



June 13, 2023

Re: Communication

Dear Residents,

Happy Father's Day to all of you Dads and Dad figures. Because our usually scheduled Real Estate Open House falls on Father's Day this month, it was decided to move it back one week. Same time as normal, just one week later.

Also, today is **International Community Association Managers Day**. Join us in celebrating the work CAMS do every day. **Thank you, Steven Higbee!**

Your board has been working hard to encourage effective and accurate communication with our community. Our communication processes are not in as great a shape as we wished, but we are diligently working on ensuring what we need to communicate gets communicated in as clear and timely a manner as possible.

A letter went out this past week to many of the residents in River Wilderness, detailing an exciting new initiative we hope the community embraces – E-Voting. There is a specific protocol to getting an initiative such as this in place per FL HOA statutes. Unfortunately, one of the steps to start the process missed its timeline. As a result, we are going to send out a second official mailed notification to each home prior to our August Board meeting (remember we do not hold a July meeting). If you received any information on electronic voting, please hold onto it until after our August board meeting.

As part of our initiative to facilitate communication, Linda Murphy has volunteered to oversee our HOA communication efforts to our community. Our goal is to give you a contact point when you believe you have missed an email or a mailed document. Linda will be reviewing our HOA database as well as Argus' to ensure both are up to date with all resident information. If you believe you are not receiving communications from the HOA or Argus, please contact Linda at HOASec@rwhoa.org.

One of our board members overheard a recent discussion about Dwelling Live held between two residents. One of the residents was asking the other resident about Dwelling Live and stated they had never heard about this resource to notify our guards about guests or vendors they were expecting at their home. Steven Higbee remains our HOA Community Manager, serves as a resource for communication, and is our resident expert on Dwelling Live. Feel free to stop in at the Community Center between the hours of 1 and 3 pm, Monday through Thursday for a crash course on Dwelling Live.

Compliance Committee – Don Kratz and 2 other residents have served on this Committee for many years. Don has shared that he is intending to retire from this position within the next couple of months. We desperately need additional members of the community to step up and volunteer to join this committee. Many hands make light work. The current committee members would like to be able to provide a realistic preview of what the position entails. I thought I would share a portion of the Charter of the RW Compliance Committee that describes a bit about this Committee. We thank the current three residents for their service to our community.

Florida Statute 720.305 (2) (b)) requires that before a fine or suspension may be imposed on a member of the association, the member be given an opportunity to appear before a committee. The River Wilderness of Bradenton Foundation, Inc. Compliance Committee is composed of at least three residents who are not officers, directors, or employees of the association, or the spouse, parent, child, brother, or sister of an officer, director, or employee.

The Committee is charged with providing review and oversight of all RW HOA Board fining decisions. Fines may be levied by vote of the RW HOA Board based on its findings or findings of its delegated agents. If the RW Compliance Committee, by majority vote, does not approve a proposed fine or suspension, the proposed fine or suspension may not be imposed.

Per Florida Statute 720.305 (2) (b)):

“The role of the committee is limited to determining whether to confirm or reject the fine or suspension levied by the board.”

Please consider joining this essential committee for our community.

Regards,

River Wilderness of Bradenton Foundation, Inc.

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