



# Royal Pines Times



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*Mike Bars*

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## The President's Corner

The Annual Meeting is near at hand and will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 6:00pm at Olde Beaufort Eatery. There will be a review of the past year's activity, an opportunity for questions, voting on By-Laws changes, and voting to fill open Board seats.

Last year continued the sense of altered reality caused by the pandemic. It appears that we are now on the downside and hopefully seeing it pass into history. What lingering effects it will have remain to be seen. It has had a dampening effect on national morale and the HOA Board of Directors, like most organizations, has not been immune from its influence. Board meetings and activities were occasionally canceled, or meeting venues changed. In addition, moving out of Royal Pines, illness, and lack of availability to fulfill attendance requirements disrupted the normal functioning of the Board.

The Board now has three (3) open Officer positions (President, Vice-President, and Secretary) and five (5) open Director positions that need to be filled. Five Directors are required for a meeting quorum. The duties of board members vary but there is a division of responsibilities, and no single person carries the entire load. It has been my privilege to serve for several years as a director, a full two-year term as President and fill in as interim President for the last several months. During all of that time community members have provided input, covenant violations have been dealt with, and events held. The HOA has helped to provide an environment that keeps Royal Pines a desirable neighborhood in which to retire, pursue professional obligations and raise a family.

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From the President's Corner (cont)

A portion of the work of the HOA remains unappreciated because it is unseen. It is difficult to put a value on something that does not happen because it was headed off in advance. This is how the HOA prefers to operate: correcting potential problems before they become issues. In order to do this effectively and fairly we need a full Board. We need the lived experience and common sense that come from a diverse group of nine adults. You live here. This is your home. You support causes you believe in. Give a few hours a month to help maintain the standards of your community. You will receive more from the satisfaction of doing your share than regretting the time you invest. You will meet neighbors that otherwise might be strangers, feel more connected to your neighborhood and, when the time comes to sell, be rewarded for your efforts with housing values that have increased.

The HOA needs people to help with specific tasks such as note-taking at meetings, preparing the electronic newsletter and organizing events for children. We are a group of 600+ homeowners. The talent is here. The HOA exists for all of us, but it is not good policy for it to continuously be 'run' by a few of us. As I drive through Royal Pines, I am heartened to see a rise in the number of families with young children. This is a sure indication that younger homebuyers are confident about the future desirability of living in Royal Pines.

Thank you for your past support and belief in the promise of Royal Pines.

Sincerely,  
Michael Johns,  
Interim President

The Royal Pines Book Club's choice for March is *Secrets of a Summer Night* by Lisa Kleypas.

We will meet at OBBE on Saturday, April 2nd at noon for discussion.

All are welcome to join.



Thank you, Aubrey, for the March design.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their patience with me as I was learning my way through the various media outlets we use. Now that I've finally figured things out (I think), I'm leaving.

During the 10+ years I have lived in Royal Pines, I've met many people, several of whom have become life-long friends. I'm moving to a condo in NC where I know I'll meet lots of people, yet my friends here in RP will remain in my heart always.

Wishing the new HOA Board, the very best for the coming term.

Sincerely,  
Diana DeWitt