

# THE NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY 15, 1995

## Events of 1994

Newsletter did not miss one issue...The 1995 Budget was so good that it was approved twice...A series of Old Faithful geysers were fashioned into a sprinkler system...2 births, 1 b, 1 g...Railing about Railings continued...Plans were made to remake the Film "Dead End" on 39th St. with Kids et al...One cleaning Contractor was swept out...Fish quit biting...R.P. was bounded on the South by Commerce, on the East by Wild West Park, on the North by Duck Heaven, on the West by a Closed Village...Governors took some time off from their weighty problems...One Security Co. was insecure from the beginning and became "The Lost Patrol" on 12/25...Fencing at the exit smashed three times by non-residents...By and large, residents set their own miles-per-hour pace within the Compound...Air Pollution was increased by cars taking the long way around and ducking speed bumps...More pipes oxidized...8 Deaths...Staff was uniform in clothing only...Bowlers spared no efforts obtaining new Strikers...First time ever Thanksgiving Dinner held...12 Grand Dames became Grandmothers, 4 became Great Greatmothers...2 Officers escaped the Treasurer's Seat, one stuck...One Manager per year average was maintained...No birthdays celebrated after the 39 yr. reach...Bridge Club welcomed new bidders...Library received 14 romantic novels for every 2 westerns...1 Divorce, 3 Separations, numerous disagreements...Men's Club, in a masculine way, filled some social gaps: Valentine Dance, St. Patrick Dinner, Fishing Trip, Pot Luck Dinner, Arts & Crafts Show...Copies of R & R to everyone, not widely read...Bingo lovers appreciated their Committee...Bldg. Reps. catwalked with meager tools available to them...1 White Elephant Sale, a surplus circus...????????????Frustrations at Prospect and 10th...Trees were clipped by an unhappy Contract trimmer...Ky. Derby party a fiasco. Horses ran, so did the people...Increased interest in O.P. Politics, City Liaison appointed...Column in French added to Newsletter...Foreign language column "Around Royal Park" abandoned...Budget Committee proved to be Open, Informative, Factual, & Persuasive...Those that bitched in '93, bitched in '94...Board was forced to lean on some liens...Screening Comm. diligently pursued their task, publishing 137 names interviewed...Hospitalizations - 32...Rule Enforcement difficult. R & R Comm. seeks a Fee to Fine a Foe, no Fumbles...Your Apt. is one year older...People still received a perfunctory pat-on-the-butt from the fast closing screen door at the Office...Reserves were partially funded...Muscovite population dwindled, calling cards still evident...Office personnel coped with normal/bizarre requests, Bulletins, phones, reports, figures, computer migraines, deadlines and Dutch Door squeaks...Through all kinds of weather, the tried and true Newsletter carriers brought you and the latest together...5 Governors resigned. Those that remained ruled with zest and gave Royal Park their best... 1995?

## City Watch

by Patti Lynn, City Liaison

It's time for all of Royal Park residents to take a deep breath and vow to get involved!!! There are maybe 4 meetings of the Council remaining until the March elections. Are you going to vote??? for who??? Why??? Let me...please...inform you of what has happened to our neighborhood this year...and what is scheduled to occur.

Everyone on the southern and eastern edges of the complex is aware of the construction on Oakland Park Blvd....Rooms to Go and Home Depot are a reality. They've promised to replace the trees...and they will...if we make enough noise. If we don't...we'll just listen to the noise of Lumber trucks, furniture movers, the beep-beep-beep of equipment backing up. Right now, our whole Southern border is completely visible from West Oakland Park Blvd...that means the traffic noises are going to increase.

Our trash removal fees have been raised by \$1,400.00 a month. I have been meeting with City Manager Skip Johnston, his assistant Harry Wimberly, Jerry Alfano, head of solid waste, and Chris Beck of Lake Emerald. Mr. Alfano has praised the work of our late Condo Manager John Mraz, for his foresight in making us the "Cadillac of Condos." We have, in place, every means possible to reduce our costs to the lowest possible figure. We can, and Must, do more...so here's the program: The City Manager's office has authorized a study, based on weight, of the commercial, (that's us), users of trash removal. The aim of the study is to institute a new fee for condos...less than the rate charged for business customers...based on weight. The study is going on NOW!!! PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE...don't put recyclables (Newspapers, card board, cans and bottles) in the trash dumpsters. If we can show that our dumpsters don't weigh as much as the one's in gas stations, body shops and restaurants...We'll get a Lower Rate. Additionally, the city will give us Smaller containers in the "off" season...to lower our costs until the new rates are in place.

When the residential rates were raised, a very vocal crowd of Oakland Park Residents lobbied the City council to "Roll back" the rates...it worked!!! The City rolled back the rates. When our rates were raised, (Condos-commercial), I was among only 6 people who spoke...asking for a roll back for our rates. There was no crowd of condo residents there. Ray Finn and Doug Johnson voted to roll our rates back. Layne Walls, Steve

## Excellent job Bill, but someone please step forward!

by Barbara Carlon, Governor

The word is that Bill Young is bowing out as Editor of our Royal Park Newsletter. This means, unfortunately, that as of February we will no longer have a Newsletter unless someone steps forward to take over this job.

Bill has done an excellent job with this publication for five years, giving his best to us even after he moved from the complex a couple of years ago. This is a large loss for Royal Park. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all his efforts. He is creative and clever and was always informative. I would venture to say it is one of the best "newsletters" published in the area from any condominium. He has accomplished this on a tiny budget, and actually made a profit for us from the ads he obtained. I personally am very grateful for all his effort and time he gave to us in this manner. Frieda Shuhala, also worked faithfully at his side assisting this publication and I thank her wholeheartedly for all her efforts.

Not to be left out is John Binder who was a monthly contributor with news and humor in his delightful column. Without his input it would be like a Sunday paper without the comics. John has been submitting columns for a long time, and worked diligently to make sure he included many persons in his news items, and he can't be topped for his cleverness in doing so. If anyone was ever offended—"where is your sense of humor?". We shall miss your "stuff" John unless we are lucky enough to find a substitute editor here to carry on this lovely tradition.

Once more—a large "thanks Bill"—from all of us at Royal Park.

## Welcome New Residents

Lucy Franconeri .....	109-3D
Juan Escobar .....	116-4G
Patricia Zuorro .....	117-2E
Susan Bower .....	111-2D
Edmar Montechiare .....	118-2B
Sheri Wood .....	108-1C
Carlos & Carlin Beauchamp .....	118-3H
Devon Chance .....	113-1B

## Unaudited Treasurers Report

Happy New Year everyone. I hope that your holidays were peaceful, blessed and everything you wished for. Now that we've entered the "Goodwill to Men" stage, it's time to open our eyes to 1995, welcome it, and resolve to make it better than 1994...and it can be done!!! I was blessed this year with my first grandchild...(How can that be, when I feel barely old enough to have an adult child???) I am blessed with good friends, good neighbors and a steady job. HOWEVER...I have been cursed with a cynical outlook, a sarcastic tongue, and an extreme intolerance of greed, prejudice, and in humanity to our fellow human beings...

Why do you want to live in Royal Park and think that the rules and regulations apply to everyone but you?

Why do you want to live in Royal Park and refuse to be part of the community by joining a committee coming to board meetings or helping keep our grounds clean?

Why don't you realize that you're either a part of the problem or a part of the solution?

Okay—enough of the cynicism...Let's get down to real life. Please cast your ballot for the board members of your choice. Hopefully—at our next board meeting there will be a second to my motion to send a proxy to the members to officially set the number of board members. If...and when...it happens—remember to return your proxy.

Being on the board is an experience that every resident should try...but if you don't want to...then either support your elected board, or attend board meeting to insure that the board REPRESENTS YOU!!!

Remember—as of February 1, 1995, anyone reserving the clubhouse will pay a \$25.00/non-refundable fee, in addition to the refundable security deposit.

No, it's not true ARLENE KENNEALY

is getting the computer from the guard house...I am!!! Just Kidding...until we can eliminate the "bugs" in the system we're back to our old pass system. I am very unhappy that JOE PADILLA, our manager, resigned. His major problem was that he stuck by the Rules of our Association, state of Florida Law, and had no difficulty in saying NO to unlawful orders. Yes, he was young...but his exuberance to perform his job to benefit Royal Park will be sorely missed...at least by me.

Did you know that I was running for Oakland Park City Council? NO? Neither did I!!! I was accosted at City Hall by a resident declaiming my candidacy. Stop the rumor now! Between work and Royal Park business I know there must be a real world!!! I am not a candidate.

FINANCES. 1. Are you going to be there next year to be sure that the budget is adhered to? 2. Are you going to pay your rec. lease and maintenance payments on time? 3. Are you going to spend part of your hard earned money on other resident's maintenance fees? You should have answered yes to all 3 questions. Numbers 1 & 2 are doubtful, but until we have a fine for late payments part of your Quarterly fees pay the fees of those who choose not to pay.

Important Agenda items coming up:  
A. Cable TV- we need your opinions. B. Parking Spaces- spend money or save money. C. Plumbing- pay me now or pay me later. D. Balconies- look out!!! Maintenance fees going up. E. Roofs—Maybe those water stains mean something

Well- I hope that's enough to motivate you to come to the board meeting...It's YOUR money that's being spent—God bless everyone here at Royal Park. May 1995 be the year that all your dreams come true.

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## WATCH, continued from Front Page

Arnst, and Chris Wilson voted against. **REMEMBER THE NAMES WHEN YOU GO TO VOTE!!!**

On the lighter side...Club Chic, the Nudist/Swinger Club at 38th and Andrews has been closed. The owner canceled nudist night in an effort to appease the City Council...It didn't work...evidently the owner wasn't totally honest on his applications...and the nude community was very unhappy that they had been abandoned so, they also requested that the club be closed!!!(Not all of them...but a bunch did!!!)

Another issue coming up on the Feb. 1 City Agenda is the approval of two billboards on NW 10th Avenue. They will be HUGE monstrosities, which will be installed on the eastern side of Easterlin Park. Do you want them there??? Please voice your opinion. Attend the meeting on February 1st. (Thanks Bob Golden, for being the only other Royal Park resident at the Jan. 04, 1995 meeting!).

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**Frank Dougherty**

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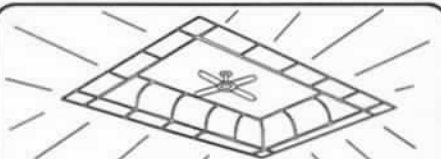


## alentine Dance

The 1995 Annual Valentine Dance is here again, thanks to the annual effort by the Royal Park Men's Club. This event will be held Saturday, February 11, 8:00 PM to 11:00 PM, at the R.P. Clubhouse. The doors



open at 7:30 PM, BYOB, and cake and coffee will be served. The Clyde Maneri Trio will provide the music. Tickets are on sale for \$5.00 and available from the following members: Joe Patron-731-4436, Guy Tremblay-731-5620, Ed Guilfold-485-0415, and Leo Beaudin-739-3257.



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