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IN HONOR OF ACTIVE AND RETIRED MILITARY



Our **Royal Pines** neighbor at 129 Middle Road created an American Flag mosaic in his front yard. The flag was created using white marble chips. The stripes are white chips and painted red chips and are separated with strips of wood. Blue

chips make up the background for the white stars. Rod Byrne is the resident of the home. Rod made the flag for Memorial Day to honor the active and retired members of the military in our area. Rod's mother and stepfather also occupy the

home portions of each year. Rod's stepfather is retired military. Rod works at the Lady's Island Publix and owns his own business, Robert Landscaping.

PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY

Summer is here and our children are out of school. Children are riding bikes and playing on the streets. In addition to the children, there are a large number of people who love to walk or jog in our beautiful neighborhood. We need to watch our speeds and slow down. Speeding to save a few seconds is not worth the chance of hurting someone.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I received questions and complaints about dogs running loose in the community. I requested that the RP Times inform the residents of **Royal Pines** of the leash laws applicable to pets in the community. The following is excerpted from the Beaufort County Ordinances.

Sec. 14-28. - Restraint of animals by owners.

(a) Running at large. It shall be unlawful for any owner or custodian of any dog, cat, or other animal to permit the

dog, cat, or other animal to run at large at any time upon any street or highway or other property within the county (S.C. Code 1976, § 47-7-110).

(b) Control of animals generally. No owner shall fail to exercise proper care and control of his animals to prevent them from becoming a public nuisance.

(c) Female dogs and cats in heat. Every female dog and cat in heat shall be confined

in such a manner that such female dog or cat cannot come into contact with another animal.

Other provisions including description and laws applying to "dangerous animals" can be found in Chapter 10 of the county ordinances which are online at www.municode.com/library/sc/beaufort_county/codes

THE ROYAL PINES GARDEN CLUB

The Royal Pines Garden Club recently celebrated 25 years of operation. The Club is open to all residents of Royal Pines and serves to bring together those interested in all types of gardening.

Monthly meetings are held the second Thursday of each month, in rotation at members' homes and have offered demonstrations on various topics such as creating a terrarium, water gardens in containers, floral arrangements and other topics of interest to the members. We try to be active in the community with an annual visitation to shut-ins where we sing Christmas Carols and offer some holiday treats. We also main-

tain a quilt garden at the entrance to the Royal Pines community on Royal Pines Boulevard and have been involved in the beautification of the National Cemetery by planting annuals as well as perennials.

Yearly dues are a modest \$25 and serve to fund activities. While we do have Master Gardeners as members, we exist to have fun with gardening and share tips and experiences.

Mr. & Mrs. Roman Sabiech at 19 Wade Hampton Dr. hosted a Garden-A-Day tour, Wednesday, June 10th.

More information about the Garden Club can be had by either e-mailing

Pat Lauzon, current President, at dklauzon1@gmail.com or calling 524-5671.

Happy Gardening Everyone.



ROYAL PINES' ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

FROM THE RPHOA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD(ARB)

The **ARB**, established by the Covenants, helps to maintain the integrity of all residence within Royal Pines Homeowners Association. The **ARB** Guidelines, along with the Covenants, can be accessed on the Royal Pines website www.royalpineshomeowners.com. Under the **ARB** Header the Guidelines and **ARB** Applications are easily printed.

The most common requests made to the **ARB** are for fences and tree removal. The standard **ARB** fee of \$25 and required **ARB** application applies to all fence requests. There is no Fee for Tree Removal but the **ARB** Application Request is still required.

Almost all requests will require a visit by an **ARB** Representative. Most requests including new construction are completed within a week. All homeowners and renters, whether they pay dues or not, are bound by the Covenants.

Some of the misunderstandings about compliance with the Covenants and **ARB** are as follows:

Requires ARB Application and Approval

- Any Addition to the exterior of a home.
- Placement of a Shed
- Tree Removal
- Fence Construction

Does not require ARB Approval

- Interior Construction
- Roof Replacement
- Septic Field Repair or Replacement

If Homeowners follow the guidelines for the **ARB** and Requests, accessible on the RPHOA website, there are generally no issues with regards to approvals.

LADY'S ISLAND CC SWIMMING POOL -- Q&A WITH JEFF FISCHER

In the *Royal Pines Times* May issue we ran an article about the LICC plans to build a pool if the community showed sufficient support. The article engendered a number of questions regarding the plans for the pool and the membership requirements. Because the questions raised are important to both the community and the LICC plans, RP Times sat down with Jeff Fischer, owner of LICC, for answers to the questions.

RP Times: Jeff, after our article in the May issue of RP Times we received a number of questions regarding your plans to build a pool on the grounds of the LICC.

First, where will the pool be located?

Jeff: Ideally the pool will be located in the vicinity of the "chipping green" by the pond.

RP Times: What is the planned size of the pool?

Jeff: At this time the size has not been determined. The size will depend on the interest shown and monetary requirements.

RP Times: Will there be a wading pool for children?

Jeff: Not as such. A gentle sloping pool to a "lap" area is what I envision.

RP Times: Will there be a snack bar or food service from the Tavern to the pool?

Jeff: Access to the Tavern's patio and porch should serve this need.

RP Times: Will there be showers and changing rooms in the pool area?

Jeff: Not planned as yet.

RP Times: Do you have a site diagram that we can print in the next issue showing the location and layout of the pool?

Jeff: Not at this time. No plans have been submitted to the County Zoning Office.

RP Times: One question raised concerns the membership fees. As you are aware the demographics of the community are changing in that a growing number of homes in the community are occupied by young families with children. A family of four would need to deposit \$1,000 for the two year membership fee.

That is a financial burden for a young family. Would you consider the purchase of a one year membership with a binding pledge for the second year?

Jeff: Not at this time. Remember, a one year membership will be good for the second year as a "freebie." Essentially BOGO!

RP Times: Another resident inquired if you had considered seeking pledges in lieu of membership at the outset with the goal of determining if there is sufficient interest and, if so, then seeking the payment of the membership?

Jeff: If I know the individual, perhaps. Cash speaks louder than a pledge.

RP Times: Jeff, thank you for sharing this information. We look forward to sharing the progress of this endeavor in future issues of the *Royal Pines Times*.

NEW AREA CODE COMING TO THE LOW COUNTRY

Sometime later this year new telephone subscribers in the Low Country will receive **854** as their area code. This new area code is known as an overlay. It comes about because telephone providers are using up all of the available numbers in the **843** area code.

This means that next door neighbors can actually have different area codes.

When the use of the **854** area code begins we all will eventually have to use 10 digit dialing even if you are calling your neighbor across the street. We are currently using 7 digit dialing and that will continue for the near future but not for very long.



NEWCOMERS TO ROYAL PINES

The following individuals have recently moved into the Royal Pines area. We have included their names and email addresses should you wish to contact them.

Joan & Tom Dicgel	dicgel2380@gmail.com
Angie & Mike Veno	venohouse@yahoo.com
Becky & Tim Fondelier	bfondelier@aol.com
Chris & Randy Mull	cmull53@centurylink.net
Melissa Klingenberg	melissavklingeberg@gmail.com
Karen Zomick	mothern8ture@me.com
Walter & Jesse Davidson	outfishingtoday@hotmail.com

WELCOME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

Please let us know of other newcomers to the area so that they can be included in future issues of this newsletter.

If you would like to submit items of interest for or recommend someone to be highlighted in the next newsletter please do so at royalpineshomeowners@yahoo.com.

KIDZ CORNER

To offer activities for neighborhood children **an ART CLASS is being offered by Angela Mingledorff**, a wonderful artist who lives in our community. Date: Saturday, June 27th at 11 a.m. Place: the Clubhouse and will last 1.5 hours. The cost will be \$20.00 per child for all the art supplies and the project will be done in one day. This is age appropriate for 6 and up. An adult family member for each child should remain at the Clubhouse during this class. **This class is limited to 10 and reservations are required.** Please email:

mingledorffa@hargray.com to reserve your child's place today. We want to schedule future activities but need volunteers to offer their services. Suggestions have included "Story Time", Kite Making, and Model building. **HOWEVER, WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!** Please consider offering your services. If interested please send your contact information to the RPHOA website.

TRISHA VANDERSPIEGEL TRAVELS TO THE UKRAINE TO HELP ORPHANS

On May 14, 2015 Trisha Vanderspiegel, a longtime resident of the Royal Pines community, departed Beaufort heading to join an international team of volunteers going to a Christian orphanage in the Ukraine. As Trisha discussed before leaving, one of the most difficult parts of the trip is actually getting there. Depending on the route it can take as long as 20 hours to arrive in Kiev, Ukraine and they then travel by minivan for a trip that could take about 3-5 hours to arrive at their host home. This is the 5th trip that Trisha has made to this orphanage.

The purpose of the trip is to provide dental services to both the children and workers at the orphanage and its associated housing facilities. This international team of dentists and other professionals who support this mission volunteer their time and medical supplies. The oth-

er volunteers help teach classes on proper dental hygiene, including how to properly brush your teeth and the need to reduce or eliminate sugary foods and drinks from their diets.

It should be noted, that when the first dental trip took place, every child had multiple cavities. Last year $\frac{3}{4}$ of the children had no cavities. The general practice of dentistry in the Ukraine is very different than standard practices in the U.S. It is common practice to leave baby teeth in until the permanent ones come through. Should problems arise, the local dentists will generally use aluminum crowns to temporarily fix any problems until the permanent teeth come through. In addition, most local dentist do not use Novocain or any pain killers of any sort when working on teeth. You can imagine that dental visits are few and far between for both chil-

dren and adults.

As Trisha summarized upon her return, it is extremely humbling to see such an improvement on the emotional, physical and mental level of all the children and their caretakers. As much as these volunteers give they are given so much back in return. Although the hours were long and inconveniences many, they will be returning again in support of these orphanages and their children.

This is one story of a neighbor that lives amongst us. We would love to highlight more of our neighbors as we progress with this newsletter. Please let us know who you think we should contact. Please forward your suggestions to the RPHOA website. Perhaps the next time you see Trisha, take a few minutes to ask her about this incredible trip.

NEWS FROM LICC & THE TAVERN

LICC MEN'S GOLF ASSOC.

Once again it is time for the Homeowners Association News Letter. As I am sitting at my computer I must ask myself "why did I say I would write something?" It was so easy to write for the first edition but now we are on the second. I all ready used up all my good stuff.

The club will have some type of golf event on the morning of the 4th of July. Tee off will be around 8:30 so you will be able to spend the majority of the day with your family. During the summer we also will be having a Glow Ball Tournament. This will tee off around 9pm as this will be played in the dark. If you have never played in a glow ball event they are a lot of fun. This will be limited to 42 players. Contact the

pro shop for further details on these events. Membership's are still available till June 15 tax free. After June 15 Lady's Island CC will not absorb the taxes. The swimming pool seems to have created some interest. Mr. Fischer has answered some questions concerning the pool. If you have further questions on the pool stop in and talk with me. May 7th was one year that the club house was reopened. Have you been in yet? Stop in and introduce yourself. See for yourself why more and more people are talking about Lady's Island CC and The Tavern. We would love to be your neighborhood club. Thanks,
Mike Sinisko

The Royal Pines Men's Golf Association is an organization established to sponsor and promote recreational competitive golf at the Lady's Island Country Club. Currently competitive events are set up on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week at 9:00AM. The cost of annual Membership is \$15.00 per year. The Association sponsors regular weekly golf events which range from \$4.00 - \$10.00 per event. The comradery among the

members is what makes the organization the fun organization it is. If you enjoy golf and are either a part time or full time resident of the area you should check us out. Inquiries should be directed to Lady's Island Country Club at 524-3635 or just show up on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday for golf and fun by 8:45 A.M.
Bob Kiessling
President

Potential SC Tax Credit for Home Owner's Insurance

Residents of Royal Pines, you may be eligible for a Tax Credit on the insurance on your home . Very few people are even aware of the available tax credit . Here's how the tax credit works: If the cost of insuring your primary residence exceeds 5 percent of your adjusted gross income, the state will pay you the difference, up to \$1,250, as a tax credit. For example, if your adjusted gross income is \$50,000 and you paid \$3,000 to insure your home,

you could get a \$500 tax credit (5 percent of \$50,000 is \$2,500, so the "excess insurance premium" is \$500). It's not a "refundable" tax credit, so if you don't owe state income tax you won't get a check, but it is a dollar-for-dollar reduction in your state tax bill. The credit is claimed on South Carolina returns by filing [form TC44](#).. If you did not file previously, you can go back 3 years. If the credit is greater than the amount of tax owed, then it will

bring your tax bill down to zero and the difference can be carried forward for up to five years. The insurance costs that count toward the credit include homeowners insurance, any additional "wind and hail" insurance, and any flood insurance. Some homeowners might have three different policies, or maybe more. So if you own a home and are paying insurance bills, watch the video online at <http://goo.gl/QSOkuE>

CLASSIFIED ADS
HAVE SOMETHING TO SELL OR HOLDING A GARAGE SALE? Beginning with our August newsletter we are offering classified ads at 10¢ per 5 characters. Minimum ad price is \$1.00. Characters include letters, numbers, punctuation, symbols and spaces. Deadline for ad copy is July 15. If you want to place an ad call Karen or Bill 770-9918.

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