

THE NEWSLETTER

ROYAL PARK CONDOMINIUM APARTMENTS, INC.

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JANUARY 1996

WE'VE "ALMOST" DONE IT!!! WE'VE "ALMOST" DONE IT !!!

City Watch

by Patti Lynn, City Liaison

The weight based system of trash collection has passed the city commission. Right now, the finance, solid waste, and legal departments are writing

an ordinance which allows charging customers ONLY for the weight of the garbage they pick up. It will, hopefully, be on the agenda for the first Wednesday in February. Understand, that there will still be a BASIC charge for trash collection, but, if Royal Park continues to recycle, we should have a SUBSTANTIAL decrease in our costs for trash collection. This, in turn, will mean a SUBSTANTIAL decrease in a basic element of our maintenance.

Royal Park residents must understand, WE HAVE CLOUT!!! Our community is a large part of the city of Oakland Park. If we UNITE, for any reason in dealing with the City, and it's legal, and produces positive results, without harming others, we have a good chance of accomplishing our task. We must never again, allow ourselves to just do what others say to do, or to say "you can't fight city hall". We don't need, or want, to fight city hall. It's OUR CITY, and WE WILL HAVE A VOICE IN WHAT HAPPENS TO US.

You'll have to forgive my excitement. I am not a politician (as anyone who talks to me will be glad to tell you), but I'm learning. The basic weapon we have in dealing with the city is knowledge. Being informed, being aware, addressing a potential problem before it becomes something that others are shoving down our throats, this is what we must do. The "Partnership Program" that city manager Robert Johnston is promoting is a step in the right direction for

Royal Park.

City meetings are the FIRST and THIRD Wednesday of every month. ATTEND. Thanks Barbara Carlon, Bob Golden, Betty Heighton, and Art Steiner for attending. Boards may come and go, but, the city will still have a lot of say in what happens in Royal Park. Make sure that you are well represented.

AND HERE IS THE "ALMOST"

At least one local restaurateur plans to oppose the weight based method of trash pick-up at the meeting of the Oakland Park city commissioners this week. Fearing that his bill (now \$900 a month), might double, the owner of the Peter Pan restaurant has voiced objections to the new system.

Every Royal Park owner who has been subsidizing this restaurant's trash collection MUST come to the meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 1996, at 7:30pm. The city commission has stood firmly in favor, but, politics is politics. If there are 10 people speaking against the new ordinance, we must have 10 people speaking FOR it.

Royal Park condominium apartments, Inc. is paying \$6,090.00 A MONTH for our trash collection. We throw out less, BASED ON WEIGHT, a month, than the restaurants do in two weeks!!! While our owners are struggling on fixed incomes and increasing taxes, private enterprise is making money hand over fist. AND NOW THEY WANT US TO PAY FOR THEIR TRASH!!!!

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

Give our commissioners the moral support they might need by voicing your approval at this Wednesday's meeting. Applaud their decision to institute this new system. We stand to CUT OUR BILL IN HALF. PLEASE come to the meeting. Help our city commissioners stand up for what is right. ■

The Gavel Unravels

by Patti Lynn, R.P. President

Happy New Year everyone!!! I think that 1996 is starting out very well in Royal Park.

When you drive in the gate, you form an impression of the property. Our entrance looks great. Granted, it's not the Taj Majal, but, we now only have one color accent lights, the flowers are blooming, the guard shack is painted (doesn't it look bigger???) and it looks like a place where people take pride appearance.

The sprinklers are up and running, the pool lights have been replaced, dead hedges have been removed and replaced, the elevators SPARKLE. Yes, I'm proud

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Building Reps

by Jane Baker, Bldg. Rep. Chairperson

A New Year is starting, but first I must thank all the building representatives and alternates, and especially Ruth Thompson, my assistant, for hand delivering the quarterly maintenance sheets to each person in his or her building. While I was celebrating in San Francisco, Ruth contacted everyone and saw that each building was covered. Thank you all for a bang up job for the new Year! I appreciate how willing you all are to help keep Royal Park going.

Welcome New Residents

Jose & Tatiana Desilva 112-1D
Joan Ann Houghton 117-4F
Edward & Kristen Dries 116-1D
Carrie Ann Lumey 116-1D
James Williamson 104-1E
Richard Schuster 121-3F
Frank Milanese 105-1F
Lindsey Debra Nicholson 108-3H
Marla Schultz 114-3D
Dido Brusco 120-4E
Barry DuBois 103-4F

Lunch Bunch

On January 5, the ladies of the Royal Park Lunch Bunch met and dined at Konna's Italian Restaurant at 8344 W. Oakland Park Boulevard, in Sunrise. The "birthday ladies" were ALICE GRAY, PHYLLIS BOMPANE, and EVELYN MOORE. We were 27 in number for this occasion – our winter friends being most welcome. In my opinion, the meal was excellent!

Marie Lagi

Gavel, from front page

of Royal Park's exterior. I'm even more proud of Royal Park's INTERIOR, the people of our association.

Our board meetings have allowed everyone to participate, and they have. Many have disagreed with the board, but no-one has been disagreeable. Our mini-city is functioning just fine, thank you, and a lot has been accomplished in 1995.

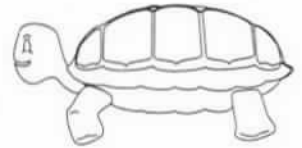
Russell Mitchell deserves a lot of thanks, for assuring that we get the security that we've been paying for. Yes, there have been some kinks, but they're being worked out. What a lot of folks may not understand, is, that the board members not only have a moral responsibility, but an extremely strict legal one as well. A lot of times, boards have looked the other way, when, if they confronted a situation head-on, they may have made a few unpopular decisions. Condominium law is very ambiguous, but, if an association violates the law, the consequences are very costly.

The board, in 1995, went out of its way to assure itself that no condominium law would be knowingly ignored. This has cost us a lot in the "ruffled feathers department", but everyone must understand, that the State of Florida has defined what happens in Royal Park by what is written in our official documents. Until they are changed, this, and future boards, MUST abide by what has been written in stone.

Again, Happy New Year. Please participate in the day-to-day operations of Royal Park.

Be aware of what's going on, help out, volunteer. Help a neighbor, spread good news instead of gossip. And, have a safe, happy, and prosperous 1996.

Canadian Corner FAST TRIP TO FLORIDA



by Armande B. Tremblay

Hello Folks! My husband and I finally made it back from Montreal with no heat in our car, a new alternator and two new front tires (now identical), which were put on our car by mistake by some K-Mart repairman in Richmond, Va. – by the way, they do honor their warranty, as they replaced one tire here in Ft. Lauderdale. Did you ever try to walk with a different size of heel? Well, you can imagine driving a car with a different size front tires. You think that you are going to kiss all those other vehicles coming towards you. Tell me ladies, did you ever try to tell your husband that you feel the car tires are out of balance? If so, you are just complaining, adding some more to the situation, simply tired, nervous, etc. So, you just shut up and keep on driving (Can you imagine me without saying something?). Well, it was a heck of a trip, let me tell you! We never saw so many alien license plates on the road – wonder where they went, because near Ft. Pierce, we didn't see them anymore. I guess they miss the cold weather so much they decided to go back home. When we finally got here, the only birds species we saw walking around here, were a few ducks and snowbirds. I know why they walk so much (the snowbirds) – it's because they always forget the feeling of their feet touching something other than snowwww!

Now for a change of subject. Thank you all for your good wishes, especially PAUL MARKS with his "Wish You Lots of Cold & Snow" – Ha! Ha! We brought some back with us, as we didn't want you to think we were selfish, and we wanted to share some with you.

Hope that everybody had a Happy Holiday and let's pray that our friends who couldn't make it yet, will join us very soon. Take Care.

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A Little Story

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Now Somebody got angry about that because it Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

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ITEMS FOR SALE

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ITEMS FOR SALE

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Bits & Pieces by Adrian K

Happy New Year everyone... my sabbatical from the Newsletter was spent preparing my apartment for a week of Christmas company, including five kids under five years old, three of whom were 16 months. Need I mention that my apartment is now in bits and pieces... bits of food over here and pieces of broken tree ornaments over there. Within an hour of their arrival, Thing One and Thing Two, (my names for the menacing twins) had rearranged my tree and anything else within their reach. I completely forgot what babies are capable of, and am sure many of you can identify with that scenario. My thanks to Mary, Patti and Valerie for lending me an assortment of baby equipment.

Consolidated Management is doing a great job beautifying Royal Park by planting new shrubbery in front of some buildings... so expect the array of house plants that you may have planted over the years to be uprooted. The idea is to maintain a uniformity of hedges, however, I don't think anyone would complain too much if you spruced up underneath the stairwells with some plantings.

Residents... a very small percentage of you have displayed total obnoxious behavior to our new office secretary, either over the phone or in person, by yelling and screaming or just being plain rude. She is doing her best trying to run the office, and the last thing she needs is aggravation from you, and YOU know who you are. Now, with this being the season to show good will to all, I'm sure you're big enough to offer an apology.

Tax Tip: Always designate the specific tax liability toward which your payment is made. Write it on the check. **Trap:** The IRS may apply an undesignated payment to any tax liability... including those you may not yet be aware of.. which could leave you incurring nonpayment penalties on a tax bill you thought you had paid.

Missing any sunglasses or a license plate? Check in the office. Does the office have a working set of keys to your unit??? meaning, if you changed either the top or bottom lock, did you give the office the new key? The office will not be responsible for dispensing keys of apartments to real estate agents, service or delivery personnel, except in emergencies.

Bulletin board etiquette: To the bulletin board bandit: CUT IT OUT!!! No one appointed you as keeper of the bulletin boards. Keep your hands off of other peoples ads... we all have the same right to sell our wares. Geez, get a life!!! The large board to the left of the mailboxes is for office use only, and the office will decide when the material should be removed. The board above the mailboxes is for residents use and ads should be dated and not be larger than 3"x5" or they will be removed... otherwise, they will be allowed to remain for one month.

Tax Tip: Never make out a tax-payment check to the "IRS." Reason: If the check falls into the wrong hands, "IRS" can be changed to "MRS" followed by a name. Better: Make the check out to "Internal Revenue Service."

Don't want your car towed? Then make sure it is properly registered and decaled. Just a reminder... tell your guests or service personnel to park at a yellow bumper guest spot and to leave the parking pass on the dashboard of the vehicle.

Parents: Please impress upon your children the importance of riding bikes or roller blading on the proper side of the road. The driver of a vehicle is not a mind-reader to know in which direction one might decide to go. We've had some near-misses out there recently because some kids use no caution and come darting out of nowhere, and when they're in groups, they take up the whole road. Of course, the safest place to do these sports would be across the street in the park.

Elevators: The following is from East Coast Elevator Service, Inc.: During Florida's colder winter months, we want to remind you that cooler temperatures may effect the way the elevators run. The hydraulic oil can thicken when the temperature drops, thus creating an un-level condition. We urge you to please be very careful when getting on or off the elevator. And, while on the subject, please consider others, and clean up any liquid or anything else you may have accidentally spilled or dropped in the elevators. Our highly polished floors and water can make for a nasty fall.

Tax Tip: 95% of all IRS audits are triggered by unexplained "excesses" on tax returns... such as an unusually large deduction relative to income. Self-defense: To reduce audit risk, include an explanation.

I'm not a CPA or accountant, but I do tax returns. If you need help call me at 733-7152.

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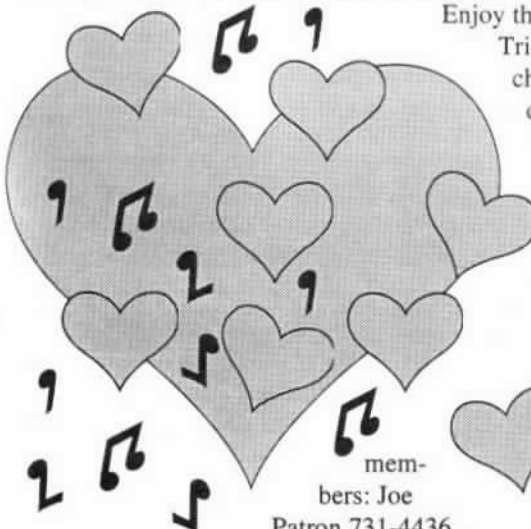
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Valentine Dance

The Royal Park Men's Club is presenting a Valentine Dance Saturday, February 10, 1996, 8:00 PM -11:00 PM, at the R.P. Clubhouse (B.Y.O.B).

Enjoy the music of Clyde Maneri's Trio. Cake, coffee, wine and cheese will be served. The doors open at 7:30 PM.

Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased from the following



members: Joe Patron 731-4436,

Guy Tremblay 731-5620, Ed Guilfold 485-0415, and Leo Beaudin 739-3257.

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

The RP NetChef

The Best Cauliflower Soup Ever Made



- 1 cauliflower
- 1 potato
- 1 onion
- 28g/1oz butter
- 1pint vegetable stock
- 1 pint milk

1. Chop the potato and onion, heat the butter in a saucepan until melted, then add the potato and onion and saute.
2. Bung in the florets of cauliflower and continue to saute.
3. Add stock. Boil and simmer for 20 minutes.
4. Add milk. Blend in a liquidiser.
5. Add salt and pepper, then serve.

Serve hot. Yummy!

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Bldg.	Bed/Bath	Remarks	Price
113	1/1	Rec. lease paid, top floor, large closet	\$35,000
119	1/1 1/2	Rec. lease paid, very updated, extra nice unit.	\$36,500
118	1/1	Rec. lease paid, overlooks pool, hurricane shutters, furnished.	\$37,000
104	1/1 1/2	Rec. lease paid, gorgeous unit, has best view of canal, park and pool.	\$38,500
108	2/2	Second floor, waterfront, sharp unit.	\$39,000
108	2/2	Waterfront, ceramic tiles, make an offer, ASSUMABLE MORTGAGE.	\$39,500
116	2/2	All new appliances, frunished, shows well.	\$39,900
115	2/2	Rec. lease paid, hurricane shutters, furnished.	\$45,000
104	2/2	Best view of canal, park, pool and with storm shutters.	\$45,900
107	2/2	SOLD , rec. lease paid.	\$47,000
121	2/2	SOLD , rec. lease paid.	\$48,000
113	2/2	Rec. lease paid, gorgeous corner unit & new appliances.	\$47,000
115	2/2	Rec. lease paid, totally up-graded, new appliances & a/c.	\$49,500

ROYAL PARK RENTALS AVAILABLE

2/2	Very sharp, corner unit, & hurricane shutters.	\$600.00
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