

RIVER VIEWS – SPRING EDITION – April 24, 2018

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- 2) Mosquitoes have not shown up yet but it won't be long. Don't leave even a teaspoonful of water standing or they will breed in it. If your pool is covered, make sure any standing water is treated to keep the mosquitoes from multiplying. Our pond minnows have survived the winter so that will help keep down the mosquito larvae. I haven't seen any bats yet but they do a great job of keeping the bugs down too. Don't touch one if you find one on the ground – it may be sick and they have been known to carry rabies. The state will begin spraying for mosquitoes before long as well.
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- B) If you plan to make any alterations to the appearance of your property, you are supposed to fill out an architecture change form. This form can be found on the HOA web site. It is a pretty simple process and most requests are approved promptly. Don't cut down trees larger than 6" in diameter without prior board approval. We love our trees. The developer decimated the trees in our community so we don't want to lose many more. If the tree is dead, go ahead and remove it.
- C) Our storm-water retention ponds are in great shape. The fountain that was previously in the large pond on Albacore has been moved to the deeper, small pond on Lorraine (it was a vertical pump and the large pond sometimes gets too shallow for it). The large pond will get two new fountains that are horizontal designs and can work in 18" of water...plus they come with 5 different spray designs so we can change them from time to time for variety.
- D) Contact the board if you need to have a boat or RV at your home (for up to a week) prior to a vacation or use of that vehicle. Send an email (bod@riverview-estates.org) to explain your situation. Such items are not to be "kept" at anyone's home but we understand the need for short-term parking on occasion. No one wants the neighborhood looking like a parking lot.
- E) We are planning a number of improvements including replacement of the playground mulch and a better drainage system, repair of playground equipment and shelter rain gutters, replacing or repair of the lights that illuminate the Lorraine entrance signs and replacement of the "RULES" sign for the Pavilion open space area. Send your suggestions for rules to be included to the board if you have concerns, but make sure they are rules that can be enforced. We will not include any statement that the area is monitored 24 hours, because that is not possible. The rules should be how folks are supposed to act, not how they are NOT supposed to act. I think people know when they are doing the wrong thing...and if they don't know this, life is going to get very difficult.
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