



November 4, 2022 - Community Update

Dear Residents:

We have a few housekeeping topics to share with you all.

Traffic congestion at the front gate. Recently we have seen vendors attempting to access the front gate earlier and earlier. River Wilderness observes "Quiet Times" which are defined as before 8 AM and after 6 PM Mondays thru Saturdays, and all day on Sundays and Holidays. Our Gate Officers have been instructed not to allow vendor admittance during these times except for real emergencies. Please ask your vendors to honor these timeframes and not attempt to access the gate before 8 AM, as we cannot let them in, and the front area of the community including the street access on Old Tampa is becoming very congested, and unsafe ingress and egress has been noted.

Storm debris. We have been in contact with Manatee County regarding the expected timeline to have the contracted vendors pick up storm debris from your homes. The vendors contracted by FEMA are beginning to pick up debris in communities throughout Manatee County, and we should expect debris in front of our homes to be removed by December 1, 2022. If the debris in our community is not picked up by that timeframe, Manatee County will arrange a free annual pickup for all resident's storm debris.

However, in front of some homes, the debris remains in the street despite earlier requests to keep the streets clear. No one wants their grass to die from debris laying on it, however, our streets are narrow and lately, busier than ever. This debris may become a safety hazard.

Additionally, some debris in the street is blocking the storm drainage system. Luckily, we have not had strong storm systems since the hurricane, but we do not want debris washed into the storm sewers. It's only a matter of time for the next gully washer, so please move your debris.

Another option for some of the lighter debris, is to place it into a lawn debris bag or debris can. Regular county pick up of this debris is on Wednesdays. You can clear out this type of lighter debris without waiting for the FEMA trash contractors.

Halloween. Thank you to all who participated in bringing your children around in their spooky costumes, and to all residents who made them feel welcome as they made their rounds! The Trick-or-Treaters were all so excited and having a wonderful time. That was a direct reflection on our community.

Have a great weekend,
Your River Wilderness HOA Board

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