



June 1, 2023

Dear Residents,

Happy first day of June! There are several items we need to discuss with the community.

This upcoming Monday, June 5 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, the “Food Trucks at River Wilderness” continues with Nas Philly Steaks and Cupcakes & More by Katie. The organizers hope to see you all there! Full details are available on the River Wilderness Residents Facebook page. This is not an HOA sponsored event. The event is being held in the Fitness Center Parking Lot.

Speaking of the Fitness Center, because of the number of new residents in the community, we have been requested by the Fitness Center Team to help clarify the ability to access some of the amenities within their facility. It was reported to the HOA Board that there have been issues with people using the Fitness Center amenities without permission, and some episodes of vandalism at the Fitness Center.

The Club at River Wilderness is a semi-private golf club, with a Fitness Center for use by members. There are varying levels of membership, including a social membership which would allow access to the following amenities: The Fitness Center, spa, pickleball courts, tennis courts, playground, horseshoe pits and swimming pool. You must be a member to have access to these amenities. The membership team at the main clubhouse can help you to sign up. Note: the Club at River Wilderness does hold certain events such as the food trucks described above, which they open to the community.

All River Wilderness residents have access to the Bocce courts. It was reported to the Board that there was vandalism at the Bocce courts at roughly the same time it was reported by the Fitness Center Team. This is regrettable as the residents in River Wilderness routinely maintain this area themselves and value the ability to share this amenity and keep it open to all residents.

The other amenities open to all residents include the boat ramp located in the Islands and certain of the lakes within the community which are open to fishing. As summer approaches, why not encourage your kids or grandkids to look at the and explore the [map attached to the link](#). Just know every pond or lake in Florida can be assumed to have an alligator or a snake in attendance.

On May 31, 2023, the Board held a meeting at which Dan Salisbury was nominated to replace the open position on the board. Jim Andries, Dave Kelley, and Linda Murphy as members of the nominating committee, were proud to offer as their nominee for the vacated VP position, Dan Salisbury. Dan and his wife Sherly have been residents of RW since 2011. Dan has volunteered throughout the community and has served on the board in various positions since 2015. He started as chair of the Lakes Committee and created the comprehensive Lakes Book, which noted and tracked the status and health of the lakes and ponds in our community.

Dan served as treasurer and has been responsible for reviewing existing vendor contracts and incoming RFPs to help choose vendors that would provide the best service at the best price to RW. Dan states his philosophy as a board member is that River Wilderness is one community; that we are all neighbors. Every undertaking of the board and every decision made must have that fact at its core. We have every confidence that adding Dan to the board will benefit our entire community going forward.

Open Office Hours at the Community Center Have Changed! The Community Center open office hours have changed from 10 am – 12 pm to 1 pm – 3 pm. Steven Higbee will be available during these hours but will also be available at other times with an appointment.

Summer is here, and hopefully we all can take some time to enjoy our beautiful community.

Regards,

The River Wilderness of Bradenton Foundation

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