

## **Neighborhood News**

## November 2021

**Hi Neighbors!** There is a LOT to report this month, so let's just jump right in...

A BIG Thank You to ALL of you for being mindful of conserving our Water Usage! From Jan. 1-Sept. 30, 2020, the RP2 HOA spent \$65,475. for Water/Sewer Expenses, and from Jan.1-Sept. 30, 2021, this same Expense was \$58,985., which is an approx REDUCTION of \$6,500. over a 9-Month Period!! Since Water/Sewer Usage is one of our Largest Expenses here at RP2, this Reduction helps in keeping our Maintenance Fees, and potentially our Rental Rates, lower, so ALL Residents are affected by these Savings. Thank You Again and Keep Up the Good Work!

A HUGE Shout-Out to Patrick Farley for coordinating the Most Attended Halloween Event in recent RP2 History. Patrick's Efforts of networking with other RP Sections, decorating the Clubhouse, purchasing and filling over 300 Trick-or-Treat Bags, and gathering Volunteers resulted in over 150 Trick-or-Treaters, and over a dozen of our 4-Legged Friends, enjoying a Happy and Safe Halloween Experience! Also, THANK YOU to Darren Christianson and Michele Stans for their help, and for providing and operating the Large Movie Screen which the Halloween Classic "Hocus Pocus" was shown on in the Clubhouse Parking Lot. RP2 is filled with some of the most AWESOME PEOPLE I've ever had the pleasure of knowing, and in addition to Patrick, Darren, Michele, and the HOA Board, here is a List of Individuals who also contributed to this Halloween Event with their Time, their Finances, and their Caring: Carole Ann Bach, Colleen Basile, Deana Claiborne and Ed Dobbs, Debbie Jeffries, Mary McLennan, Claud and Karen Porter, Nancy Shea, Sheila Schwartz, Tom Stocker, Judy Storey, Jane Swartz, and Sandra Williams, who was the large Green M&M wandering around the Clubhouse Parking Lot

<u>Our Clubhouse is available for Homeowner Rental.</u> For those of you who have not been in the Clubhouse, there is a fully-functional Kitchen, two Gathering Areas, and tables/chairs are provided with the \$50./Day Rental Fee. For additional details, please contact our Property Manager, David Floyd III, at <u>RiverPlantation2@gmail.com</u> or 615-297-2824.

<u>Board Meetings</u> – Board Meetings occur on the Third Monday of each month @ 6:00, and Homeowners who wish to submit items for discussion at a Meeting may do so by contacting David Floyd III at least two Business Days prior to a Meeting. Also, please remember that Board Minutes, HOA Financial Reports, past Newsletters, the Upcoming Events Calendar, Homeowner's Handbook, and other Information is always available on the RP2 Website - riverplantation2.org and click on "Menu".

<u>The Dumpster is returning – SAVE THE DATES</u> – Similar to what was provided in the Spring, a Dumpster will be dropped off <u>this Friday</u>, <u>Nov. 12</u>, <u>and picked up on Monday</u>, <u>Nov. 14</u>.

This Dumpster will be for any household items too large for our Trash People to take, however we ask that nobody places tree limbs, dirt, or vegetation of any kind in this Dumpster. We also ask that any large items not be placed next to the Dumpster, but rather placed **IN** the Dumpster. The Placement of this Dumpster will more-than-likely be where it was in the Spring, which was in the Visitor Parking Lot adjacent to the Unit 300s.

## Housekeeping Items -

- 'Tis the Season to check, and possibly replace, those Furnace Filters, Smoke Alarm Batteries, and Outside Lights/Lightbulbs.
- If you haven't already, <u>please disconnect your hoses</u> from both Water Spigots front and back and <u>ensure that the Water Well Cover is securely in place</u>.
- This is also a good time to check your car battery(<u>Autozone will do this for free</u>), tires for proper inflation, and your headlights/taillights.
- Firepits are nice, but they potentially place our Residents, and their Homes, in Harm's Way. We ask that Firepits not used on our Patios, since any damage caused by them can become the Homeowner's Responsibility. Also, the Fire Dept. had to be called to a Unit about a month ago because of a Firepit which got out of control.
- As always, if you are going to be traveling for the Holidays, please let your neighbors know and provide them with an Emergency Phone Number. Also, it is a good idea to provide them with a key, or hide one outside, in the event that an Emergency occurs while you're away.
- Please remember that Carports are intended for Vehicles and <u>should not be used</u> to store ANYTHING on them. Anything other than Vehicles need to be stored in the Storage Shed or on the patio, but definitely out of sight when people drive by.
- Visitor Parking just a reminder that any Vehicle parked in a Visitor Parking Lot, <u>even if it is a Resident's Vehicle</u>, needs to have an RP2 Hangtag on the Rearview Mirror. This is part of our Neighborhood Awareness Initiative to ensure that no Unauthorized Vehicles are abandoned in RP2. If you do not have a Hangtag, please contact David Floyd III to receive one.
- Please remember to pick up after your dog since this Violation carries with it a <u>\$50.00</u>
  <u>Fine</u>, which can be added to your Account. But hopefully Residents pick up after their dog out of Common Respect for others and not because of the Fine...

With the Spirit of Thanksgiving upon us, now is the time to reflect on those things which we should be thankful for and to add a little much-needed Kindness to our World. Even though this should be an "on-going" Practice in our lives, it needs to be especially practiced during this Holiday Season. **Every day**, think of at least ONE thing that you are thankful for, and **every day**, do at least one Act of Kindness to another, even if it's a quick waive to your neighbors and wishing them a good day, or picking up the phone and checking in with a friend, etc. Our World desperately needs some healing, and it begins with each of us in our own way...

<u>Today's Chuckle</u> - I scared the Mail Carrier today by showing up to the door completely naked. I'm not sure what scared him more – the fact that I was naked, or that I knew where he lived.