

Re: Communications - Keeping you informed.

One of the issues that residents mentioned at the Annual Meeting in April was that you wanted more HOA communications to Homeowners. We've been working on that and here's what we have done so far.

(1). The HomeOwners Association website (RWHO.A.ORG) has been remodeled. You can now very easily find ALL the information you need to know about living in River Wilderness.

In May and June, we located electronic copies of all of our official River Wilderness Documents (by getting them individually from the Manatee County Records book), and we have posted them on the website. You can now determine which documents apply to your property just by knowing your address. You can view or download the documents as you choose. These legal documents are your contract with the HOA. They "go with the land." They specify your rights and restrictions for maintaining your property in River Wilderness. They also establish the HOA's responsibilities for governing, maintaining, and improving the common property and services on your behalf.

In addition to these official documents, you will find contact information for HOA board members. You will find the board meeting schedule. You will find guidelines and forms for all the HOA procedures, such as architectural reviews, boat and RV storage, gate practices, open house guidelines, and tree removal and replacement guidelines. It is our intention to make it as easy as possible for you to know and understand Homeowner covenants, policies and practices. Visit the website and check it out. Let us know if there is any information you need that isn't there. We'll include it. (Also, we will eventually post some community pictures on the website, we're just not there yet).

(2). The River Wilderness Resource Guide has been updated and posted to the website. This is the guide that the Welcome committee provides to each new homeowner to help them to learn about our community. It contains useful information about home utilities and telephones, garbage pickup, and basic community policies. Several real estate agents in the area have already found this information useful for prospective new buyers.

(3). The Verizon Concierge service has been loaded with a River Wilderness database and is operational. We can now send email communications to River Wilderness residents and reach 90% of our RW households (a big increase from the number of households reached by our previous system). Initially, the communications from Concierge will only be HOA board communications such as this one. However, Concierge also offers features that allow you to create your own accounts, to post your own messages on message boards, and to create classified advertisements. We are working to make these features available to you, and we will soon be sending you individual registration codes and log-in procedures.

We hope that you have noticed our progress, and that you like the increased communications. Go check out our website, and send an email to webmaster@rwhoa.org to tell us what else you would like.

The River Wilderness Homeowners Board