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President's Message

Welcome to Fall in Rockport - days are shorter & cooler and our summer travelers are coming back home. Much has changed since the last newsletter – New Landscaping is flourishing at Marion & Henderson and Olympic & Colonial. Summer rains have made our landscapes and native vegetation beautiful. We are blessed to live in this beautiful place!

With the arrival of the first north breezes, the hurricane season is essentially over for 2015.....Happy Day – it was uneventful except for the wonderful rains.

How did you like the flags the Association installed for the 4th Of July and again for Labor Day weekend. Homeowner Jerry Brown

volunteered to do the labor to put them together and the daily job of putting them out and removing them in the evenings. Please join me in saluting him and thanking him for this effort. He was assisted by Larry Schilhabel and Ralph Chiuminatta. It made me very proud to drive by them on Traylor Blvd. and see the colors fluttering in the breezes. Look for them again on Veterans Day and other occasions throughout the year.

Our Architectural Committee has been working diligently approving plans for new homes. Soon we will have six projects underway in some stage of development. It is great fun to drive around and see new homeowners inspecting projects and working with builders.

The opening of the last quarter, 2015 means it is time to begin recruiting volunteers to serve on our Board of Directors for 2016. Effective with the annual meeting in February, 2016, 2 – 3 very key members will be leaving our Board team. We need at least two “computer- literate” members to become a part of the board. Although new members are not elected to positions, we need these skills to help manage the functions of association administration. You also will need a desire to work with your neighbors in helping manage and maintain our community and enjoy working with the Board as a team! If you are interested, please email me at rce.hoa@gmail.com and I will provide additional information.

Lastly, the fun! We are asking you to “Save the Date” of December 8, 2015 for our members’ Christmas Holiday Gathering at RCC. This event is our holiday “meet and greet” before the high season arrival of family and friends. We hope you will join us for this get together and look forward to visiting with those we know well and the large number of you who have

moved into the neighborhood throughout 2015.

In closing, I'd like to tell you I am honored to serve as your President this year. My husband John & I have watched and been a part of the development of this subdivision for 13 years. We truly call it “Home”.
 - Adelaide Marlatt

Flag Etiquette



On behalf of the Board of Directors, we hope all of you have noticed our beautiful flags on Traylor Blvd. We are proud we can now display the colors on appropriate holidays. We thought it might be a good time to remind our homeowners of a few brief points of flag etiquette so you, too, can display the colors correctly.

- Flags should only be displayed between sunrise and sunset unless illuminated. For those who want to fly their flags at night, there are several inexpensive options for lights, including a solar powered light that sits atop the pole.
- Flags should not be displayed during stormy or rainy weather. There is an exception if the flag is made of all-weather fabric.
- Flags should be mended and cleaned or replaced when they become torn or frayed.
- If your flag is beyond repair and it is time to retire it, many American Legion posts or Boy Scout or Girl Scout troops will gladly dispose of your flag in the accepted and dignified manner.
- If your flag cannot be lowered to half-staff on appropriate occasions, you can add a black streamer to the top of the pole. It should be a little shorter than the flag is long.

Thank you all for supporting this project and let's display our flags proudly!

Architectural Control

As I'm sure everyone has noticed, there is a lot of activity in new home construction going on in the subdivision. Moving into the Fall I anticipate this pace to continue. Construction of a house can be a disruption not only to neighbors but also to the traffic at the site. Please drive carefully in these areas and be safe.

Compliance

Thank you friends for being aware of and observing rules to keep our RCC neighborhood a pleasant place to live. This summer there have been fewer complaints concerning boats, trailers, RV's, etc. than in the past 4 years. Concerns reported most have been due to lack of yard maintenance and previously-mowed lots that have not been maintained thereafter. Of course we would all like our neighbors, owners of yards and lots, to mow every seven to ten days. Many times though this does not happen and when complaints are reported your HOA sends reminders stating maintenance is necessary. Lots are a bit different though in that our City protects "Natural State" and then we are in a situation of just what "Natural State" is. Our redemption for this concern though is near. Have you noticed how rapidly our vacant lots are disappearing? The reason for this is that our neighborhood is widely known as an impressive and friendly Rockport community.

Thank you neighbors for keeping our RCC community one of the best in Rockport!



Friendly Reminder

Care of the Golf Course

If you live directly on the golf course and there is something on golf course property you want to change, please call the RCC General Manager, Thomas O'Neal (729-8324) to discuss your request.

We have had occasions where people have applied herbicides to kill off unwanted grasses, or attempted to change or improve drainage situations, which ultimately caused more problems to restore them than before. Think of the golf course as your neighbor and get permission to change or improve physical items by talking with Mr. O'Neal before you or someone you hire takes action on RCC property.

Crime Precautions

Is Crime a Problem: Crime of many kinds happens throughout our country including Rockport, and often our beautiful, laid-back subdivision seems like an ideal place for thieves to "shop". Remember the rules which have been stressed on several occasions:

1. Assure windows are locked and deadbolts are setting with a "click" so they cannot be reopened.

2. Light your property as much as possible. New LED fixtures cost more at installation, but come with cheaper operating costs. They also add beauty and value to your home. Remember a thief does not usually enter a well lit home.

3. Install a security system for safety and peace of mind. It's never too late to install a wireless system – it works even in older homes.

4. Take the time to close your garage doors. Stop giving appliance seekers time to shop your garage or gain entry into your home through what is usually an unlocked house door in the garage.

Lastly, be a part of your area's Neighborhood Watch. If you see someone or something that doesn't look right for your neighborhood, call (361) 729-1111 and report it to our Rockport Police. In that way, we will make it known that our neighborhood is **NOT AN EASY TARGET!**



Save the Date:

December 8th for our annual holiday gathering—more information will be coming in email blasts—do we have your current email address—please let us know if there's a change.



Have a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving!