Royal Oak Estates Home Owners Association P O Box 720741 McAllen, TX 78504

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Greetings to All Homeowners in ROE,

This newsletter will continue to be on our website and updated from time to time as necessary. By the way, we do hope everyone is enjoying our new website at <u>royaloakestatesmcallen.com</u>

There has been positive feedback from homeowners on improvements made to the subdivision over the last couple of years. We want to continue to make progress and welcome feedback from homeowners on matters of concern. A few will be brought up in this letter. One major future item on our agenda is a speed hump on Thunderbird, when funds are available.

One important item we would like to mention is brush pick-up. Since our subdivision consists of many beautiful oak trees, maintenance is always an ongoing item. When we have small trimming jobs, those that result in small to medium amounts of brush, can be placed in our alley. The city sends out trucks to pick up brush around the last few days of the month. If we trim around the middle to the later part of the month, that would be closer to when the brush is picked up. When we have major trimming jobs that result in trailer loads of brush, your yard crew can drop it off for free at the recycling center located on Monte Cristo Rd. In order for it to be free, a copy of your water bill and a copy of your driver's license is necessary for the driver of the trailer.

One last item on brush. As we all know, brush should never be piled in the front of our house. (Alleys only please)

As for leaves and oak "acorns", a quick sweep with a broom on occasion in between mowing jobs can do wonders in making our curb and sidewalks look acceptable.

Speaking of oak trees, the Board would like to make an offer to homeowners who do not have an oak tree in their front yard, but have thought about getting one. A onetime only offer is available. If you plant a small oak tree in the front of your yard, the HOA Board will provide a \$50.00 reduction in whatever are your next years dues. For example, if you plant 2 trees (maximum in front), we will provide a one-time only \$100.00 credit towards your dues for the next year. Again, 1 tree \$50.00. Please let us know if you would like to take advantage of this offer. After all, we are the Royal Oak Estates, right?

We want to encourage whenever possible to pick-up after our pooches so as to show consideration for our neighbors. The board has discussed placing a couple of Dog Pole stations in our subdivision. There would not be too much maintenance, and if anyone would like to have one on or near their property, let us know.

On the subject of annual dues: We will soon be sending out the 2023 statement. The annual dues for 2023 will remain the same, \$300.00. Our accounting records show that two thirds of the homeowners are up to date with their annual dues. We thank you as we would not be able to run our association without this support. The majority of those who are behind in their dues are one to two years behind. Unfortunately, there is a considerable number of residents who are many years behind in their annual dues. We ask you to please pay these dues as it is not fair for all the others who are abiding by this association requirement, to carry the burden for those who have not stayed current. If you are having issues and would like to get caught up by making payments, we will certainly meet with you to work out a payment plan.

As for the matter of off-street parking, let's always show consideration to our postman and not block our mailboxes when he comes thru making mail deliveries.

Another suggestion is to take advantage of our vehicles being parked in back, either in our garage or in our driveway alley. That way when street cleaners or our postman comes thru, they can more efficiently carry out their duties. Again, this is a suggestion only. Everyone's circumstances are different.

Again, in conclusion, we as a board, thank everyone for the good work that is being done to keep your homes, yard, alleys, and landscaping up, so that we may continue to be good neighbors to each other.

Sincerely,

ROE HOA Board Lee Meisel Maurice Rodriguez Eric Walborg