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## President's Message

Welcome to all who have joined the HOA for 2015 year. You are the backbone of the organization as your dues fund the projects (old & new) which we carry out day to day and your voices help us know what you want our association to be doing.

Thanks also to members who took time to attend the HOA annual meeting. We hope you found speakers, Mayor C. J. Wax and Jerry Lawing, CID Commander, informative. We had sixty-three in attendance. During the election this year, three new board members were

elected to the Board. They are Katrina Brown, Treasurer, Arno Penschorn, Architectural Control, and Larry Schilhabel, Compliance, working with Barbs Meador (who has done an outstanding job in this area.) To kick off the year, the Board held a workshop to share association projects and procedures. Needless to say, we have been busy!

The Board is composed of seven members, with staggered terms. Four members are returning from last year with three new members. The entire board is listed in this newsletter, but you can also find the list and contact information at any time on our website at [www.rcchoa.com](http://www.rcchoa.com). The website also shows past newsletters, covenants and restrictions, Architectural Control Forms, and much more. Take a look at it the next time you are surfing through the "net". We think you will be pleasantly surprised.

We continue to gather emails of new members coming aboard for the communication database we implemented which enables us to contact members quickly. If you are a 2015 member and not receiving emails, take a moment and email [rce.hoa@gmail.com](mailto:rce.hoa@gmail.com) indicating your name, property address and email address so that you can be added immediately.

Allow me to introduce myself. I am Adelaide Marlatt. The Board selected me to serve as HOA President for the 2015 term. I have served as Treasurer of the Board for the last two years, and appreciate the confidence of the Board in asking me to guide the association for this term. I look forward to working with you in the months ahead!

Adelaide Marlatt, President

## Police Presence

At the Annual HOA Meeting Commander Lawing from our local police department was asked about perpetual speeding and stop sign violations within our neighborhood. He responded by saying this is a problem within all of our local neighborhoods, not just RCC. It is somewhat normal to feel comfortable while on our own streets and many times we just don't obey the laws the way we would in other areas. It is important though that we drive cautiously, especially considering how many joggers, walkers, bicycles and golf carts we have on RCC streets. Lawing stated he would recommend a larger police presence here. Perhaps knowing tickets will be given will help all of us to better follow these laws!

## Security

In past HOA Newsletters we have been informed to keep doors and windows locked, garage doors closed when not in use, outside lighting at night, and security systems set. Mike McBurney of Sandollar Security offers these additional suggestions:

(1) Deadbolts usually click when they are completely engaged; and if not, any thief can easily enter. (2) Thieves usually look in master bedrooms for jewelry and other high-dollar items; so if you do not have a secure safe, hide them in another room in your home. (3) Any citizen can call [361-729-1111](tel:361-729-1111) and request a Security Assessment from our local police at which time they will come to your residence and look for weaknesses in and around the perimeter of your home.

Thieves are not invisible and the bottom line is WE, as a neighborhood, must help catch them. We MUST REPORT anyone we see, day or night, who appears to be questionable or just not in the right place.

Do not hesitate to call Rockport Police Department at 729-2222 and let them put the clues together to catch these perpetrators!  
Barbs Meador

## Membership

THE TIME IS NOW—IT’S TIME TO JOIN! \$75 a year is not too much to ask from anyone, yet some neighbors among us choose not to join their HOA. I have to wonder why? We are not a political organization—we do not take sides unless it is detrimental to YOUR property value and the integrity of OUR neighborhood. We attend City Council meetings and keep you informed on activities in and around the area when necessary.

You have a board of 7 people who selflessly volunteer their time to make sure that ALL residences in our neighborhood will reap the benefits of an HOA. We all want the same things: a nice, safe place to live—an area that we can all be proud of—and one where our property values continue to thrive, not decline. The medians are maintained—a new sign is up at the Henderson and Marion entrance and we have plans to replace the front sign as well.

We maintain a budget and spend YOUR money very carefully—where does this money come from?—it comes from our neighbors who belong!

Why not become a part of the growing HOA. The time is NOW!  
Barbara Smyth

## Watering Restrictions

Despite the abundant rains we’ve had recently, the area is still under Stage 2 water restrictions and likely to remain there throughout the year. Those of us without our own wells are therefore still between a rock and dry place in trying to keep our landscaping alive. The basic restrictions include but are not limited to the following:

- Watering between 10 am and 6 pm is PROHIBITED
- Water only 1 day per week with hose-end sprinklers or automatic systems; even numbered houses on Tuesdays and odd numbers on Wednesdays
- May water any day with handheld hoses or drip irrigation systems

For a complete list of the regulations see the City’s web site at [www.cityofrockport.com](http://www.cityofrockport.com)

Let’s do our best to keep it GREEN☺  
Larry Schilhabel

## Lyme Disease

Regardless of how we feel about the deer in the Country Club, they are indigenous to the area.

Anytime there are deer, there are ticks and the possibility for diseases ticks carry. One of the more serious diseases is Lyme Disease. Although Lyme Disease is rare in Texas, it does exist and can be debilitating for those afflicted.

So whether you are outside enjoying your back yard or hiking throughout the many trails in the area, protect yourself and your pets from ticks. For more information on Lyme disease there is an interesting website about the disease in Texas. <http://txlda.com/>  
Katrina Brown

## Landscaping News



“WOW”, have you seen the blooming Mountain Laurel and the firecracker plants on the medians yet? If not, drive by. Our HOA landscaper, Ralph, has been hard at work weeding, raking and fertilizing the medians and the area under the “RCC The Estates” wall. Ralph is in charge of maintaining those areas with plants, trees, and bushes that will enhance our subdivision. There is a variety of foliage such as esperanza that is getting close to blooming. Jatropha shrub, crepe myrtle trees, dusty millers, bottlebrush, and ferns are all getting ready to bud out. We hope you like the medians. Spring is around the corner as evidenced by the color now appearing on the greenery. Please enjoy it the next time you drive by!  
Jean Bush-Chiuminatta

## Your Dollars At Work!

The beautiful new sign at the Marion/Henderson intersection has finally been completed, with plans for the main entrance replacement in the near future.

