

ROCKPORT COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES HOMEOWNERS (RCCEHOA) NEWSLETTER

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Spring Greetings!

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Notes from the HOA President

Welcome to Issue 1 – 2016. Welcome also to our three new board members – Jennifer Racette, Debbie Steen, and Jan Sutter. Jennifer, the director in charge of Membership, will be tracking memberships and preparing Resale certificates, required during the transfer of property. Debbie, our Communications director, will maintain our email database for electronic communications. She is also setting up electronic tracking of Compliance actions. Lastly, Jan will be handling meeting minutes, correspondence, preparation of newsletters, and contacts with new property owners.

Returning Directors are Arno Penschorn and Larry Schilhabel. Arno heads the Architectural Review committee and Larry handles Compliance in areas other than Architectural. Our group serves on a volunteer basis. As president, I feel so blessed to have these talented people working with me.

It has been a very busy first quarter. Our Rockport oaks have been right in the middle of several of our projects. A major tree trimming project on the oaks and palms in the Traylor Boulevard medians was completed, and we handled a brief misunderstanding with the Republic trash personnel over the pickup of our leaves. We appreciate the City of Rockport working with us to get it taken care of amicably.

Please read Larry Schilhabel's article which clarifies what the pickup agreement is, going forward, between Republic and city trash pickup customers. Please cooperate with the guidelines set forth so that our economical trash pickup rates will continue. for all

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The city's project of trimming overhanging oak limbs on streets was also most welcome. As the weather warms, homeowners should remember that the palm trees scattered around our homes also need to be trimmed to ward off mice, roaches, and other pests that may take up residence in the dead fronds. Be a good neighbor; give the palms and trees a good trim and dispose of trimmings as soon as possible.

Neighbors, we are also experiencing crime incidents again. Lock up, light up, and shut garage doors! **DON'T ALLOW EASY ENTRANCE** or access to *a few of your Favorite Things!*

Thanks to all of you for your support and continuing interest in keeping our neighborhoods safe and beautiful.

*Adelaide Marlatt, President,
RCCE HOA*



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Collection Service

If you missed our e-mail to you on April 8, the City of Rockport has reaffirmed its rules for our curbside collection service as follows:

-Up to six 30-gallon containers (bags or cans combined) will be picked up each collection day.

-Contents can be household and/or yard waste. Yard waste includes leaves or small clippings in bags.

-Large yard trash in tied bundles, including branches, palm fronds, etc., can be put out on the 2nd and 4th Fridays each month.

One more reminder: Our storm drains are a closed, self-contained system that directs all of our water runoff into the lakes and holding ponds on the golf course. Please seal trash bags and securely cover cans so that the wind and rain don't send our junk down the gutter and into our lakes. Thanks for being a good neighbor!

*Larry Schilhabel, Compliance,
RCCE HOA*

Transfer Fee for New Homeowners

At its April 4 meeting, the RCC HOA Board unanimously voted to implement a \$125 transfer fee, payable by property buyers *at time of closing*. This fee will apply to all real estate transactions involving RCCE properties closing on May 1, 2016, and thereafter.

Our research indicates that this fee is comparable to those charged by other HOAs in and around Rockport and throughout the Coastal Bend area. Annual HOA dues remain at \$75 and are separate from the property transfer fee.

As the 2016 Membership Director for the HOA, I am your contact for HOA documents and fees required at closing for all real estate transactions involving properties located in RCCE. Feel free to contact me at any time if you have questions regarding HOA rules and the deed restrictions from which those rules are derived.

My phone number is 361-813-1599 and my e-mail address is: rcce.hoa.membership@gmail.com

*Jennifer Racette,
RCCE HOA
Membership Director*



Where Does the Money Go?

As treasurer of the Homeowners Association (HOA) responsible for paying the bills, it is easy for me to see where your money goes, but sometimes we need to step back and make certain that YOU know where your money goes.

Already this year we have trimmed the trees all along Traylor Blvd. These trees had not been trimmed in six years and were badly in need of trim maintenance. Last year we purchased 20 flagpoles, and with the trees now trimmed, we plan to add a few more flagpoles to even out the spacing so that the boulevard will look even more dramatic on flag-flying holidays.

We are soon to convene the sign committee to replace the entrance sign on Traylor Boulevard. As you know, last year we added a sign to the Henderson Street entrance and decided it was time to have a new sign at the Traylor entrance. This is a sizable expense, but the sign is rapidly deteriorating. We want to make certain that our signs reflect the beautiful neighborhood in which we live.

Lastly, we also spend money on maintenance for the Traylor Blvd. medians, the Henderson/Marion corner, and the Estates sign bed. Additionally we pay insurance costs and professional fees for filing tax returns and legal consultation, plus a holiday gathering reinstated two years ago.

*Katrina Brown,
RCCE HOA
Treasurer*



Did You Know?

Rockport Country Club offers a Seasonal Family Swimming Membership for \$375 plus tax for use of the swimming pool from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Stop by the main club house or call 729-8324 for more information. Anyone outside the family (guests of said member) will be charged \$5.

In addition, RCC now offers a new Tennis Membership for a fee of \$102.83 per month for a single membership and \$129.90 for a family membership (includes all taxes and applicable fees).



Check with Jimmy Aleman at the Tennis Shop for more information. It's a great sport for the entire family. Also ask Jimmy about the Summer Program offered for tennis/swimming/arts and crafts.



If you have children or grandchildren who are interested in golf, check out the RCC Junior Golf Clinic June 14-17. The clinic will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tuesday through Friday and will cover many aspects of the game, including full swing with video analysis, putting, chipping, pitching, sand play, proper course etiquette and the rules of golf. The cost is \$75 per student. For more information, call the Pro Shop at 729-4182.