

ORANGE BLOSSOM GARDENS

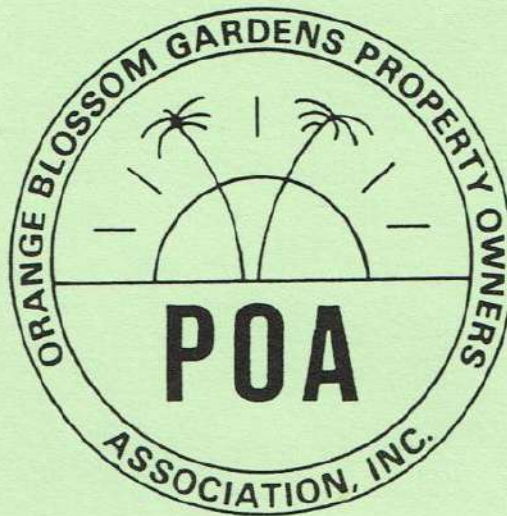
**PROPERTY OWNERS'
ASSOCIATION, INC.**

THERE ARE NO STRANGERS HERE ONLY FRIENDS WE HAVEN'T MET.

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PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

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(Report sickness or hospitalizations to Mrs. Vlaun)		
Editor	JEAN TUTTLE	753-3610

INDEPENDENCE DAY

July 4, 1988

"..... be
Declaration will
treasure, and it
it will stand,
compensate for
thick gloom of
the brightness of
sun in heaven.



We shall make this a glorious
and immortal day. When we are in our graves,
our children will honour it. They will cele-
brate it with thanksgiving, with festivity, with
bonfires and illuminations. On its annual return,
they will shed tears; not of subjection and
slavery, not of agony and distress, but of exulta-
tion, of gratitude, and of joy."

assured that this
stand. It may cost
may cost blood; but
and it will richly
both. Through the
the present, I see
the future, as the

(Taken from Daniel Webster's oration giving
his version of John Adams' reply to those states
imagined to object to the Declaration of Inde-
pendence.)

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The P.O.A. wishes you and yours a safe and
glorious Fourth of July!

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CHANGE OF OFFICERS

Lelia Dyche Caravella has resigned as Vice
President of the P.O.A. after serving one and
one-half years.

Her resignation became effective May 18th
and Mrs. Eva Hawkins has been appointed to fill
the vacancy until the November election of of-
ficers.

Mrs. Rita Chapman will assume the duties
of Corresponding Secretary.

We offer our thanks to Lelia for a job
well done and our heartfelt good wishes for
the future.

TO ALL NEW RESIDENTS:

Welcome to Orange Blossom Gardens! We think you will find this is the best possible place to live in all of Florida!

We hope, in addition to becoming a neighbor and friend, you will soon join the ranks of the membership of the Orange Blossom Gardens Property Owners' Association, Inc. We are now 1,938 members strong and growing steadily.

We are a duly chartered organization incorporated on November 20, 1975, seeking to preserve the mobile home lifestyle we have chosen and to protect the rights and privileges granted us by Florida statutes under the provisions of Chapter 723.

The objective of our association is to assist, whenever and wherever possible, in the development of our community in such a manner as to benefit both the developer and the residents.

The association is a member of the Federation of Mobile Home Owners of Florida, Inc. A statewide association with nearly a quarter of a million members, the F.M.O. maintains a staff of lobbyists to monitor the legislative process in behalf of mobile home owners throughout Florida. We can, if necessary, apply to them for financial and legal assistance in the event of disputes resulting from violation of statutes.

Monthly meetings are scheduled from September through May and are held in the O.B.G. club house. All meetings are open except the annual meeting in November when officers are nominated and elected by the members.

Business meetings are followed by presentations of topics of interest to the membership by invited speakers.

We look forward to your participation in our endeavors.


ARTHUR W. SMITH, President



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

For years you dreamed of retirement. You dreamed of moving to a different climate -- a warmer climate.

No more punching a time clock. No more driving to work in all kinds of weather. No more boring lunches with clients. No more sales quotas.

You planned to bask in the sun, meet new friends, pursue your hobbies, travel and just generally have fun.

Congratulations! You have achieved your dream!

But you are in for a rude awakening if you think you can retire from the responsibilities that go with home ownership or from citizenship in your community.

You still must vote to elect officials and on special issues. You still will be affected by how those officials conduct themselves in office as well as by the outcome of the vote on those special issues.

The turn-out of O.B.G. residents on each election day proves you take your voting responsibility seriously.

Voting is truly a privilege by which you are able to participate in the selection of those persons who will represent you in all levels of government.

There is a growing concern, however, over the lack of participation in another process available to you which is equally as important as voting: attendance at meetings of town and county governing bodies.

Your presence at these meetings will send a message to elected officials that you are vitally concerned about issues which affect you, and it will show them you intend to have a voice in matters under their consideration.

There is still another process that can be utilized to express your views. Write to officials and tell them how you feel an issue should be resolved.

Think about it! If you don't participate, you have no right to complain! Even more important - - you might have a lot to lose!

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P.O.A. BULLETIN BOARD MOVED!

We have been advised by the O.B.G. Recreation Department that it was deemed "necessary to reorganize the bulletin board on the west side of the Recreation Hall."

As a result, the P.O.A. bulletin board has been moved to the LOWER HALF at the EXTREME RIGHT of the bulletin board section mentioned above.

The space formerly occupied by the P.O.A. has been designated for the use of management-appointed C.I.C.!!!

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"The highest and most lofty trees have the most reason to dread the thunder."

- Charles Rollin



CLIP AND SAVE!

PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING COMPLAINTS

1. CORRECTING DEFECTS IN YOUR NEW MOBILE HOME WHILE UNDER WARRANTY.

When your "walk through" was conducted, you were given a form on which you were instructed to list defects to be corrected by the manufacturer - - Fleetline. You were requested to allow 15 days to discover defects before turning in your list. *

A suggested procedure for you to follow would be to make a copy of your list before turning it in. Then, when a service representative calls at your home to make repairs or correct defects, be sure all items listed have been taken care of before signing.

If only a portion of the items on your list has been handled, initial only those items on the workman's list which have been completed. Mark your copy as well.

It would then be advisable to submit another list of the uncompleted items - - plus any other problems which have been detected since you turned in your initial list.

An emergency situation will, of course, need to be reported by phone. It is suggested you follow up on the emergency problem by filing a written report - - even after the situation has been remedied. It needs to be a matter of record in the event you have recurring problems.

* (In the year you have in which to report damage, imperfections, shoddy workmanship, etc., you may need to submit several lists. Always make a copy for your files and keep your file in a convenient place for easy referral.)

2. RECOURSE IF THE MANUFACTURER FAILS
TO CORRECT PROBLEM.

After a reasonable period of time, if you have tried - - and failed -- to resolve problems with the manufacturer while your home is still under warranty, you can direct a complaint to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

The B.M.V. has established bureaus specifically charged with handling consumer complaints concerning mobile homes and recreational vehicles.

Put your complaint in writing and make a copy for your file. The complaint should include the date, your name, address, and phone number.

Direct your complaint to the bureau's district office for Lake County as follows:

Bureau of M.H. & R.V. Construction
Charles E. Bartaway, Supervisor
State Office Building
Room 10
941 West Morse Boulevard
Winter Park, FL 32789

Telephone number: 305 - 628 - 6930

The bureau will send an investigator as soon as possible to check your complaint and note the defect and resulting damage.

If your complaint is determined to be legitimate concerning structural or contractual deficiencies, you can expect immediate action.

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PROJECTS/PRIORITIES OF TOWN OF LADY LAKE

(As outlined to the May 17th meeting of the Property Owners' Association by Cliff Burgess, Town Manager.)

1. There is a need for a SEWER SYSTEM, especially in the 27/441 commercial area. Land, customers and funds are needed.
2. The town is continuing to engineer and prepare for bidding to CONSTRUCT/RESURFACE SELECTED STREETS.
3. Work continues toward installation of LIGHTING AT THE COMPLETED BALLFIELD; and the Mayor has raised some funds for this purpose.
4. In the next budget year, provisions are needed for some ROOF MAINTENANCE.
5. ADDITIONAL SPACE will be needed soon for police and administrative offices in the Town Hall.
6. The SKYLINE HILLS draining and paving project is about ready for Town Commission action.
7. Plans are being made to hire a full-time MAINTENANCE MECHANIC for town vehicles and equipment.
8. There is a great deal of interest in exploring the possibility of the town's own FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM.
9. PLANNING and ZONING ORDINANCES need revision and updating.
10. The town is currently involved in updating its comprehensive plan to comply with GROWTH MANAGEMENT LAWS.

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11. Work is being done toward providing a FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN.

12. Land needs to be purchased for use in RECREATION, RAW WATER AND SEWAGE TREATMENT.

13. Expansion of the town's CENTRAL WATER SYSTEM continues. There are now nearly 800 customers.

14. There is a great need for revision of the PERSONNEL POLICIES and the PROCEDURES MANUAL with consolidation into a single book.

15. The town is researching the possibility for all types of IMPACT FEES in several areas.

16. The possibility of purchasing some of the available railroad property is being explored for the purpose of LIBRARY PARKING and expansion of the City Hall complex.

Mr. Burgess commended the Kiwanis Club for the great job they did in getting the old railroad station and three cars moved for use as a badly needed TOWN LIBRARY.

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Mary Gerding, president of the Leesburg Humane Society, has asked me to thank you for your wonderful response to their need for pet food coupons and saleable items for the bargain store.

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CAUTION!!

Residents are reminded to be cautious for the safety of our young visitors during the coming summer months, and to remind their visitors to observe speed limits and posted rules.

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"IF YOU THINK/SHE LIKES/YOUR BRISTLES/
WALK BARE-FOOTED/THROUGH SOME THISTLES"



Is there anyone residing in O.B.G. who does not recall the light-hearted humor and friendly sell of the Burma Shave road signs?

The first dozen or so signs were crudely and hurriedly prepared and placed along Highway 65 in Minnesota late in 1925. Their number rapidly expanded to 7,000 sets.

The spacing of the signs created an enjoyable element of suspense for both driver and passengers as they awaited the pay-off line for the next 38 years.

At 35 m.p.h., it was estimated that the 18 seconds it took to read all six signs was more time and attention than casual viewers gave newspaper or magazine advertisements.

Burma Shave was the first U.S. firm to produce brushless shaving cream, improving vastly on the English version. Not only did they need to woo American men away from the time-honored mug and brush, but they had to do so in the face of growing acceptance of electric shavers.

Realizing the impact of their signs on the motoring public and concerned about the mounting accident rate, Burma Shave began injecting a traffic safety theme into their rhymes in 1935.

"IS HE/LONESOME/OR JUST BLIND/THE
GUY WHO DRIVES/SO CLOSE BEHIND?"

"DON'T TAKE/A CURVE/AT 60 PER/
WE HATE TO LOSE/A CUSTOMER."

The era's top radio and TV comedians made good use of Burma Shave rhymes in their material. * * The public enthusiastically responded to a contest for new rhymes. * * During Operation Deepfreeze, the U. S. Navy requested (and got) signs to sustain the morale of men stationed in Antarctica.

Many factors contributed to the demise of the little red signs. In any case, when Burma-Vita was sold to Philip Morris, Inc. in 1963, it was decided to replace them with other advertising media.

Having made this decision, equipment and personnel were dispatched across the country to remove some 35,000 individual signs. To the best of the firm's knowledge, the only signs in existence today (outside the factory) are the set requested by the Smithsonian and those donated to other museums. Some may be found along some private driveways and in a few enterprising antique shops. And, of course, in our memories!!

"FAREWELL, O'VERSE/ALONG THE ROAD/
HOW SAD TO/KNOW YOU'RE/OUT OF MODE."

(Condensed from "The Verse by the Side of the Road" by Frank Rowsome, Jr.)

Here are a few of my favorites. Can you recall some of yours?

"DINAH DOESN'T/TREAT HIM RIGHT/
BUT IF HE'D/SHAVE/DYNA-MITE!"

"OLD DOBBIN/READS THESE SIGNS/EACH DAY/
YOU SEE, HE GETS/HIS CORN THAT WAY."

"IF THESE/SIGNS BLUR/AND BOUNCE AROUND/
YOU'D BETTER PARK/AND WALK TO TOWN."

NEW MEMBERS

The following persons have joined the Orange Blossom Gardens Property Owners' Association between May 17th and June 13th.

<u>Names</u>	<u>Unit</u>
M/M Harold Benson	3
M/M Harris Hetlefsen	3
Mrs. Jo Eyrich	8
M/M Gerald Fogt	3
M/M Harry Ford	9
M/M Charles Foster	1
M/M Douglas Fry	12
M/M Ronald Goodman	10
M/M Joseph Hill	3
M/M W. W. Holder	10
M/M Ronald Johnson	7
M/M Normand Martin	7
M/M Charles Meished	10
M/M (Lt. Col.) James Orth	12
M/M Fred Pattillo	3
M/M Richard Radech	2
M/M Walter Shoemaker	3
M/M Frank Strunk	6
M/M Johnny Summey	8
Mr. John Wiaczek	9
Ms. Dorothy White	8
M/M Thomas Wood	12

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THE PARENT

"Children aren't happy
with nothing to ignore,
and that's what parents
were created for."

- Ogden Nash

P.O.A. MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

All residents of Orange Blossom Gardens are cordially invited to join the Property Owners Association, Inc.

Membership dues are only \$6.00 per calendar year for each household. Dues for residents joining throughout the year will be pro-rated at 50¢ per month. Renewals will be due January 1st of each year thereafter.

Please send a check or cash to:

ROBERT HASEL, TREASURER
859 Ann Avenue

Remittance can also be made to any officer listed in the bulletin.

A membership card will be issued upon receipt of dues.

Please complete the following form and include it with your payment.

MEMBERSHIP FORM
(Please print)

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Telephone 753-_____ Unit Number _____

Signatures(s)

_____ New

_____ Renewal