



# Riverside Park Membership Memo

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637 SW 15th Avenue has been boarded up since the mid-1990s. The City Commission's action on May 18th paves the way for demolition of the building.

## 637 SW 15th Ave. Eyesore To Be Used for Fire/Rescue Practice

by Dave Marshall, RPRAs President

Proving that there is indeed a beneficial use for the troubled building at **637 SW 15th Ave**, the City's Fire/Rescue department will use the building for training purposes prior to its demolition.

The training exercise involves creating a small fire in one of the apartments in the vacant building, and then sending firefighters in to perform a search and rescue operation. The exercise provides an opportunity for our fire/rescue professionals to sharpen their skills in a more controlled environment than exists at the un-planned fires they ordinarily respond to.

The exact date of the training exercise was uncertain as this advisory went to press, but it is expected to occur prior to this Sunday's General Meeting.

The exercise was initially planned for Friday, September 24, but was called off due to other Fire/Rescue priorities.

So if you see a puff of smoke coming from the aging building known to us as "**637**", thank our dedicated firefighters, and rest assured that 637 is serving the public for one last time before surrendering to the demolition crew.

## "Bentley at Riverside" to present plans at Oct. 3rd RPRAs General Meeting

As many of you are aware, for the past several months the RPRAs board has been providing feedback regarding the "**Bentley at Riverside**" project proposed for 623 SW 12 Avenue. The board has met twice with Mr. Pete Witschen of Poole, McKinley & Blosser and architect Frank Perez, and RPRAs President Dave Marshall has met with Mr. Witschen and developer Sam Caliendo on several additional occasions.

**Based on neighborhood feedback**, the developer has agreed to provide large native shade trees in front of the development along 12th Avenue, and has modified the design of the residential units nearest the street so that their facade is less imposing.

**The RPRAs Board voted at its most recent meeting to recommend the project to the membership**, and therefore the project team will present the modified design to interested residents at the next General Meeting on Sunday, October 3.

As you may recall the project plans call for **nine cluster homes on the 2/3-acre site**. The dwellings range in size from 3500 to over 4100 square feet (or 2300 to just over 3000 square feet excluding the garage and optional roof decks). All units in the gated development are 35 feet tall and include enclosed 2-car garages. All but two units face inward toward a paved courtyard area which provides vehicle access to the garages; a common swimming pool is placed just north of the gated entrance.

**Be sure to attend the October 3rd General RPRAs Meeting at 4PM** at The Radford Center to review the proposed design and to provide your feedback to this project.

For more information on these and other issues or if you have questions regarding safety issue and volunteering services for the Riverside Park Residents Association, please call **Dave Marshall, at 954-761-7164** or email at [marshalldave@att.net](mailto:marshalldave@att.net)

Riverside Park is a neighborhood in southwest Fort Lauderdale, FL, bordered by Broward Boulevard, Davie Boulevard, I-95 and the north and south forks of the New River.

Meetings: Radford Center 4 PM 1st Sunday every Month

**Riverside Park Residents' Association**  
**NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD GENERAL MEETING**  
**Sunday October 3, 2004, 4:00 PM**  
**At the Charles and Irene Radford Community Center**

# RPR Board Welcomes New Member Miranda Blogg!

*A Message from the RPR Board of Directors*

The RPR board is pleased to welcome **new Director Miranda Blogg**, who was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Michelle Cantwell. Miranda and her husband Chente Pearson live in the "Sherwood Forest" section of the neighborhood south of Stranahan High School, and have been instrumental in organizing that part of the neighborhood to fight crime and address other neighborhood issues.

When Miranda is not busy addressing neighborhood concerns, she works as a transportation planner for the transportation consulting and engineering firm **Kittelson and Associates** in downtown Fort Lauderdale.

**Please congratulate Miranda Blogg the next time you see her and welcome her to the RPR Board!**



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- CITY-COUNTY GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES
- JOIN CITIZEN'S EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM
- EDIT AND WRITE COMMUNICATIONS
- WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS
- ASSIST IN THE ANNUAL FLEA MARKET
- HEAD UP A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
- DELIVER NEWSLETTERS AND LITERATURE
- MAKE TELEPHONE REMINDER CALLS
- STUFF NEWSLETTER AND ENVELOPES
- ASSIST POSTER SALES AND FUND RAISING EVENTS
- BE A CITY HALL/COUNTY LIAISON OR REPORTER
- RESEARCH AND WRITE OR MANAGE GRANTS
- RECRUIT MEMBERS AND TALK WITH NEIGHBORS
- BE AN ENVIRONMENTAL OR CRIME WATCHDOG
- BECOME A BLOCK REPRESENTATIVE

- ATTEND MEETINGS
- DONATE TIME OR MONEY
- DONATE NEEDED GOODS AND SERVICES
- PARTICIPATE IN A COMMITTEE
- RESEARCH AND REPORT ON SEWERS
- JOIN THE MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE
- APPLY FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS
- PARTICIPATE AS A SCHOOL BOARD LIAISON
- ASSIST STRANAHAN HS/RPRA JOINT PROJECTS
- BE ON THE COUNCIL OF CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS
- ATTEND DISTRICT 4 CONFERENCES
- PARTICIPATE IN A NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT
- JOIN THE NEIGHBORHOOD PATROL
- ASSIST IN NEIGHBORHOOD BEAUTIFICATION
- JOIN THE CLEAN UP AND WORK CREWS

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**CURRENT RIVERSIDE PARK RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION, INC., BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2003-2004**

**Riverside Residents Volunteer Resources Needed**

Please Call a current Board Member listed below to offer your service and time or to discuss an issue:

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