

June 16, 2022

Re: No Soliciting in River Wilderness

Dear Residents,

We received a report recently about a young man going door to door soliciting on several streets. An HOA Board member located him and escorted him off the premises. The employer has been contacted and advised of our policy prohibiting solicitation.

The Guard advised that she had received a couple of calls regarding the issue, but keep in mind that the Guard cannot leave the Guard Station, so there is nothing the Guard can do. Calling the Guard only delays the response time for the deputy and the person could be long gone by the time a deputy arrives.

Soliciting is not allowed in River Wilderness. You may notify the Guard of daytime soliciting vendors that you identify so that the HOA can remind the vendor of our no-soliciting policy. However, any soliciting you deem annoying or suspicious should be reported to the Sheriff's office immediately, NOT THE GUARD! The Sheriff's office needs to hear from the homeowner affected so they have an address to send a deputy.

Make sure you have a description of the solicitor. Any details will help and if you have a Ring door bell that video may be requested by the deputy who responds.

Here are the numbers to call - 911 (The regular emergency number)

Or call the Non-Emergency Number 941-747-3011, Extension 2260. That extension gets you directly to the TRU (Telephone Reporting Unit) and they will connect you directly with Dispatch.

There are deputies that continually patrol the area including coming through our community multiple times every night. Calling them directly, helps them to help us.

Regards, Linda Van Dillen RWHOA President