

The following is the latest in a series of monthly messages from the RVR Master Association Board, called “A View From The Board.” The messages summarize recent Board decisions and discussions, and are designed to bring RVR homeowners up to date on issues important to the community.

Dear RVR Homeowners,

As our summer season comes to a close, there's a lot happening in the community. The September “View From the Board” will highlight several important activities within RVR under the Board's purview, and provide a few timely reminders.

Tree Removal Underway: The outside maintenance crew, led by Rich Myers, has been busy removing most of the cottonwood trees around the ponds near Heritage Drive. Arborists tell us these trees are not recommended for our environment. Cottonwoods require a lot of water – and as they age, they shed branches and other material into the ponds. For years, we've been discussing what to do about these trees – and the Board decided it's finally time to do something. Our only choice was to take the trees down before they fall on someone, or on an RVR home. Over time, the old cottonwoods will be replaced with trees better suited for our climate. When we plant the new trees, they won't be nearly as big as the cottonwoods they're replacing.

Home Improvements Reminder: As we've said repeatedly in these monthly messages, any work down outside your house needs to be submitted to RVR General Manager Sterling Page. A conversation with Sterling will help you understand whether you'll need to submit a formal plan to the Design Review Committee (DRC). Home improvements that you'll want to discuss with Sterling include removing dead trees, planting new trees, patio enhancements – and erecting permanent play equipment, statues, or any type of structure. Sterling can sign off on simple things quickly, easily, and on his own. More complex improvements on your lot will require you submit a plan to the DRC. Forms [link here to the form](#) for this submission are on our website. Not quite sure how to proceed? Send Sterling an email at gm@rvrcommunity.com and he can point you in the right direction. Please make sure to follow this clearly-defined process, as our governing documents require it. As mentioned in previous “Views From the Board,” we have a new Enforcement Policy and Fine Schedule, and a significant fine may result if you don't comply. [Click here](#) for our Updated Fines and Violation schedule.

Governing Documents Committee Formed: Board members Gary Lesser and Ben Johnston are co-chairing a new committee to tackle some possible changes to our RVR Master Association governing documents. Committee members are: Bill Brown, Steve Laverty, Bob Libson, Elizabeth Lozner, Richard Sills, Marti

Stude, David Thickman and Bruce Warren. They represent a nice cross section of experience and represent all the major neighborhoods of our community. The committee will explore, and eventually recommend for approval, changes to our Covenants, By-Laws, Design Guidelines, Policies and Procedures, and Rules and Regulations. The committee's first meeting will be held in September. If you have something you think the committee should address, please let us know.

Golf Open Space Report Set for Release: In early September, the Board is planning to release the Open Space Report, which we commissioned DHM Design to produce for us. The report, which was recently approved by the Board, will describe a range of possible scenarios – along with corresponding costs – if the golf course were to close and RVR had control or ownership of the course. We will share the report, in its entirety, with all RVR property owners, the same way we shared the Billy Casper Golf report earlier this year. You can expect to see the report in your inbox in the next few weeks.

Drive Carefully – School's in Session: Finally, at our August Board meeting, we were reminded that, too often, drivers speed through our neighborhood. A homeowner asked the Board what could be done about that. While our streets are owned and maintained by the Town of Carbondale, and RVR has no formal role in traffic enforcement, there *is* something we can all do to help: slow down. The end of summer means kids are heading back to school, so please drive carefully through the neighborhood, and remember, speed limits in RVR are set at 20 MPH.

As always, I look forward to your feedback – on the above topics, or any dialog that will strengthen our great community. Send your questions or concerns to Kendra (csm@rvrcommunity.com). She'll pass your comments along to the board, or respond to you directly.

Our next Board meeting is Wednesday, September 25, at 5:30 pm in the Ranch House Board meeting room. Hope to see you there.

On behalf of your volunteer RVRMA Board,

Yvonne Perry
Board President
