



ROYAL PARK NEWSLETTER



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TO OUR RESIDENTS

By Debra Strade, Property Manager

We have made it through another winter, and now spring is here. I want to thank all of you that cooperated and gave me copies of checks to bring your accounts up to date. I will again, need everyone to cooperate, I am going through the files, and most of them do not have settlement papers or warranty deeds. These are very important papers that the Association is responsible to have in your files. Please, as you receive these requests, make copies of your paperwork and either send it to us, or bring it to the office so that we can make copies.

The plumbing on Building #111 is going to start on March 30, and then we will continue on with Buildings #108 and #113. The notices will be posted on each door stating what you need to do to prepare for the re-piping of the buildings. So if you will please cooperate and make sure that you do as the notice advises you (to clean out your closet). If the crews have to do the closet in your unit, you the unit owner will be charged for that service.

I want to apologize to everyone for the inconvenience that it may have caused them not to have channel 49 working. This is in for repair and should be back in a few days.

The new office should be up and running by the first week of April at the latest, maybe even sooner. (continued on page #8)

**NEXT BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
THURSDAY
MARCH 26
7:00 PM**

CITY LIAISON REPORT

By Barbara Carlon

I attended the City meeting a week ago and brought up the issue of our possibly losing our weight based trash system and expressing our concern regarding this. A governor from Lake Emerald also spoke of their concern, as this could once again become a big budget item, for which we do not have funds, if increased. This is so important for Royal Park, and I urge you people to attend meetings, or at least write the City Commissioners, showing your concern on this issue. We cannot hold our maintenance fees as they are for much longer, with increased expenses possibly facing us. There are some issues we have absolutely no control over, such as insurance increases, cable, telephones, electricity, but with this trash issue is one we possibly could have some influence. We are a large force, and along with Lake Emerald condos which have approximately 1,000 units, come the next local election, providing all registered voters get out and vote, we could have some real clout. Mayor Sproc will be on the ballot, assuming he will be running for a Commission spot again, and condominium vote could make a difference. Mayor Sproc is one of the Commissioners against the weight based system, and is looking to privatize trash pickup, at least for condos and businesses.

These Commissioners meetings are interesting, as they cover many various city issues, so even if you are unable to attend, tune into Channel 38 on the first and third

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REFLECTIONS

By Arthur Steiner

In reflecting upon current Oakland Park legislation, both current and proposed, it has become very apparent to me that condominium residents, as opposed to those who reside in private homes, are being treated as second class citizens.

Case in current point is the garbage removal system. The weight based system is certainly fair and encourages recycling. Legislation would change that and allow for commercial removal, which has every potential for being more costly to us.

Who do we have to Blame? OURSELVES!! Where were you at the last election? Apparently, fewer than 11% of the eligible voters turned out and look what we got!!

It is your unique privilege to vote. There are few other countries in this world that have a voting system as meaningful as ours. By not getting out there, you help it to fail!

Familiarize yourselves with the issues and the candidates. Get out there and vote!!! •

BUILDING REP NEWS

By Mariette St. Pierre

On Saturday, March 7, a meeting was held at the Clubhouse for all of the Building Reps and alternates. The purpose of the meeting was to ask the reps to survey each of their buildings, to determine whether there are people who might have difficulty in having to walk the stairs in case of an emergency, or might need assistance from their apartment. A list would be made and one copy kept at the office, one would go to the Police Department and one to the Fire Department. We could then put some sort of decals on the outside windows, to pinpoint these apartments. We could also use oxygen symbols where necessary.

We were also pleased to have our property manager, Debra Strade attend the meeting to answer some of our questions. Meetings will be held periodically to keep abreast of problems.

I am pleased to announce that Rose and Joe DeSantis have been appointed to my committee. •

DO YOU REMEMBER??

1. Ozzie, Harriet, David and ____ Nelson
2. The Lone Ranger and _____
3. Les Paul and _____
4. Larry, Moe & _____
5. Stan Laurel and _____ Hardy
6. Bud _____ and Lou Costello
7. Roy Rogers and _____
8. _____ and Jerry Lewis

Answers on page # 8

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OAKLAND PARK OBSERVATIONS

By Patti Lynn

On March 18, Caryl Stevens was sworn in as Mayor of Oakland Park. A party, in her honor, was held after the regular Commission meeting. She's been a Commissioner, as well as Vice-Mayor in this 4 year term. This is not her first term, she served several years ago, also, when the Commission was a Council. Ms. Stevens is a strong supporter of Royal Park, and has consistently supported our weight based system of trash removal. She has also supported Skip Johnson, the former City Manager, who did so much to promote those programs that benefited our Condo and its residents.

We, the people of Royal Park, should start thinking, NOW, of next March's election. Two candidates will be seeking office. Both Robert Sproc's, and Caryl Steven's, seats are up for election. There is a possibility, that both will seek re-election, or that one, or both, will not. We, the people of Royal Park, have the capacity to fill BOTH seats, if we just get out and vote.

We have seen what can happen, when less than 30% of registered voters exercise their option to vote. We have lost a well respected, and competent City Manager. We have lost a competent, and well respected law firm, and lawyer. We are in the early stages of losing our garbage system, which is saving Royal Park in excess of \$1,700 a month. Having our trash removed, based on weight, is a major reason, that we have been able to keep our quarterly assessments at the same rate for three years.

We, the people of Royal Park, CAN control what happens to us over the next four years. We the people of Royal Park, can, and SHOULD, elect the next two City Commissioners. We should elect two candidates who support the weight based system of trash removal. If we choose not to participate, then we deserve what we get.

There are other issues, of course. However, the one that's going to hit us first, and right in the pocketbook, is garbage. There is no need to participate in mud-slinging, church bashing, or personality conflicts. Caryl Stevens supports our trash system. Robert Sproc

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IN MEMORIAM

William Harrington, 31, Building 120-2D was killed in a tragic accident on Federal Highway recently. Mr. Harrington was a resident of Royal Park for about 5 years. Our deepest sympathy to his relatives and friends on their loss.

has been fighting, since his election, to eliminate it. Do we have a choice?

Are you registered to vote? If not, all you have to do, is call 357-7050. The voters' registration office will mail you a card to fill out. Do it and they'll send you your voters' registration. This is a serious issue for Royal Park. All Royal Park residents should vote. The jury issue is gone. They're now pulling jurors from drivers license records, so there is no reason NOT to register. You have the ability to save yourself money. As the sneaker company used to say, "Just Do It!!!" •

MENS CLUB NEWS

By Tom Young

The Men's Club has reached its largest membership. The charter members stated their purpose is solely fraternal, and fellowship and recreation as its primary objective. It is now over 18 years old and the social hub of our condo community. With teamwork, it will continue to be.

John Hartmans' plans for our fishing trip on the 9th, was a complete washout. We were hit with a ferocious early morning storm, including tornadoes for good measure!

One of our most conscientious members, Guy Tremblay, chairman of many events, including the picnics, worked hard to give us a very successful St. Patricks Day dinner dance. He was ably assisted by his dedicated crew. Though not quite the largest, it was well attended.

Jack and Carol Walters were celebrating their 8th anniversary, and Jack also took a turn at playing the drums with the band.

It was good to see George Granger out enjoying himself, after a bout in the hospital.

Around 10 o'clock they called Ed and Doris Guilfoil out in California. They couldn't be with us, but at least they could hear the crowd. They have returned after Doris' surgery. Welcome Back!

Next on the agenda will be the annual Ladies Night and awards dinner. It will be held at Verdi's Restaurant again this year, on Monday, March 30, at 8PM. The next picnic will be held on Tuesday, April 7th, and that will wind up this season as of now.

One of our newest members, Art Ragland, passed away Monday night March 16th. To all who knew him, he was a real southern gentleman. He will be missed by his neighbors in Building # 108.

Once again, many thanks to our loyal members and residents that support our club activities. •

NEW ROYAL PARK OFFICE HOURS

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MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:30AM - 5:00PM
SATURDAY 8:30AM - 12:00PM

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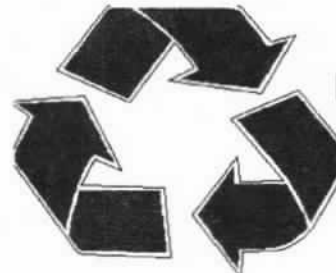
William Long	102-3F
Salvatore & Marie Buonocore	109-4C
Jennifer Richards & Henry Obert	110-1D
Fabio Paparoni	110-4G
Antonio Schumacker	111-4F
Sheri Davis	113-1E

ROYAL PARK LADIES BIRTHDAY CLUB

By Mariette St. Pierre

The Royal Park Ladies got together on Friday, March 6, 1998 at Noona's Restaurant on West Oakland Park Boulevard for their monthly luncheon. It was a wonderful time, as it usually is, and 31 women attended this meeting. We had only one birthday to celebrate this month, Annie Plumeri.

It really makes for a great time, being with friends and neighbors. We meet the first Friday of every month.



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CITY LIAISON REPORT (cont. from page # 1)
By Barbara Carlon

Wednesdays of each month, at 7:30 PM, and watch your local government in action. There is a "Public Comment" segment (one gentleman frequently speaks on some very far out items, but this is his prerogative- only in America), where any individual may step forward and talk of their concerns regarding Oakland Park. It doesn't have to be an agenda item, you may speak on any issues. But understand, it is still crucial to express your personal interest and concerns with letters to the Commissioners regarding the possible loss of our weight based system. •

Answers to Quiz

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|--------------|----------------|
| 1. Ricky | 5. Oliver |
| 2. Tonto | 6. Abbott |
| 3. Mary Ford | 7. Dale Evans |
| 4. Curley | 8. Dean Martin |

IN MEMORIUM

Building 108 is saddened by the sudden death of Arthur Ragland, who passed away March 16, 1998. Having enjoyed his favorite pastimes, dining out and playing cards, he finished his meal, put down his cards, and then he left us. He will be sadly missed by friends and neighbors, who were accustomed to his soft southern drawl and his sunny smile. Sincere sympathy has been extended to his family in Virginia.

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TO OUR RESIDENTS (cont from page # 1)
By Debra Strade

The office will be closed from March 25th, to March 28th, to reorganize the files and get ready for the move. We will be here, but just closed so that we can get the work done. If there is an emergency, please call and we will respond as normal. The answering machine will be picking up the calls, and I will make sure that they are handled as quickly as possible, during the period that the office is closed. The Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, at 7:00 PM. I look forward to see all of you there. •

FRIENDS OF THE OAKLAND PARK LIBRARY

The Friends will be sponsoring the Fourth Annual Famous Author Luncheon on Sunday, March 29, at 12:30 PM at the Sheraton Inn, 2440 West Cypress Creek Road, Ft. Lauderdale. The guest will be Shamus Award winner, Jeremiah Healy. His first book, "Blunt Darts", was selected by The New York Times, as one of the seven best mysteries of 1984, and his second work, "The Staked Goat", received the Shamus Award. He has received a total of eleven Shamus nominations, six for books and five for short stories. Healy's twelfth John Francis Cuddy mystery, "The Only Good Lawyer", was released in February. The Chicago Tribune describes the acclaimed mystery writer as "one of the most consistently entertaining writers in the genre."

A selection of Mr. Healy's books will be available for purchase and signing at the luncheon. Tickets are \$20. per person and proceeds benefit the Oakland Park Library. Checks should be made payable to "Friends of the Oakland Park Library, Inc., and mailed to them at 1298 NE 38th Street, Oakland Park, Fl. 33334 by March 23, with an indication of entree choice (honey mustard chicken; Sliced roast sirloin of beef; or baked filet of sole). For more information, call Reservation Chairman Joanne Gatterer at (954) 566-7332. •

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