

# ROCKPORT COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES HOMEOWNERS (RCCHOA) NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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## President's Message

### STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

*"We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately"* Benjamin Franklin, 1706-1790

*The power of Strength in Numbers was clearly in evidence at recent City Council as well as Planning and Zoning Committee hearings at City Hall. Our neighbors successfully stopped or at least delayed two proposals that would have had negative impacts on our residential community.*

*Both proposals included commercial zone changes that would place businesses directly adjacent to single family homes in our neighborhood.*

*There is no doubt that a large turnout of loud and visible opponents to these proposals helped turn them back. Had only a small group shown up and offered no comments, we may well have had a different outcome*

*As our City and County continue to grow, we will undoubtedly have new challenges on our borders. It would be unrealistic to think we could stop all commercial activity around our perimeter but we can certainly make our opposition to less desirable proposals known. Our success or failure will depend on our strength in numbers.*

*If this is not another good reason to belong to your HOA (and urge your non-member neighbors to join), I don't know what is. Best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2014 - Hugh McKeon*

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, February 22, 2014

Rockport Country Club  
9:00 a.m.

Rolls and coffee will be served.  
All are invited.

## Election of Board

Five current members of the RCCHOA Board of Directors are up for re-election at the upcoming annual membership meeting. Hugh McKeon, Adelaide Marlatt, Barbara Meador and Barbara Smyth have reached the end of their two-year terms and Gil Jurenka, who was named by the Board as a replacement of a director who resigned in 2013, is running for another two-year term.

Any member who wishes to run for election to one of these five positions should submit a brief resume to RCC HOA (P. O. Box 1124, Rockport, TX 78381) that will be published on the RCCHOA website and the voting ballots at the annual meeting.

Members who do not have internet access or want to see submitted resumes prior to the meeting should contact Barbara Smyth at 361-727-0356.  
Gil Jurenka

## Deed Restriction Violation Form

There is a new form about to hit our website which is intended for community members, such as yourselves, to access and use. It gives us the ability to work together to keep our neighborhood beautiful by being in compliance with established restrictions. This particular form is easily accessed under the "Permits/Forms" tab on the front page of our web site.

We ask that you use this form to refer any infractions to us which you might notice. Also, with just a click on "Restrictions", you can review the various guidelines set out in our RCC's Covenants & Restrictions.

Once printed, fill out and sign the top portion and simply mail to RCCHOA, P.O. Box 1124, Rockport, TX 78381. With well over 600 homes and lots in our neighborhood, we much appreciate your help in this regard! – Barbs Meador/Phil Scardino

### RCC Crime Report

Good news from Officer Mark Cory at the Rockport Police Department! He reports to us that there was only one crime in RCC since our October Newsletter. That theft occurred on Marion Street in mid November when 2 rifles were taken from a garage. Cory reports the garage door had been partially open which allowed the perpetrator entrance and time to scour the enclosed area for valuables. The good news is our police department was vigilant which successfully ended this thief's spree with the rifles being recovered and an arrest made within 3 days RPD wants to warn us again that open garages, doors, windows and cars are just an invitation to steal. Cory reports that many of the crimes in RCC are due to one of the above.

Please remember, when residents as a whole are vigilant, not only for their own homes but any RCC properties, we can better help our police department to apprehend perpetrators that continue plaguing all of us.

Officer Cory emphasized **TO CALL RPD AT 790 – 1111, DAY OR NIGHT, WHENEVER YOU SEE OR HEAR ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS!** Of course, **IF THE SITUATION IS AN EMERGENCY, CALL 911!**

RCCHOA wants to thank, our own native born, Mark Cory and the Rockport Police Department for A JOB WELL DONE! – Barbs Meador

## Landscaping Corner

Winter has descended on most of the subdivision yards with a vengeance and the Traylor-entry medians show it as well. We are thankful for the green of the Mountain Laurel, oleander and ferns now as this highlights the contrast between the plants and newly spread red mulch. We will be adding some additional plants as spring approaches - as usual they have to stand the tests of being pretty, and being resistant to wind, heat, salt and deer. Keep your eyes open over the next weeks for the additions. Your HOA dollars currently are maintaining the Entry-median plants and irrigation equipment and watering times, from Business 35 to the Henderson/Traylor intersection. We also cover the contractor who mows the grassy medians up to the RCC circle, trims the palms within the oaks and trims the beds at the Estates signs at Olympic and Colonial. This year we have converted the maintenance of the plants and the irrigation system from being handled by volunteers to paid staff except for oversight and some incidental effort by Board volunteers. It takes a great deal of effort as our irrigation piping is old and the environmental growing conditions are harsh. Our goal is to provide you with a pleasant entry that also acts as a test site for plants that might be great additions to your own garden. Thanks for your kind words as you stop by - your greatest compliment is to "slow down" and "respect the safety cones" put out when workers are maintaining our medians. It is amazing how fast 35 MPH seems when you are only 3-5' away. Keep the faith! Winter is only a few months long and some cold helps reduce next spring's bugs. That is what they keep telling me! Adelaide Marlatt

## Membership

Along with your newsletter this month is our annual statement for dues. Please take a minute to look at this material, fill it out and return it with your check for \$75. A self addressed envelope has been provided for your convenience. Membership became mandatory in July of 2010 so all homes sold after that time are required to become members of the association. \$75 is such a small amount to pay to ensure that your neighborhood is well maintained and your property value is kept stable. Seven board members spend many hours overseeing the day-to-day responsibilities of maintaining the neighborhood integrity—**it seems that \$75 is a very fair price to pay.** If you have not been a member before, **the time is now!** - Barbara Smyth

## Seasonal Magic



Congrats to every family who took the time and money to decorate their homes and/or lawns with Christmas decorations. Most families really enjoy visiting the neighborhoods to see the magic created in the lights and scenes during the holidays. Papa Noel was alive and well on St. Andrews Street as you could experience wonderful Cajun gators pulling a toy filled sled. If you were lucky enough to meet Pierre Noel, you had an extra special treat! We encourage every home to decorate during the next holiday season, even if it's only a string of lights or balls hanging from the trees. Everyone enjoys these beautiful creations, no matter how big or small - Jean Bush Chiuminatta

