



## **PREPARING YOUR GARDEN FOR FALL**

### **From the Garden Club**

While spring is the time to plant new plants and summer is the time to watch them grow, your garden needs care during fall as well. As the weather cools the plants mature and move towards hibernating during winter.

Examine your garden to prepare for fall, walk around and examine it. Look for bald patches of soil, overgrown plants that need to be divided, write down which bulbs need to be removed before winter, and which herbs need to be moved indoors.

Remove potted herbs indoors before the weather becomes cooler so you will be able to enjoy fresh herbs for a longer period of time. Move the pots to a warm corner of the porch that gets some sunlight and is not exposed to frost or snow.

Fall is the best time to add soil amendments as the slow releasing fertilizer will enhance soil quality throughout the winter months. During spring and summer, the nutrients in the soil are depleted by the growing plants. While chemical fertilizers work for

feeding the plant directly, organic fertilizer works by enriching the soil. Mulch, manure, and compost are all organic fertilizers that release nutrients slowly into the soil. By working them into the soil in fall, you will reduce the number of gardening chores you have to do in the spring.

Also examine all the perennials in your garden for signs of disease. Look for spotted leaves or rotting stems, either apply treatment, prune the branch, or remove the plant before the disease spreads to healthy plants.

Check your trees for damaged branches due to rotting. This is easier in the fall when some of the trees shed their leaves, leaving the branches bare and easier to inspect. If you see signs of damage remove the branch.

Preparing your garden in the fall can help you have a better garden in the spring and summer. Many of the fall garden chores will ensure that the soil is healthy and ready for spring planting.

## **ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**

### **REQUIRED APPROVALS**

**ALL additions or changes to the exterior of homes as well as the addition of anything to the property requires review and approval by the ARB. This includes new roof, change in exterior color, sheds, fences—including replacements, pools, decks, porches, Carolina rooms. The permit process is easy. Please don't make the process difficult for you or the HOA. We will enforce these requirements.**

#### **SPEED LIMIT**

**The Speed Limit in Royal Pines is marked either as 25 mph or 30 mph. We have more children and exercise activity in the community than in the past so adhering to the Speed limit is important for the Safety of all.**

**Last time we asked the Sheriff to monitor the speed limit we also asked that "no tickets be given". This is a warning that the next time we have "Speed Monitoring" tickets will be issued to all speeders.**

#### **ROYAL PINES BOULEVARD**

**The Boulevard is a divided road with two lanes designated in each direction. Of late there have been reports of people going the wrong way on the Boulevard so we have asked the State to provide additional signage, which they have. Please make a note of this policy.**

**There are several surrounding Neighborhoods that pass through our neighborhood. You may want to pass this information along to anybody you may know living in them to help them avoid any possible tickets.**

#### **FENCE CONSTRUCTION/REPLACEMENT**

**In accordance with the Covenants (#1) ALL Fence Construction, to include Replacement, requires WRITTEN APPROVAL from the RPHOA Board . Further the Maximum height approval for ANY fence or Replacement Fence is four feet (4').**

## TRAFFIC ROUNDUP: Different rules for golf carts on the roads

**The Problem:** Not knowing the current law regarding the proper operation of a golf cart.

**The Law:** South Carolina Code of Laws section 56-2-150 subsection (B) and (C) provides:

“(B) An individual or business owner of a vehicle commonly known as a golf cart may obtain a permit decal and registration from the Department of Motor Vehicles upon presenting proof of ownership and liability insurance for the golf cart and upon payment of a \$5 fee.

(1) During daylight hours only, a permitted golf cart may be operated within 4 miles of the address on the registration certificate and only on a secondary highway or street for which the posted speed limit is 35 miles an hour or less.

(2) During daylight hours only, a permitted golf cart may be operated within 4 miles of a point of ingress and egress to a gated community and only on a secondary highway or street for which the posted speed limit is 35 miles an hour or less.

(3) During daylight hours only, within 4 miles of the registration holder's address, and while traveling along a secondary highway or street for which the posted speed limit is 35 miles an hour or less, a permitted golf cart may cross a highway or street at an intersection where the highway has a posted speed limit of more than 35 miles an hour.

4) During daylight hours only, a permitted golf cart may be operated along a secondary highway or street for which the posted speed limit is 35 miles an hour or less on an island not accessible by a bridge designed for use by automobiles.

(C) A person operating a permitted golf cart must be at least 16 years of age and hold a valid driver's license. The operator of a permitted golf cart being operated on a highway or street must have in his possession:

1. the registration certificate issued by the department;
  2. proof of liability insurance for the golf cart; and
  3. his driver's license.
4. **The Penalty:** The fine for this violation is \$237.”

We receive complaints regarding golf carts zipping around RP streets with young children operating them. Most phone calls we receive are residents wanting to know who can and cannot legally operate golf carts, as well as, where and when they can be operated.

The new law provides that golf cart operators must be at least 16 years of age and have a valid driver's license. In addition, the Legislature mirrored the requirements for all motor vehicles by mandating that all golf cart operators be in possession of the vehicles registration, proof of insurance and their driver's license while operating one.

For those of you who have children under the age of 16 and you allow them to operate a golf cart on a road or street, you are in violation of this law. With that said, we are asking all golf cart owners to make sure that you and anyone who operates it becomes familiar with the new section of the law before moving it on the road again. If you should see a violation occurring, please call us so our officers can educate the drivers and ensure that no one gets hurt.

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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Julia Child's Cream of Mushroom Soup

Julia Child's recipe for Cream of Mushroom Soup. This easy soup recipe is hearty and delicious, and uses only 11 ingredients. You'll love the earthy flavor of each spoonful of this soup! The next time you want to prepare a dish that will remind you of home, keep this easy soup recipe at your fingertips. You'll love making this classic comfort food this fall and winter! Don't forget to impress your coworkers by reheating leftovers in the office kitchen the next day.

Serves - 2 quarts (6 servings)  
Cooking Method - Sauteeing  
Cost - Moderate, Total Time - under 1 hour  
Kid Friendly - Yes, One Pot Meal - Yes  
Recipe Course - Hot Appetizer, Side Dish  
Meal - Dinner, Lunch  
Taste and Texture - Creamy, Herby, Rich, Umami  
Type of Dish - Hot Soup, Soup

#### Ingredients

4 tablespoons butter  
1 cup minced onion or white of leek  
¼ cup flour  
1 cup hot chicken stock  
6 cups milk

1 quart fresh mushrooms, trimmed, washed, and diced  
¼ teaspoon dried tarragon leaves  
½ cup or more heavy cream, sour cream, or crème fraîche, optional  
Salt and freshly ground white pepper  
Drops of lemon juice, optional  
Sprigs of fresh tarragon or slices of sautéed fresh mushroom caps, for garnish.

#### Instructions

The Soup Base: Sauté the onion or leek slowly with the butter in a heavy-bottomed covered saucepan, for 7 to 8 minutes, until tender and translucent. Blend in the flour and cook slowly 2 or 3 minutes, stirring. Off heat, gradually whisk in the hot stock. Bring to the simmer over moderate heat, and whisk in the milk.

The Mushrooms: Blend in the mushrooms and dried tarragon, and simmer 20 minutes, stirring frequently to prevent scorching. Stir in optional cream, simmer briefly, then season to taste, adding drops of lemon juice if needed. Garnish with tarragon sprigs, or with sautéed mushroom slices floated on each serving.

## "MOUNT TACO BELL" ILLUSTRATES NEED FOR NO-FILL ORDINANCE

One-half of the "land area" of Beaufort County is marshland, and much development depends on raising land in order to build on it.

The new Island Shops development - think Walmart - along the Sea Island Parkway required a reported 20,000 truckload of fill to elevate the site above flood levels.

The latest obvious example is the planned Taco Bell approved by the City Council for the corner of the Sea Island Parkway and Lost Island Road. In order to protect the site from flooding and provide access to its drive-through window, fill has been brought in and is being worked by bulldozers to create an entirely different looking property. "Drive Up" to the window is taking on an entirely different meaning.

Projects such as Walmart and Taco Bell that require large amounts of fill - whether permitted or not by current regulation - should be raising a red flag. We need to make a conscious decision about whether we want to pave paradise and put up a parking lot. It can't come soon enough.

It's a bad idea.

*Article courtesy of the Sea Island Coalition*

## PLEASE JOIN TODAY

Annual Membership \$85.00

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Complete the form below and include it with your remittance. Make your check payable to "RPHOA" and mail to RPHOA, P.O. Box 1763, Beaufort SC 29901. If you like, you can bring it to a monthly Board Meeting on the first Thursday of each month. If you choose not to join, please consider making a contribution to assist the Association in covering its costs of operations. The Association's sole reason for existing is to create an environment in the Royal Pines Community that helps maintain the value of our homes and fosters a sense of community.

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

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# FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Karen Hardy

## DON'TS

1. Leave you're A/C unit or Propane Tank Exposed
2. Don't leave pet "deposits" in your neighbor's yard
3. Leave broken down vehicles in your yard
4. Royal Pines Blvd is a 2WAY street separated by a very large median down the middle of the road
5. Signs ARE NOT allowed in Royal Pines this includes any type of business signs, including but not limited to real estate sales, developers and contractor signs
6. This is a neighborhood NOT a motor speedway. We have neighbors walking, children playing, etc. Saving 30 seconds in getting somewhere IS NOT Worth the risk of injury or death to someone
7. Promptly remove dead trees, shrubs, etc. If you own an empty lot, clean it out and keep it from becoming a breeding ground for pests and a home for rodents, etc.

## DO'S

1. Please place a decorative fence around these it items. (You can find fences at your Big Box Stores )
2. PICK UP after you pets. Let's keep it clean and sanitary.
3. Have them repaired or towed elsewhere
4. Watch while driving and FOLLOW the correct flow of traffic.
5. Approved real estate signage is allowed. Please make sure that you and your realtor are aware of this requirement as signs may be removed.
6. Go the speed limit or below, especially with the change in time it is darker earlier and earlier. Drive like your children's lives depended on it!
7. Keep your yard clear of fallen limbs, trees, and keep overgrowth to a minimum, where possible

This is a vibrant community and one that we can be proud of. Let's all do our part to cover up or get rid of the blemishes. I realize that we are all very busy but it shows pride in our community when we clean up, as if company is coming.

There are homes with broken appliances discarded in backyards. Is this an act of a good neighbor?

There are homes with multiple cars, boats, ATV's, trailers, jet skis, engine parts, etc. in the front yard. Let's store those behind the front of the house, in the garage or in your backyard, if you do not want to store them off premises.

Remember, if you have a question as to what can and can not be done on your property contact the ARB. If you build a fence – IT MUST BE APPROVED FIRST; if you install a shed – IT MUST BE APPROVED FIRST; if you go to build something – IT MUST BE APPROVED FIRST.



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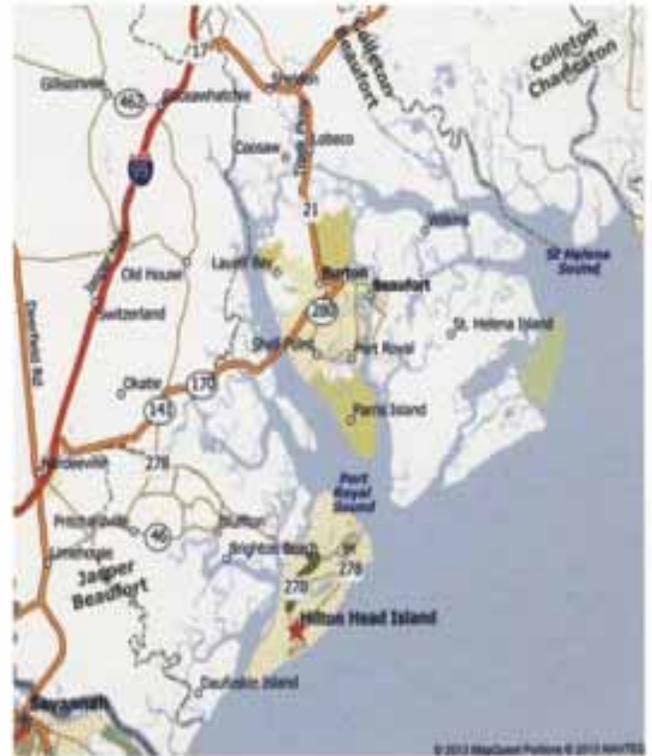
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