

MARCH 2005 NEWSLETTER

The Annual Homeowners' Association Meeting was held on Tuesday, February 15, 2005 and we are pleased to announce that the following nominees were elected to the 2005 RGHOA Board.

<u>President:</u>	Tim Harber
<u>Vice President:</u>	Richard Rahn
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Susan Kasica
<u>Secretary:</u>	Marie Prescott
<u>Directors:</u>	David Fox, Barbara Meyer, Allen Tice
<u>ARC Chairperson:</u>	Allen Tice
<u>Lakes Committee Chairperson:</u>	David Fox
<u>Landscaping Committee Chairperson:</u>	Barbara Meyer

We would like to thank the 2004 Board Members for all of their time, effort and hard work during 2004.

Your support and help during the current year is critical to the success of the Board and your HOA. How can you help? Volunteer to serve on one of the Committees, attend the Board Meetings, and participate in Community Events. Items of interest and notices to the community will be posted on our community website – www.rghoa.com.

Board Meeting Schedule: The 2005 Board Meetings have been scheduled and all meetings will be held at the Georgianna United Methodist Church, Provost Hall on the third Tuesday of every month from 7:00 – 9:00PM. The Hall is located on Old Settlement Road. Directions - South on South Tropical Trail for about 1.8 miles. Bear right onto Old Settlement Road, and the Hall is on the left.



The dates for the meetings are as follows: March 15th, April 18th, May 17th, June 21st, July 19th, August 16th, September 20th, October 18th, November 15th and December 20th. Past meetings have been poorly supported, so let's make a fresh start in 2005!! Please plan to attend these meetings!! Remember, the Board is working for you!!! Your input, ideas and comments are appreciated and Board Meetings are one of the best ways to express them!

Proposed Projects for 2005:



- ❖ **Neighborhood Watch** – We would like to reinstate the Neighborhood Watch Program and need a Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, Block Captains, Watch Coordinators and Watch Members for each phase. If you would like further information or wish to volunteer, please contact Tim Harber via email: tharber@cfl.rr.com.



- ❖ **Neighborhood Directory** – The Board is interested in creating a Neighborhood Directory. This will be discussed at future meetings and we need your opinion. *Is this something that, as a resident of River Grove, you would find valuable?* Telephone numbers and Email Addresses would only be published with the consent of the resident. And, the directory would be issued ONLY for the use of residents in River Grove.



Are you interested in volunteering for one of the Committees? Volunteers are needed on the following committees:

- ❖ **Landscaping** - If you have a "green thumb" or just love to putter around the yard, then volunteering for the Landscaping Committee might be for you!! The Landscaping Committee is responsible for the upkeep of our common area property - like the front entrance.
- ❖ **Social & Welcoming** - How would you like to welcome new neighbors to our great neighborhood?? This is a great way to meet new people while giving them important information about our neighborhood.
- ❖ **Lake Maintenance** - How would you like to help in the maintenance of our beautiful community lakes? The Lake Committee oversees the maintenance of our retention ponds, fondly referred to as Lake 1, Lake 2 and Lake 3 thru:
 - Communicating with our lake maintenance contractor, Aquatek Weed Control, on issues related to the treatment of emerged weeds and algae.
 - Continuing contact with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to maintain, and update as necessary, our permit to possess grass carp fish for aquatic venation management purposes.
 - Stocking the lakes with grass carp fish as necessary.
 - Removing trash from the lake areas.
 - Assist Aquatek in weed control by removing excess weeds and algae from the waters boundaries.
- ❖ **Community Maintenance** - Are you handy around the house? Willing to paint? We already have a number of projects scheduled that will need volunteers:
 - Cleaning white fence along South Tropical Trail - Mirian Krassowsky has already volunteered to head this project (**THANKS, MIRIAN!!!**) but we need more volunteers to help!!!
 - Gazebo - general cleaning up and maintenance as well as painting
 - Dock Area - general cleaning and maintenance.

Contractors could be hired to do any of our maintenance projects but they cost money... Let's work together to keep our maintenance costs down!!! And keep our community looking great!!!!

If you would like additional information on any of the Committees or would like to volunteer, please contact Tim Harber (tharber@cfl.rr.com).

Architectural Review Committee (ARC): The ARC is responsible for approving any plans for new construction which include size, location, architectural style and color scheme. Modifications to existing structures include swimming pools and enclosures and additions or exterior alterations, storm shutters, gutters and down spouts, satellite dishes. The ARC and the BOD may inform the community through the newsletter, of any changes to modify the above criteria as outlined under Article IV - 4.2. If you have any questions on the ARC, please contact Allen Tice, ARC Chairperson, via email alngladt@msn.com or through our community website www.rghoa.com.


Miscellaneous News and Notices

- ❖ **Septic Tanks** - Stephen Reid sent this email to the Board in response to the note in the January Newsletter:

Beware! The septic tank may not need pumping. I too had my septic backup. I called the people (Pence Septic) who installed my tank. It seems in Brevard County's infinite wisdom, they are requiring a filter be placed on the septic tank outlet (to the drain field). Pence dug a small hole, removed the access panel and cleaned out the filter for \$55.00. I hope people have not had their tank pumped needlessly. If so, when the tank fills back up again the clog will return.

Thanks for the information, Stephen!!!

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- ❖ **Island Curbstone** – The Board passed a motion to paint the island curbstone surround located at the River Grove Entrance. The purpose is to allow residents to see the island more clearly in darkness. Tim Harber is leading the effort to determine the appropriate paint and permits are needed for this job.
- ❖ **Hurricane Protection – Community Expo** – There will be a Community Expo on Hurricane Protection at the March 15th RGHOA Meeting. Special thanks to Susan Kasica for coordinating this Expo.
- ❖  Congratulations to Don & Robin Carroll, Little Bend Place, on the recent marriage of their daughter.

The Board of Directors can be addressed at the monthly meetings in person, through our community website: www.rghoa.com or by mail: R.G.H.O.A., P.O. Box 1778, Merritt Island, FL 32954-1778.