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LETTER FROM THE BOARD

It is finally summer and the wet and miserable weather is behind us! With nice weather comes more outdoor activity and we hope that you and your family get out within Royal Lakes and enjoy the sunshine.

We'd like to take the opportunity to include a plea to please SLOW DOWN when driving within our neighborhoods.

For all the positive things our community offers, it does not have sidewalks (mostly) or speed control other than the posted 25 and 35 mph speed limits on our neighborhood roads. We have heard from neighbors who report dangerous, erratic driving within our neighborhoods. They could be drivers who don't live here but it could also be you, or your neighbor, or your friends. If you tend to be an aggressive driver always trying to shave 20 or 30 seconds off your destination, please consider being a better neighbor within Royal Lakes and drive the speed limit. If you slow down, the cars behind you have to slow down, and the people out walking and playing will all be safer. Please think about it.

Thank you,

Your Board of Directors

EXTERIOR UPKEEP REMINDERS

- Avoid blowing leaves/grass into the street
- Edge the driveway, curbs and sidewalk
- Remove debris, tree limbs and other yard litter from your islands and lawn
- Keep pine straw and mulch fresh
- Keep trash cans out of sight from the front of your home
- Replace mailboxes and posts that are leaning or in disrepair
- Replace missing or darkened address numbers

Studies have shown that a well maintained community may foster increased property values as well as the marketability of the neighborhood.

PLAN TO ADDRESS OVERGROWN TREES AT KENSINGTON ENTRANCE

Trees are wonderful things and Royal Lakes is blessed with many. But trees, just like shrubs and other plants, can in time become overgrown and adversely affect the general landscape in an area. This is the case today with several trees along both sides of Windsor Drive as you enter the Kensington section of Royal Lakes.

The trees in this area have overgrown to the point where several are now encroaching on the majestic Crepe Myrtles within the center islands of the entrance and are starting to create a dark "tunnel of vegetation" effect to the street. In addition to threatening the Crepe Myrtles, this condition is also killing off the Bermuda turf within the entrance's center islands and along both side of Windsor Drive and causing erosion in the area.

The Board plans to remove three trees on the LH side in this area, remove several small-to-medium size trees along the RH side that are arching-out of the wood line over Windsor Drive, and will trim-off all of the remaining lower limbs on both sides that overhang the street. Once this work is completed we plan to re-establish the turf in the areas needed.

This work will require the cooperation of three property owners in this area, which the Board has begun contacting. We also have an excellent contractor



lined-up to perform this work who has provided the community with very a reasonable price for the job.

Above are a couple of photos of the area that will illustrate this landscape improvement plan. If you have any questions concerning this project please email the Board at: board@royallakespoa.com



VOLUNTEER

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING IN ROYAL LAKES?

If you have any extra time to invest, we need you! Royal Lakes is a wonderful place to live, and we would like to make it even better. Let's find ways to socialize and enrich our lives.

PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING WITH THE FOLLOWING NEEDS:

Write a bi-monthly column or an article for this magazine

Plan a social activity for the children in Royal Lakes

Take photos of interest within our community for use in the magazine

Help plan an adult social event

Plan an activity for your street or section

Contact the board for other suggestions
board@royallakespoa.com

VOLUNTEERING

The Royal Lakes neighborhood has a tradition of a giving back to our community by partnering with the goal of Eagle Ranch to reconcile children and families. We have been preparing meals for three boys homes and one girls home for a number of years. Those who have faithfully participated over these years can attest to how rewarding it is to support Eagle Ranch in this way.

If you would like to become a part of this giving tradition or want to know more about it, please call or email Susan Wentz at 678-960-4480 or sewentz6721@gmail.

com. She can answer your questions, arrange a tour of the ranch, and add your name to the schedule if you want to join the number of Royal Lakes residents who continue to be a part of ministering to Eagle Ranch.



EAGLE RANCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST TO OCTOBER, 2019

Peace Boys Home:

- August 12 Laura Van Slyke, Kathy Stringer
- September 9 Joanne Pennebaker, Nancy Ponder
- October 14 Cindy Bolden, Michelle Howe

Blessing Girls Home:

- August 12 Susan Carlson, Sharon Marler
- September 9 Marilyn Johnson, Denise Buchanan
- October 14 Kim Carlson, Dana Carlson

Faith Boys Home:

- August 12 Kay Morris, Mary Beth Kiddie
- September 9 Becky Hand
- October 14 Marsha Lowe, Debbie Mann

Grace Boys Home:

- August 12 Rebecca Casto, Tricia Hushmire
- September 9 Peggy Goodwin, Sue Ostien
- October 14 Mary Beth Kiddie, Kay Morris



LATE NIGHT DOORBELL RING-&-RUN INCIDENTS



Royal Lakes has recently had a couple of reported late-night incidences of this old teenage prank now frequently called “Ding Dong Ditch” by the police. Both these incidences occurred in the Kenwood section of the community on Longmead Road. The most recent occurrence happened Friday, May 31st at 11PM and was witnessed by the residents next door who watched as “four teenage boys” walked up to their neighbor’s front porch, banged “very loudly” on the door waking-up the owners, and then ran away down the street.

Unfortunately, what was once a childhood innocent summertime prank, though still a nuisance, in today’s world carries with it more potential consequences for residents and communities. This is because homeowners today don’t know if this is just a prank played by neighborhood kids, or perhaps someone doing this to “case the place” to see if anyone is at home with the intention to break-in and/or commit other crimes.

In both the above late-night Ding Dong Ditch episodes the owners immediately called the police who came out to investigate. This is a good idea because there could be more to these incidences than a simple prank and the police will be able to advise residents if there has been other such occurrences reported in the area and any that were followed by more serious criminal activity.

We encourage residents to report these types of incidences to the police. Please let the POA Board know as well so that we may keep track of the frequency and locations these incidents occur.

Thank you,

Your Board of Directors

ARE YOU PICKING UP AFTER YOUR PET?

Besides being unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous to the health of our children who play in the community and to other pets. One of the most common forms of disease transmission between dogs is through fecal matter.

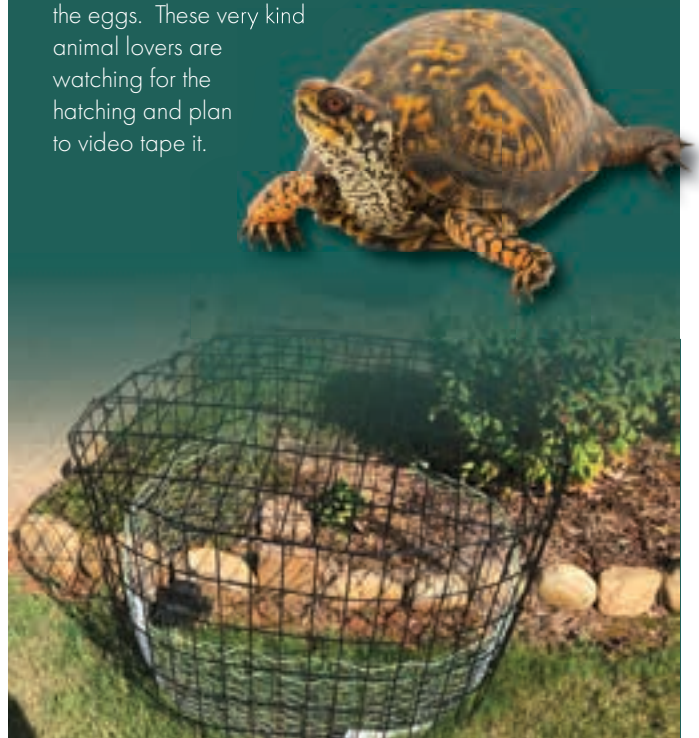
It is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet even when walking on common property or vacant lots. When walking your dog, take along a baggie with you to pick up waste with and then dispose of it properly.

Also, remember that your dog needs to be leashed when outside of your property and not allowed to run unsupervised in the neighborhood.



TURTLE TALES

A female turtle following her instincts recently decided to lay her eggs in a neighbor’s front yard bed. She probably came from the lake and after digging a hole she was spotted laying her eggs and covering the hole back up. She then returned to her home and the neighbors, worrying that a predator would find and eat the eggs, put a fence around and over the area to protect the eggs. These very kind animal lovers are watching for the hatching and plan to video tape it.





IMPROVING THE AIR QUALITY IN YOUR HOUSE

You can help the air in your house to be as clean and fresh as possibly by taking some important steps:

Reduce the Humidity

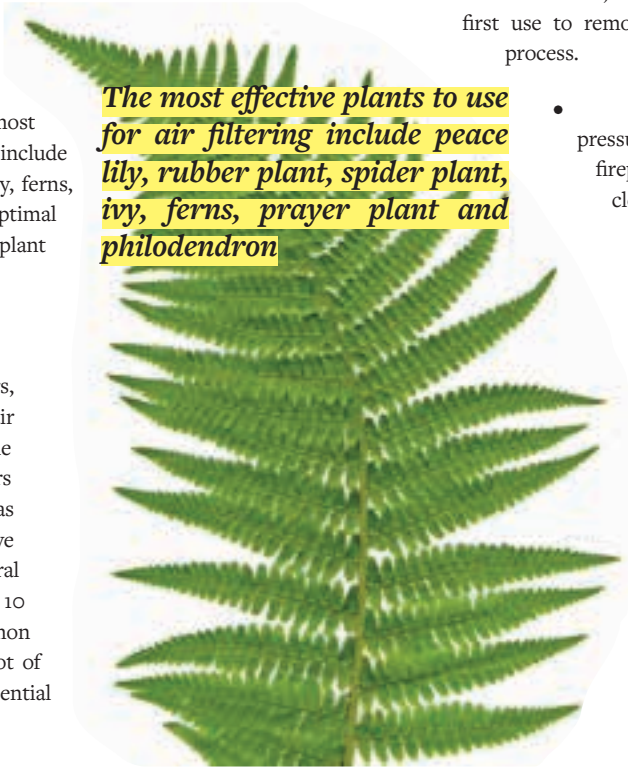
Humidity affects air quality so maintaining humidity levels between 30% and 50% can make the air easier to breath. If the air is too dry you'll suffer from scratchy throat, cracked or irritated skin, and a dry nose. It can also damage wood floors and furnishings. However, if too humid, mold and mildew can develop which can leave stains on walls and ceilings, peel off paint and provide breeding places for termites and cockroaches. After you determine if your home is too dry or too moist by using a hygrometer to measure the moisture level in your home, you can use a humidifier if it is too dry and/or a dehumidifier if too moist.

Add Air-Filtering Plants

Plants in your house can naturally filter harmful chemicals in the air. The most effective plants to use for air filtering include peace lily, rubber plant, spider plant, ivy, ferns, prayer plant and philodendron. For optimal filtering, it is recommended to have one plant for every 100 square feet.

Use Natural Solutions

When buying candles or air fresheners, keep in mind that many common air fresheners contain VOCs (volatile organic compounds) but manufacturers are required only to label these toxins as "fresheners". Instead, you can improve the scent of your house with natural solutions—opening a window for 5 to 10 minutes to let in fresh air, slicing a lemon and placing it in water, simmering a pot of cinnamon and cloves, and using pure essential oils and soy candles.



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Modify Your Routines

You can also help maintain clean air in your house during your day-to-day routines:

- Check the filters on your heating and cooling systems and change when needed.
- While you're cooking, cleaning or painting, ventilate your room by turning on a vent or opening a window.
- Use a vacuum cleaner with a high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter to remove pollen, pet dander, dust mites and toxins.
 - Wash new fabrics, especially bedding and clothing, before their first use to remove chemicals used in the manufacturing process.
- Burn cured or dried wood instead of pressure-treated options in your wood burning fireplace and have your chimney and flue cleaned and inspected regularly.
 - Test your house for radon, a radioactive, colorless, odorless gas that results from the natural decay of uranium found in soil and increases the risk of lung cancer.
 - Make smoking an outside activity so your house will remain smoke free.
 - Bathe and groom pets if dander and fur are causing problems, and consider giving your pets their own beds. Also wipe your pet's paws after it has been outside.



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GOLF CART PATHS FOR GOLF USE ONLY

The Royal Lakes Golf & Country Club, its members and guests want to remind everyone that the golf course and golf cart paths are private property. **The cart paths should not be used for walking, biking or dog walking at any time.** When someone is on the path who is not a golfer they are interfering with the play. Golfers must wait for them to clear the area for their safety so that the walker or biker is not hit by a ball.

Kids fishing in the lakes near the greens are another safety concern. The lakes are the property of the golf club and fishing in them is not allowed. Police will be called if anyone is seen fishing on the lakes.



A MESSAGE FROM CHIP SPILER RE GOLF CART JOYRIDING:

During this time of year, the golf course sees many people joy riding on golf carts. However, that activity produces many possible problems and concerns for the golf course.

Recently, our staff witnessed 5 different teenagers, driving private carts in places the carts should not be driven. In three instances, the carts were driven where it caused damage to the course. Yesterday afternoon, we had a cart, driven by a teenager ride on the number 2 green.

I'm asking the help of the parents who have personal golf carts to explain golf cart etiquette on a golf course to your children. One important rule that I ask is that no carts, for the purpose of joy riding, are driven on the golf course. Royal Lakes Golf & Country Club staff will approach violators. We will ask for identification; we will take pictures; and we will contact parents of any violators.

Royal Lakes Golf & Country Club works hard to provide and maintain a quality facility. We do not want to see it destroyed or damaged by carefree antics.

Thank you for your support.

Chip



DON'T GIVE UP

BY VIC WILSON

In the hope of becoming better golfers, many are willing to try lessons, advice, articles, videos, and the newest technology - accompanied by immeasurable hours of practice. But sometimes the moment you execute the perfect/unflawed swing, something is still awry. Mother Nature has her say. Disappointment and frustration quickly set in. Some people simply give up and lose hope. Don't!

Think of what you'll miss! When the perfect swing results in making contact with the ball, the sound of the contact is the first sense that kicks in and brings a smile to our face. The feeling of a well-struck ball sends an immediate sensation shooting up through our hands, arms, shoulders, and eventually every fiber of our being. If the shot is good, pure, crisp, and if it has found the sweet spot, what other experience can you compare it to? What better sight is there than the ball ascending from the orbital sphere we call home and zeroing in on the landing zone? Watching the ball you just hit glide downward, track toward and settle near its destination is indescribable! It's beautiful; it's poetry in motion.

Success in any endeavor doesn't come easily. Hard work and the willingness to spend more time on finishing the game instead of approaching it will pay off. What we often forget is when we put the ball in motion, we have no control over nature. The slightest breeze from any direction or the terrain of the putting surface can alter the purest shot. That's one of the reasons many of us enjoy this game so much. We can't predict what comes next.

During this wonderful season we call summer you owe it to yourselves to get out more and enjoy our course. Every shot in your bag is waiting on you. You may even get to encourage other golfers who are also trying to figure out this game/way of life we call golf. Just don't give up!



FAMILY RESIDENTS

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en and Joan Metzler decided to build a new home in Royal Lakes back in 2005, even though they were still living near Chicago. Once they decided on house plans and a builder, they counted on their daughter, Kathy to oversee the building process. Kathy and her husband, Dave, were living nearby in Hamilton Mill. They spent a lot of time monitoring the building of her parents' home, fell in love with our community, and became golf members several years ago.

This past winter, Kathy and Dave Stringer called a real estate agent friend just to explore the prospect of selling their home. Little did they expect it would sell the next day! The Stringers ended up moving in with Len and Joan until they could find a new home, preferably in Royal

Lakes. It only took about a month for their dream home to come up for sale. They put in an offer on this Park Royal home the day it went on the market and moved in a couple weeks later. The like-new house had everything they wanted: plenty of entertaining space, a work-at-home office space for Dave (the Americas Director of Operations for HP Inc), AND a beautifully-landscaped pool/Jacuzzi/fire pit/waterfall in the backyard. It's the perfect place to gather with Len and Joan, their adult daughters, Alissa and Kaitlin, their son in law Brandon Tewksbury, along with their first grandchild, Cooper, due in September!

What is it about Royal Lakes that is so appealing to the Stringers?



Kathy & Dave Stringer



Len & Joan Metzler

Besides being within walking distance (with dog Madison) to her parents' home, they like socializing on Friday nights at the club, playing golf, and being with family. Both are avid golfers and enjoy couple's golf. Kathy is a member of the Royal Niners golf group, who have been so welcoming. The beauty of the community and the diversity of ages living here helped make Royal Lakes a great place for these new residents to live.

NEW NEIGHBORS



BUJKO FAMILY

Son JonMichael, Janet, Michael and son Patrick. They are very excited to be part of this community.

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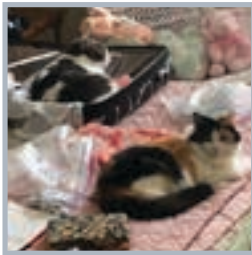


OUR FRIENDS ON FOUR LEGS

Have you ever noted the number of friendly animals that are a part of our environment at the Lakes? Our community is filled with a variety of dogs (hopefully on leashes), cats, and other animals. Many of us admire them and their owners. They contribute to us, too, in many ways. In fact, research shows that approximately 68 % of our nation has animal friends. They repay their "up-keep" in many ways; they calm us, amuse us, and generally make our lives interesting. Yep, I know not everybody loves them. However statistics show that those who have "animal friends" actually live longer!!

If you too would like to share pictures and a brief description of your special friend(s), contact the board at board@royallakespoa.com and we will include them in an upcoming issue.

Linda Armour



COCO & CECIL

After a trip to NY, we returned home to find two really happy cats greeting us. When we walked back to our luggage, there they were, right next to it. It seemed to us that their idea was, "we shall stay here; if they go away again, we shall definitely jump in and go with them." In the front facing us is Coco; behind ready to leave with the baggage is Cecil.

Oz & Linda Armour's Cats



DOOPER

It's hard to believe our Llewellyn English Setter, Dooper, will be 15 years old this summer. He's moving a little slower these days, but still has a twinkle in his eye. He keeps busy exercising and working with me as a therapy dog at the medical center. Dooper loves to ride in our red Miata convertible, so feel free to wave when you see us go by!

Dirk & Pat Mitchell



ROCKIE, PEACHES & MR. KING

These are our "itty bitties" our tiny doggies, "Rockie and "Peaches." We love them as they are sweet and gentle (and playful!) They bring happiness to our lives! The big doggie is "king. He keeps the "little bitties" in line, and keeps us in line, too. He is generally the boss around here. We have such fun watching them play together.

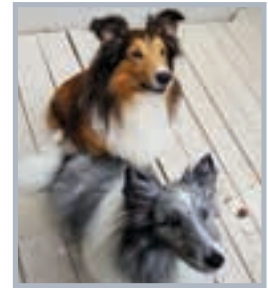
Pets of Kevin and Brenda Pemberton.



KIRBY

This is Kirby, a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. His fifth birthday is in November. He is a wonderful pet and has brought much happiness to our lives. His favorite thing to do is to ride in the golf cart, his second, ride in the car. He frequently can be seen taking walks on Longmead Drive.

Pet of Hall and Joyce Martin



BELLA & COMET

Our furbabies, Bella & Comet, complete our family. They are Shetland Sheepdogs from separate lines. Comet has a sable coat (brown and white) and Bella is the one with the bi-blue (grey and white) coat. They are both 9 years old (turning 10 in November and October) but still have lots of energy like puppies. They are loving, obedient and good with children. We love them very much.

The Bujko family



EBONY

This is our black & tan Cavalier King Charles Spaniel named Ebony. We started 'fostering' her back in 2008 and got to watch her give birth in our home on 4 different occasions. She produced some of the cutest puppies I've ever seen! We have owned her since 2013, and she has become an important member of our family. She's definitely a lap dog and loves to snuggle on the couch next to me when we watch TV.

The Wilson Family



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SUMMER FUN CAMPS

WITH HALLE AND GEORGIA

HOLA!

We are 11-year-old girls living in Royal Lakes who attend World Language Academy. Our names are Halle Katchur and Georgia Smith. This has been a great summer for us because we have attended 2 camps together so far.

We attended the Dreambox Medieval Acting Camp called "Unicorns and Dragons" with fellow resident Kailyn Artman. During the week, we learned the basics of acting and performed a play at Johnson High School using props we made ourselves.

We just finished attending a volleyball camp at Cherokee Bluffs High School where we learned the rules of the game and strategies for passing the ball. A fellow resident, Avery Wood, joined us. We found out that the coach of the camp was Avery's aunt! This 3-day camp culminated with

a simulated volleyball game which was really a lot of fun. Halle says she is definitely going to consider playing volleyball in the future.

The next camp we'll be attending is at Royal Lakes. It's a golf, tennis, and swim camp. We will be refining our golf game with the assistance of head pro Luke James.

We have had fun at our summer camps! Hope you are having a great summer!

#H&G



Dreambox with Georgia Smith, Evelyn Tipton, Halle Katchur, Averie Allen



Volleyball camp, Laurel Dietz, Halle Katchur, Georgia Smith

Royal Lakes hosted a children's golf/tennis camp on June 18 - 20. Luke James, the club pro, worked with the boys for an hour at the driving range, followed by an hour of tennis instruction with Bill Rogers. After enjoying a lunch in the clubhouse, the youngsters were able to cool off with a swim in the Royal Lakes' pool. One boy said he had so much fun that he wanted to go to the next camp in mid-July!



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