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NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President – Ray Button

Secretary – Open

Treasurer – Debbie Burdick

Vice Presidents – Jim Bardeen, Trish (Betricia) Smith,
Dawne Tiscareno

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE (ARC)

Jim Bardeen - Chairperson

Jill Button Kay Dotson (temporarily)

HOA CRISIS—DISSOLVE RDPHCA?

The current Board is changing, with Board members moving or leaving to pursue other potential opportunities within Yorba Linda and elsewhere.

We need a Secretary and an Architectural Committee member ASAP and potentially other positions.

But maybe it's time to dissolve the HOA? The Board is looking into this extreme step due to lack of participation. A "straw vote" survey is being sent with the newsletter. Please call, email, or write ASAP with your choice. **THE SURVEY IS DUE BY APRIL 30.**

ONLY YOUR INVOLVEMENT CAN SAVE RDPHCA.

WE'RE GOING DIGITAL!

BE SURE YOUR EMAIL BROWSER ACCEPTS THE HOA EMAIL ADDRESS! MANY OF YOU FORGOT SO YOUR DUES LETTER, NEWSLETTER, AND PROXY WENT INTO YOUR SPAM BOX!

The savings from emailing newsletters has proven to be substantial, but we need complete participation before we can consider a reduction in our HOA dues.

HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS MUST SUPPLY VALID EMAIL ADDRESSES TO THE BOARD.

rdphca@hotmail.com

[We know of a few residents who do not use email for various valid reasons (no home internet connection, etc.). It would be helpful to let us know you cannot receive information digitally so we don't send unnecessary letters asking for the email!]

Regular Quarterly Meetings

The Board of Directors typically holds quarterly meetings. These meetings are open to all homeowners. (Executive Board meetings will be held as needed.) The meeting schedule is:

How To Contact The Board

The e-mail address is monitored weekly and all Board members have access to the e-mail box. **Please include your phone number and address, as well.**

The e-mail address is:

rdphca@hotmail.com

We are able to view attachments such as Word documents, Excel spreadsheets and pdf files. Please note that color chips for painting, as well as brochures for roofing/major projects CANNOT BE EMAILED.

You can snail-mail these documents via USPS or feel free to call the HOA PHONE: 714-779-1941 and make arrangements for someone to pick up the requests.

Remember to send your requests at least 30 days prior to implementation!

Please remember we are volunteers and we have "stuff" that goes on in our lives, too. However, we do try hard to have a quick turnaround of just a few days.

Meeting Minutes

In accordance with Section 1363.05 of the Civil Code, minutes are available to members within 30 days of the meeting. Minutes are kept in the Association records which are stored at the home of a Board member.

Any homeowner wishing to review minutes of meetings should send a request to the Association Secretary.



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Association Dues & News

The annual dues for the Homeowners Association are \$41 per year for 2016. As noted earlier, IF we can email newsletters and most other documents to residents and renters, there's a strong possibility dues will be lowered in 2017 and beyond. **If you have not paid the 2016 dues, you will be contacted by a Board member!**

Legal action is being initiated for the handful of residents who have not paid their 2015 dues. Delinquent owners will be responsible for the dues, any penalties, and all legal expenses.

HOA TIPS & TRIVIA

Homeowner Diligence: If you see a major project going on, nicely find out if the owner has prior Architectural approval. This is not to "tattle" but to prevent future lawsuits and problems. (Without such diligence, we could have been stuck with several awful paint colors, tacky-looking front yards, and ugly home façades.) RDPHCA is a wonderful HOA and we'd like your help to keep it that way!

Did you know that the HOA maintains historical files about each home? These are being digitized to save space. Email or call the HOA for access.

Architectural Reminder

All changes to landscaping, roofing, exterior painting, garage doors, fencing, mail boxes, rain gutters, windows, etc., must be submitted to the Association's Architectural Committee for review and approval. If changes have been made without prior approval, you will be receiving a letter to rectify the situation ASAP!

Please submit your plans either in writing to the Association's postal address or to our e-mail address (EXCEPT PAINT CHIPS/BROCHURES). Also, please allow ample time for the Architectural Committee to review your request. **The CC&Rs provide 30 days for the Committee to reply** although we have been responding in much less time than that.

LANDSCAPING & LAWSUITS

According to Public Works Director Michael Wolfe, meetings with Local Zone owners will take place soon to discuss the transition of landscaping to more drought tolerant species. This will determine what our area landscaping will look like for the next few decades. Luckily, our two Zones (L-2I and L-2J) are in better shape than most others. Please make every effort to attend the upcoming meetings; area signs will be posted so keep your eyes open!

"RECALL" is the word of the day. The YLTA (Yorba Linda Taxpayers Association) recently served recall papers on two members of the YL Water District: Robert (Bob) Kiley and Gary Melton. The two Board members may respond to the notice, then the Registrar of Votes approves it and after that, the petitions will be ready for circulation. Volunteers will be hitting the streets around the first of April for signatures and there will also be tables set up at local supermarkets. The lawsuit against the YLWD is set to be heard in June.

Another important lawsuit of particular interest to RDPHCA is Beryl vs City of Yorba Linda. The case was set to be heard in Superior Court in February but was moved to April 7. The lawsuit alleges that the City continues to assess parcels for benefits they don't receive—and to assess all of us for things that are actually a general benefit. There are other noted irregularities—and there's a lot of money at stake both for the City AND for every citizen (more so for those of us in Local Zones, like in RDPHCA).

ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

And the results are in. The RDPHCA Annual Meeting was held February 27 at the Burdick residence. A quorum was reached and we therefore proceeded with business.

•We said hello to new neighbors and to new Board Members Jim Bardeen and Dawne Tiscareno.

•We said good bye to Kay Dotson as a VP. She will temporarily continue with her Architectural Committee duties.

•**New Mailboxes: Must be pre-approved by the ARC and must be white.** (Many residents have expressed concern over mail theft so locking mailboxes are the popular choice.)

•We're in sound financial health but anticipate extra expenditures in the upcoming year for legal expenses (collections) and scanning of documents.

•Thanks to the Burdicks for the use of their lovely home!