

Hammocks Happenings

The Hammocks: The Nicest Community on the Sun Coast

January 1, 2022

Below please find a number of 'Items of Interest' regarding River Wilderness and the Hammocks.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- **Hammock's HOA January board meeting:** Thursday, January 27th, at 5:00 PM at the RW Community Center.
- **Hammock's HOA Town Hall Meeting:** Wednesday, February 9, at 6:00 PM at the RW Community Center.
- **Hammock's HOA February board meeting:** Thursday, February 24th, at 5:00 PM at the RW Community Center.
- **Hammock's HOA March board meeting:** Thursday, March 24th, at 5:00 PM at the RW Community Center.
- **Hammock's HOA April board meeting:** Thursday, April 28th, at 5:00 PM at the RW Community Center.
- **RW Master HOA January board meeting:** Tuesday, January 18th, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at the RW Community Center.
- **RW Master HOA February board meeting:** Tuesday, February 15th, at 2:00 PM at the RW Community Center.
- **RW Master HOA March board meeting:** Tuesday, March 15th, at 2:00 PM at the RW Community Center.
- **RW Master HOA April board meeting:** Tuesday, April 19th, at 7:00 PM. Location TBD. The April meeting is the *Annual Members Meeting*. An Organizational Meeting will follow.
- **Board meetings** will adhere to the CDC recommendations in place at the time of the meetings. Safe procedures should always be followed including the wearing of face masks and keeping a reasonable distance from other meeting attendees. The number of attendees could be limited. CDC recommendations are always subject to change.

Hammocks' HOA Board and Committees

In November the Hammocks' HOA held the annual election for board members. The results of the election were announced at the Annual Members' Meeting held on November 18th. The new board is as follows:

- Richard O'Marra President
- Donna Tosoni Vice President
- Lawrence O'Shea Secretary
- Sherry Zabikow Treasurer
- Warren Allen Director
- Doris Seckman Director

- Keith Burton Director

The nine various committees that help keep the community looking great and running smoothly were also staffed by volunteers. The chairs for those committees are as follows:

- Donna Tosoni Architectural Review
- Donna Tosoni Beautification
- Keith Burton Grounds
- Keith Burton Parking
- Donna Tosoni Ponds
- Richard O'Marra Pool
- Barb Burt Sidewalks
- Sherry Zabikow Social
- Donna Tosoni Welcoming

If you would like to volunteer for a committee, contact one of the committee chairs. Information concerning the Hammocks' HOA including contact information, a complete list of committee members, policies, covenants, forms and a lot more can all be found at the River Wilderness Homeowner's Association website: www.rwhoa.org There is information on this site concerning the Master HOA, The Hammocks and Cypress Glen.

Hammocks Town Hall Meeting – The Details

The Hammocks HOA board has scheduled a 'town hall meeting' for Wednesday February 9th, 2022. They are asking for your feedback on the community; what is going well and what could be improved. The meeting will be an open discussion facilitated by residents. By state regulations board members may attend the meeting as residents but may not act on any items in a capacity of a board member. If ideas from the meeting indicate the need for further community discussion a survey will be created to determine if the community at large supports the proposals. Results of any survey will be announced in late February or early March. It is important that all residents participate and assist the board in planning future action. The meeting will be held in the RW Community Center, 1 Wilderness Blvd, Parrish.

Welcome to the Hammocks

The Hammocks' HOA board along with the entire community wishes to welcome the following new neighbors:

- Wareing and Renee Meyers 3113 Woodland Fern Drive
- Glenn and Cathy Plencner 3109 Woodland Fern Drive
- Patricia Neimeyer & Heather Knight 3403 Woodland Fern Drive
- Donna Conley 12135 Maple Ridge Drive
- Kathy Folkers 3207 Woodland Fern Drive

Welcome to The Hammocks at River Wilderness and we hope that you will soon feel that you have moved to one of 'The nicest communities on the Sun Coast'.

A Pre-Super Bowl Party

The 'kick-off' for the Hammocks' Pre-Super Bowl party will be at 1:00 PM on Sunday, February 6. The venue will be the Hammocks' Pool. There are a number of new families in our community, and this will be a great opportunity to meet and greet our new neighbors. Wear your favorite team colors, bring a chair and your favorite beverage. Food will be provided.

The Social Committee is made up of:

- Sherry Zabikow (Chairperson)
- Janell Allen
- Linda Burton
- Susie Guidry

Eat Beat

Wanting to ensure our food critic stayed healthy and free of those pesky viruses The Happenings has been keeping the Eat Beat critic 'on the bench' for the last 18 months. But recently he has begun to venture out and he has discovered two new eateries in the area.

- First there is the Ford Garage. No, not the one on 14 Street with the Bronco Sport and the Mach-E Mustang but the one at UTC with prime burgers and craft beers. All of the burgers (over a dozen) at The Ford Garage are half pound, USDA Black Angus beef burgers made fresh to order. If you are looking for a non-meat sandwich the Ford Garage offers a veggie burger substitute for any of their signature burgers. Looking for something to 'start your engine'? Try Edsel's Hot Pretzel, Jumbo Piston Onion Rings or Sesame Crusted Ahi Tuna. The 'mechanics' in the back can also provide great gluten free creations. They also offer a wide selection of craft beers and a long list of signature drinks like Lincoln Punch, The Oil Slick and Model Tea.

The Ford Garage is located at the south end of the mall in front of Dick's Sporting Goods. You can do some advanced research at:

[Ford's Garage | Prime Burgers, Craft Beer, American Comfort Food \(fordsgarageusa.com\)](http://fordsgarageusa.com)

- Next is Cooper's Hawk. The Cooper's Hawk concept has four distinct components: upscale casual dining, full-service bar, a private dining room and a Napa-style tasting room and retail store. The menu is wide ranging and always presented with style by a very capable and knowledgeable wait staff. When you do come, come a little hungry because you will want to start with a cup (or bowl) of soup. Always on the menu is the crab and lobster bisque and the tortilla soup. A tough decision but I usually go with the tortilla soup. On this menu are nine beef, pork or chicken dishes. Without hesitation I can recommend Dana's Parmesan Crusted Chicken. Under 'seafood' you will find grouper, Jambalaya or blackened tuna; my wife usually sets her sights on the soy ginger Atlantic Salmon. The menu

also offers pasta and risotto dishes, burgers, salads and 'life balance' selections. And you know if they have a Napa-style tasting room they will have a great selection of wines. They are located east of I – 75 off Fruitville Road (north-east corner). Website: [Cooper's Hawk | An upscale casual restaurant \(chwinery.com\)](#)

I -75 / US 301 Interchange Project

Do you like the color orange? I hope so because if you venture outside the RW gates anytime in the next three years you will see a lot of orange barrels lining the highways and byways as the I 75 / US 301 interchange project progresses. There are signs already that the work has started and it won't be completed until 2025. Attached to this newsletter are two pieces of information about the project. First there is the project website: [I-75 / US 301 Interchange Design \(swflroads.com\)](#) Here you will find details about the project including the schedule. You can also submit your email address and request to be placed on the mailing list for the most recent information about the project. Second, attached to the email with the Happenings is a PDF file with diagrams and information about the project. You might have seen this document with an earlier Happenings but I've included it here for some of our new neighbors.

HAPPY NEW YEAR