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PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**BULLETIN  
APRIL 1992**

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We were all disappointed that our scheduled speaker at the March 18th meeting, Florence Hunter, was unable to speak to us because of her illness. She is advised by her doctor not to do any public speaking for about six months. We will have her at a meeting when she is available.

Since our Bulletin (little green book) is delivered to every home in Units 1-13, in future issues we will have a complete report on issues and/or projects that the POA currently has under consideration. This will be in a separate column with some background and what is being done and/or being resolved.

As in any organization when new officers are elected there are changes and differences in the manner in which the organization is operated. With three months of new leadership, we are working on the issues in which the POA has been involved or can be helpful. If you have any suggestions or concerns about what has happened in the Gardens (or the Villages) please call me at 753-5864. We welcome your criticisms and suggestions.

There have been some questions about the POA and the recall of Lady Lake Town Commissioner Ottis Birge. The OBG-POA is NOT involved in any recall petition.

Bob Johnson who originated the petition for a golf cart crossing represented the POA at my request. When the final petitions were presented to the Town of Lady Lake the petition ended. Any future petitions that the POA becomes involved with will be fully reported in the Bulletin. Let me state emphatically again. The POA is NOT involved in the recall petition of Lady Lake Commissioner Ottis Birge or any other Commissioner. Any questions, please call me at 753-5864.

Dorothy Hokr  
President

#### SPECIAL NOTICE

At the April 15th meeting only members who have paid their 1992 dues may attend. This meeting is primarily for the adoption of new by-laws. You must have your membership card with you in order to be admitted.

This special meeting is necessary in order to change the by-laws to allow the membership to elect the officers of the POA. Under the current by-laws, officers were elected by the Board of Directors from the Board's members. This is the major change.

As a paid member, if you have not received a copy of the by-laws, please call EVA HAWKINS - 753-4838. Also, copies will be available at the meeting. If you need a proxy ballot form, please call EVA HAWKINS.



## DELIVERY OF MAIL IN THE VILLAGES

At the March 18th POA meeting, eighty-seven year old Henry Kaiser spoke both with eloquence and humor about the current mail delivery system in the Villages and the need for a change.

Some of the residents are unable to pick up their mail at a postal pick-up station and have to rely on neighbors; many of the rest of us see ourselves in the same situation as we get older and driving becomes a chore if not impossible.

The logical answer to the problem is home, curbside delivery of the mail throughout the Villages, and the POA is willing to put forth an all-out effort toward this end if we receive a clear mandate that you want this change to be made. Our neighbors in Spruce Creek, a fairly new retirement community, enjoy curbside delivery, so we know there are no federal regulations which would prohibit such delivery in OBG.

Our problem revolves around an April, 1985 agreement between OBG management and the U.S. Postal Service that OBG would build postal stations and the Postal Service would furnish mailboxes and pay rural carriers to deliver and sort the mail. Over the years, since then, the U.S. Postal Service has resisted change, basing its decision on the 1985 agreement.

In 1988, before the new facility was built on Paradise Drive, groups of residents protested at a Town Commission meeting; and Vice-President Gary Morse was quoted in the newspaper as saying: "We'd love to have door-to-door delivery. We can't get it."

In the Fall of 1990, with Gary Morse expressing the same sentiments he had in 1988, the POA conducted a survey in its monthly Bulletin to determine the extent of dissatisfaction. Because only about 600 hundred (600) replies were received, no further action was taken.

At its March 18th meeting, the POA decided to circulate a petition to determine how many of our residents throughout the Villages want home curbside delivery of mail. The POA, since its inception in 1975, has been the residents' voice, sometimes loud, sometimes considered abrasive but always persistent in promoting that which is seen by residents as their right and in their best interests. The POA will not proceed in negotiations with the U.S. Postal Service, however, unless there is a clear mandate from you, the residents, to do so.

You can expect to see, within the next few weeks, volunteers with petitions at all of the postal delivery stations on both sides of Highway 27/441 and at other sites within the Gardens. The number of signatures received will determine whether or not action will be taken.

## SPECIAL APPRECIATION RECEPTION

On **APRIL 10, 1992**, a special appreciation reception for all volunteers of the OBG-POA will be held from **10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.** in the **HENRY FONDA ROOM**. A telephone call will confirm the invitation.



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Last year only about 40% of the residents responded. Your answers are the guide used by the developer on recreation programs and facilities. Your input is necessary if additions or changes are to be made.

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In the March POA Bulletin, President Dorothy Hokr requested residents who are seeking assistance to resolve problems and concerns to provide a synopsis of them.

Please use the following form for that purpose and either hand it to her at a meeting or mail it to her at 1612 Lauren Lane, Lady Lake, FL 32159.

This form may also be used to present suggestions to the POA Board of Directors for their consideration.

### PROBLEMS/SUGGESTIONS

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**REMINDER FOR RESIDENTS WHO HAD SENIOR CABLEVISION  
AND NOW HAVE LAKE CABLEVISION**

In the December Bulletin, the POA brought it to your attention that some residents who had Senior Cablevision and were changed to Lake Cablevision in August, 1990, were billed in advance by both companies and paid twice for the same service.

OBG Management, owners of Senior Cablevision, were alerted and assured us that refunds would be made but that it might take 30 to 40 days to check their records. Residents were asked to await refunds, not to call as they might delay the process. It is now April, so if you paid twice and have not received your refund, call OBG Financial Officer **JOHN WISE** 753-2270.

**ARE YOUR HOUSE NUMBERS VISIBLE???**

House numbers, particularly those in fluorescent paint on the curb, can be of valuable assistance to operators of emergency vehicles and residents/guests looking for addresses at night.

Ideally, in areas where it is possible, we would all have our house numbers painted on the curb not only for our own benefit but also for the benefit of our neighbors.

If you are interested in having it done and do not know who to call, contact Board Member **PAT CARTER** at 753-6758 for suggestions.

**BLOOD DONOR DRIVE - APRIL 6, 1992**

**DOROTHY HOERST**, POA Blood Drive Chairperson, reports that as of March 23rd, nine OBG residents have signed up to donate blood on April 6th.

The January drive netted 84 pints. Twenty units have been used since January. A balance on hand is urgently needed to assure units will be available when residents or employees need them.

Please call Dorothy at 753-9021 to make your appointment and make our **April 6th Blood Drive** a success!!

**WALK-INS ARE WELCOME** and your donation is needed, too!

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>MONDAY, April 6, 1992</b>	<b>11:30 A.M.</b>	<b>Board of Directors Meeting Unit 6 Pool Meeting Room</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY, April 15, 1992</b>	<b>7:30 P.M.</b>	<b>Monthly Membership Meeting OBG Recreation Hall MEMBERS ONLY</b>
<b>THURSDAY, May 7, 1992</b>	<b>9:00 A.M.</b>	<b>Liaison Committee Meeting Clark Gable Room</b>



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Dorothy Morehouse, Treasurer  
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