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President's Message

*“One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up governed by your inferiors”
Plato (c. 428 BC- c. 348 BC)*

In all seriousness (and apologies to Plato) this message is a call for help to our members. The current Board of Directors is actively looking for new faces with new ideas and fresh energies, as replacements.

This is not a high stress job but a terrific chance to make a positive difference in your Community. How many times have you thought to yourself “Why did they do it that way?” or “I would have done so differently”, well now's your chance.

I have served for nearly four years; two as VP, two as Pres, and all four on Architectural Control and I know I'm getting stale. Others have served even longer. It seems unfair for a community of 580+ property owners to delegate authority to the same small group for so long, especially as the positions can be so rewarding.

By almost any measure, the current Board has been a rousing success.

We have more members (both voluntary and mandatory) more money in the bank, more beautiful landscaping, much more compliance with our rules and regs, no legal entanglements, and we were able to “beat back” two attempts at disastrous zoning changes on our borders.

Not bad, but I think it's time to “pass the torch”. At least for me.

Please contact any Board Member with questions or comments and if you want to get involved and think you can help, please don't hesitate.

Thank you...Hugh McKeon



HOLIDAY GATHERING For Members

Tuesday, December 9th

5:00 – 7:00

Rockport Country Club

Appetizers

Cash Bar

Door Prizes

RSVP:

rcce.hoa@gmail.com

or 727-0356

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 9th when we will gather at the Rockport Country Club for some holiday spirit and great food. This is a wonderful time to meet your neighbors and see your friends. Please RSVP so we can plan accordingly for food! See you there!



Reminder

A quick memo to owners and their Real Estate agents of vacant Country Club lots:

Once your lot has been cleared of original growth it must be maintained by continued mowing, weed eradication and litter pick-up. This is not only HOA rules but more importantly a City of Rockport ordinance.

The City has the authority to clean up vacant property that has been allowed to deteriorate, bill the owner for the service and file a lien on the property if unpaid. The HOA has no such authority. The HOA will pass along vacant lot complaints to the City if necessary, and reminds neighbors that a complaint from them directly to the City using their online "Fix it Form" is also very helpful.

The "Fix It Form" can be found here:
www.cityofrockport.com/forms

COMPLIANCE

Dumping is not just a problem RCC faces in the summertime. Compliance works with lot owners as well as residential owners to keep their properties within the restrictions. Recently, we have had complaints about tree limbs, grass, brush and other debris being disposed of on other peoples' properties.

How would you like it if such things happened on your property? Please be alert for such activity on any property within our community and report it to Barbs Meador through her email address listed on the front page. If you could give a description of the person(s) involved along with the much needed license number, we will check it out and hopefully stop the illegal and costly dumping that is occurring within our community.

Remember, it takes our whole community working together!
Thanks!

MEMBERSHIP

To date, we have a total of 372 members out of 591 homeowners, which represents about 63% of all residences in RCC. It's still a huge bargain at only \$75 per year when you consider most home owner associations charge by the month! Each year your Board works to keep things beautiful within the subdivision and we are always working to ensure that our area is the best it can be! **Thank you for your continued support.**

Landscaping Corner

Rockport's 2nd growing season is closing as cold air appears early and the temperatures drop. We are looking for things that thrive in the cooler night air - if you have plants that are looking better now and can survive the deer foraging, email the information to rcce.hoa@gmail.com Home owners learned about the Flax Lily in just this way.

We would like to thank Ralph Chiuminata and Clarence Butler, the contractors who work to keep our flower & grass medians looking nice. We know some of you stop and make nice comments or wave. Remember also, to slow down when they or their crews are working in the area. 30 MPH seems very fast when the cars fly by right beside you.

The project of revitalizing the Olympic planters is almost complete, funded by a gift from a property owner & RCCE-HOA. We hope you enjoy this new area. Next, work will be done at the Henderson/Marion Street entrance sign. This area is where the network of utility lines serving part of the subdivision is located. We will have a final marking of lines prior to sign installation and create a small, low maintenance planted area around the sign.

Seasonal Reminder

Just a reminder to all our residents that we are moving into the holiday season which means we need to be alert to what's happening in our neighborhood. One of the main things we should all do during this time is to keep our homes locked, garage doors down, security systems engaged and automobiles locked at all times. We have had one or two automobile break-ins, but they have all been because the cars were left unlocked. Let's make it hard for a thief to break into our residences.

Happy Thanksgiving to All!

