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Pools Now Open

The River Woods pools opened Memorial Day weekend, with beautiful weather on Sunday and Memorial Day.

Just a reminder: Our weather policy is that the pool is open if the ambient temperature is at least 70 degrees and no storms are present at the scheduled time for pool opening.

The pool also might be temporarily closed due a chemical imbalance. You'll know if the pool is not open by looking for the red flag flying inside the pool. If the flag is flying, the pool is closed. Pool hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week, through Labor Day as weather permits.

Key/New Pool Rules This Year

Note the key pool rules, including some new pool rules in effect for the 2026 season:

- No smoking, including vaping, e-cigarettes, etc., anywhere in the pool area.
- No alcoholic drinks permitted in the pool area.
- No glass bottles or other glass containers permitted in the pool area.
- All coolers will be inspected before being permitted into the pool area.
- People violating pool rules (which are posted on our website and available at the pool) will be asked to leave. Anyone refusing to leave when asked by the monitor may have their pool privileges suspended for up to 60 days. Anyone from a unit suspended from pool use who forces their way into the pool area will incur a fine at the next Board meeting.

Pool monitors are not lifeguards or babysitters. Children must be attended by an adult at all times. A link to the complete set of pool rules on the Association website is myriverwoods.org/documents.



Power Washing Starting for Paint Cycle

Power washing will be starting shortly for units in this year's paint cycle (units 274 to 333). Please complete any repairs cited in the spring walkthrough report before the power washing or painting starts. Remember, painters will be instructed not to paint over any rotted wood.

Repaving About to Start in the 230–257 Area

Starting with milling of old asphalt on May 29 — weather permitting — resurfacing of roads will be

June Dates to Remember

The Annual Meeting is on June 16 at 6 p.m. in the Heritage library in Lakeville.

The ACC meets on June 23 at 5:30 in the HOA office. Deadline for ACC requests: June 5

Father's Day is June 21. Happy Fathers Day to all.

done from unit 230 to unit 233 and will affect everyone through unit 257. Cars cannot be parked outside of garages while work is being done (any cars parked outside of garages when repaving starts will be towed to enable work to continue). Affected homes will have notices with full information posted ahead of time on or next to their garage doors.



Once the new surface has been laid down, owners will be able to drive on the new surface (per dates as noted on the postings) but will not be able to park on the new surface for a couple of weeks so the surface can harden. (Cars parked on freshly installed asphalt will sink into the surface.)

During this period, you can park elsewhere, such as the ring road inside River Woods. But do not park in guest parking anywhere or at the pool.

Annual Meeting is June 16

The annual meeting will be held June 16, 2026 at the Heritage Library in Lakeville at 6 p.m. Every owner is invited to attend. You should have already received your proxy ballot and a notice of the election (if you didn't, email us). The annual report of the Association will be available at the meeting. Your proxy ballot must be in to the HOA office by 3 p.m. on June 16, or brought in person to the meeting.

There will be an election of three Board members at the meeting, a short discussion of insurance by a Kraus-Anderson representative, and a question and answer session.

The meeting will be adjourned at 7:15. Questions not answered by that time will be responded to directly by email after the meeting (for questions relating to a particular homeowner) or in the next newsletter (for questions relating to the whole Association).

Maintenance Requests Received and Prioritized

Many maintenance requests were received by the grounds manager before the May 15 deadline and are currently being prioritized. We will complete as many this summer as time and budget permit.

Grill Location Reminder

Insurance companies are now using drones to review their HOA clients' compliance with insurance rules. If you hear a drone overhead this summer, it may belong to one of our insurance carriers, checking to see if we are following their requirement that grills are kept at least five feet from walls and windows. Please double-check to make sure you're following those grill-positioning rules, for all of our sakes. (Remember: no charcoal or wood-fired grills or smokers are permitted anywhere in River Woods.)

Walkthrough Notices Mailed Out

The spring walkthroughs have been completed and reports mailed out to all homeowners who have repairs or changes needed. In some cases, there have been violations of Association rules noted, and homeowners will be expected to remedy the situation or face possible fines in the future.

Association Services Available, But Not on Demand

Please note that Association services are not provided on an on-demand basis, including both office and maintenance services. We don't have enough personnel to respond to all requests instantly unless immediate threats to health and safety are involved.

For efficiency, we ask that homeowners avoid sending multiple emails or making repeated phone calls regarding the same request. Currently, both Sarah and Tiny are receiving duplicate communications regarding identical matters, which slows the overall response process and creates unnecessary duplication of effort.

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 riverwoods@myriverwoods.org or call 952-894-4368. If you are trying to reach Loren (Tiny) please email him directly at rwgroundsmgr@gmail.com.

Missing Our Emails?

The Association has two primary methods of contacting the 324 homeowners at River Woods: this newsletter and email. Unfortunately, there are a few owners who don't get our emails because their email boxes are full. We suggest that these owners set

up a special email address — perhaps a gmail address, which is free — and use it only to receive our mail. That way you won't miss any important communications from the Association.

Insurance Questionnaires Coming

The annual insurance questionnaire will be arriving in your mailbox and or email inbox soon, so please watch for it. Kraus-Anderson Insurance, our insurance broker, mails/emails out the questionnaire to see if there is any updating needed. Updated information on home ownership helps ensure that you are properly and promptly compensated for any losses covered by the plan. Please fill out the questionnaire and return it to Kraus-Anderson Insurance if there are any changes.

Be Sure Your Mailbox Isn't Full

Some homeowners at River Woods don't check their mailboxes very often. When a mailbox is too full for the mail carrier to leave mail it ultimately gets returned to whomever mail it. If the undelivered mail is just an advertising circular — so many of which clutter our



mailboxes — no big deal.

But we mail out monthly statements to any owners who owe money to the Association, whether back fees, bills for services or fines. If these don't get paid, they will accumulate monthly late fees, and you won't even know it until they

eventually go to collection.

Monthly statements are mailed out on the 10th of the month, so please check your mailbox in the following days. It could save you money.

Care and Feeding of Sewer Lines

Every three years, the Association jets out the Association's sewer lines with a high-pressure hose to be sure they are clear. But that sewer line jetting does not include the individual sewer lines that lead from your house to the Association's lines (which in turn connect to the city's sewer lines).

As this periodic sewer-line jetting cannot reach your unit's sewer lines, it's up to homeowners to make sure their sewer lines are clear.

What do you do if you get a sewer backup?

Call a specialist in dealing with blocked sewer lines.

We use DrainPro for our jetting procedures, but there are a number of reliable suppliers. They will clean out the clogs and, if necessary, send a camera down the line to see where the blockage is. If this blockage is in your unit's line, you'll need to pay for it. But if the blockage is in the Association's portion of the sewer line we will pay the costs. And if the blockage is so far out that it's in the city street, it's the city of Burnsville's responsibility.

Recreational Fire Pit Rules

Our Rules and Regulations echo the Burnsville city Ordinances with regard to fire pits. Any portable fire pit must be at least 25 feet from any structure and at least 15 feet from the Association lot lines (no permanent fire pits are allowed on common grounds). Burnsville also requires a fire burning permit.



No burning during Red Flag Warnings!

When conditions are so dry that outdoor fires are likely, the state issues a "red flag warning" that prohibits outdoor burning. If you see someone burning something outdoors during a red flag warning — with or without a fire pit — please call the Burnsville Fire Department.

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, mortar 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 10 p.m.



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 water bills at the same time for comparison. Checks for the difference between winter and summer water bills will be paid in January.

Watering should continue into October if needed. No water reimbursements will be accepted after 12/30/26.

Watering reimbursements will be honored for June-Oct 2026, so you will need to include your November billing, which is for October usage.



T-Mobile Broadband Available? Not Yet

Recently many residents received letters from T-Mobile informing them the company would be expanding fiber home internet service in the area. We received several calls and emails from residents asking about availability.

The answer, for now, is “no.”

First, T-Mobile fiber lines are not in the area yet. How soon they will be available will probably depend, to some extent, on the response to the mailings, which were primarily to gauge customer interest. If enough potential customers express interest, T-Mobile will probably move up the timeline for burying fiber optic cable in the area.

Second, even if T-Mobile fiber optic lines are available in the next three years, you won't be able to sign up. Why? Because in order to provide residents high-speed internet nearly 20 years ago, we had to sign an exclusive 11-year contract with Comcast for internet service before they would go to the expense of burying lines throughout River Woods. There were no other high-speed internet services available at that time.

At the end of the 11-year contract, there were still no other alternatives, so we renewed the contract, which expires in 2030.

Hopefully, T-Mobile and its partner, Metronet, will have fiber optic cable laid near us by then, so we can cancel the Comcast contract in early 2030 and — again, hopefully — provide our residents with either an option to pick the cheaper supplier, or, if two services can't use the same cables, at least get them bidding against each other to lower the cost of internet service to our residents.

As 2030 approaches, we'll keep a close eye on the situation.