



October 19, 2022

Re: Safety in our community

Dear Residents,

The Board would like to share topics that were discussed at the recent Board meeting regarding safety concerns within our community. While they may be summarized in the meeting minutes, the Board believes it will be beneficial to go over these thoughts in greater detail.

Items discussed:

Sidewalk Safety. The Board is beginning a project to review potential trip hazards on the sidewalks within our community. If you have any areas on your sidewalk bordering your home, or perhaps an area you have observed while out walking within the community, please send an email to the Board with your name, address, and the area of concern you observed. In general, any lift in the sidewalk of ¼” or more should be addressed. Members of our Board will review the area(s) in question. Please send those concerns by November 1 to RWBoard@RWHOA.org

Golf Cart Safety. Residents have noted unaccompanied children driving golf carts or while in the presence of an adult. Either method is unacceptable within River Wilderness. A golf cart may seem innocuous and safe for a child to drive, but there could be significant injuries arising from any golf cart accident. No one in the cart is wearing a helmet or a seat belt. In addition, property damage could result. Additionally, residents have observed carts riding in the dark without adequate lighting, and not following the rules of the road.

The River Wilderness Policy on Use of a Golf Cart

“Many residents own a personal golf cart. The guidelines for use of personal golf carts driven on community roads and common property are:

- Only licensed drivers are permitted to drive the golf cart.
- Carts must yield to walkers and bikers and follow normal vehicle “rules of the road.”
- Front & rear lights are required after dusk.”

Vendor Safety. The Board has received several emails recently voicing concerns regarding the congestion of vendor vehicles on the community streets and the potential hazards as a result. This subject was discussed at the Board meeting, and the following interventions were suggested. Remember, your vendors work for you!

- Request that your vendor place orange cones at the front and rear of their vehicle.
- Request whenever possible, the vendor park with traffic. This can prevent confusion on the part of approaching traffic.
- Remind your vendors of the speed limit within the community and ask them to adhere to this limit.
- A flyer will be distributed to all vendors for 30 days, notifying them of the speed limits within our community, and asking them to adhere to same. After 30 days, the Board will reevaluate continued use of the flyer.
- Additionally, you and your vendors should be encouraged not to park too closely to other vehicles already parked on the street.
- Remember, the speed limit is 20 MPH within the main RW community, and currently 15 MPH in The Islands.

Resident Access Safety. Residents have noted that during the first hours of the day when heavy vendor traffic is accessing the community at the front gate, the entrance to the resident lane can be blocked. A sign will be placed at the entrance of the community requesting this entrance not be blocked.

The goal of these items is to facilitate safety within the community.

The Board appreciates your feedback and suggestions.

Thank you and be safe,
The RW Board

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