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February 2026

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Editor's Note:

Looking ahead to the beautiful month of February, it's hard to believe how quickly the days are moving. February is a wonderful reminder of love—love for one another, love for our community, and the simple opportunity to be kind in ways both big and small. May this month encourage us to open our hearts, lend a hand, and share a little extra warmth wherever we can.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

January 24, 2026

As the Holiday Season has come to an end, Riverland is currently in the process of conducting an election for six (6) seats on the Board of Directors. Two years have really flown by, but I think a lot has been achieved through the work efforts of our now

completed term, and also through the individual efforts of many Riverland Shareholders. When we came into office two years ago, operations were dramatically different than we see today. We entered with a monthly assessment fee of \$320/month and today we are comfortably operating at \$350/month. The old Comcast cable service has been replaced with the new Hotwire fiber, not only for clearer and more colorful TV, but also adding the new service of internet connectivity into our individual homes and many public areas within the Riverland Community. That expansion of services alone saved our household over \$110/month, the extra billing from Comcast.

I am very pleased with the actions of my fellow Board members in their consideration for participating in the quest for another two-year term on the Board. It is with the work of these individual Directors that, as President, I have been able to work towards delivering a better Riverland for all of us.

Dicky, as an officer and Treasurer for Riverland, has led the charge in making sense out of our past tangled and non-sensical finances. We had collected and destroyed the earlier utilized illegal Debit Cards tied to Riverland's substantial accounts at Bank of America. He, together with Asst. Treasurer Dalia, have brought our Quick Books records up to date and completed filing records for all business operations and cash accounts. The progression to ACH has made record keeping much better, monthly reports and our yearly financial audits now a routine operation without unnecessary closures of the Riverland Office and our investment of funds makes every effort to maximize safe interest returns on our Reserve dollars.

Don, the second officer for Riverland, Inc. and our Secretary, has continued to perform an almost unimaginable platform of work over the past two years. When we entered office in 2024, there existed two file drawers for financial records, another one or two cabinets for other files, and a multitude of cardboard boxes in a disorganized array. Don, with the assistance of Leslie and Dalia, has made sense of all that confusion and established a records management program we can be proud of. As President of the Board, I have the obligation to post an Agenda for our now scheduled monthly Business Meetings. These are drafted by Don with input from each individual Director, then submitted in a draft format for all Directors to review individually. Upon receipt, each Director has the opportunity to make contact with myself to amend, withdraw, or otherwise reconsider any matter on the agenda. After all of this, the Agenda is posted for all Shareholders, including updates on any past business, all new business considerations, the opportunity for all Shareholders to make comments on each and every business motion and much more. Don also works routinely on our website management, bringing a new opportunity for Shareholder information and participation. If I and other Director's work hundreds of hours on behalf of Riverland, I truly believe Don has worked thousands.

Mike has worked for the better part of two years in double duty as Compliance Officer and as Pool and Grounds Maintenance Director. He has spearheaded an active participation improving many areas of long-delayed deferred

maintenance issues within Riverland. At the pool we have not had the past problems of extended closures, the filtration system has been replaced, the system leakage has been found and repaired, signage updated and umbrellas replaced, a gas grill acquired for special events and a planned extension to canopy on site. The weathered Gazebo has been structurally repaired and updated, the garage cleaned and organized for maintenance operations, an enhanced program for palm tree maintenance and replacements, repairs to long dis-used sprinkler systems, repairs to water leaking from laundry room plumbing, repair of failed laundry room flooring, replacement of Clubhouse kitchen tile, and repair and 15-year warranty on Clubhouse roof system. Mike has performed all of this with Brandon and a very active committee of Maintenance and Security throughout Riverland. He also interfaces with our vendors serving Riverland in water sewer treatment, pool operations, yard maintenance, electric distribution and more. Just in the past week, Mike negotiated a \$2500 bill reduction for a significant repair of our southern pump station.

George, too, has been integral to our operations at Riverland. Although not yet retired, he has made extended efforts to participate actively with his committee in a betterment of Marina operations and facility. He participates routinely in our business discussions for Agenda preparation, works with vendors for dock improvements, and has a committee managing day-to-day activities at the Marina. Along with that the committee is proposing potential improvements to our facilities, utilizing the dedicated Slip-Usage fees of our Marina Shareholders.

I write this, not only to explain the business activities of our current board, but also to express my sincere thanks in their assistance to make my job as President so much more gratifying. Each and every Director is integral to our successful business operation, and I could not satisfactorily perform my job for Riverland without them. Any replacement considered for these proven individuals must demonstrate and show how they can fulfill these identical duties or otherwise explain how they will change business operations for a betterment of Riverland. A past sampling of half-truths, intimidation or misinformation will not cut it and I will not participate on a Board which allows it. A Board Director has a fiduciary duty to report improper actions and cannot return to a scenario wherein Riverland actively covers up illegal or unjust activity.

Riverland can and will have a dynamic future at our continued affordable cost. We have placed Riverland on a projected future where you have the choice for considerable maintenance and service improvements. We can continue to explore the options of placing Riprap along our Seawall, voice options of the placement of docks extending over that stone, look towards a repair/replacement of our failed drainage basins at River Road, explore options in the replacement of our unsafe and failing street lights, commit to the Kanner Wall height extension to reduce dust and eliminate vehicular lighting disturbing our homes, etc. The choice is yours, the Shareholders of Riverland, when you place your vote. But we too, as individual Directors, will have a choice as to whether we can acceptably perform our duties should a vote not include a full team of Directors fulfilling the required duties of a Riverland Board.

Bob Schultz
President, Board of Directors



RIVERLAND ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE REPORT

It is time for writing the accounting newsletter article for February.

So, I thought, "How can I make this article an interesting read". The article is for the worst time of the year (unless in South

Florida) and perhaps the most boring subject (Accounting and Finance). I concluded I could not make it that interesting, so we just report.

Budget vs Actual 2025

At the end of 2025, the operating bank account balance was within \$1,000 (less than 1%) of the beginning of the year balance. Thus, Riverland was on budget for 2025.

The reserve account increased 35% in 2025. Compliance Season – Finance and Accounting Late December 2025 through April 2026 is the busy season for Riverland Accounting and Finance. Do not get me wrong, we are busy all year. However, starting in December and ending in April, Riverland is in Compliance Accounting season. The books must be addressed for year-end accruals, credit balances, depreciation updates, etc., prior to closing, as the books presented to the Audit firm must be void of potential material adjustments. Then, Riverland moves into January/February reporting compliance season. Compliance consists mainly of IRS required filing of W-2s, W-3's, 941 quarterly and annual, required Federal and State unemployment quarterly and annual reports, and required annual 1099s and 1096's. Riverland is happy to report those filings have all been completed. Then, into February, March, and April, Riverland moves into Financial Audit season. During Audit season, a great number of invoices and other source documents are required to be provided. As well as regarding the Audit, Riverland's policies, procedures, and internal controls are tested for mitigated risk levels to those internal controls.

Questions about 2026 Budget

There has been discussion regarding the 2026 Budget 4% increase in Maintenance dues. To note, prior years maintenance dues were \$335.00, that amount increased by \$15.00 to \$350.00 for 2026,

a 4% increase. The big-ticket budget items for 2026 (and every year) are water and cable, hard estimates illustrate a stated 5.5% water increase and a 5% cable stated bill increase with cable, and with cable, not having in 2026 the favorable initial credit negotiated for year one. These two ticket items would equate to a \$19.00 increase alone in dues year over year, not the \$15.00 dollar, 4% increase--not to mention utilities, salary, insurance all goes up as well. However, the increase was to 4% via improvement in other income from initiatives implemented and executed that afford cost savings.

The major budget items for 2026 are water and cable. Water costs are expected to rise by 5.5%, and cable bills will increase by 5%, without the initial year-one credit for cable.

As always, I can go into detail and am willing to field any questions on these matters.

Dicky L. Sanford, CPA
Treasurer

Shuffleboard Schedule



Riverland Shuffleboard Club played two tournaments at Riverland. The first one was on January 7, played against Woodbridge. The second one was on January 14, played against Ridgeway. We played some very long and very intensive games and won one game.

Our schedule for February includes:

- Feb. 4 - Riverland vs Cambridge – at Cambridge
- Feb. 11 - Riverland vs Hidden Harbor – at Hidden Harbor
- Feb. 18 - Riverland - BYE

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Riverland's Roving Reporter

February 2026

Happy Valentine's Day I recall something about a bad penny that keeps turning up. That saying is now passe as the government has now taken them off the market. If you're

shopping and you're getting cash back, say, \$2.06, you will get back \$2.05 and not the penny. Crazy!

Anyway, our northern friends have gotten SNOW, big time. In the past few years there was hardly any snow, but Mother Nature made up for it this year. It snowed in Northern Florida! At times, it's been quite chilly here as well.

As we all know, our dear friend, Howard Cates, went home to be with the Lord on December 11th. There was a wonderful Celebration of Life at the Riverland Clubhouse on January 28th attended by many family members and friends. It was a fitting tribute to a man who was loved and did so much for Riverland. He even taught Bob Schultz a fishing trick. Personally, Howard and June were a couple I emulated as they kept going, doing, and always had a good word, smile and laugh. Together they enjoyed life to the fullest. May it be like that for all of us.

As for myself, the less said the better. However, I was all set to fly back on October 15th. On September 30th I had a nasty fall. I do NOT remember tripping over anything. I do remember saying "Oh Crap", because I knew I was falling. Consequently, I didn't get back here until December 3rd. By that time, Riverland was in full swing! Ladies' lunches in December and January were great! In December, a few of the Riverland ladies modeled some very nice, inexpensive clothes that they bought online from Temu. Look it up; you might find something you like! Temu also offers men's clothing.

I was headed for the Potluck Supper and wanted to bring a dish. Unfortunately, I went down a rabbit hole looking at the Riverland Cookbook that was published in 2011 and got reminiscing about old friends and recipes. Needless to say, I never cooked anything or made it to the Potluck. Maybe this month! And maybe it would be fun updating the Cookbook with a view from new Riverland people, men being welcome as well. I, for one, enjoy Maggie's monthly recipes! Keep em' coming, Maggie!

February 16th is President's Day. The Washington Monument was built to honor George

Washington, and the outside was constructed of white marble from Maryland and Lee, MA, granite from Maine, and bluestone Gneiss, topped with a 100-ounce aluminum capstone. Granite from Quincy, MA, was one of the 194 commemorative memorial stones placed inside the structure. I had to throw that in because Quincy, MA, is my hometown, as well as John Adams and his son, John Quincy Adams—the 2nd and 6th Presidents of the United States. There's a lot more to the story, and I recommend reading about it.

Also, on February 18th, Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. It's great to be back writing and thanks for listening. Louise Carella-Kelley

Bingo!

We had a great turnout for Bingo. Please continue your support for the activities Riverland provides.

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BOWLING NEWS

The first half of our bowling season came to an end on January 16th with the Position Round. The top three teams were only one point apart but at the end of the day, Team #7 were the winners of the First Half. Members are JoAnne Sunafrank, Captain; Carol Prange; Paula Kelly; and Tom Brokenshire, who arrived in Florida in time to help win the games. Congratulations to them.

Also in January, we had two gals who bowled exceedingly well!! Vickie Schultz rolled six strikes in a row and scored a whopping 203, which was 84 pins over her average! Marie Nault rolled three strikes in a row, twice in the game, and scored 177, which was 75 pins over her average. Way to go gals!!

We are still looking for a couple more bowlers to fill out the teams. Substitutes are always needed, so if anyone is interested in bowling with us, please call me. Our season will end on March 20th.

Some great scores rolled in January include:

Tom Brokenshire - 224	Marie Nault - 177
Vickie Schultz - 203	Buck Giles - 172
Dan Barney - 194	JoAnne Sunafrank - 172
Jack Corliss - 184	Christel Robinette - 172
Marj Smith - 184	Carol Wedel - 170
Sue Morgia - 182	Clark Kunz - 165
Ron Gouin - 180	Melissa King - 163



Marie Nault



Vickie Schultz

Happy Valentine's Day! Take your sweetheart bowling!!

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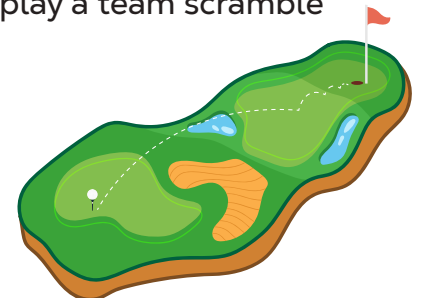
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Men's Golf

The Men's Golf League will be starting January 5th for the season. If you are interested, we will be playing every Monday starting at 7:45 a.m. at the Shores of North River Golf Course. Please notify Bunky Barstow at Lot 45 or call 772-577-0756 to sign up if you're not already in the group. Beginners to pros are welcome (the pros will be on my team). We play a team scramble style of play.

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From the Kitchen . . .

Here it is February already! Perhaps you are looking for a special recipe to serve to that special someone on Valentine's Day. You're looking for that M-m-m-m moment, right? This dish is one of my

favorites and is not that difficult to prepare.

Mystic Scallops in Vermouth Sauce

- 1 ½ lbs. sea scallops, cut in quarters
- 2 cups sliced mushrooms
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 teaspoons butter
- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 3 Tbsp. flour
- 1 cup low-fat milk
- ½ cup dry vermouth
- Pinch of cayenne
- Salt and white pepper to taste

In a large pan, saute scallops, mushrooms, and garlic in hot butter and olive oil.

When scallops have begun to brown and mushrooms are tender remove them with a slotted spoon and arrange in a baking dish.

Blend flour into hot liquid in pan. Over medium heat, whisk in milk and stir until thick and smooth. Reduce heat and add vermouth, cayenne, salt and pepper. When sauce has thickened, spread over scallops and mushrooms. Briefly place under broiler until golden brown. Watch carefully so the dish doesn't burn.

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Social Club

We rang in January 2026 with a wonderful New Year's Eve party! Some of us even stayed up till after 2 a.m. at the clubhouse just reminiscing and enjoying each other's company.

This month has just flown by as usual, even though I keep thinking we're going to slow down. So far, our calendar has been quite full and still is going strong.

We had an excellent turnout for our January Potluck supper and a great round of applause for our first potluck that included 1st, 2nd, and 6th streets. Wonderful job everyone!!!

I'm quite sure that February's potluck will be excellent also. This is what I call community spirit.

I always look forward to February, not because it generally gets really cold here, because it already did get really cold here! Right now as I write this, it is sunny but very chilly and we have had some of the lowest temperatures in many years.

I like February because we have a wonderful group of people that have finally come down to sunny, so called wonderful warm weather from very cold weather up north. And I believe they brought the cold with them. LOL!

Actually, I like February because we have Valentine's Day and I like our Valentine's Day dance every year. ❤️❤️ This year we have our very well-liked DJ Orion playing for us starting at 7 p.m. No full dinner this year, just very light snacks and drinks, so be sure and eat together with your favorite person or friends. I think together with all the events the Social Club will have on the calendar, plus what the Boaters Club has in store for all of us, we will be busy for the entire month.

Thanks for your continued support!

Karen DeLorenzo
President, Social Club



Boater's Club News

If we do nothing else well in the club, at least we eat really well at our meetings! Chicken Francaise on angel hair pasta with green beans. Are you

kidding me? Is this Kyle G's! Our Fleet Captain prepared another wonderful meal for us. In the business meeting we neglected to mention that there were no nominees for the Board. So, the slate stays the same for the balance of this season. So, what does February look like?

February 9 - Monthly meeting. 6:00 to 7:00 is the social hour and the business meeting at 7:00 p.m. At this meeting we will be making the payout for the Super Bowl Pools. Also, as a treat, Theresa Ciabattoni has offered to make the meal for this meeting. What a treat from a master chef.

February 21 - The Annual Boater's Club Breakfast will be served from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Pancakes, sausage, orange juice, and coffee. The cost is only \$7.00 pp. This is a fund raiser for the club. This is the Boater's Club after all, so a little Mimosa or Bloody Mary might be in the offering as well!!

Feb. 25 - our annual Boater's Club Breakfast-A-Cade to Sailor's Return will be offered. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board.

Feb 28 - The Annual Boater's Club Fishing Tournament - 8:30 a.m. to 11:30. There will be a \$5.00 entry fee. The rules will be provided on the day of the tournament with prizes for the top anglers. Hot dogs will be served to all participants at noon with some live entertainment on the Gazebo.

March 18 - at the time of the newsletter the initial people who have signed up for the Jungle Queen excursion tour/dinner/and show will have paid 50% down for the trip. They have dropped the price on the Jungle Queen excursion to \$83. If YOU would like to come along, I can add you to the list throughout February. So, if you'd like to come, please let me know.

Our Free Concert will have concluded on January 28. I hope everyone enjoyed a special night out with absolutely no cost to them.

Bunky Barstow, Commodore

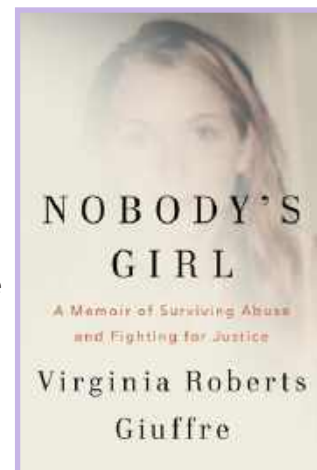


Recommended Reading

Nobody's Girl

By Virginia Roberts Giuffre

Only very recently published, this book is a memoir about the sad tragedy of a girl who had a few short happy years at the beginning of her life before abuse took its toll on the rest of her life. One tragic abuse situation after another, beginning when she was a child. You will be led to wonder, why would one girl's life be so filled with such horrific abuse, and her closest family members letting her down and leaving her so vulnerable?

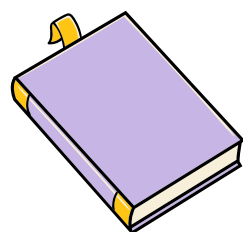


Vulnerable to the point of being lured in by the sexual predators, Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell in Palm Beach, Florida, when she was only sixteen years old. This heartbreaking story is about a girl who, after having escaped an unspeakably abusive situation that this book lays out in disturbing detail, tried for many years to live a normal life, but the toll was too heavy for her to bear. A hard emotional read. A story of strength and courage to speak out and expose one of the worst aspects of today's society.

This book will be available in February in the Riverland library.

Debbie Barber

Riverland Book Club



Our February selection is ***Educated*** by Tara Westover. This is the amazing true story about a young woman who, kept out of school,

leaves her survivalist family and goes on to earn a PhD from Cambridge University.

Books will be available February 2; let me know if you want a copy. It is also available on Libby. We will meet at our gazebo on Wednesday, February 25, at 4 p.m. This is open to everyone.

Nancy Ross, #166
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Library News

New additions to the Library in January:

- ***25 Alive*** – James Patterson and Maxine Paetro
- ***The Writer*** – James Patterson and J. D. Barker
- ***The Return of the Spider*** – James Patterson
- ***The House of Cross*** – James Patterson
- ***Dark State*** – Jack Slater
- ***Buried Prey*** – John Sandford
- ***Phantom Prey*** – John Sandford
- ***Mona's Eyes*** – Thomas Schlessler
- ***Strangers in Time*** – David Baldacci
- ***The Academy*** – Elin Hilderbrand and Shelby Cunningham
- ***Wayward Girls*** – Susan Wiggs
- ***The Iron Storm*** – Jack DuBrul
- ***Storm Watch*** – C. J. Box
- ***The Mad Wife*** – Meagan Church
- ***Widowmaker*** – Paul Doiron
- ***Almost Midnight*** – Paul Doiron
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Transfer Director Report: Susan Starr

As the 2026 Annual Shareholder Meeting and election of Board Directors approaches this month, I would like to encourage all Shareholders to VOTE, but not based on the biased influence of

others or emotions, but on the basis of the candidate's proven competence, character, track record, and especially, do your own research to discern truth from lie, fact from fiction, reality from rumor & gossip!

I have been privileged to work with the current Board since elected in February 2025 and have been amazed at how much they have accomplished, especially by the 3 officers (President Bob Schultz, Secretary Don Barber, Treasurer Dicky Sanford) who have worked tirelessly (even sacrificially) to rectify the wrongs, whether intentional or not, of past Boards to establish a level of excellence in every area that has now set a high benchmark for every future Board!

As Transfer Director and Board Liaison to the Count Committee (responsible for the integrity and count of ballots), I have worked closely with Don Barber and have come to know and respect him as a person of integrity, humor/wit, patience, intellect, hard work, and amazing organizational skills! His files rival the Library of Congress!! And they are available to all Shareholders to inspect. There is no excuse for any Shareholder to rely on hearsay, rumors, and the opinions and misinformation generated by others and those who make unfounded accusations and slanderous remarks to malign any Board Member's character or activities, including their spouses.

This Board has been dedicated to open, transparent, rule-of-law procedures and communications—proven through 18 consecutive months of Board Business Meetings conducted openly before the Shareholders who chose to attend in person or by Zoom, allowing time to express their comments, all conducted in an orderly manner. Agendas have been available and are among the filed records.

Never has Riverland been blessed with a Treasurer capable of raising Riverland's Operating Capital and Reserves to nearly \$1million through prudent investment, cost savings, financial planning, updated software, internal controls, accurate records and reports, in addition to developing a best-practices manual to enable the continuity of future Board financial managers, bookkeepers, and office managers.

It is my informed opinion, based on direct interaction and observation, that this current Board ought to be celebrated and thanked, at the very least, for all they have achieved to benefit Riverland and all Shareholders, and for their steadfast commitment to professional standards in spite of the abuse heaped on them by a few disgruntled rule-breakers and malcontents. True unity and cooperation of 'community' can only be achieved through a spirit of courtesy, kindness, and mutual respect. Attitudes and words that have been weaponized to inflict hurt and character assassination cause divisiveness and sorrow. JUST

STOP IT! Lead by example of kindness and integrity—from the heart, not from a hidden agenda.

I would also like to recommend an excellent book that has informed and helped me in counseling myself and others: "WORDS That Hurt WORDS That Heal" by Carole Mayhall. Contact me if you'd like to borrow it.
Susan Starr, Lot 79
Transfer Director

February Birthdays

Lot #	Name	Date
3	Mary Jussaume	1
94	Brenda Milan	1
175	Cheryl Sweat	5
10	Stephen Sparks	5
83	Kate Ficcardi	7
117	Karen DeLorenzo	7
49	Maria Cortes-Barney	8
188	Karl Kingsley	10
116	Andrew Porcelli	14
98	Carolyn Brown	15
141	James Nardi	15
29	Kim Hastings	16
130	Darryl Lynn	17
66	Russell Rotan	19
19	Robert Schultz	20
71	Sissy Nielsen	21
77	Christine Schick	22
9	Philip Lombardi	22
46	Carol Prange	24
12	Roni Parrone	25
154	David Knight	26
27	Lynn Engelbrecht	27
96	Jerry Keller	28

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Building & Grounds Report

Brandon, our maintenance employee, has been very busy working on the overgrown brush and trees behind the 1st Street property line for over 2 weeks. He has been cutting back the invading brush that has collapsed our fence line, causing gaping

access pathways through the broken and missing fence sections for trespassers to walk through. We have taken 3 truckloads of brush to the dump from just behind 1st Street. I would like to thank Neal Potts for stepping up and helping with this project and running the Bobcat excavator to grab all the brush and trees and place them into our dump truck. This was a lot easier than doing it by hand and walking and loading by hand with 3 people, which would have taken 3 days. We are planning on trying to salvage as much of the existing fence as we can to keep the expense down as much as possible.

We also continued the weekend replacing 5 Foxtail Palm trees in the park, one tree on 9th Street and 4 trees on 8th Street, utilizing the excavator to remove all the stumps and replace with fresh soil. Brandon and I had used the same Nursery we used last season for the purchase of the palm trees at a cost of only \$75.00 per tree. This was a third of the cost than any other Nurseries in the surrounding areas.

In the coming weeks we will be continuing to repair the 7 - 8 more well water valve leaks behind some of the residents' homes. When we are ready to do these repairs, there will be emails sent out ahead of time to keep the shareholders notified about the well water being turned off for a few hours as needed.

With January on its way out and February coming in, the weather has been anything but cooperating with the temperatures staying warm. This leads to the pool being covered more frequently at this time of the year and the solar cover staying on a little longer in the mornings. By doing this it keeps the water warmer so that the electric pool heater doesn't have to work that long and hard to maintain the temperature of the water up to 88 degrees.

Compliance Report:

There were 20 Non-Compliance notices sent out for the month of January and so far, 10 residents have complied and had their roofs and siding cleaned. There are 6 that have either contacted the office of what their intentions were or approached me as to when they are planning to address the issues. The remaining 4 notices have yet to contact the office.

We had 6 Architectural Change Requests sent in for new Hurricane windows installations, carport stairs removed and/or replaced, and a few driveways painted different color schemes.

Please remember as stated in the Riverland Rules and Regulations that before any work is started, the Architectural change paperwork must be approved first.

Michael Vaspasiano
Building & Grounds/ Compliance Director



Cleanup at Riverland Continues with Michael Vaspasiano and Volunteers!



Secretary Report

Board Engagement: It's not all that difficult...

By now, I am sure I am not alone in just being tired of all the negative rhetoric, in all the bombastic accusations, in all the surprise ambushes associated with the upcoming Board election. Just in the last week alone I have been

personally accused of telling a Shareholder an outright lie and being involved in some sort of cover-up, and the Board was accused of violating 'something' in the Riverland Bylaws. Oh, I almost forgot – I was also accused of 'having an opinion' during a social club event. All of these do have something in common, something that has become all too commonplace in Riverland – no data, no facts, no details, no specifics, even when asked. Being involved in community governance shouldn't be so tough; being a Board volunteer shouldn't make you a target. By the way, our wives shouldn't be targets either.

So, based on what has sometimes been a tough two years, I wanted to offer up a couple of 'lessons learned' on Board engagement, and for your future use, regardless of who ends up being on your Board in the future:

- If a Shareholder wants the Board to stop doing something, the first step should be to ask the Board to stop doing something. Yes, simple communication does help. As a corollary to this, it might be helpful if whatever it is that you want the Board to stop doing is something the Board is actually doing in the first place.
- If a Shareholder wants the Board to do something, the first step should be to ask the Board to do something. Yes, simple communication does help. As a corollary to this, it might be helpful if whatever it is that you want the Board to do is actually something the Board can do in the first place.

Yes, I realize the above probably seems to you to be nothing more than common sense, but it drives home what may be the root cause of some of this manufactured divide that has been created over the last two years. Those who seek to build up this community do common-sense things, while those who seem to delight in creating imaginary mountains out of non-existent molehills do not.

While we all would like to believe otherwise, not everyone in the community is willing to put the community's interests ahead of their own. There is a reason why those who claim the park is divided are the ones doing the dividing. It won't be until February 20 that you will be able to hold the new Board accountable – but in the meanwhile, we can all hold the naysayers accountable.

Don Barber, Secretary

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CERAMICS

Welcome back!

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Also, we will be going up on our prices. \$10.00 to join for life, \$2.00 for dues, and \$2.00 for paints.

Hope to see some new faces this season!



Mahjong

The Mahjong season this winter will run from January to April and is expanding to twice a week. Starting on Jan. 6, 2026, you can find me and other Mahjong players in the Riverland Clubhouse at 1 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday. Anyone interested in learning Mahjong is welcome.

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1		2 7:30am Men's Golf 10-11:15 Exercise 2-3pm AED/LIFE Vac training CPR	3 10am Water Aero. 1pm Mahjong 1pm Shuffleboard	4 9am L.Prayer 10-11:15 Exercise 1pm Ceramics	5 10am Water Aerobics 1pm Mahjong	6 10-11am Chair Yoga 1pm Bowling	7 10am Social Club Meeting
6pm BUNCO		6:30pm Marbles	5:30 Hand&Foot 6pm Men's Poker	1pm Ceramics	7pm Bingo	1pm Bowling	
8	9 7:30am Men's Golf 10-11:15 Exercise	10 LADIES LUNCH 1pm Mahjong 1pm Shuffleboard	11 9am L.Prayer 10-11:15 Exercise 1pm Ceramics	12 10am Water Aerobics 1pm Mahjong	13 10-11am Chair Yoga 1pm Bowling	14 7pm Valentine's Day Dance	
		6:30pm Marbles	5:30 Hand&Foot 6pm Men's Poker		7pm Bingo		
15	16 7:30am Men's Golf 10-11:15 Exercise	17 10am Water Aero. 1pm Mahjong 1pm Shuffleboard	18 8am BULK PICKUP 9am L.Prayer 10-11:15 Exercise	19 10am BOD Mig. 1pm Mahjong 5pm POTLUCK	20 9am Voting 11:30am Annual Meeting of Share- holders	21 8-10am Boaters Club Breakfast	
5pm BUNCO		6:30pm Marbles	5:30 Hand&Foot 6pm Men's Poker	1pm Ceramics	7pm Bingo	1pm Bowling	
22	23 7:30am Men's Golf 10-11:15 Exercise	24 10am Water Aero. 1pm Mahjong 1pm Shuffleboard	25 9am L.Prayer 10-11:15 Exercise 1pm Ceramics	26 10am Water Aerobics 1pm Mahjong	27 10-11am Chair Yoga 1pm Bowling	28 8am Private Party	
630pm Sunday Sundae		6:30pm Marbles	5:30 Hand&Foot 6pm Men's Poker	10:45 Boat-a-cade 4pm Book Club	7pm Bingo	2pm Private Party	
							8:30-11:30am Fishing Contest & hot dog lunch \$5.00 per person