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President's Message

It's almost fall and Storm Season is almost over. The official date ending the hurricane season is November 1, but old-time South Texans understand it is when the first norther comes through the area. The 2016 prediction for occurrence is the end of September. Don't get lax about it just yet; as I write this, we have three more weeks. Check your insurances: windstorm, flood and dwelling. Know where your important items are in case you have to evacuate, and pray. We are close to closing down the 2016 season. Hooray!

Here is the SAVE THE DATE notice for the Christmas Holiday Gathering this year. It is DECEMBER 6TH, probably held from 5 – 7pm for RCCE members. We are seeking 2 – 3 members to work with our Board members to help plan and carry out a nice gathering. Is this an interest of yours? Come join in to make this happen.

Things have quieted down slightly in the area of Security in the subdivision. I read the Police Crime Reports at www.crimereports.com. Our incidents have been mostly vehicle burglaries – most of which have been from unlocked vehicles. Also thieves now know some very sophisticated methods of unlocking both vehicles and homes. The more you do to remove the temptation – put vehicles in the garage at night and turn on security systems, security

appliances and lights – the less likely you will have to ask yourself the question, "Did I lock that or not?" That is a heartbreaking question and by taking the above steps you may avoid it totally. Lastly, please report any burglaries, even if only items of minimal value were taken, so that our police have an idea of where / who might be working in our area.

Thanks so much for your support each day. I would also like to thank all of my fellow Board Members, who are working with me on this year's board. We get so much accomplished together.

Best regards to all,
 Adelaide Marlatt

Meet the Board Member

Larry Schilhabel, Compliance



Our first highlighted Board Member is Director Larry Schilhabel who handles Compliance issues. Larry moved here from Austin. This is his 2nd year of service on our Board.

Larry's philosophy about his job is that Compliance is everyone's job.

In his own words...

" We need your help... we are a premier community in the Rockport area – not necessarily stiff and manicured, but one that is looked at as a great place to live and one that works to maintain the property values and quality of life of its homeowners. To maintain our standards, we have restrictions and policies that help us do that. Here is one of them:

Guys, we all love our trailers and our boats, but our restrictions state they cannot be stored on the driveways. For those of you not owning a golf course lot, you may be able to store them in your back yard, hidden behind the fence, but NOT on the driveway. I and a number of your neighbors cruise about and some days my phone & email is hot about a trailer here, a boat there. You know the rules; find another place to store your trailers, boats, RV's etc. We do allow each of these 1 or 2 days of slack while you are doing "make ready" for a trip or loading branches recently cut, or your friend comes for the weekend and brings the boat and it fits on your driveway. But that is it. Otherwise, put them where boats and trailers are stored, not on your driveways."

Thanks, Larry, for all you do.

Compliance Corner

Business/Advertising: City code does not allow the conducting of business or doing business advertising in residential areas such as RCCE. Something new, which we call the 4 wheel billboard, has developed in the last decade or two. We have some homeowners who have these moving billboards and park them regularly in their driveways. We have had numerous complaints pertaining to this and we are in the process of contacting these homeowners to have them find alternate storage for these vehicles.

Signs on Lots: Our restrictions specifically limit signs to those for legal proceeding, job identification on building projects and "For Sale" prior to the sale of a residence. Some sign rules such as those on "For Sale" signs, political signs, etc., have been modified by Boards in past years. However, the rule/policy of only one sign of a similar type per lot is still in effect. If motorists are going to notice and read your sign, they can catch it with one sign per lot. It really clutters up the neighborhood when there are 2 -4 signs for the same candidate in front of a given home. We recognize it will be a challenge to respect this in the upcoming months, however, "Let's do it!" Banners are never allowed at all.

We are a community of good neighbors and we look to each of you to uphold the commitments you made when you purchased property in one of the Rockport Country Club Estates units.

Architectural Control

Reminder

Remember that all exterior changes made to your home and yard, including your fence, require Architectural Committee approval first. Wording for this can be found in Article III, 2 – 4 of most of the different Unit Restrictions agreed to when you purchased property in Rockport Country Club Estates. To apply for Change approval, go to www.rcchomeowners.com for Information. Remember to apply and receive architectural approval before doing work that affects the exterior appearance of your home and yard.

This includes replacing fences; repainting, even in the same color; and reroofing. Approval doesn't happen overnight, so plan ahead. For details, see the website. If you have work done that does not meet guidelines, you will be required to bring it into compliance at your own expense.

Rockport Country Club Estates
Homeowner's Association Inc.
P.O. Box 1124
Rockport, TX 78381

Owners who lease their property to others....

If you lease your home and property to others as their home, YOU are still responsible for upholding subdivision restrictions and standards. You do this through the lease terms agreed to at the time of leasing and by sending them a copy of this newsletter so they can anticipate some of the things happening or causing concern with neighbors. Our goal is to maintain the property values of each property owner and maintain quality of life for everyone as well. You are an important tool in making this happen

Doggy Don'ts

Most of our dog owners are responsible when taking their dogs out for a walk, using a leash and picking up after their pets. However, we continue to receive reports of dog owners allowing their dogs to defecate and urinate in yards or on the street without making any attempt to remove waste. Other people should not have to pick up after your dog or step in any waste left. Remember also that even the sweetest dog may seem intimidating to other people or other dogs. Respect your neighbors' rights and comply with leash laws.

Flowering Medians within the Subdivisions

As most of you know, the HOA cares for most of the flowers in the public areas. The fresh rain water has perked everything up. We are in the process of applying fertilizer to produce a "second season" of bloom before the cold comes. Ralph continues to be our gardening care-giver to our medians and we appreciate his diligence. With the exception of the Ixora, most of the plants we use are "deer proof". So if you are looking for something for your own landscape, drive slowly by one of these medians –there may be something that interests you.

Gardening Corner

Sago Palms

We are continuing to see our beautiful sago palms in various stages of decline. The *Asian Cycad Scale* affecting them is terminal. If you have a plant with this scale, please bite the bullet and remove it to prevent spreading to other palms and possibly other plants. Disposal should be in your garbage can, not in the county transfer station where everything is ground into mulch. If put into the mulch, the disease will be spread to wherever the mulch is distributed.

Fertilizer

Apply a low-nitrogen fertilizer, designed for fall/winter use, to your lawn toward the end of this month or early in October. It's a great way to maintain your lawn through the winter and have it healthier for early spring.

Watering Tips

Those of us, who are on city water for landscape watering, are still subject to Stage 2 Water Restrictions. Signs are posted throughout the subdivision to let you know when your authorized watering days are scheduled.

Mosquito Control

With the recent rains, we will soon be faced with having to be on guard against mosquitos. One of the main prevention techniques is the removal of all standing water on your property, so please check your yard and problem areas to assure you empty containers and drain standing water if possible. An ounce of prevention on our part will help officials and ourselves control these pesky insects.

Holiday News

Save the Date

Christmas Holiday Gathering
December 6, 2016
More details to follow by email!