

THE ROYAL REVIEW

A FOND FAREWELL TO JANIE OTTO—OUTGOING HOA PRESIDENT

It saddens the Board to announce that Janie Otto has resigned as President of the HOA Board of Directors effective February 25, 2022. Ms. Otto stepped into the role of President after the passing of former Board President Vernon. Thank you for serving in his stead Janie!

2022 Board of Directors

The February 15, 2022 meeting of the HOA saw the election of Mary Carol Wall to the Board. On February 18, 2022 the Board met to determine positions for the upcoming years. By Board Resolution the following positions were decided:

President - Mary Carol Wall

Vice President - position eliminated

Secretary - Kimberly Billedeaux

Treasurer - Thomas Rumore

The Condominium Declaration allows for three positions; President, Secretary, and Treasurer. While the current Board acknowledges that the position of Vice President has existed on previous Boards, it was determined to eliminate the position and follow the positions set forth in the original Declaration. Alternate Board Members may be added at the Boards discretion.

There is much work to be accomplished and the Board, is anxious to move forward on maintenance and repairs in the community.

HELP WANTED - JOIN A COMMITTEE

At it's March 2022 meeting, the Board has determined a need to form committees in an effort to improve the quality of the community in which we live and own. Current Committee ideas include Beautification, Communication, Restoration, and Transportation committees. Beautification would include landscaping and monitoring the community for problems with trees and shrubs. Communications would include work on the Newsletter and any other Announcements or Bulletins needed to be sent to Owners. Restoration would include monitoring the buildings and fences to ensure repairs are reported and completed. Transportation would include monitoring driveways, roads and parking areas for problems and repairs that are needed.

The Board would appreciate any help you're willing to give! None of the positions on Committees would require a significant amount of time commitment. Only an hour or two a week would help immensely in keeping our community a nice place.

If you are interested in joining a Committee, please email the Board at <u>royalgardensboard@gmail.com</u>. Let us know what you are interested in helping with even if you don't want to join a Committee!





ROOFING UPDATE:

These Units have their roof replacement completed:

8-10-12 Birdie

14-16-18 Birdie

15-17-19 Birdie

20-22-24 Birdie

26-28-30 Birdie

32-34-36 Birdie

39-41-43 Birdie

56-58-60 Birdie

62-64-66 Birdie

80-82-84 Birdie

92-94-96 Birdie

201-203-205 Putters

207-209-211 Putters

208-210-212 Putters

219-221-223 Putters

220-222-224 Putters

231-233-235 Putters

232-234-236 Putters

238-240-242 Putters

244-246-248 Putters

SCHEDULED:

98-100-102 Birdie

320-322-324 Bogie

SPRUCING UP THE COMMUNITY

The garden at the front of the property under the sign has some beautiful new Lantana plants. A sincere thank you to Jackie O'Neal for obtaining and planting these to enhance our entrance.

Fence repairs continue to be made systematically throughout the community. Heavily damaged fences have begun to be replaced and other fence boards that have split or rotted are being replaced starting with the fences along Birdie Drive. The Board is aware of the fence debris being placed alongside the roads. It is more economical for all the debris to be removed in one trip instead of small trips each time debris accumulates. While unsightly, it is temporary and your patience during this process is appreciated.

Trees, bushes, and hedges that are touching buildings will begin to be trimmed in the coming weeks. Cuttings will also be placed along the road and will be removed at the completion of the trimming. The company hired to do the trimming has a prescribed list to follow.

Please do not approach them to ask for additional trimming to be done. If you have trees, shrub or hedge growth that needs to be trimmed back, please submit a Maintenance Request to the Board.

The Board and Renaissance Management will be meeting soon to evaluate the pool and remaining tennis court areas. The pool, pool house, and former hot tub area are in need of repair. There has been discussion on ideas for the remaining tennis court area to be converted. Some of the ideas include a volleyball court, pickle ball court or basketball court. If you have other ideas or suggestions for this area, please let us know! More discussion will take place for possible uses.

The Board is also looking into pool furniture and a newer gate system possibly using electronic FOBs instead of keys. This is only in the planning and research stages and more information will be given at a later date when cost feasibility has been obtained.

"Design isn't just about making things beautiful, it's about making things work beautifully."

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR REQUESTS

Very soon, Emily at Renaissance Management will be going on maternity leave with her new son! She will be out of the office until sometime in May. While Emily is out, please send **all** maintenance and repair requests to the Board. The Board has the current list of repairs that Emily has been keeping and will add to and keep track of the maintenance and repairs while she is away.

If you need a Maintenance Request Form, please email the Board at **royalgardensboard@gmail.com** and one will be emailed or mailed to you. If you are on the Facebook Owners group, you can find a copy of the form in the Files.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY—THE WEARING OF THE GREEN

We've all heard the sayings "Erin Go Brag," the "Luck O the Irish," and "Kiss Me I'm Irish" and of course the wearing of the green. Let's look at the history of St. Patrick's Day.

Saint Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint of Ireland and its national apostle. Born in Roman Britain, he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at the age of 16. He escaped, but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people. Perhaps the most well-known legend of St. Patrick is that he explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish clover, the shamrock.

Since around the 10th century, people in Ireland have been observing the feast day of St. Patrick on March 17. The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place not in Ireland but in America. Records show that a St. Patrick's Day parade was held on March 17, 1601 in a Spanish colony in what is now St. Augustine, Florida. More than a century later, homesick Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched in New York City on March 17, 1772 to honor the Irish patron saint.

Crockpot Corned Beef and Cabbage

- 3 carrots, peeled and cut into 3-inch pieces
- 1 yellow onion, peeled and quartered
- 1/2 pound small potatoes, halved
- 1 corned beef brisket, plus pickling spice packet or 1 tablespoon pickling spice
- 2 8 to 12-ounce beers (I prefer ale or lagers)
- 1/2 head cabbage, cut into 1 1/2-inch wedges
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 3-4 tablespoons prepared horseradish, to taste

In a 5-to-6-quart slow cooker, place the carrots, onion and potatoes. Place corned beef, fat side up, on top of the vegetables and sprinkle with pickling spice. Add beer. Cover and cook on high until corned beef is tender, 5-6 hours or 10-12 hours on low. Arrange cabbage over corned beef, cover, and continue cooking until cabbage is tender, 45 min to 1 hour (or 1 1/2 to 2 hours on low). Thinly slice the corned beef against the grain and serve with the vegetables and cooking liquid with the horseradish sauce.

SOCIAL MEDIA & EMAIL ADDRESS

There is a newly formed Facebook group called Royal Gardens Condominium Owners that is for owners only. No tenants or outsiders will be asked or allowed to join. The Concerned Neighbors In Royal Gardens will still allow tenants and others to join and post. The group address link is: www.facebook.com/groups/

royalgardenscondoowners/

There is also a new email to send messages to the Board. It is <u>royalgardensboard@gmail.com</u> please allow time for us to respond.

TERMITE CONTRACTS

The following buildings have been placed under termite contract after eradication & repairs:

39-41-43 Birdie

51-53-55 Birdie

63-65-67 Birdie

229-231-233 Putters

238-240-242 Putters

308-.310-312 Bogie

314-316-318 Bogie

If you see active termites or damage, please report it immediately!

Termite contracts are currently being obtained as each building with termite damage is repaired. Unfortunately it is too costly to do the entire community.