# THE NEWSLETTER

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May 1995

## CITY WATCH

BY PATTI LYNN

Oakland Park is NOT a sleepy little town...It is an extremely busy and organized city. Please remember folks, Royal Park is in Oakland Park...there is a lot going on that we in Royal Park should be aware of...and take advantage of

Saturday...May6,1995. Countywide canal cleanup day... Thank You Mary Taylor, 120-3G. Mary was the ONLY volunteer from Royal Park. She and I hauled 3 boatloads of trash...coconuts, palm fronds, cans, bottles,bags, boards and a zillion tennis balls from the canal which goes behind 108-113, the clubhouse, etc. Someone out there is a lousy tennis player!!! We did not get to buildings 101-107 or 120 and 121. The city has offered us a boat to do it again...I need volunteers!!

Wednesday...May 3, 1995. The city of Oakland Park beautification committee neglected to show up for the commission meeting. My humblest apologies to Mr. & Mrs. Joe Hlasny. The city is awarding Royal Park a beautification award...Thanks to Joe and the fantastic job he does at building 118...now,if we had 20 more volunteers in the rest of our buildings, we'd really look nice.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) has scheduled our railroad track repairs for October.

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## COMMENTS

BY JIM ARMSTRONG

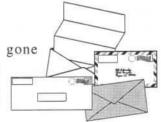
Congratulations to Joe Hlasny for the award he is receiving for the beautiful work he has done at building #118. It's a pleasure to see some of his beautiful work. Building #116 also has a someone special with a "green thumb". Vern Zuverink has done a superb job, tastefully planting some beautiful flowers and bushes along the front and side of building #116. Thanks Joe and Vern, you make it nicer for everyone!

Occasionally we all loose sight of what a beautiful place we live in. Having moved here from New England a little over a year ago, I can really appreciate what a great place this is. We really have it all. Just think, a convenient location, great weather, security for our protection, 3 heated pools, a clubhouse with all the amenities you could want, great neighbors, and all for a price that is truly unbelievable. Thanks, Royal Park!!!

### MAIL CALL

BY JOE GAMBINO

Another month already, newsletter due, customers (patrons) leaving in droves to the north. I hope all have a great summer.



I expected my planned week off to paint the house. About 4 more days will take care of that job. People may have though I left early to retire. I apologize for the lateness of deliveries. What happens is sick call, vacations, emergency need for days off at this time of year are many. As a result, other workers do their routes and then do 1-2 hours on another, and if they have businesses, they come first

All of the name pouches are installed on the <u>rear</u> wall of <u>your</u> mail box. Most of them have blank cards for additional names. Please <u>print</u> the name or names and replace in the pouches. All (zip code) last four digits for buildings are on building bulletin boards, please use them.

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More next month!

## WATCH

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The city manager is trying to get it rescheduled to August, when summer school is out and Royal Park is half empty. It is going to be a mess... however...the city is possibly going to declare emergency powers and block off NW 38th Street...just east of our entrance and reopen NW 21st Avenue for the 3 week project. They had previously advised us that they would be unable to open 21st Avenue, but the logistics behind funneling Royal Park, Royal Palm, school board and Broward County traffic onto NW 10th Avenue has been overwhelming. I'll keep you advised. IF...big IF....21st Avenue is opened, it will only be for the duration of the railroad project.

Wednesday, May 3, 1995...a demonstration was held outside City Hall for the new, experimental, truck mounted weighing equipment, for the trash trucks that pick up dumpsters. This is a HOT issue in the City and one which will affect OUR budget. The test is being conducted from May until August...in our complex!!! Based on the weight of the full dumpster used on May 3, Royal Park stands to cut our trash bills by at least one half!!! There is a down side...Politics!!! Robert Sproc, a new commissioner, as a campaign pledge, promised to privatize our garbage service. He is diligently working to blast this weight test out of the water, disband our local trash removal crews, and hire an outside service. The City Manager, in the meantime, has met with me several times, in order to find ways to cut our bills... by basing them on the weight of our trash. Right now, an auto parts or auto body shop...which dumps heavy metal parts in their dumpsters are being charged the same rate as we are...because we have the same size dumpster!!! We are in effect, subsidizing their heavy stuff... because it all "averages out". A private company might probably, in the beginning, offer us a lower rate, but we would have NO control over whatever they subsequently decide to charge us. It might start out okay, but if we had a problem, who

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would we call...Ghost busters??? The city of Oakland Park is VERY responsive to the Royal Park residents. If we have a trash or recycling problem, or if a wheel falls off a dumpster...the solid waste department is one phone call away!! And although we don't always get an instantaneous response, our problem has always been corrected within 24 hours...Try and get other private companies (Selkirk and Southern Bell come to mind), to respond that quickly. I support city services. I don't believe non-involved people care as much as the city personnel. Our city library remains in place because the county responds at a lethargic pace to our needs... but our city works for us. Enough soapbox politicking!!! Please let me know what YOU think! (486-1243)

This article should be in your homes by May 15. On May 17, there is another city commission meeting. (Thanks Malvena for attending May 3). Joe Hlasny will get his award... come out and give him the recognition he deserves!!!

## MEN'S CLUB NEWS

BY ED GUILFOIL

The final meeting for this season was held on May 2, 1995 at the Royal Park Clubhouse, with 21 members present.

The final event for this season was the Ladies Night Out dinner held at The Flaming Pit Restaurant and 28 (wow) couples attended. Paul Marks called it a "Great Success".

The schedule for next seasons events were discussed and will be finalized at the next meeting which will be held on October 24, 1995 at 10:00 AM.

The Royal Park Men's Club wants to thank ALL of the residents who attended our events throughout this past season. We hope that you enjoyed these functions and look forward to seeing you again next season.

Have a safe and healthy summer!

## **BUILDING REPS**

JANE BAKER

Building representatives and alternates. Since Royal Park now has a management company all work orders should now be telephoned directly to Crest Management between the hours of 10:00AM and 4:00PM.

A new alternate for building 114 is Minnie Kruk. Thanks Minnie for your help. Alternates are still needed for buildings 108,109,111, and 117. Very little is involved, but to have you as an alternate would be greatly appreciated. Please leave your name and telephone number at the office and I will contact you.

#### WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

Brian Leas	119-3G
Stacy Schneider	121-4B
Laura Moody	112-3E
Monica Ayala	113-2H

## **BUILDING REPS**

BY JANE BAKER

Thanks for placing the calendar that comes in the "Newsletter" on the bulletin board in your building. Please place them on the board just a day or two before the beginning of the month.

Pat Bagby has volunteered to be an alternate for building # 109. We still need volunteers as alternates for 108, 111, 117 and 120.

Lets all remember to abide by Royal Parks rules and bring them to the attention of those who break the rules that this will not be allowed in Royal Park.



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