

# ROCKY BAYOU OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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## President's Letter to Rocky Bayou Owners Association Members and Notice of Annual Meeting 1 January, 2023

Happy New Year but, for the Rocky Bayou Owners Association, our year actually begins with our Annual Meeting, this year on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. Our By-Laws direct that the Annual Meeting will take place on the first Tuesday in March. It begins at 6:30PM and is held at the Rocky Bayou Country Club, 600 Golf Course Drive. Some Association news for you, the top two are most important:

1. DUES: Our dues, \$140/year, will not change for the year 2023. Come to the meeting and our Treasurer will explain why we think we will need to increase the dues in 2024.
2. BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED: We have a volunteer seven member board. The By-Laws say that a person can serve on the board for two years. This year we'll need to replace 3 board members. The rotation gives the board fresh perspectives each year and asks the members of our communities to share the load and privilege of serving their neighbors. Please let us know if you could give about six hours a month on average to do your part. If we have more than three volunteers, we'll have a vote at the meeting to elect the three needed board members. Any unit owner desiring to be a candidate for the board must give written notice of his or her intent by Friday, January 27, 2023. [Email me at [president@rboa.net](mailto:president@rboa.net) or Secretary/Treasurer Nicki Patten at [finance@rboa.net](mailto:finance@rboa.net)].
3. EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS: We're implementing some uses of the internet to lower our mailing costs. For instance, if you've given us an email address, that is how we are delivering this letter. That saves us time and money. Thanks for helping us serve you. Please consider giving us an email address if you haven't done so as yet.
4. RECORDS AND PAYMENTS: We're keeping records now using QuickBooks Online. It's worth what it costs as it will allow us to keep better track of who's paid and who hasn't. We'll make fewer errors, which you will appreciate, and it comes with the added benefit of allowing you to pay your dues electronically online.

5. **BIG NEWS AND OUR WEBSITE:** We've made some updates to our website and will continue to improve it. We are open to your suggestions on how to make the information you're looking for easy to find. We have, for the last 18 months, communicated with you by way of posting BIG NEWS when we need to get the word out on something. Whenever a new BIG NEWS is posted, we put up the BIG NEWS signs at each neighborhood entrance. Just take a look at the RBOA website and the latest BIG NEWS will be prominently displayed. You can also access all the editions if you need to catch up with previous postings.

6. **COVENANT RE-WRITE AND CONSOLIDATION:** We have 13 Units developed over a period of 40 years in the RBOA. Each Unit has a separate and unique set of Covenants. Florida law requires each to be renewed and modernized with the changes made in state laws over time. We've consulted with our retained law firm and have drafted one new and consolidated set of Covenants. We appointed a three person committee to review and revise the draft. When they're ready, you'll need to review the new Covenants and each Unit will have a vote on whether to accept them. Please come to the Annual Meeting to hear an update on the progress of the new Covenants from both the lawyer and the committee.

7. **QUORUM REQUIREMENTS AND VOTING BY PROXY:** We have 407 members in our Association and 26% (approximately 105) members must attend in person or by proxy (form attached) to establish a quorum for the Annual Meeting. If you aren't able to attend the Annual Meeting on March 7th, please send us a signed proxy to this email address: [president@rboa.net](mailto:president@rboa.net) or to the following USPS mailing address:

Rocky Bayou Owners Association  
P.O. Box 848  
Niceville, FL 32588-0848

Proxies must be received before the 6:30PM start of the meeting on March 7, 2023.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Comer  
President, RBOA  
[president@rboa.net](mailto:president@rboa.net)

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## GENERAL PROXY

**Instructions:**

If you do not plan to be present for the meeting, it is important that you complete and return this proxy so that a quorum can be obtained. Please print your name, address and the name of the person you desire to vote on your behalf (if it is someone other than the current President of the Board).

Date, sign, and return this proxy no later than the start of the meeting, Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., or by email to [president@rboa.net](mailto:president@rboa.net) or by USPS mail to:

Rocky Bayou Owners Association, P.O. Box 848, Niceville, FL 32588-0848.

The undersigned, owner(s) or designated voter (print name)

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of property located at (print address)

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Rocky Bayou Owners Association hereby constitute and appoint the President of the Board, his designee, or;

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as my proxy holder to attend the meeting of the members of Rocky Bayou Owners Association, to be held on March 7, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Rocky Bayou Country Club, 600 Golf Course Drive, Niceville, FL 32578. The proxy holder named has the authority to vote and act for me to the same extent that I would if personally present, with power of substitution.

GENERAL POWERS authorizes your proxy holder to vote on issues which may come up at the meeting.

I authorize and instruct my proxy to use his or her best judgment on all other matters that properly come before the meeting and for which a general power may be used.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_

This proxy is revocable by the unit owner and is valid only for the meeting for which it is given and any lawful adjournment. In no event is the proxy valid for more than 90 days from the date of the original meeting.