

THE NEWSLETTER

ROYAL PARK CONDOMINIUM APARTMENTS, INC.

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The Gavel Unravels

by Patti Lynn, R.P. President

When this issue of the Newsletter reaches your home, we will have undergone many changes in Royal Park. However, many things may STILL be the same.

We will have a new Board of Directors, a seven member board, as decided by the residents. Our owners moaned and groaned about the five member board being too small. Yet, by filing time, only 4 unit owners elected to run. Of those four, two have withdrawn. The optimist in me says that people are satisfied with the way Royal Park is being run. The pessimist is saying that no one cares enough to do anything but gripe and complain.

Volunteering in Royal Park, for the Association, is almost non-existent. We have our own little city here, and although many donate their time and energies to other organizations outside our gates, not many seem to realize that the association would welcome some participation. There are "crunch" times in the office, when Arlene could use some telephone, letter stuffing, bulletin posting or proxy soliciting help. Get your name on a list, so that YOU can help keep Royal Park a real community. (This does not mean that we do not recognize those who do volunteer with screening, building reps., etc...it just means that we need more people involved).

As with the outside world, Royal Park experienced its own little crime wave in January. We don't have an exact count of the bicycles that were stolen, but it was more than 15. As a result, we have met "Deb" Lytle, an Oakland Park Police Officer, who tried to instruct our residents in Crime Watch techniques and personal safety practices. We had a vehicle stolen in January also, although it has been recovered. The common denominator in these crimes is our own residents were the bad guys.

Of course, the first issue brought up was screening. Unfortunate. Screening is not the issue. Our volunteer screening committee is shackled by our documents. They must abide by our association rules, regs, and governing documents. For everyone who is upset with some of our residents, I ask, are you one of the 184 owners who decided NOT TO VOTE??? As of today, February 4, 1995, we have 438 YES, change the documents votes, 49 NO, the documents are wonderful votes, and almost 200 people who haven't returned a proxy. Sixty five percent of our residents want to change the documents.

There are those who have said, well, if you made it 66 2/3, I'd vote for it, but not 50% plus one. That means that one person could make a difference. I don't want to preach, but let's get real here. WE ARE THE ASSOCIATION, and for the last 3 years, we have been unable to hold an annual meeting, because we couldn't get proxies from 50% plus one of our residents!!!! (as of today, again, only 216 people have submitted a proxy for our meeting, which is tomorrow!). Yes, I know, "Well, I'm going to attend, so I don't need to submit a proxy".

A proxy is submitted as a substitution for your attendance. **SUBMIT ONE!!**. If you attend, you may cancel your proxy and represent yourself. If you get a great opportunity to go out for dinner, or if the love of your life shows up at 6:00 PM, or if there is an emergency, and your family needs you, you and I both know that you won't attend the meeting. That's why there are proxies. So, if there's NO emergency, or if that love of your life DIDN'T show up, and if everything is hunky-dory with your family, then you come to the meeting and revoke your proxy. It's easy. Too late now,

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Bits & Pieces

by Arlene Kenealy

First off, I was asked to mention that RP's new office hours are from 8 AM to 5 PM and closed for lunch from 12 PM to 1 PM, Monday - Friday. Consolidated Community Management, Royal Park's management company, phone number is 341-7500. Sonnie Kircher is our on-site property manager. Please make a note of it. Consolidated recently hired Arlene to man (or is it woman) the Royal Park office. Just a reminder that Joane Cone, RP's crackerjack bookkeeper is in the office Monday - Friday from 1 PM to 5 PM.

Hidden cash in health insurance: If you and your spouse both receive family medical coverage through your employers, you should take advantage of each other's plans. Reason: Most insurance plans pay 80% of routine medical bills - but many partners forget they can file with their spouse's plan for whatever wasn't initially paid by their own insurer. Big Plus: Many plans allow you to go back three years to file a spouse's unsubmitted claims. Helpful: Set up three folders - one for each spouse's medical claims and a third for those claims that are to be filed with the other spouse's plan. Source: Armstrong Welch & MacIntyre financial advisers.

VERY, VERY IMPORTANT: Please make sure that your name and apartment number are on the outside of your mailbox as well as inside, in the plastic card holder on the back wall of the box. Whoever gets mail delivered to your apartment must have their name in view. I'm told that the office will have the long strip listing the residents, updated very soon. At screening, all new residents are given a mailbox label with their last name and apt. number. If you lost it, come on in for another one. Our new permanent mailman, TOM LACEY, started delivering

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Canadian Corner *by Armande B. Tremblay*

Hi Folks, January was a very busy month as you did see, "The Royal Park Men's Club rides again." They started with a Picnic: hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, & soda all you could eat for \$20.00, over 100 people attended this event from 3:00 till 7:00 PM. (a competition with McDonald's) but GUY's hamburgers are a lot more tastier then theirs.

Second event: Pot Luck, if all you guys in Royal Park that are not yet members of the club could only just once have a taste of all that food, Royal Park would have the largest Men's club one could ever see. It was simply divine from the entree to the dessert and the chicken bought by the club, delicious, after the meal we were entertained by a fabulous quintet "The Hillbilly's of Royal Park" featuring ROCKING EDDIE, HARMONICA ART, JOSE et son accordion (in French please) ELIZABETH & JIM the Country Singers & Swingers duo, and the French artist invited BEAU MARC and his last success Amor, Amor, Amor, and all other participants we all had a wonderful evening. Thanks to you people who worked very hard to make a success out of that event.

Did you know that we have some Golf Stars among us - yes sir, they won many medals such as: Silver Medals to MARC HUDON, for best single, YOLANDE BARNOFF, prettiest shot, LEONIE GOFFARD, 2nd longest shot, JOS LICATA for the best Italian shot,

KELLY FERACO, all good shots, and JOHN HARTMAN, must have been the funniest shot. I know that I forgot some but I didn't have their names, so congratulations everybody.

Lately an epidemic of stolen bikes (including mine) occurred in our little community even a car was stolen but was recovered. Be on the lookout everybody let's be more vigilant, write your serial numbers down and bring a copy of that number at the office. Thanks to the teamwork of HERB, PATTI, and the guardhouse a robber was arrested trying to go out the gate with some bicycles, watch the back of building 119 apt. D & E, the barb wires were put over the fence leaving a hold of a man size. Let's all work together and watch - we had a very interesting meeting last Tuesday at the Club House "Crime Watch" a lot of people were there, but not enough, where were you guys, it is your business everybody blames the Security for not doing a police work, but we are to blame most of the time we can't even attend a meeting that is held to help us. You know, that is one thing that always amazed me the few people attending the meetings of one kind or another always the same faces are showing up, considering the size of our little community (671 apts.) it is terrible to see the lack of interest that is shown here. What is the matter, is it the board, some people don't like the ones that are there? Do something positive instead of negative, work with them, replace them, but do something first of all by attending the meetings which are everybody's business, it is easier to sit home and complain than to do something, let's get our legs moving and not just our mouth working. If everyone could understand that we can achieve a lot more by working together it would be just as nice living here as it was a few years ago.

To you robbers, we don't want you here in our Paradise, go get caught somewhere else. We will be watching.

Good-bye JACK & MARIE-ANN, we will miss your gentleness & your smiles, I would like to wish you both a lot of happiness in your new home, don't forget us, please come back from time to time. ■

Welcome New Residents

Gloria Triana & Santiago Uribe	116-2C
Michael Daly	103-4B
Patricia Stibal	104-1F
Elejandro & Meylin Arreaza	105-4B
Leonard & Mary Hanlon	108-2A
Lindsey & Debra Nickolson	108-3H
Victor Loveira	113-3A
Joan Hurley	118-3A
Henry & Mary Moret	120-2B
Ann Donzella	104-3C
Gloria Cosgrove	111-2D
Dutch DuBois	113-4D

Helpful Advice Along The Way

"When you are discouraged because you are in a valley, remember that every valley reaches up to the hills.

If you wish to grow, spend your time in the company of those who see above the clouds.

When you fill our hours with regrets over the failures of yesterday, and with worries over the problems of tomorrow, we have no today in which to be thankful.

Strive always to be like a good watch - open faced, busy hands, pure gold, well regulated, full of good works.

Hold yourself responsible for a higher standard than anyone else expects of you"

Henry Ward Beecher

IN MEMORIAM

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The R.P. Men's Club St. Patrick's Dinner Dance

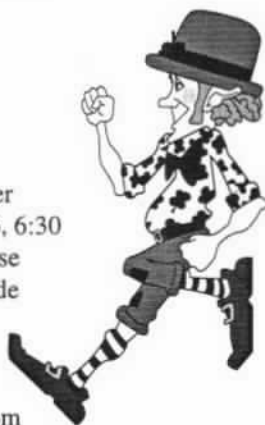
by Joe Krapf

The Royal Park Men's Club is presenting a St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 16, 1996, 6:30 PM - 11:00 PM, at the R.P. Clubhouse (B.Y.O.B). Enjoy the music of Clyde Maneri's Trio. Irish corn beef and cabbage is on the menu. The doors open at 6:00 PM. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased from the following members: Joe O'Patron 731-4436, Guy O'Tremblay 731-5620, Ed O'Guilfold 485-0415, and Joe O'Krapf 484-9443

The Men's Club is meeting the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM. Breakfast is always served and potential new members are invited to attend.

A reminder to Men's Club members that the fishing trip is set for Monday, February 26. For details contact member John Hartman.

Also, another picnic is on for Thursday, February 22. This event is open to all Royal Park residents. Please check the bulletin board in your building for details.



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but please remember for next year.

Hopefully, Bob Golden will take over as chairman of the rules and regulations committee for 1996. Our rules need to be clarified. For those of you who call board members asking them to please, "Make an exception in this case", you must understand, board members DO NOT have the right to exempt anyone from the rules. Should they do that, they are subject to severe legal penalties.

The State of Florida holds Condominium board members to a strict code of compliance. Deviation from the rules invites a costly lawsuit. Royal Park is **LIABLE** for the actions of the board of directors. That is why it is **IMPERATIVE**, that the board comply with our documents, and state of Florida regulations.

As per Florida law pertaining to condominiums, the 2 board members who had submitted their names for candidacy for the 1996 board, and who remained candidates by the time of the annual meeting, are responsible for selecting the remaining board members. Your 1996 board is going to be a diverse group. Please support them.

Enough preaching, teaching, and complaining in my own right. The only way to preserve our quality of life here is to get involved. Don't be a part of the problem, be a part of the solution. Lead, follow, or **GET OUT OF THE WAY!!** Your board represents **YOU**.

There are no "perks" in being a board member. It's work. Anybody want to get involved?????????■

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here on 2/3/96. He doesn't know anybody, so let's all help to make his job a little easier. Also, your apartment number is part of the address and I've been told that if it is missing, the mailman can send it back. And, please do not try to take mail out of the boxes as the mailman is putting it in.

Heard that FLORENCE & BOB snuck in town the other day... but, did you have to bring the 31 degrees with you? And how about ROLF coming in to visit his mom, GERDI? I love family-ness. Let's say hi to RICHARD & ANDRE' when they arrive next week. Anyone have an arthritis cure for JANE? Let me know, too. It took NAIM several days to calibrate after his worldly jaunt, but he's back in business now. Bldg. 112 will miss AL now that he's making the west coast his home away from home. Let's not forget a speedy recuperation to RUTH.

Check in the office for lost jewelry or keys. Thanks to the nice neighbors who bring in what they find. Consider giving the office a copy of your mailbox key to keep with your apartment keys. The cost is about forty-five dollars or more for a locksmith to drill out the mailbox lock if you lose your keys. Maybe a friendly neighbor will keep a set of keys for you in case of an emergency.

Don't pay extra for low-dose aspirin. If you take one daily low-dose aspirin to protect your heart, consider buying generic, 325-milligram aspirin and splitting the pills in half. Potential savings: Generics cost as little as one-tenth the price of special low-dose pills such as Halfprin. Helpful: Buy a pill splitter, which costs about \$5 and is available in most pharmacies... or ask your doctor about taking a regular-strength aspirin every other day - a regimen that can work just as well. From Consumer Reports on Health.

Pet owners: City Ordinance 13-20 makes it the owner's responsibility to clean up after their pet, so let's see more of you out there with paper towels and plastic bags or scoopers in your hands when walking your pet. My wish for you inconsiderate ones is that YOU step in the doo-doo and traipse it throughout your apartment. AND WHO, in building 115, has a pet that is eliminating (oh, what the heck, crapping)... edit, if you must, Bill... on a 2nd floor resident's doormat and spraying the front door? Are you starting to get the picture as to why some pets are becoming pesty on RP's property?

Lower your water heater thermostat to 120 degrees or lower if the manufacturer has it set at 140. The lower temperature is enough for most household needs, not to mention the money it saves on your FPL bill. Some heaters have two thermostats, one behind each plate, and both must be set at the same temperature otherwise the higher setting will override the lower setting.

HEY, reckless drivers... slow down in here and take it easy leaving the guard gate... the next time you hit the wooden fence you may maim the person walking on the other side of it... or worse. Need I mention that the speed limit is 10 miles per hour, or less? What's the hurry?... your funeral can wait.

Warranty deeds: The office must have a copy of your deed in your file. ALL new owners and others who may have forgotten, please bring one in asap.

When you have a party in the clubhouse, please put your trash bags in the most convenient dumpster. Do not leave this trash in the clubhouse or out in front of the building.

Welcome home, Barbara... you have been greatly missed, and your new Board awaits you!■

City Watch

by Patti Lynn, City Liaison

On February 21, 1995, (Ash Wednesday), the City Manager, Robert, "Skip" Johnston, should be submitting an ordinance which will change the way that garbage collection is billed in the city of Oakland Park. For those of you who are sick of hearing about garbage, hopefully, this will be the last hurrah. Let's get to it.

Go to the meeting and voice your opinion about the ordinance. It's not even drafted yet, but we KNOW, that it's got to save us money. Royal Park, (and I'm sure, other condos), have been subsidizing a lot of profit making businesses when it comes to trash. They're going to fix it!!! Let's show them that we are aware of their efforts. If you can't show up, write a letter to the city.(3650 NE 12 Ave., Oakland Park, 33334), expressing your opinion, thanks, whatever.

The homeless shelter problem appears to be resolved. The archdiocese of Miami has agreed to shelter only homeless women and children in the facility. It has been a controversial issue for over 3 years. The property in question is just east of the railroad tracks on Oakland Park Boulevard. Right now, it's a terrible eyesore, with weeds, broken windows, boarded up windows, etc.. They are also looking for volunteers to help in the office, telephoning, and miscellaneous stuff.

Recycling. The city has been given new and more restrictive rules for recycling. For Royal Park, this is what it means. Our recycling bins will accept the following: Newspapers. Not magazines, cardboard, or anything else. **NEWSPAPERS.** Additionally, glass **BOTTLES.** Not panes of glass. Bottles. Clear, green, brown, or whatever. Just bottles. **CANS.** All cans. Aluminum, tin, or whatever. **PLASTIC.** Anything that displays the little recycling triangle, with a 1, 2, or 3 in it. What is NOT acceptable??? Aluminum pie plates or foil. Plastic grocery or newspaper bags. Plate glass, mirrors, or any non bottle shaped glass.

Let's practice now, so that when the trash ordinance is adopted, we get **MAXIMUM** savings. I guess this is a little hint. Get rid of your old magazines, mirrors, or anything else that you might have thought was recyclable. If they pick it up in the next 2 months,(the time it will take the ordinance to pass), it won't cost us any extra. After that, it will cost us!!! Clean up now, throw out all that stuff you've been hoarding. And, **PLEASE** attend city commission meetings. They're on the first and third Wednesday of every month.■

Comin' Round The Mountain, Lookout!

Quite a place. The guy that designed the road up here is the some one who plotted the RP entranceway... 1 Hardware store. Operated by a local cop, for sale at 35 thou, inventory looks like 3... Beautiful Homes and Estates. One after the other and on and on. Our cabin on a small lot, could be classed as a Slum-dn-one. Has bars on bedroom windows. Could have been the first jail or asylum... 1 Full Service Station. Operator is an expert on Soap Operas... No need for a compass. The detached garage leans toward Chattanooga, the kitchen cabinets toward Alabama... 1 DVM for yipes and bites. Makes house calls to put pets to sleep... Community wise, no R & R's. However, very few pick-ups or vans are observed, no motorcycles, no rugs draped over railings (How do you hang a Polar Bear?)... 2 Boutiques, well-stocked, well shaped... No canals, only gullies activated by excess moisture... 1 Salon, not unisex, nails done, 3/4 off... No Taj Mahal to compare to RP City Hall is located in a storefront... 1 Dentist, on a partial basis... The On-line Railway is shut down more often than all of the RP elevators combined. The sign says "Closed for Inspection". Note to Governors: Nothin is ever broke... 1 Sky-High Pharmacy, with prices to match. Has more greeting cards than headache remedies. Also sells SLEDS... Rose bushes disappear here too. Pruned, dormant during the winter, easy to lift out. Owners cry American Beauty tears in late Spring... 1 Dry Cleaner, closes at noon on Sat... 8 Beautiful, Spired, Edifices called Churches. Richly supported and it shows... 1 Video Store, run by a policeman, feature John Wayne... The area is a proclaimed Bird Sanctuary and the Feds say that is what it is for. Concur... 1 Super Market. It is really a 1 1/4 size 7-11. Items are not priced... Numerous Statues, Memorials, Plaques, Cannons, Ammo Balls are displayed on the Battlefield areas in honor of those that did battle for the territory... Wonder how many would choose up sides to fight for Royal Park? SARLEY/STONE, MARKS/GUILFOIL, LYNN/THE WORLD, KRAPP/PISANO, HIRSCH/LAS VEGAS, TREMBLAY/PATRON, RAY/ZLOCH... 1 College for Divinity Students. Well endowed Campus. They can brag to their parishioners that they have been closer to Heaven than most... 1 Self-Service Sta. Cashier sells gum, chips and yesterday's hot dogs... Rock City consists of rocks, clouds, gift shop, fog, fudge shoppe, mist, ice cream parlor, fog, pizza shop, clouds and rocks... 1 Branch Bank with a rake hanging on the front door... Lots of 38th Sts. Not closed by Council, Nature... 1 Branch Post Office with only 1 wanted poster displayed... It costs \$9.75 to see a Florida Turtle at the downtown Aquarium... 1 Hang Gliding Area. My heavy-set daughter, 49, wants to give it a try. **BOTTOMS UP...** The way the UPS driver's take the turns at RP, they must have been trained on this terrain... If your brakes fail at the bottom of the Mt. you end up in a Pizza Parlor. Having smashed peppers, severed olives and rolled sausage on mine... JGB.■

Another Healthy Breakfast

Scrambled tofu and grilled tomatoes - piled on thick granary toast...

Take 285g/1oz regular firm tofu, 15ml/1/2fl oz vegetable oil, 50g/2oz onion, finely diced, 1/2 small red pepper, finely diced, 1 small carrot grated, turmeric, shoyu and freshly ground black pepper.

Drain the tofu and mash it, or crumble by hand. Heat the oil and saute the vegetables until soft. Add the crumbled tofu and sufficient turmeric to give an attractive colour. Season with shoyu and pepper to taste. Serve hot. Yummy!

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