

**Association Officers**

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Our Mission: To fairly represent and communicate the needs of the members of the association of landowners of Robledal and Oakhaven subdivisions, by working with officers, past and present, and with homeowners, who have the common goal of abiding covenants and properly addressing issues which affect homeowners and member of the association, for the overall betterment and strengthening of community bond.



**Robledal &  
Oakhaven  
Landowners'  
Association**

*The President's Pen: The future of Robledal  
in South Santa Rosa County Growth*

*by Larry Tashlik*



**Meeting!**

*Our next meeting  
will occur on  
February 17th  
at 7:00 p.m.  
at Regions Bank.*

**Membership**

Membership in the homeowners' association is \$15 per year.

There has been some confusion as to when the \$15 are due. Those of you who joined or paid dues after September 2003 are paid through August 2004.

Please send your \$15 to RELA, 8668 Navarre Pkwy. #327, Navarre, FL 32566-2185

*RELA is incorporated under all Florida and Federal laws. Dues and assessments were not attached to the land by the developer, so participation is voluntary.*

This June we will need to nominate and elect three new board members to the RELA. Please think about getting actively involved by taking a place on the board, or as a committee member. Instead of complaining, why not get involved in making changes and improving Robledal & Oak Haven. What we really need now is a Social Committee. Funds have been set aside for a Robledal/ Oak Haven Block Party, or perhaps an area wide Mega Yard Sale. We need a person or persons to step up and coordinate this activity. Other current committees that certainly could use your help are The Architectural Committee, Chaired by Howard Stillwell, New Resident Welcoming / Directory Committee Chaired by Coleen Reale, and the Gardening Committee lead by Cliffogene Stillwell. These are a few of the great folks who pitch in to make a difference.

Your dues of \$15.00 per year help pay for the following:

1. Signs, and sign maintenance
2. Directory Printing and preparing welcome packets
3. Street lights at both entrances. (Yes, we pay the bill on these safety devices) It would be nice if we had

additional lighting that could potentially thwart some of the vandalism and car robberies that we have recently experienced.

4. Prepare, publish and deliver the quarterly Newsletter

Other RELA activities include the Robledal / Oak Haven Web Page, created and maintained by Jerry Merritt. The address is <http://www.bsc.net/robledal/>. Jerry has done an excellent job, and the site is very user friendly. I encourage you to take a look at this marvelous accomplishment. On this same topic, this newsletter was mailed to your address instead of hand delivered. The cost of the mailing is pretty hefty. To save costs, the Board of Directors has decided to publish all future Newsletters on the web, and no longer print paper letters. We also plan to set up a community Email alert system to let you know when there is a fresh Newsletter, or to advise of other important issues that impact residents of Robledal & Oak Haven. If you have not viewed the web site, I encourage you to do so. I think that you will be very pleased. Watch it grow!

My term, as President of the Board of Directors, will expire in a few months, and I will have to step aside.

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Before I depart this position, I must make you aware of several very important issues. When I assumed this role, the association had been dormant for several years. Payments for the lighting had not been paid, and other vital organizational functions, including answering the mail, fell by the wayside. In Robledal / Oak Haven, membership is voluntary, and its function is a more community supportive association. Nobody likes an organization that breathes down your neck. People wait for years for a home to become available here in Robledal and Oak Haven. This is a great community, and the aim of the RELA association is to keep it that way.

Sadly, a high degree of apathy has set in, and it appears that the voluntary system may not work anymore. Membership and dues to the RELA have dropped considerably. The covenants need to be updated, and it looks as though a mandatory system should be considered. Dues then would be required and would pass with the property. I would hate to see this happen, but the present lack of participation may well drive the train to that end. Complaints flow in every week, too many cars, speeding, vandalism, too many occupants, long building projects, mail boxes knocked down. Ironically, because of the lack of active voices, not much can be done regarding these issues. The bottom line here is that this is your community. It is special. It is unique. If Robledal / Oak Haven is to retain its flavor, its attraction, its property values, then you need to get involved.

Members of our Board regularly attend, meetings in the county, and adjoining cities. Santa Rosa is about to

explode with unprecedented growth. You can be a single voice in how all of this shapes up, and you can be pooh-poohed by elected officials, or, you can be a part of 200 or more voices, voices that VOTE, and actually be heard and taken seriously by those we elect to take care of business. This is a no-brainer. Here is just a glimpse of what is heading down the pike that will have direct and long lasting impact on you, your family and your property in the days, months and short years ahead:

1. Upgrading all of the fire hydrants in Robledal / Oak Haven
2. Widening of SR 87 (traffic and commerce impact)
3. Widening of SR 399, traffic and noise impact
  - a. Speed limit adjusting
  - b. Stop lights, stop signs
  - c. Turn lanes and Islands
4. Multi story Condos in Navarre
5. Significant tax increases to float the growth, and build the infrastructure.
6. County sewer hook-up fees for every resident of Robledal / Oak Haven (could be substantial)
  - a. Mandatory removal/ deactivation of present septic system following installation of sewer lines.
7. Repaving of Robledal streets
8. RELA becoming a Gated Community (if owners want it)

I could go on and on. This is a wake-up call folks. Many of these events are already moving ahead, others are about to pop. One voice will make little or no difference. Hundreds of voices will. These things, and others, are going to happen. Forming a viable association may be may be your last opportunity to join with others, here in Robledal / Oak Haven, and be heard on the issues and how they will be handled, and its impact on you, your property, and your family.

Soon, our present covenants will need to be refreshed, and renewed. If we let this lapse, any hopes of following any of these or future projects, as an organized force, will be lost. The choice is yours.

I solicit your involvement. If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so. If you have not joined RELA, now is your chance. This is not a sales pitch, it is fact. If you think for a moment that much of this will not directly affect you, and your property, and this beautiful community, then, sadly, you are mistaken. The decisions will be made by others, without your voice being heard. Again, the choice is yours. <http://www.bsc.net/robledal/> Association members who do not have access to the internet should notify any board member and a copy of the newsletter will be delivered to your home.

*Larry*

To advertise your business or service, please contact a Board Member.

Written submissions are welcomed, but are published with expressed consent of the Board.



A special thanks to Nancy Davis, our editor, for a great job in putting out this edition and all of our newsletters. This summer Nancy and Dwight are moving to Prattville, Alabama. Dwight will be attending ACSC at Maxwell Air Force Base. We wish them the best and really appreciate the work Nancy has done for us.

## Upgraded Entry Signage?

RELA is forming a working group to try to get our entryways upgraded so we don't have the worst looking entries on highway 399. You can go to our web page at <http://www.bsc.net/robledal/Announcements.htm> to see what our entry looks like now compared to what it could look like with a little effort and community participation.

We need volunteers to help determine if there are enough people who would chip in to a fund drive once we know the costs. We won't know that until we get enough people on the working group to do a survey and get pledges. We also need ideas on what sorts of entrances would look best for Robledal and someone who can draft a design. It should be both fun and relatively quick and easy - if we get some volunteers.

Without volunteers, however, this project will quickly die from lack of interest.

Call Jennie Merritt at 939-7752 to join in the effort.

## Corrections & Additions to the Directory

We will publish corrections and additions to the directory in each newsletter. Please update your directory with the following changes.

Thornburg, Ralph & Helen Carol  
3246 Casa Del Mar  
939-1971  
Retired  
Children: Clint ('76)  
Hobbies; Boating, fishing, model  
airplanes  
[helenfl@mchsi.com](mailto:helenfl@mchsi.com)

## Community Yardsale?

Are you caught up in the "Clean Sweep" mania? Need to clean out those closets and garages? How about having a neighborhood-wide yard sale this spring? We will save money by running only one advertisement and everyone in Robledal

and Oakhaven will benefit. Plus, a neighborhood-wide sale brings in far more people than a single yard sale. If you are interested and want to join in, come to the next RELA meeting and help us select a date.

## Clearing and Cleanup Party

There will be a volunteer brush clearing and cleanup party on *Saturday the 21st of February from 9:00 until noon*. It will be where the causeway area of Calle de Hidalgo crosses the lake and intersects Avenida de Galvez. We will be trimming out the overgrown areas and picking up trash along both sides of the causeway.

Bring trash cans, saws and pruners for tree branches.

Call Jerry Merritt at 939-7752 if you have any questions.

**February  
21st!**

## Robledal Holiday Open House

The second annual holiday open house was a great success. We all wish to thank Ms. MaryAnn Frazier for once again opening her home to the Robledal Community for the holidays. We enjoyed all the villages and decorations, as well as, the opportunity to share the holiday spirit with our friends and neighbors.



## Welcoming Committee

Please remember to give Colleen Reale a call at 936-4216 if you know of new neighbors that the committee can welcome with a directory and other information.

## Doggone It!

We were doing quite well for a while but recent arrivals have once again started using our streets and right of ways for their dogs to relieve themselves. Runners are getting their shoes messed up and drivers are running over the piles and bringing what sticks to their tires into their garages.

Residents should be aware of county nuisance ordinances against using the streets or their neighbors'

yards for dog restrooms. Please don't be a neighborhood nuisance. Train your animals to go at home or else scoop it up and dispose of it properly.



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**Membership application/Dues Payment**  
**Robledal/Oakhaven Landowners Association**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
For Community Email Alerts

DUES ENCLOSED? (\$15.00/YEAR) [ ] YES [ ] NO

TO HAVE THIS FORM AND YOUR DUES PICKED UP AT YOUR HOME, CALL GARY AT 936-4894

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