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Re: Caution when entering and exiting River Wilderness

As you are probably aware, a River Wilderness resident has chosen to hire picketers to carry protest signs at our Old Tampa and Ft. Hamer gates. The HOA has contacted our attorney and the Manatee County Sheriff. We have been advised that as long as they are on public land, they have the right of freedom of speech. We have also spoken with the resident paying the picketers, but the picketing continues. Therefore, the HOA Board and residents cannot take any action to stop the picketing beyond reporting the entrance and exit driving hazards resulting from the location of the picketers.

Your HOA board wants to express its appreciation to each of you for your cooperation and patience during the past year. We know this has been an exceptionally challenging and stressful time for everyone because of the many COVID related quarantines and lockdowns. While being mindful of these stresses, the Board must continue to fulfill its fiduciary responsibility by maintaining the community and enforcing the covenants. In this regard, we want to reassure you that we always attempt to do so in a fair, consistent and equitable manner. Contrary to the picket signs, all your HOA funds are safe, they are managed by Argus and per Florida Statute 720.303(7), audited financials statements are prepared each year by a professional outside auditor.

In summary, it appears that the picketing will continue. Please use extreme caution when entering and exiting the community. Be Safe.

The RW HOA Board