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## Welcome to our new

# Riviera Board of Trustees

Five new board members elected at the Annual Riviera Member Meeting on September 25th.

Dear Members,

We are excited to have another communication avenue with membership via the quarterly newsletter! It is our goal to utilize this space to provide a summary of what we're working on, important updates, and any changes that may impact our fellow members.

As we approach the end of 2021, we want to share the work the board has been doing over the past two months and our intent for starting off the New Year within the Riviera Community Club.

We have been diligently assessing operations with fresh perspectives and have focused on:

- Assembling, digitizing and reviewing policy documents.
- Identifying outdated and missing policies and creating drafts accordingly.
- Filling vacant committee seats with volunteers, optimizing staff support and ensuring charters are in place.
- Creating user-friendly forms for Architectural Control Committee submissions.
- Reviewing financials, including reporting capabilities and the recent renewal of insurance policies.
- Communication avenues including newsletters, emails, and existing website capabilities.
- Understanding projects already underway and on the horizon that need to be addressed.



Phil Ronning, Dana Stirn, Therese Pasquier, Sonja Hopkins - Peter Anderle (inset)

By year's end we aim to have a strong administrative foundation and understanding of the organization for functioning at the board and committee levels. Additionally, we are creating resources along the way for future board members to utilize.

For 2022 we would like expand members' access to information by posting policies and forms online and in the office, rolling out a comprehensive communication strategy, and addressing community concerns including safe and accessible walking paths, short-term rentals and electronic correspondence, which we've received a good amount of feedback on already.

Please continue to reach out with any questions or issues. We wish you all a wonderful holiday season.

Warm Regards,

Dana Stiru President, Board of Trustees Riviera Community Club

## Lake Josephine Water Department

Our Riviera Water Department Manager, Russ Rodocker, updated members at the Annual Member meeting in September...

As another fiscal year ends, I would like to take a moment to recap my report from this year's annual Riviera member meeting. As always, I want to start with thanking our water department Staff - Josh Kudlecek, Krista Ullis and John Recker. They play a huge roll in making the Riviera water department so successful and keeping our operations running on a day-to-day basis. Thank you!

The Lake Josephine water system was installed between 1968 and 1972. The system serves all the Riviera Community and covers approximately 1/3 of Anderson Island. This includes three water tanks currently in operation, totalling 630,000 gallons of storage and 32 miles of main water pipe ranging from 2 to 10 inches in diameter. We have an additional 9.4 miles of water service line. The Riviera holds 356 Acre feet of water rights and currently uses 56% of this allotment with 886 service connections.





In 2020/21, we pumped 52.1 million gallons of water; this was up 6 million gallons from the previous year. We also added 15 new water service connections in this fiscal year.

Due to the supply shortage of ductile iron pipe, we were unable to complete the Country Club main replacement project. We are currently working with the Rural Water Cooperative of Pierce County in hopes to participate in a group purchase of pipe at a much-reduced price in spring of 2022.

In addition, we are working with Tanner Electric on projects to reduce the cost of the trenching. This year we also focused on tracking down water leaks and repairing



them using sounding devices. This allows us to hear underground leaks that had not yet surfaced. A capital reserve purchase approved by members in the 2021/22 annual budget was leak detection equipment. In the past, we have contracted out this service annually. But with the cost of equipment becoming more affordable, we will be purchasing our own leak detection equipment, saving members thousands of dollars in future expenditures.

It's important for members to understand that we are a public drinking water system. Even though we are privately owned, we serve water to several properties outside of the Riviera boundaries.

This year our 2021/2022 capital purchases include replacing our 2007 pickup with a 1-ton flatbed which will allow a non-CDL driver to haul the mini excavator to project sites. The second item is a new trailer vac that will replace the 25-year-old vac we currently have. This new equipment is larger and can be used for many other projects in the Riviera, saving us time and reducing permit fee costs with Pierce County.

I want to end by reminding all members who have any questions regarding your water system, to please contact the water department. Our goal is to provide you the most accurate and up-to-date information!

## PREPARING FOR WINTER ON THE ISLAND

The temperatures are dropping and now is a great time to make sure you are prepared for winter weather. Here are a few tips!

- 1. Check your gutters and clean as needed. The leaves and needles have fallen in the autumn winds. Make sure your gutters are clear of debris in order to efficiently handle the winter rains.
- 2. Protect water spigots and pipes. Remove any garden hoses and make sure they are drained and safely stored away. Then add an insulated cover to your outdoor water spigots and wrap any susceptible pipes with insulation. If you are heading away from the island for an extended period of time further precautions may be needed to avoid freezing pipes.
- **3. Deck safety.** If your deck gets slippery consider adding traction with mats and/or anti-slip tape.
- 4. Check your heating. Your heating source should be serviced annually, including making sure your chimney is free of build-up. Make sure you have an adequate supply of fuel, may it be logs or propane, as well.
- **5. Get insulated.** Feel for cold air entering your home around doors, windows and any other openings. Prevent the cold by caulking around holes and adding weather stripping and seals along long edges.
- **6. Prepare for power outages.** They do happen! While they are typically short, some can last for hours

- or, in rare cases, days. At the minimum make sure you have a battery-powered light source and way to stay warm. You may also consider a generator to keep some or all of your home powered. Go to www. tannerelectric.com to track outages and view updates and/or follow on Twitter @tannerelectric.
- **7. Test your detectors.** Make sure your smoke detectors work and consider installing a carbon monoxide detector if you use a wood-burning fireplace.
- **8. Snow management.** The snow here has a tendency to be very heavy. Make sure you are aware of weight loads on the roofs of structures, and clear snow as needed.
- 9. Tree health check. Take a look around your yard for any diseased, damaged, and/or dangerous trees and/or tree limbs. Winter winds, rain and snow can be problematic for weak branches and root systems. For questions and inquiries contact the Rivera Community Club's dedicated Forestry Control Committee Forestry@RivieraClub.org.
- 10. Ask a friend or neighbor to check-in on your home. If you are away from the island, ask a friend or neighbor to check in on your property to ensure all is in order.

#### **GOLF & GROUNDS UPDATE:** INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT - CANDACE MCELHENNEY



Trevor Thompson, our Riviera Golf & Grounds Superintendent for the past 2 years, is moving to Spokane with his family. We want to thank Trevor for all his hard work and great leadership during his time here at the Riviera. Trevor you will be missed and we wish you and your family the very best in the future!

Fortunately we have amazing talent on our team, and Candy McElhenney will be stepping up for the next few months to fill the position as Interim Superintendent of the Riviera Golf and Grounds Department. During this time, we will be evaluating our department needs and creating a strategic management plan for the future.

Candy, a resident member of the Riviera for the past 24 years, has been working in the Golf & Grounds department for 19 years. She brings years of experience and hands-on knowledge to our beautiful Riviera parks, docks, campground, marina, and golf course. She is certified and licensed in her field, participated in the installation and maintenance of our course irrigation system, operates heavy equipment and machinery, and works closely with outside vendors. Candy also plans to further her education through the Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Thank you, Candy, for your continued dedication and being willing to fill the Interim Superintendent position in the Golf & Grounds Department!

#### RIVIERA WORD SEARCH

WORDS MAY BE FOUND IN ALL DIRECTIONS... GOOD LUCK!

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Word Search answer key is posted at Riviera Office or email contact@rivieraclub.org

- ANDERSON
- > APPLE SQUEEZE
- > BIRDIE
- > CLUB
- > COMMUNITY
- FLORENCE
- > GOLF
- > JOHNSON
- > INTERLACHEN
- > ISLAND
- LAKESHORE
- MADRONA
- MATTHEWS
- > RAY PARK
- > RIVIERA DRIVE
- > ZIPLINE

# Building a Home in the Riviera...?

## It's important to understand the Riviera Community Club Bylaws & Covenants.

The recent pandemic has changed so many activities of daily life, including how and where many of us work, live and play. With the redefinition of how we do business, the Riviera Community Club has seen a large number of lot and home sales, along with numerous members who have chosen to move to the island permanently or begin the process of building their forever home.

For those who have chosen to turn their "weekend getaway" into their full-time residence, many have found its time to catch up on some deferred maintenance! This could mean a fresh coat of paint, a new fence, or even adding a shed or additional garage to store all our fun toys! The important thing to remember is that any alterations to a members residence (improved property) MUST be permitted through the Rivera Architectural Control Committee (ACC).

In addition to the increase in upgrades to current residences around the Riviera, many lot owners have chosen to begin the planning process to build their new home. This process can often times be confusing, even overwhelming.

The Riviera Community Club has clear building & site development guidelines detailed in the RCC Bylaws, Covenants and Architectural Requirements policy. We are here to help our members work thru this process successfully!

Site Development Documents available on our website! www.RivieraClub.org

The Riviera ACC Committee meets twice per month (the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 8:30am) to review permit applications. The committee is made up of volunteer Riviera members who have committed their time to help

others understand and follow the guidelines in our site development documents, maintaining the building standards in the Riviera.

It is our goal to make your experience with the ACC application an easy, smooth process. It's also important to know that ALL Riviera ACC permit fees are fully refundable to members at the completion of the project.

If you are planning to make any alterations to your property, or are in the process of applying for septic or building permits with Pierce County, we encourage you to reach out to our Community Development Manager Dan Morgan for answers to all your questions. You can reach Dan by phone at 253-884-4093 or by emailing dmorgan@rivieraclub. org.

Riviera acc Committee

Hi, I'm Dan
Morgan, the
new Community
Development
& Compliance
Manager. I fell
in love with
Anderson Island
about a year
ago and was



recently able to move here full time! After growing up in Philadelphia, then coming West to attend Gonzaga University in Spokane, I quickly realized the PNW was where I belong.

I hope to make a meaningful impact on behalf of members and the ACC, upholding the architectural and cultural development of the community while honoring and preserving the essence of the Riviera's core values. I enjoy meeting people and I love to help - please don't hesitate to reach out!

DMORGAN@RIVIERACLUB.ORG





## Update Contact Information

The Riviera Office will be implementing a software upgrade in January 2022. Please send us an email or call the office with your current contact information so we can ensure your file is upto-date!

- \* Member Name
- \* Sec/Lot# or Riviera Address
- \* Mailing Address (if different)
- \* Phone Number
- \* Email Address
- \* Would you like to sign up for the Riviera email blasts?

membership@ rivieraclub.org or call 253-884-4093

# **Ferry Fare & Service Update**

During October's Anderson Island Citizens' Advisory Board (AICAB) meeting, the Pierce County Planning and Public Works team revealed a ferry budget proposal that included increased 2-boat service during peak season and a 15.5% fare increase per year for the next 8 years, starting with the upcoming 2022-2023 biennium. Of note, the compounded fare increase applied to current rates resulted in fares roughly doubling in 4 years and tripling in 8 years.

As the fiscal impact of this proposal ranged from substantial to detrimental for regular ferry users, island organizations and concerned citizens spoke up to gain the ear of Pierce County Council Representatives, media outlets, and more regarding this issue.

The outpouring of thoughtful feedback regarding the proposal, reasonable alternatives, identification of processes not taken, and the sharing stories of how these changes would impact island life was nothing short of impressive and was heard.

On November 16th the Pierce County Council unanimously passed an amended version of the initial proposal with significant changes. The overall effective rate of the increase is 8.9% for 2022 and 6.2% for 2023. The increase is generally in line with the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for the Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue area from 2016 (when Anderson Island ferry fares were last changed) to 2021. The amounts of the increase vary by season (peak and non-peak) and type of ticket purchased.

While this is still a steeper increase than many would have liked, there was also recognition from our Representatives that long-term planning needs to start over, taking off the table the initial 8-year proposed strategy.

For more information please visit:
https://online.co.pierce.wa.us/
cfapps/council/iview/proposal.
cfm?proposal\_num=2021-102



### **SEAHAWKS**

**GAME DAY SPECIALS AT** 

**LAKESHORE RESTAURANT:** 

\$2 Coors Light Pounders

\$8 Pitchers

\$2 Tacos

\$5.99 Biscuits & Gravy (Sunday Morning Games Only Restaurant OPEN @ 9:30am)

#### **GAME SCHEDULE**

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Sunday 12/12 @ 10 AM SEAHAWKS vs TEXANS

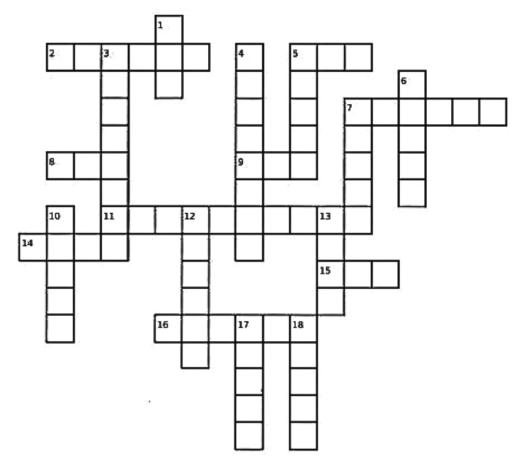
Sunday 12/19 @ 1:25 PM SEAHAWKS vs RAMS

Sunday 12/26 @ 1:05 PM SEAHAWKS vs BEARS

Sunday 1/2 @ 1:25 PM SEAHAWKS vs LIONS

Sunday 1/9 @ 1:25 PM SEAHAWKS vs CARDINALS

## **Riviera Crossword Puzzle**



#### DOWN:

- 1. Architectural Control Committee
- 3. Lake
- 4. Stocking
- 5. Wrapping
- 6. Suncrest
- 7. Golf Course Fairways
- 10. Wednesday's Game
- 12. Needed to clear brush on an undeveloped lot
- 13. Number of holes on the golf course
- 17. Deck the
- 18. Drum

#### ACROSS:

- 2. Open weekdays 9am-4pm
- 5. Pumpkin
- 7. Boat parking
- 8. Lake nickname
- 9. Douglas
- 11. 14 free nights for each member (lot) in the Riviera
- 14. # of Board of Trustees members
- 15. Egg
- 16. Christmas

Crossword answer key is posted at Riviera Office or email contact@rivieraclub.org

# Riviera Community Club

## December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	Seahawks @ Washington 5:15 pm	30	ACC Committee Meeting 8:30 am BINGO 5pm @ Lakeshore Restaurant	2	3	4 McNeil & The Prisoners 7 pm @ Lakeshore Restaurant
5 Seahawks vs 49ers 5:20 pm	6	7	Forestry Committee Meeting 9 am BINGO 5pm @ Lakeshore Restaurant	9	10	11
Seahawks @ Texans 10 am	13	14	ACC Committee Meeting 8:30 am BINGO 5pm @ Lakeshore Restaurant	16	17 Check Facebook for our specials – new each weekend!	18
Seahawks @ Rams 1:25 pm	20	21 Winter Begins	Forestry Committee Meeting 9 am BINGO 5pm @ Lakeshore Restaurant	<b>秦</b> 23	24 Christmas Eve Business Office Closed	25 Christmas Day Restaurant Closed
26 Seahawks vs Bears 1:05 pm	27	28	29	30	New Year's Eve Office Closed Restaurant 3pm-12am NYE Party 9pm-12am	New Year's Day Restaurant Closed

Lakeshore Restaurant OPEN

Mon - Fri: 3 - 8

Sat: 11 - 8 & Sun: 11 - 7

CALL FOR TAKE OUT

#253-884-3344 Riviera Business Office OPEN

Mon - Fri: 9 - 4

#### RIVIERA COMMUNITY CLUB EMAIL NEWS:

Are you currently receiving the Riviera Community Club e-mail blasts? It's the best way to keep up-to-date on Riviera information! To sign up, please visit www.RivieraClub.org and scroll to the bottom right side of the first page – there you will find our Newsletter Sign-Up form to enter your email, name, & Riviera lot #, and you will be added to the list! \*You may unsubscribe at any time from receiving our emails.



# There's a new Compliance Committee on the block at the Riviera Community Club!

The group, a collection of experience and fresh perspective, and aided by our new Community Development and Compliance Manager Dan Morgan, is eager to usher in a new era of service to the Riviera community.

Engagement and openness are welcome, and a commitment to fairness and standards, not surveillance and punishment, is paramount to this committee. They plan to act with a holistic approach, always keeping an open mind and respect for the

# Fresh Start... New Beginnings

individual and their needs, while considering the greater good and adhering to ALL Riviera Covenants & Bylaws.

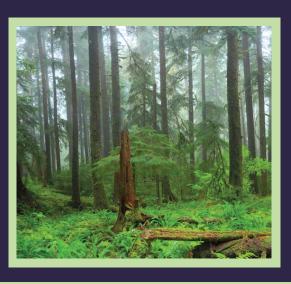
Bottom line, the Compliance Committee is here to help! Help uphold Covenants & Bylaws and help foster what we all love about the Riviera.

But most importantly they are also here to help **YOU** - which begins with providing education & awareness while also being a reliable source for specific information & answers. Feel free to reach out anytime to Dan at dmorgan@rivieraclub.org with any questions, concerns, suggestions, or just to say Hi!



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#### SIGN UP TO RECEIVE EMAILS FROM THE RIVIERA!

The best way to stay updated and informed regarding Riviera happenings, events, & restaurant specials is to sign up for our email blasts. Send an email to:

#### **CONTACT@RIVIERACLUB.ORG**

and ask to be added to our email list. You may unsubscribe at anytime.