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ACC to Check for Pots on Deck Railings

This month members of the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) will focus on checking for flower pots sitting on deck railings, in violation of Association Rules and Regulations. Pretty as flowers are, because of the danger of such pots falling and damaging cars or passing pedestrians, the Board several years ago passed the following rules regarding flower pots on deck railings:

***Decks and Patios with railings** – Because of possibility of injury or damage from falling flower pots, flower boxes, etc., none may be placed on top of deck/patio railings or hanging on the outside of the railings. Flower boxes hanging inside deck/patio railings are permitted, as are dual flower boxes — one inside, one outside the railing — connected by firm metal support brackets over the railing.*

The ACC has noted the rules are a bit out-of-date. Dual flower boxes now are usually cast as a single unit without a bracket. They have recommended the Board update the rule at its next meeting. In the meantime, the ACC will not cite units using dual flower boxes without brackets.

Units seen with unsecured pots just sitting on deck rails will be notified by email of the violation and the need to correct it. If the unsecured flower pots are still there after a few days, a written courtesy notice will be mailed, requesting a correction of the problem. There will be no fine associated with the violation at this point, but if the pots are not removed within 30 days, a second written notice will be sent with a fine of \$50 assessed against the unit.

Please police the unsecured flower pots and save your neighbors or members of the crew from getting injured.



Grill Reminder

It was reported that our insurance carrier has checked our Association and found the grills stored in compliance with their specifications, i.e., five feet from any structure or end wall. Congratulations, homeowners. Your conformance with the insurance carriers' grill rules has saved us all a lot of money.

But insurance carriers may well check again, because it's especially easy for them to check using drones to photograph all townhomes in River Woods in only a few minutes. Be sure to keep storing your grills away from structures and end walls. Storing them against deck railings is fine. Remember that only gas and elec-

July Dates to Remember

The **Board Meeting** is on July 15 at 6 p.m. in the HOA office.

The **ACC** meets on July 22 at 5:30 in the HOA office. The deadline for ACC requests is June 5.

The **HOA office** will be closed July 2-July 7 due to a vacation. The Ground Manager will be on vacation from June 30-July 4.

tric grills are permitted on decks; no charcoal grills are permitted at all!

Keep up the good work!

The Pools are Open!

After much struggle and two weeks of delay, both pools are now open for the summer.

The first problem was the pool pump that circulates the water. It crashed and had to be totally replaced.

Then, when the ground manager started to circulate the water and add chemicals, he found the filter had stopped filtering because of broken parts. This required ordering parts from the factory and replacing them, plus adding several hundred pounds of new filtering sand.



Green Pool Tags Required

Remember, you need a new, green pool tag for entry into the pool. If all you have are one of the old tags, such as the red or yellow tags, you must swap the old tags for the new green ones at the HOA office during office hours.

Note the pool rules for 2025, which prohibit alcohol, glass containers, loud music and smoking (yes, we consider vaping prohibited under the no-smoking rule). Also, all coolers must be inspected by the monitor for glass containers or alcoholic beverages.

Fire Pit Rules

Our Rules and Regulations echo the Burnsville city ordinances with regard to fire pits. Any fire pit must be at least 25 feet from any structure and at least 15 feet from the Association lot lines. Burnsville also requires a fire burning permit. If you see someone burning something — with or without a fire pit — located closer than 25 feet from a unit or garage, please call the Burnsville Fire Department.

A Good Annual Meeting

The 2025 Annual Meeting, held at the Burnhaven Library in Burnsville on June 17, re-elected three members of the Board for three-year terms: Brad Ihrke, Asta Stark, and David Wahlstrom. The audience heard presentations on insurance by Dan Kampf, from our insurance broker, Kraus-Anderson. He indicated that insurance companies seemed to be backing off from dramatic premium increases recently and hoped this indicates our rates may not increase much this year. (Bids requests have been sent to carriers and bids

will be presented to the River Woods Board in late July or early August.)

Two officers from the Burnsville Police Department, Sgt. Brent Murray and Officer Ben Archambault, gave a very informative presentation about personal safety. They recommended precautions not only with regard to physical safety but warned about scams, such as the phony “DMV texts” that claim you own money to the DMV (which most of us seem to have received). They passed out tip sheets on personal safety to all in attendance. There are a few extra copies of those personal safety tip sheets available in the HOA for any residents interested.

Power Washing Has Begun

In preparation for painting, power washing has begun on units 230-273, and will continue as weather permits.

New Road Surface — Drive Carefully

The area from 234-257 has just been resurfaced with new asphalt. The new asphalt is soft for a while, so please drive carefully on it, especially when the weather is hot. For example, if your car is stopped and you turn your tires from one side to the other, it's likely to chew up some of the road surface. Eventually the asphalt will cure and become more hardened, so for now, please treat it gently.

NOTES TO REMEMBER

Spring Walkthrough Repairs: Have you completed repairs on problems of your unit that were pointed out on the Spring Walkthrough? We try to alert you to problems that will get worse with time, so you can fix them while it's still relatively inexpensive to do so.

Fireworks: Most fireworks are not permitted to be set off in the Association. Woods and underbrush can easily catch fire. In addition, setting off such fireworks violates the Association's Master Insurance Policy. The following fireworks are illegal and not allowed in River Woods; anything that flies or explodes such as firecrackers, bottle rockets, missiles, Roman candles, mortars, shells, etc. The only fireworks permitted are sparklers, cones and small tubes that emit sparks, snakes, and party poppers. Owners are advised to call police immediately if you see fireworks violations; if they start a fire, it could be your house that burns. Even legal fireworks are not permitted here after 10pm.

Watering Plan: If you chose to be part of the water reimbursement plan, or if your water must be used for power washing, please turn in a copy of your bills for the summer (all at once) for reimbursement. Be sure you turn in your February and March/winter bills at the same time for comparison. Checks for the difference between winter and summer will be paid in January; watering should continue into October as needed. *No water reimbursements will be accepted after 12/30/25.* Watering reimbursements will be honored for June-Oct 2025. so you will need to include your November billing, which is for October usage.

Contacting the Office: We have only one employee in the HOA office, so it's best to call or email first before stopping in to be sure someone is there. Also, please do not text the office, as we do not have text capabilities. You can send email to *river_woods@comcast.net* or call 952-894-4368. If you are trying to reach Loren (Tiny) please email him directly at *rwgroundsmgr@gmail.com*.