# THE NEWSLETTER

#### ROYAL PARK CONDOMINIUM APARTMENTS, INC.

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AUGUST 1995

## The Gavel Unravels

by Patti Lynn, R.P. President
Well, thank you God, Hurricane
Erin decided to leave us alone

Doug, Tom, and Sean deserve our thanks. We examined the property (nothing like riding inanely in an open golf cart in the rain!!), and started fixing what had to be done. It took a lot more time than it should have, because of our residents' negligence. Let me go over a couple of things: A lot of you have your little gardens, plants, bird feeders, and stuff like that out on the property, also, hoses to keep those gardens green. In a hurricane, hoses whip around, breaking pipes, potted plants are like missiles, flung through the air with such force, that not only can they cause damage, but, if they hit a person, they could kill.

We need to do one of two things: Either, live up to the letter of the law, as far as our documents are concerned. and PROHIBIT any alteration of the common grounds, OR, set up a hurricane committee in each building. so that those items which are dangerous will be removed and secured prior to the arrival of a storm. I think the plants look nice. The individuality at each building, though illegal, according to our documents, brings a little more of a "homey" feeling into our complex, BUT we can't provide "hominess" at the condo's expense. So, it's time to develop some contingency plans to be sure that the exterior of our buildings do not constitute a threat to our residents. We all have neighbors who can't secure their own premises, and like good neighbors everywhere, we

## **Special Board Meeting**

The RP Board of Governors held a meeting on Thursday night, 8/10/95, 7:30 PM, to review the performance of Crest Property Management. Board members in attendance were: Patti Lynn – President, Barbara Carlon – Secretary, and Russell Mitchell – Treasurer.

At the meeting Patti Lynn expressed concern about certain costs that we are incurring. Also, some owners have expressed concern that the cut back of outside employees to three employees is not adequate to do the job. Owners noted that previous management was continually making repairs to apartment front doors. Unofficially, there is reported to be over 50 owners waiting for front door repairs and no scheduled repair date set by present management.

Mr. Don Castagno, president of Crest Property Management, attended the meeting and defended his company's performance.

The Board voted by a 3 to 0 vote to carefully observe Crest's performance for the next 30 days. It should also be noted that our contract with Crest originally included a 90 day termination notice, but by agreement of the Board and Mr. Castagno, the 90 day termination notice will no longer be in effect.

#### Welcome New Residents

Weerapong Timakorn &	
Prapoj Srinuwattiwong	109-4H
Raymond Speaker	120-3Н
Karen Merritt	120-1C
Kathryn Tully	102-1F
Brenda Venema	111-1C
Perry Karas	101-4F
Kristine Hall	

## **Thank You**

Jane Baker, Building Rep. Chairperson

Thank you Building Reps. for contacting owners who had not sent in their proxies. Owners should be a little more interested in the operation of Royal Park and attend meetings when possible. We will miss Winnie and Joe Miller who have moved to California. Winnie was my Building Rep. assistant and did an excellent job. Ruth Thompson will now be my Building Rep. Assistant.

## Water crisis goes beyond Royal Park!

"We are warning the world that there is a huge problem looming out there."

-Ismais Serageldin, an executive with the World Bank which has issued a report warning that unless trends are reversed the Earth will have a worsening water crisis.

Looking at it another way, as Americans, we use 6.8 billion gallons of water a day flushing toilets, the equivalent of a half mile-high toilet flushing a major league baseball stadium.

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

The new summer hours for the Royal Park Office, effective 8/2/95 through 10/3/95 is 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM. The Management

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## City Watch

by Patti Lynn City Liaison

Can another month be gone already??? It has, and some of our problems have gone too! HOWEVER, others keep raising their ugly heads, so let's take a look. The RIGHT TURN ONLY lane for eastbound traffic at Powerline and 38th has been restored. As of 8/04/95 they hadn't put the right turn only sign up, but they have promised to do it in the next few days. A Royal Park Accomplishment!!!

The GARBAGE issue is one which is taking up too much city time and dollars. We could save our tax dollars being wasted... AND, reduce OUR maintenance fees if everyone who reads this column takes 5 MINUTES and writes a letter to Oakland Park City Manager Skip Johnston requesting that he cancel the program that is requesting bids from outside companies to pick up our trash... ACCEPT the weight based system of garbage removal in the City of Oakland Park. Folks, this new method of collecting trash would cut our monthly bill, (It's now \$6,090.00 a month), by at LEAST HALF!!! That was not a typo... Our bill is \$6,090.00 a month. Right now, the bill is based on the size of our dumpsters...The same size as Peter Pan Diner, Denny's Restaurant, and a zillion small businesses in the city. If we have 300 pounds of trash in our dumpster, Peter Pan has 2200 pounds, we get charged EXACTLY THE SAME!!! Now, the "tipping" fees that it costs the city to dump the trash truck is based on the weight of the garbage that is in the truck!!! So, WHO DO YOU THINK IS PAYING TO DUMP PETER PAN'S TRASH???? WE ARE!!! The county incinerator and landfill charges by the weight...THAT'S WHAT WE WANT. How would it make you feel if they "averaged" our electric bills??? Basically, that's what's happening. YOU EACH HAVE THE POWER TO FIX THIS PROBLEM. So, when it's time for our new budget, what's it going to be, \$6,090.00 a month, or maybe \$3000??? The choice is yours. Write the letter. Help your board help you. As far as the privatization issue is concerned, which private company was out there during the ERIN warnings, picking up trash??? NOT ONE. But, the City of Oakland Park was. Why do private companies want to come in here??? BECAUSE THERE IS MONEY TO BE MADE. I would be glad to share with you the prices that private companies are charging in Fort Lauderdale, Wilton Manors, Pompano, etc... They are almost double our rates, and you get once a month bulk trash pick up...Ours is ON DEMAND. Now, WHO has the better system??? If it ain't broke, DON'T FIX IT!!!

The City Commission meeting for August 16, 1995, has been canceled. So, don't plan to attend. City government will go on however, so write your letters. If you don't want to use a stamp, put it in an envelope addressed to Skip Johnston, and drop it at the office...We'll get them there.

Enough for now... I hope you're coping with the railroad crossing being closed. PLEASE... allow extra time... use caution... and stay alert. I'll need readers for next month's report.

## Crest Property Management

by Don Castagno

President of Crest Property Management

We would like to remind you of certain things that can cause you and us grief if you do not follow the rules:

- (a) Parking-
  - 1. Must have current license tag
  - 2. Must have current Royal Park decal
  - 3. No lettering on vehicle
  - 4. Must be able to be driven (no flat tires, engine that works,

etc.)

- (b) Guards If you have a guest visiting the property, you must call them in to the guardhouse (739-2220). If the guest is a "walk-in" he/she must get a pass from the office to show the guard as he/she enters the property. Please do not abuse the guards. They are providing a safer environment for you. If you goofed and forgot to call the guard to gain access for your visitor, don't take it out on the guard. Unfortunately, we have only one (1) lane entering the property and the guard cannot call you for verification. Your visitor should simply go to the nearest phone and call you, explain the problem and you can get it resolved by calling the guardhouse.
- (c) Maintenance The men work off of a schedule. We try to prioritize the urgent problems plus they have a long list of things to do. Please do not stop them to tell them of your problems. The proper procedure is to put a note in the office and we will address the problem. The complex is vast and the men must have direction or there will be a great deal of time lost by driving their cart from one end of the property to the other, by conversation with owners, etc. Please to not think they are rude if they tell you the problem must go through the office. They are doing exactly what they are instructed to do. They do side work after normal hours so if you would like them to do a special job for you, simply write a note and put it in the office. They will contact you after 3:30 PM.
- (d) Elevators The elevators are a problem. We get stuck in them, we can't get to a particular floor because the elevator passes it, the elevators do not level and there are a host of other problems. We have secured bids to do major work on the elevators.We will address the problem at our first meeting after the summer. You've been very patient and another 30-60 days of patience is requested. The elevator maintenance company does respond to our

calls promptly. It seems that the elevators are just too old to operate properly without major work being done. This is a beautiful facility that requires a face-lift. We are attempting to beautify the complex with available funds, a terrific staff, cooperation and guidance from the Board of Governors and most of all....your help!!

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### **Bits & Pieces**

by Adrian K

ot many of you called this past month with newsy stuff for this column, but the RP office gave me enough for the year, so

each month I'll include some of those reminders.

The Office needs current license plate numbers, so please call with your changes and make sure the right numbers are on file. Owners-is your decal legible?? If not, you may get a new one at the office.

Friends of GEORGE GRANGER may call him or visit or send cards to Manor Pines Convalescent Home, Room 196, 1701 NE 26 St., Wilton Manors, Phone-566-353. We're happy to have MARGARET D'AGOSTA and BUNNY BLACKWOOD out of the hospital and back in the Park. We hope UNA FOLEY took her traveling shoes from FLL to MA to Ireland, back to MA and FLL.

CHECK INFO from The Office-Post-dated checks and checks put on hold and deposited after the 15th of the month will have a late charge. Checks returned by the bank for any reason will not be re deposited. A new check must be issued, including bank charges and late fees if applicable. No exceptions.

NOTICE to foreign unit owners: We are now subject to a foreign check processing fee which is being charged to us by our financial institution. We must pass this charge of \$1.50 per check on to you. If this applies to you, please add \$1.50 to any check written to RP (I.E. maintenance fees). Please, include your building & unit number on your check when sending in your maintenance & rec. payment. In so doing, we can be sure that the proper account is credited Where applicable, all payments upon account shall be applied first to interest and late charges and then the assessment payment first due.

JACK & MARIANNE O'MALLEY escaped to Chicago for some warm weather. We're all jealous! . RP friends and neighbors, GERRY & CAROL WALDMAN seen walking the roads of RP. Sadness struck RP with the passing

of MICHAEL DAVID CARHART, on July 2. For those of us who had the pleasure of knowing Mike, he showed us hope, desire, faith, trust, purpose and determination. To his friends & family, I say that you were blessed with having this extraordinary human being in your life.

Don't forget to get those proxies in the office as soon as possible, voting to change the Amendment percentages from 75% to 50%. There seems to be a misconception that if the percentages are lowered, the Board will have more power. That couldn't be further from the truth, as the Board has NO power when it comes to changing anything in our Documents, a.k.a. Blue Book. Keep in mind that our Documents were written almost 20 years ago by the developers of RP and they were written to suit themselves, not the unit owners. A lot of what's in the Blue Book is antiquated today and we are headed toward stagnation if something isn't done soon. If you misplaced your proxy or want to change your vote, you may pick one up in the office. but PLEASE, please vote one way or the other, if for nothing else but to show you're thinking about your community.

THE City has made recycling much easier for all of us by not having to separate the cans, bottles and plastics. Those items go in the outside bins and the middle bin is for NEWSPAPERS ONLY. Recycling is a MUST and we have an added bonus by recycling.. we can lower our maintenance if we can lower the weight in our dumpsters, because once we are on the "weightbased system", our garbage rates will be a fraction of what they are now. So, I urge those of you who don't recycle to start doing so, not just because we're supposed to or that it's good for the environment and our children's future, BUT it may be money in our pockets.

So sorry to learn that BARBARA CARLON & JOSEPHINE TYMAN'S Alaskan cruise fell through. You know, gals, the Ft. Lauderdale water taxi has a relaxing 30-minute jaunt up the north fork of the New River. You might consider something like that as an option, but the casino may be somewhat of a disappointment, MARY MAILLET, 121's Bld.. Rep, finally convinced her sister,

KATHRYN TULLY, to join her in RP in Bid., 102. Welcome!! ALICE RAY of 106 is recovering from surgery. Quick to heal, Alice. CHUCK & MARYANN ZLOCH moved back to RP from Coral Springs into Bid.. 106. What took you so long, folks?? Rumor has it that MARETTE & ARSENNE (AJ) ST.PIERRE are celebrating a 50th wedding anniversary. Your friends wish your day to be a golden one.

One more thing...does your kitchen sink back up on occasion? I thought so! Here's how to help it not back up. First of all don't put grease down there...but if you must, mix the grease with very hot water and detergent and run the disposal as you're pouring it down the drain all the while running hot water from the tap to flush it out. Second, use cold water in the disposer when you're grinding garbage and don't just run the disposer for a few seconds. You can tell by the sound of the motor when it's completely ground up, and let the cold water run several seconds after you turn off the disposer to flush everything out. And, we all know that the disposer must be empty before running the dishwasher. Instead of tossing out that old box of baking soda from the fridge, run it through the disposer... not the box, sillys.

#### Correction

In the July issue, "Bits & Pieces", we misspelled Jane Dougherty's name. We apologize and hope we got it right this time.

In Memoriam MICHAEL DAVID CARHART

#### RP CONDO FOR SALE

114-2B, 2nd floor, back on market, foreclosure, 2/2, new carpet & paint. \$33,900 Broward Brokers

Howard Gordon 962-6300

1st floor

2nd floor

3rd floor

4th floor

33309-6513

33309-6514

33309-6515

33309-6516

Mail Call					
by Joe Gambino		Building 105	Zip+4	Building 114	Zip+4
Here we are, Augus	t already!	1st floor	33309-5870	1st floor	33309-6533
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Please do A.S.A.P., as it		Building 106	Zip+4	Building 115	Zip+4
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# is missing, and extrem		2nd floor	33309-6518	2nd floor	33309-5845
employees not familiar		3rd floor	33309-6519	3rd floor	33309-5879
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John Doe		Building 107	Zip+4	Building 116	Zip+4
Mary Doe		1st floor	33309-5872	1st floor	33309-6537
Apt 1A		2nd floor	33309-5837	2nd floor	33309-6539
		3rd floor	33309-5871	3rd floor	33309-6540
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Oakland Park, FL		3rd floor	33309-5873	3rd floor	33309-6544
33309-5857		4th floor	33309-5838	4th floor	33309-6545
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2nd floor	33309-6510	3rd floor	33309-5875	3rd floor	33309-6548
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4th floor

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## **Around Royal Park**

John G. Binder

ook time off to smell the roses. Futile. The bushes retired, like George... The cameras on Ch. 38 are not flattering. JOE HLASNY'S green thumb showed purple...SLICK JOHNSTON'S 6/29 letter states "citizen initiated for permanent closure of N.W. 39th Street..." That is known as being policktically correct... August is National Water Quality Month. In RP, every month is Water Quantity Month...The overflow into our Treasury well is due in part to the tap and pipe work in the trenches by BARBARA (in comparison, FARAWAY FAUCET is a drip) CARLON and her Water & Sewer Comm. of '93 and '94...Tri Rail/Amtrak lose money. Will now have twice the means to continue. This is not a case of greasing the skids, just laying more skids...International Clown Week began 8/7, the eff. date of detour... After getting potted, many persons feel that they have urned the right to place plants in our paths...The maintenance staff has been cut from 4 to 3. Office hours reduced by 2 daily. Soon the Office will be open during Lunch Hour only and doors will be painted by robots...In three different articles, PREZ PATTI has chirped about the beauty of birds on the wing. They perch on my window sill and peck at their ugly image with malice aforethought. The staccato is abrupt, sharp and disconnected. How can we shoo them back to PATTI?...Civic Holiday (Canada except Quebec) 8/7. Expected a report on this from ARMANDE TREMBLAY. Her column is missed. September?...The Editor's Internet address is willy214@gate.net...R.P. Vets remember 8/14/45 as VJ DAY...The Board moves from Vacations to Positions 8/24. Agenda: Admissions, Bastions, Contradictions, Depletions, Erections, Fabrications, Germinations, Habitations, Imitiations, Juxtapositions, K Rations, Lamentations, Manipulations, Numerations, Oppositions, Propositions, Quotations, Repetitions, Sanctions, Trepidations, Undulations, Valuations, Waterrations, Xclamations, Yessirtations, Zealations...BITS AND PIECES by ADRIAN K. is a most welcome addition to each edition...POWERHOUSE PATTI placed at Flagler \$3.20, ALONG CAME MITCH won at Palm Beach \$5.20, GO RUN DAVID won at P.B. \$15.60, FLAG BARBARA confined to Kennel. Flagged, HERBACEOUS being schooled, EDITOR BILL no press, SNEAKY JOHN paces at Pompano, cant't find finish line...JGB.■

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111	2/2	3rd floor, very clean, storm shutters, rec. lease paid	\$46,500
103	2/2	2nd floor, sharp, many upgrades, rec. lease paid	
106	2/2	Beautiful park view, white tile, sharp	
120	2/2	1st floor, on canal, storm shutters, many upgrades, rec. lease paid	\$47,500
		Royal Park Apartments For Rent	
109	1/1	Fourth floor, canal view.	\$450
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M	39	\$63
F	38	\$98
Dep. #1	0-19	\$44
Dep. #1	0-19	\$44
Base F	rem/Moi	nth \$241

Sex	Age	Prem
M	49	\$96
F	48	\$120
Dep. #1	0-19	\$44
Dep. #1		\$44
Base Pr		nth \$296

Sex	Age	Prem
M	59	\$175
F	58	\$175
Dep. #1	0-19	\$44
Dep. #1		\$44
Base Pr		nth \$440

#### ----- UNRAVELS CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE -----

all took care of each other. That's wonderful, but we also need to take care of the exterior of our apartments so that we don't inadvertently hurt one of our neighbors. It sounds like a committee that Al Basile should head, but he doesn't even know that we need this committee. Talk to him, maybe he'll do it.

The new office hours seem to be working okay. Annette, our longtime secretary asked to be able to take advantage of those lazy, hazy days of summer, and sleep in. The board and management company agreed. It will continue until October 3, 1995, unless we find that we are seriously impacting our residents. So far, it seems to be okay. We are not closing for lunch, and Joane is in the office until 5 PM.

The special meeting will have been held by the time this article comes out. The board had some questions about the costs that we have incurred. The board's job, (and it's the lowest paid job I've ever had), is to oversee the operation of this condo. If there is an on-sight manager, we, the board, review expenses, proposed contracts, etc...The same applies to a management company. Questions

need to be addressed, and answers need to be given. The special meeting was, if someone sees a problem, it may only be addressed by a quorum of the board, and if there is a quorum, then there MUST be a public meeting. By now, you all know the outcome.

There are a lot more things that I'd like to include here, but, I'm kind of sick of being referred to as "The Mouth Of The South", so I'm going to close with just a little funny thing: I, generally, don't do the pool routine. That is, I've never spent time at any of our pools. HOWEVER, two weeks ago, on a Sunday, I decided to take myself to the pool to read and do pool things, swimming, splashing, cooling off... Well, I had never believed good ol' Herbie Kaye, when he used to tell me, "well, I get so many complaints when I'm at the pool!" He must be a glutton for punishment...I haven't been back to the pool since...I told Tommy and Joe, "Hey, it's Sunday, it's my day off". They didn't' listen. So. Herbie. I'm sorry I doubted all those complaints...BUT, to you who are complaining...PLEASE put the complaints in writing...It's the only way that the board can act without raising charges of discrimination,

harassment, and all those kind of things.

Please stay safe throughout the rest of the summer. If the sun ever comes back out, be sure to use sunscreen... check on your disabled neighbors...Enjoy yourselves and be here next month for another exciting(????) report on what's happening in Royal Park.

Oh, before I go, for those of you who use the laundry rooms and leave the door open and/or the lights on, STOP IT!!! You're annoying those folks who live near the laundry rooms, and you're costing us in electrical dollars, and for those of you who insist on putting your drink containers and junk mail in the elevator ash trays, Get A Life...How much time does it take you to be a responsible citizen of Royal Park??? Condo living means doing everything we can NOT to infringe on anyone else's life. It's easy...If you need a mother to take care of you, and pick up after you, and close the doors and turn off the lights behind you, then please, find mom. We, in Royal Park, are considerate adults.

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