



March 30, 2017

Re: River Wilderness will no longer have an Open House Program

The HOA will allow the LAST community Open House during the afternoon hours [on Sunday, April 2, 2017](#). After that River Wilderness will not host Open Houses for "outside the community." The River Wilderness Open House program for First and Third Sundays will end.

On February 1, the volunteering realtor who managed the Open House Program announced her retirement for the end of March. She had been coordinating and providing a single community map to the gate that highlighted all open houses. The HOA facilitated this program by providing a common email address to reach the volunteering realtor and by permitting the guard to hand out a single piece of paper. Despite numerous requests, no other realtor would volunteer to take over.

Coordinating Open Houses is NOT an HOA function. Further, the HOA will NOT permit the guards to collate and hand out multiple pages of listings provided by individual realtors or homeowners. This is not a guard function. Therefore, there is no coordinated way for "outside the community" people to enter RW and attend Open Houses. And we cannot allow people from outside our community to just enter and wander around our community. (The HOA will reconsider reinstating the prior Open House program if the Realtor community chooses to manage the process among themselves).

After [April 2](#), houses can be shown to "outside the community" by appointment only. Outside the community buyers must be accompanied by a realtor who shows a business card and provides an address for the appointment. The resident must have already notified the gate that the house can be shown by listing "House for Sale" with the gates either by calling [941-776-5953](tel:941-776-5953) or sending an email to [riveislegate@rwhoa.org](mailto:riveislegate@rwhoa.org). The guards will post this notification in the Special Instructions section of a home record. Of course, residents can make specific appointments for each visitor, if they choose, using the normal gate notification process.

This new policy does not prevent residents having an open house. It just restricts outside entry into the community for unknown people. We appreciate your cooperation in this endeavor.

Thank you.

The HOA Board  
Syble DiGirolamo, President

P.S. For the [April 2](#) Open House, each realtor or homeowner can take copies of their open house list to the gates. The guard will hand out the multiple pages for this day only.