

RIVERSIDE NEWS

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Fall 2015

Update from the Board

Neighbors,

Summer has come and gone, and before we know it the holidays will be here. As you might have noticed, the board has been extremely busy working on projects to improve our community. Here is a summary of what we have been doing:

- At the August 2015 board meeting, the board approved the addition of a lighted fountain to the big pond on Twin Rivers Boulevard. The fountain not only will be a huge aesthetic improvement, but will also help with water circulation in the pond.
- We have made final adjustments to the electrical system at our front entrances to better protect the receptacles and junction boxes in the islands.
- We have started participating in National Night Out, which is a national event designed to promote police-community partnerships.
- Several residents have volunteered and created a new design for the holiday lights at our entrances. We are all excited to see the new look this holiday season.
- In the last newsletter, I announced that we were looking into finding a new meeting location. We are continuing to search for the perfect location that is within our budget and meets our needs, but in the meantime, we'll be meeting in the meeting room at the Oviedo Bowling Center (376 E. Broadway Street in Oviedo).

I'd like to preface this next topic by saying that Riverside is an absolutely beautiful community and we sincerely appreciate the work everyone does to keep their homes looking their best. However as everyone is aware, there are some properties blatantly ignoring some of our rules and regulations and refusing to correct ongoing violations. Three of our residents (unrelated / unaffiliated with the Board of Directors) have volunteered to serve on a Compliance Committee. The Compliance Committee will review violations that receive three or more letters about the same violation. Homeowners with violations that go before the Compliance Committee will be notified of the next date and time the committee meets and will have a chance to explain their case. If the Compliance Committee does not find a violation has occurred, the matter will be closed and no further action about that instance of the violation will be pursued. If the Compliance Committee confirms the violation, it will notify the Board. Properties with confirmed violations can receive a fine of up to \$1,000 for each violation. These procedures have been reviewed by our attorney and confirmed to be in accordance with current Florida Statutes. Please note that this is **not** a way for us to collect money; instead, it is a way to encour-



age compliance. In fact, we want to do everything to help our residents. If you have an extenuating circumstance or you know someone in a situation who may need assistance with their property, **let us know**. We'd like to assemble a group of volunteers who can help our residents in need — whatever the reason. If you need assistance or would like to volunteer, please contact the Board of Directors at board@riverside-hoa.org. To reiterate; we only want to encourage compliance and eliminate continuous violations. We only have gotten to this point because of many resident complaints about select properties with ongoing violations. Again, our preference is to work with you to correct issues and not try to collect additional money. If you have any questions about this process, please reach out to us by email, phone, or by coming to a meeting. I think you will find that we have the best intentions and want everyone to be proud to call Riverside their home.

I hope everyone has a great, safe ending to 2015 and I wish you an even better 2016. If you have time, we'd love to hear how we're doing. Very few residents attend our board meetings, and we would like to hear your feedback so that we can continue making decisions that represent what our residents want.

Sincerely,

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