

SC BEGINS NEW DRIVER'S LICENSES TO MEET REAL ID RULES

YOU can now start preparing to get new SC driver's licenses, the ones that will be required to board planes and enter military bases in the future. After a long reluctance SC is complying with a federal law requiring driver's licenses that are harder to forge in the wake of the 9/11 terror attacks. Gov. McMaster signed a bill into law requiring the new licenses. New licenses are not required right away. SC officials hope to get extensions that last through late 2020. But some citizens will want to get a jump on getting one of the new licenses issues using federal standards known as REAL ID. Here is what the S.C. DMV announced about why the new licenses will be issued, how to apply and who needs to have a new license — which is not everyone.

What's happening? Starting May 15, citizens can start applying for driver's licenses that can be used to board flights and enter secure federal buildings and military bases. When the new licenses become available, you can order them online. This step is voluntary.

When will the new licenses be available? Late 2017 or early 2018.

Are current licenses good now? Yes, but the federal government has set an October deadline for needing federal government-compliant licenses to enter secure federal buildings and military bases, and a January deadline to have proper licenses to fly.

That seems like a short window. Has South Carolina asked for an extension? Yes. The state should know later this week if the deadline involving secure federal buildings and military bases is extended and should know by October about an extension involving boarding flights.

Do I really need one before 2020? Not unless you fly or plan to enter secure federal buildings and military bases. You can still use your current license to drive, vote and receive government benefits.

What documents are needed in order to apply for a new license?

- Birth certificate or unexpired U.S. passport
- Social Security card, pay stub or W-2 form

At least two of the following: Current unexpired driver's license, utility bill, pay stub, mortgage statement, Social Security check or a bank statement. (For other eligible documents and more information, go to www.scdmvonline.com/DMVNew/forms/MV-93.doc)

If you changed your name: a marriage license, divorce decree or court order **Note: You must bring original copies of the documents.**

You will need to visit a DMV office (location listings: scdmvonline.com/DMVNew/offloclist.aspx) with those documents if you received your first driver's license or beginner's permit before November 2010. If you received your first S.C. driver's license or beginner's permit since November 2010, the state should have your documents on file. Call 803-896-5000 after May 15 to check.

I just paid to receive or renew my license in the past few years, and it expires after 2020. Do I have to pay again?

Yes. Most licenses cost \$25 to renew for 10 years (though that price could change soon under the roads bill being considered in the Statehouse). The new licenses will be good for eight years.

Can I keep my regular license past the 2020 deadline?

Sure. But it cannot be used to fly or enter secured federal buildings and military bases, though you can still use a passport or military ID for that. (For a full list, go to dhs.gov/real-id)

Will the new licenses look different? The new licenses will have a gold star to identify them as meeting REAL ID standards.

MELISSA V. KLINGENBERG

Melissa moved to Royal Pines in 2014 and fell in love with her new home and community. She brought two dogs with her. Those who knew her understood that Louie and Lady Bee were her loves. In fact, when she moved here after living in Turks and Caicos for 30 years she chartered a plane to insure that the dogs were comfortable during the flight.

She quickly became involved with the community and worked tirelessly to make our neighborhood, the location of choice for people moving into the area.

You would often see her driving around the neighborhood on her golf cart "Woody." She had many plans for the community and was proud to serve on the HOA Board and was looking forward to her term as

president.

Melissa had an incredible life. At one time she was a commodities broker and loved the excitement that came with the business. When she met her late husband Tor, her whole world changed. Not only did she get a wonderful husband but she inherited two absolutely wonderful stepdaughters Elin and Julie that she loved dearly. Tor operated and import/export business and this allowed Melissa to visit and live in some wonderful places.

Melissa is survived by one sister, Suzanne King, and Elin Green and Julie Flakstad and several grandchildren.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD NOTES

The ARB and Board of Directors want to thank Royal Pines Homeowners for their patience in getting project applications processed as a result of the death of our Late President Melissa Klingenberg and getting everything transferred over to our new President, Karen Hardy. Some things were not all together and finding all the pieces took a little more time than normal. With the addition of Director, Harvey Taylor, to the ARB Board we will try to process applications as quickly as possible. Keep in mind everybody serving the Association is a volunteer so you need to plan ahead to obtain RPHOA Written Approval Prior to starting any project. This includes tree Removal for which there is no RPHOA fee. Something new with Beaufort County is a County Permit is now also required to put up a fence. As with a Shed Permit, this permit can be obtained from the Beaufort County Zoning Department on Ribaut Rd. and, as with a shed, requires at least two copies of your Survey Platt showing the planned location along with a \$25.00 fee payable to Beaufort County. You should have received a Platt of Survey when you closed on your Residence in your closing papers. For Information about the Covenants, ARB Rules and all RPHOA Applications you can obtain all this including forms from our Website www.royalpineshomeowners.com which has been dramatically updated. Questions may be directed to our email address royalpineshomeowners@yahoo.com and we will do our best to get back timely answers.

GOLF COURSE PROPERTY

Jeff Fisher, owner of the Lady's Island Country Club has requested help from the RPHOA regarding the use of the golf course property. Both golf courses are PRIVATE PROPERTY and not owned by the RPHOA or the adjacent homeowners.

There are a number of places on both the in use course and the dormant course where water and electric utilities run through the property. These utilities can be damaged by careless and unapproved use of the property by homeowners for service work, improvements and tree removal on their property.

Jeff has asked that if you are planning to have

work done on your property and you or your contractor need access to the golf course property for trucks or other equipment that you please contact the golf course for permission. The phone number is **843-524-3635**. It will be best if you allow some time for Jeff to contact you for information about your requested use.

It is also important to note that improper use of the golf course property for ATVs and scooters is trespassing and could be subject to action. There have been several complaints by homeowners about this activity and it has been suggested that anyone seeing this type of activity contact the Beaufort County Sheriff for assistance.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

KAREN L. HARDY

In past issues of the Royal Pines Times, the RPHOA has worked hard to bring about the understanding of what we as a Board can do, and, what the community in general needs to undertake. Having recently taken over the position as President of Royal Pines Homeowners Association (RPHOA), I want to take this time to express the continuation of our HOA commitment.

First, it is important to acknowledge that we are required to enforce all covenants and ARB procedures. A homeowners association (HOA) is the governing body for a community such as Royal Pines. Primarily, our HOA Board uses RPHOA dues to pay for the upkeep of common areas, insurance, some utilities and works to enforce both the Covenants and ARB Procedures and Guidelines.

As previously mentioned, the goals of our HOA Board will include, but not be limited to, increasing the membership of our HOA; explaining and enforcing all covenants and guidelines and working within this community to correct problems that are covered under either the covenants or ARB. In the short period of time that I have had this position, I have been contacted by multiple residents and real estate companies regarding Royal Pines. Most of the resident inquiries regard:

*fences and trash that is left in neighbor yards;

*the condition of the closed Marsh golf course (does not fall under our purview);

*the condition and safety of the Royal Pines Blvd. median;

*loose animals; and

*vehicles speeding up and down our roads.

Real Estate agents, as well as property owners have stated their concern that the overall community is looking run down and is/will be impacting the value and/or sale of property in our community.

Your HOA is working very hard to undertake these, and other, problems in our community. As most of you know, membership in the HOA is not mandatory, however, a larger membership would enable your Board to undertake more projects that would have a direct and positive impact on our neighborhood.

As an example of what can be accomplished when the Board and Residents work together, take a moment to look at the median on Royal Pines Blvd. From the main entrance to the end of the road, most of the median has been cleaned, trash hauled away, flower beds cleaned and improved and additional fencing has been installed.

Bob Kiessling and Harvey Taylor are working hard and will continue to do so to ensure that the ARP guidelines are understood and adhered to by all homeowners.

The question I and other Board members are asked the most is "what do I get for joining the HOA". The answer is relatively simple -- YOU GET A VOTE, plus increased membership allows us to financially under take more projects that will help us accomplish more for our neighborhood, including the social functions that we have undertaken in the pass. Remember, the annual membership dues are only \$75.00 per year or 0.205 cents per day! Come and join, we welcome your input and participation.

REMEMBER!

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www.royalpineshomeowners.com

BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR

- ◆ Participate in Royal Pines Clean Up days. Doing this clearly demonstrates that you care about improving your street and Royal Pines. Remember after Matthew how this community came together to help each other. Let's keep that kind of spirit going!
- ◆ Attend the monthly HOA meetings to get a complete understanding of all that we are working hard to accomplish (not for just HOA participants but for all the community).
- ◆ Do not let your animals run free. If someone sees a loose dog chances are good that they will call Animal Control.
- ◆ Pick up after your dog when walking. It is very unsanitary and could increase the appearance of No-See Um's and mosquitos.
- ◆ Welcome new neighbors to your community. Something as simple as a "Hello, my name is Joe" could have influence on the neighbor and make them feel as if they are already part of the community. Smile and wave when you see a neighbor. Sometimes, all someone needs is a smile to improve their day.
- ◆ Don't dump trash in someone's yard. You are responsible for your own trash, not your neighbor.
- ◆ Participate in the organizing of a community event.
- ◆ Speak up and join the HOA so that we can do more for Royal Pines.
- ◆ Stay in touch with our elderly neighbors. They can't do some of the things that they have done in the past. If you don't see them for a couple of days contact them and make sure they are all right.
- ◆ Mow your yard on a regular basis and remember to cut the ditch in front of your house. It will go a long way in creating great "curb" appeal.



RECIPES

Ginger Chicken Soup

Submitted by Kathy Oda

3 cups chicken or vegetable broth
½ cup chicken, cooked and minced
¼ cup fresh ginger, chopped into matchsticks
1 cup cooked brown rice
Salt and Pepper to taste
Parsley

Cook the ginger in the broth until slightly softened. Add the rest of the ingredients. Add salt and pepper to taste. Garnish with Parsley.

This is my favorite soup that is served at Siam Garden in Charlotte. It's a great soup for leftover chicken and rice and is truly more about the ginger infused broth than the other ingredients.

INA GARTEN'S ROASTED ASPARAGUS

Ingredients

- 2 pounds fresh asparagus
 - Good olive oil
 - Kosher salt, plus extra for sprinkling
- Freshly ground black pepper

Directions

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Break off the tough ends of the asparagus and, if they're thick, peel them. Place the asparagus on a baking sheet, drizzle with olive oil, then toss to coat the asparagus completely. Spread the asparagus in a single layer and sprinkle liberally with salt and pepper. Roast the asparagus for 25 minutes, until tender but still crisp.

SUMMER SAFETY 101

Did you know that there are between 15-27% more visits to the emergency rooms during the summer months? Think about it: long days plus lots of time outdoors mean that you are more at risk for scrapes, falls, sunburn, Lyme disease, a swimming scare or even heat stroke. With some common sense, you may be able to avoid some of these injuries and ailments. Below are a few safety pointers:

HEAD INJURIES – If you are bike riding, trampoline jumping, rock climbing or dirt biking wear a helmet, know the safety rules and perhaps take a beginners lesson.

HEAT STROKE – keeping cool is important (think shade, AC, a swim. Stay hydrated, water is better than sport drinks. Be on the look-out for signs like disorientation and the cessation of sweating. Damp skin means your body is cooling

itself naturally. Dry skin in high heat could be a warning of a rapidly escalating problem.

LYME DISEASE – around 300,000 cases are diagnosed with this disease each year. Protect yourself by wearing long sleeves, a hat and pants on hikes and using an insect repellent with a DEET concentration of 20% or more. After each outdoor adventure, don't forget to check your clothing, hair, and skin for Lyme bearing ticks.

BURNS – did you know that UV could damage your skin in as little as 15 minutes of exposure? When possible, avoid the sun during the hottest mid-day hours and make sure you pay attention to often missed spots such as hands, feet, ears, and hairline when applying sunscreen.

Stay safe, drive carefully, plan well and enjoy summer.

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For more information contact Karen Hardy-Farrar at 843-441-1204.

If you already have a Mary Kay consultant please contact her/him for more information.

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YARD OF THE MONTH

In the last issue we announced the Yard of Royal Pines contest. The selection committee drove up and down every street in our community looking at a lot of yards and discussing the merits of each. It was wonderful to see so many of our neighbors investing time and effort in their yard. However, one yard stood out among the rest and the winner of our first Yard of the Month for Royal Pines contest is:

Fred and Maritza Schmidt's home located on Rivers Ct.

The amount of detail encompasses front, side and backyard and you can see that it was all done with love and a very good eye for detail.

Congratulations to Fred and Maritza. You have won a gift certificate from the nursery of your choice. Please contact us as soon as possible to tell us your choice so that we can present you with the gift certificate.

We want to continue this contest for the next newsletter but this time with a twist. We are asking for nominations of landscaped yards and/or by Royal Pines Residents. Please send your nominations to royalpineshomeowners@yahoo.com.



PLEASE JOIN TODAY

Annual Membership: \$75

Unimproved Lot: \$40

Complete the form below and include it with your remittance or bring it to the meeting. Make checks payable to RPHOA and mail to: RPHOA, PO Box 1763, Beaufort, SC 29901. If you do not choose to join, please consider making a contribution to cover Association costs. The Association's sole reason for existing is to create an environment that helps maintain the value of our homes and fosters a sense of community.

Name:

Royal Pines Property Address:

Email Address:

Phone #:

Mailing Address (if different from property address):