **ROYAL RIDGE COMMUNITY WEBSITE**

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[www.royalridgesa.org](http://www.royalridgesa.org)  
Check it out!

### **PATIO HOMES I ANNUAL MEETING**

Wednesday, February 28, 7 PM

### **NORTHEAST NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE MEETING**

Monday, January 22, 7 PM, 10303 Tool Yard