

February 1, 2015

Re: Wildlife Damage Mitigation - Vultures

River Wilderness Homeowners

The USDA program which we deployed during the first three weeks in January has been successful in convincing the vulture population to relocate out of River Wilderness. Our morning checks over the past few days have found only a few birds that have roosted here overnight. With these excellent results, the early intensive effort phase is complete.

We are now moving on to the maintenance phase. In this phase, the USDA will periodically visit our community to check the vulture population. If some birds have returned, the USDA will again take action to disrupt their roosting patterns. We need your help in this phase. Let us know if you see evidence anywhere in River Wilderness of vultures returning to roost in our neighborhood.

Evidence means:

Twenty or more vultures sighted in a tree for two or three consecutive early mornings indicating that they have roosted there overnight for several nights.

If you see this situation, please send an email to HOApres@rwhoa.org and we will ask the USDA to respond. We do not need to know if you sight vultures in flight. We do not need to know of daytime sightings of a few birds. The program we undertook was to mitigate the property damage being done by the very large number of vultures living in River Wilderness. We do need to know if you see new evidence of the vultures roosting here. And we do need to know of any property damage done by the vultures. We appreciate your help in this.

The HOA will now schedule having the bridge cleaned. You should be able to schedule having your roofs cleaned/repaired if you have been delaying that process due to the vulture situation.

Thank You.

The HOA Board
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