

CHATTERBOX

Riverest Mobile Home Community
March, 2008



ROB'S RAMBLINGS---

Thanks so much to those of you who responded to our "Fireside Chat". It was great meeting with you and getting all feedback and concerns.

Just a reminder, if you are interested in having your home re-sided (you pay material and maintenance will do the work), please notify the office so you can be put on the schedule.



BETTIE'S CORNER....

"Today is the day the Lord hath made. I am rejoicing and glad in it." (Psalm 118:34) Affliction is a wonderful thing!

Having been admonished by my doctor to go to the hospital or rest! As our young people say "that was a no brainer". I promised to go home and REST! (Have you ever looked in the dictionary for the word "REST"? The implication is: rest refers to inactivity following work or other exertion, and suggests mental and physical recuperation. The first day was sleep. After awaking, I read all night until about 5 a.m. I slept again for 3 hours (medication does that to me sometimes). Day 2: I read two books and started another, "Walk In Your Own Shoes". In intervals I'd come out and listen to the birds, watch the squirrels and wild life in the canal, the boats go by, listen to the water running in the fountain at my porch (thank you Scott for your design and building of the fountain, it brings me great pleasure), close eyes and remember one of my favorite places in the mountains near a mountain brook (memories are wonderful gifts from God), guess you might say I've been in my "wilderness". My family ministered to me being sure I had food and comfort. I haven't missed a meal or medication. Here I am, sitting on my porch today thanking God for the "REST" - and the "renewing of my spirit".. This has been good for my soul.

Thank you fellow "Riverest Folks" for allowing me to have this quiet time. It has also been a time of reflections on our past 5 1/2 years together. When Rob interviewed me for the work he needed me to do, I told him my vision of the position. I was to collect the rent give an accounting of the expenses of maintenance, desiring to keep Riverest in the beautiful and serene setting it is. I did not want to manage. I'd be available to hear any problems that may arise, but I'd just be his "facilitator". I was told a few weeks back that I should go home get out of the office; I was too old for the job. At the time I hurt! Age has never been a factor to me - I never thought to draw my social

security at age 65. I was working and having fun. I forgot what my age was! I still forget what my age is! I love what I do. I love Riverest and all its residents. I am so happy. I know I am where God wants me or I wouldn't be so happy. Thank you for letting me share my experiences in my "wilderness".

I have to give my "kudos" to Dean Ostermeyer and his team for the wonderful 50th Anniversary Party. What fun!

Congratulations to Bill & Flo Hunter for the Community Pride Award. They are two hard working people with their house.

Please stop by #121; we are very proud of our maintenance crew and their accomplishments on this home.

Until next time.....



MAINTENANCE MEMO - FROM BOB.....

This information addresses the issue of "our seasonal LEAF problem" (Nov-Mar). In keeping with our continuing effort to improve the appearance of our community, the maintenance department will be implementing a modified system of cleaning up and disposing of leaves.

As we get started, there will probably be some glitches in this system that will show up, but every effort will be made to adjust to the best way to resolve any issues.

Our objective is to stop blowing leaves into yards. Resident's efforts to meet the requirement of keeping yards clean should not be hampered by having to rake unnecessary amounts of leaves. Your effort to keep your yard clean is very much appreciated, and with your minimal co-operation this system can work for the general appearance of the community and with the least inconvenience to residents.

The Details

- Tuesday & Friday - streets to be vacuumed (weather permitting)
- Tuesday - residents rake the front or all of their yard (front as a minimum) (Wednesday before 9am will work, too, if it's more convenient or if wind is a factor)
- Rake a single pile of leaves up to but NOT ON the street.
- Wednesday - maintenance will come by and pick-up your leaves from 9am to 10am. We will need to use your regular blue trash can.

This system will reduce the amount of leaves in your yard to a minimum making it easier to rake. We can't vacuum your leaf pile up as it will fill the vacuum bag up too fast, which will slow the vacuuming drastically. Please don't blow leaves in the street after we vacuum.

I understand that some residents may not be able to rake, so although the maintenance labor rate is \$15.00 per hour, there will be a special rate of \$5.00 per hour applied, in this case, if maintenance needs to rake the front yard for you.

I think this system should resolve the leaf problem, and I would appreciate your help to implement it. Should there be any issues that arise, I will be glad to discuss them with you

This program will start March 3rd, 2008.

Although I have been a resident since 2005 (and 3 seasons as a workamper prior to that) my

tenure as a resident supervisor at our other location (Sunshine Village in Webster, FL) has limited my acquaintance with many of you, and I hope to improve that situation. My method of operation is non-adversarial. I much prefer to treat people with courtesy and respect, and I hope for a mutual relationship with y'all. We can accomplish so much more together!

FROM THE ACTIVITIES PREZ.....

Well, as usual, February was a busy month. We had our election for the Board. Four new members were voted in. They are: Chuck Newman (re-elected), Mike McClary, Dean Ostermeyer, and Edie Schneider. Congratulations to all!!!!

Our 50th Celebration was a blast! Our heartfelt thanks to Cindy and Dean Ostermeyer for an afternoon and evening of fun. Thanks also to the committee chairpersons and their helpers, that did a great job too. They were: Jewel Anderson, decorations; Tony Pinard, refreshments, Katie Lammers and Naomi McClary for entertainment.

The new directories will be out soon. I am sure that when they come out there will already be some changes. If so, please let me know and I can put the changes on the bulletin boards and in next month's CHATTERBOX.

This will be my last time to communicate in the CHATTERBOX as the activities president. As I have said in the past, I have enjoyed worked with a great group of Board Members, and working for our residents to plan fun things. The Board will elect the new officers at the March 10 meeting. Let's all get behind the Board and help to make this an active community.

For the last time,

Jean Goodlander, President

HOME OWNER'S ASSOCIATION NEWS.....

Well, I am sure by now all of you have read your letter from Rob Smith dated February 18, 2008. In that letter there were some statements made about the HOA board that I will not go into at this time. As you all know, we will receive our rent increase the end of this month, and rest assured the Board will meet with Mr. Smith concerning the increase.

Now for the reason for putting this information in the CHATTERBOX. This coming March 17th is the annual meeting with the HOA Board which all park residents are welcome to attend. It is my sad news to tell everyone that the Board is in need of some new members. Myself and Paul Dunlap are due to go off the Board and will not run again for office. I have also received a letter from Jean Goodlander with her resignation, and expect other letters prior to the meeting in March.

I have approached residents of the park about getting on the Board, but as of this date I have had no luck. Let me tell you how important this Board is. Without an HOA Board we have no say whatsoever with the owner of the park. That gives him free reign to do what he wants. So I guess what I am trying to say is we need your help. So if anyone is interested in running for office, please contact a Board member or me and let me know. The present Board members are Bob Decker, Paul Dunlap, Jean Goodlander, Ralph Becker and Jerry Diehr.

Thanking you all in advance,

Bob Decker, President
Riverest Home Owner's Association

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3 - Robert Woodall
7 - Shelby Griffith
12 - Elaine Baker
15 - Mavis Dean
16 - Alene Panetta

19 - William Bel
Harvey Reynolds
22 - Bill Hunter
25 - Philip A. Orapello
29 - Carol Ann Bekemeyer

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH

3 - Ice Cream Social, 7 p.m. All welcome
5 - Ladies Luncheon - Gracie's Back Porch - Meet at clubhouse at 11:30 a.m.
8 - Fish Fry - Questionable - 5 p.m.
10 - Monthly Board Meeting - 7 p.m. Election of Officers
13 - Luau, 5 p.m.
17 - Home Owner's Association Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
19 - Country Breakfast - 11:30 a.m.
23 - Easter Dinner - 1 p.m.
28 - Chicken 'N' Dumplin Lunch, 11:30 a.m.

VERY SAD NEWS.....

It is with the saddest heart that I must pass on the following news:

Please join me in remembering a great icon of the entertainment community.

The Pillsbury Doughboy died yesterday as of a yeast infection and trauma complications from repeated pokes in the belly. He was 71. Doughboy was buried in a lightly greased coffin. Dozens of celebrities turned out to pay their respects, including Mrs. Butterworth, Hungry Jack, the California Raisins, Betty Crocker, the Hostess Twinkies, and Captain Crunch. The grave site was piled high with flours.

Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy and lovingly described Doughboy as a man who never knew how much he was kneaded.

Doughboy rose quickly in show business, but his later life was filled with turnovers. He was not considered a very smart cookie, wasting much of his dough on half-baked schemes. Despite being a little flaky at times he still was a crusty old man and was considered a roll model for millions.

Doughboy is survived by his wife Play Dough, two children, John Dough and Jane Dough, plus they had one oven. He is also survived by his elderly father, Pop Tart. The funeral was held at 3:50 for about 20 minutes.

If this made you smile for even a brief second, please rise to the occasion and take time to pass it on and share that smile with someone else who kneads it.