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Letter from the Editor

Hello Everyone! Hope your new year is going smoothly. It is already February which is considered the month of love. Some hate Valentine's Day but I love to see all the pink and red and all the yummy candy to eat! My kids especially love this day exchanging valentines with classmates. One of my favorite memories of Valentine's Day growing up was when my Dad would get me candy and sometimes flowers on this day. So Dads don't forget to give your little girl her special valentine, I'm sure she will treasure the extra special attention on this day.

*Everyone have a great month and
talk with you next month!*

-Cindy

Association Dues

Good news. The HOA board voted and made the decision to NOT raise association dues this year. We were able to stay within our FY2011 budget with our current HOA rate. Some things your association money goes to are to cover pool care and maintenance, community grounds and landscaping, water, repair of any vandalism, street light outage, fountain maintenance, special events and mosquito fogging. These are just some of the things your Association fees cover, they go right back to maintaining our neighborhood.

*Don't forgot, the last day you can pay your 2011 HOA dues without
a penalty is January 31, 2011. So hurry up and pay your dues.*

Colder Weather means Cold Water...

and cold pipes. If you live in a 2-story house please make sure you run your water upstairs such as turning on the water and/or flushing your toilets every now and then. Also....a reminder on a water tip I've posted before. When you're waiting for your water to heat up out of the sink or bath save the cold water and reuse it for something else. You ask what is that something else? Well you could use it to water your plants, fill up your fish tank and/or fill up your dog/cat's water bowls. Maybe you can think of other things?

Riata Ranch Homeowners Meetings

The Riata Ranch HOA Board of Directors encourages all homeowners to participate in the monthly board meetings. The meeting is held on the last Tuesday of every month. If you are interested in participating please contact SCS management in order to add your topic to the meeting agenda.

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We are glad to hear all of the positive feedback and we intend to continue to improving the look and feel of the newsletter according to what you tell us. So get as involved as you like! We look forward to hearing from you.

HELLO FELLOW RIATA RANCH NEIGHBORS

Please take a look at the new RR website at www.riataranch.net. It has a new format and looks very nice. Here you will be able to get information on our community and any upcoming events and information regarding them. We also put a message board in the main entrance of RR to communicate any events or news as well. If you haven't seen the message board, take a drive and take a look.

ARTICLES/IDEAS NEEDED

Do you have ideas for an article or story that you would like your Riata Ranch community to hear? If so, please go to <http://www.peelinc.com/> and go to the link to submit an article under the Residents tab.

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Adam Thompson and Alyssa Ramsey tied for first place, Samantha Longridge and Kallie Rhea tied for second place, Daniel Overton won third place, and Elizabeth Gwyn and Jordon Coates were awarded honorable mention by the judges. The first place winners will have the opportunity to move to the regional National History Day competition.



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Update to Trash Pile-up at the Apartments.

I have not seen the pile up much lately...has anyone else? Also we are planting some bushes in front of the fence to obscure the view if problems continue.

If you still see the pile up the original article is to the right with contact information. Thanks!

Has anyone seen the trash that piles up at the apartments when you are leaving the main entrance of Riata Ranch? Well one of our Board Members has met with the apartment complex to inform them of the unsightly issue we have to see when leaving or entering our neighborhood. The unfortunate part is that the trash overflow mostly happens at the beginning or end of the month when people move in and out. People throw things down the chute of the trash dispenser and things get stuck which will not allow the residents of the apartments to push anymore trash down the chute (since it is stuck with big items people throw away during moving in and out). The solution at the current time is to call them directly at 281-758-0226 and talk to the answering service which will let a maintenance person know immediately or you can also call the manager, Michelle Nixon. Please call the office when you notice a problem and speak with Michelle, another employee or the answering service so it can be addressed as soon as possible. The more calls they get with this problem the more likely they will react quicker. In the meantime the HOA board is thinking of alternative ideas so RR residents will not have to see the garbage.

Main Entrance Apartment Trash

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