

River Island Ranch POA, Inc.

“The Bridge”

Bringing Community Together

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MERRY CHRISTMAS 2024



“May the peace and joy of Christmas be present every day.”

The Board of Directors is happy to announce a Christmas Social to be held Saturday, December 28th, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm in the clubhouse. Everyone is welcome. We are planning a festive celebration of our gratitude for life in River Island Ranch and the “*Most Wonderful Time of the Year.*” The invitation will be posted in RIRPOA.org.

Jingle your bells, and join us in meeting members of RIRPOA, friends and family for an evening of cheers, comfort food, music and chestnuts roasting on an open fire. BYOB. Believe, come, rejoice, and take part in our growing community spirit.

We are extremely proud to unveil our new official River Island Ranch website! ***RIRPOA.org*** As we add content and character to our original release, we are encouraging everyone to visit rirpoa.org regularly to receive newsletters, board meeting minutes, updates and policies for the ranch. The link for members only cabin reservations is found on the homepage and now we are accepting credit card payments to streamline our process. Please join me in showing our appreciation for all the work performed to make this happen. We are so grateful to Alan Churchill, Debby Jensen, Jennifer Hess, Leah Colatosti, and the Board of Directors for making this possible.



“Grateful giving season”

“Black Friday Leftovers” was enjoyed at the clubhouse for several members, friends and family as pies, turkey and stuffing vanished and community cheer and spirit was abundant. Wonderful to meet new members, share memories with friends, and relax following the Thanksgiving feast.

This holiday season has been busy for everyone, preparing the Island for Christmas, hosting and attending Christmas social events, and spending time with family and friends. A few notable achievements took place this past month, specifically purchasing an online version of QuickBooks for our financial responsibilities and importing our financial records from the old desktop version. We will be sending out annual assessments after the first of the year. We encourage everyone to submit their dues promptly to assist the board in handling the accounting efficiently, and not require any consideration for additional late fees or penalties. We are hopeful of 100% cooperation this year, as our assessments will not increase for 2025, and remain at \$525. The revisions of Island policies, cabin reservation fees rate reduction, and the automation of our processes have measured an increase in occupancy, an ease of accounting and handling, and contribute toward our goal of self governance.

The Club Executive Committee and the board have made several upgrades and updates to the cabins over the past two months. The Clubhouse has a new 75" smart Samsung TV and soundbar to elevate the entertainment factor to now allow for streaming and sports, and supports clubhouse event use. We have discussed adding quarterly social gatherings throughout the year, held on the equinoxes and solstices, respectively. Anticipate music, food and community spirit to abound. The spring and fall gatherings will include a scheduled work weekend format with clean up and cosmetic improvements followed by a festive social jubilee. We plan on improving outdoor lighting for decks and grill areas for early evening enjoyment. We are particularly recognizing the excellent work being performed by our new cleaning service personnel, **J'nea** of Mountain West Cleaning LLC. Excellent results with responsible accuracy. Thank you, J'nae.

The Nominating Committee will be discussing adding two additional board members next year at our annual meeting in August 2025. Our intent at the last annual meeting was to increase the board to seven members to broaden and strengthen our platform and decrease the vacancies created by any resignations throughout the terms. Please encourage your neighbors and members to get involved and contribute to the administration of our community. We will be having an in-person annual election as required, with other possibilities of expanding our options moving forward. Residing here physically in RIR is not a prerequisite. Anyone can participate.

Most contractor and vendor improvements, including quotes and bids, have been held off until after the holidays and powder days. Nate Goldsbury of the South Fork Dept. of Public Works has agreed to handle our snow removal again this season. He will be proposing a road maintenance annual program to improve and maintain our roadbase. We will also be looking at an update to the failing chipseal on the aprons of the northside main gate. The potholes were temporarily repaired.

We will have a full update to include 2024 4th quarter savings, end of year fiscal summary, and preparation of a final 2025 budget to approve and ratify after the first of the year. We will be posting actual fiscal data after our Board of Directors meeting to be held Tuesday, January 7th,

2025 at 5:00 pm MT. The meeting will be a zoom platform and everyone is welcome to attend. Frankie Shannon will provide the link to the meeting. We encourage everyone to consider volunteering to the management and maintenance of our community.



May everyone in River Island Ranch celebrate a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a safe and healthy HaPpY NEW YEAR! Let us all rejoice together in sharing the peace and serenity of nature in our riverside community.

Grateful and blessed,

The Board of Directors and
Bob and Lis Frank