

River Island Ranch POA, Inc.

“The Bridge”

Bringing Community Together

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“Spring Lines in Horseshoe Bowl”

March roars into the valley and RIR with several significant snowfalls. Spring looms just ahead and the wild life is abundant as Colorado mountain bluebirds, large herds of elk and mule deer are in the neighborhood daily. Daylight savings time has brought sunrise to greet us early and the shift in weather patterns have dumped measurable snowfall at Wolf Creek. In celebration of their 85th anniversary they will host special events, live music, a boot dance, and races during spring break and the rest of March.

The South Fork Vision and Planning Committee has developed a master plan survey seeking input from all residents, surrounding communities, businesses and visitors to gather opinions regarding heritage preservation, economic and environmental practices and community engagement. They have included River Island Ranch in soliciting information on shaping the future of South Fork. Symbolically, much of the content mirrors our intent and inspiration in the guidance of our RIRPOA self governance and mission statement of conservation, preservation and responsible development. The link is provided on the last page of the newsletter. We encourage everyone to submit a response for all our voices to be heard. The future of our community lies in your hearts and in your hands. We encourage everyone to participate.

RIR BOD UPDATE: March 4th meeting.

It is with great privilege that I may take this opportunity to notify everyone that Frankie Shannon has respectfully decided to resign from the board of directors. The board of directors want to formally thank Frankie for his invaluable service to the community, board and efforts over the past six months. His intuitive consulting, communication, and negotiating a path toward unity and transition to self governance was significant. We are so grateful for his willingness to volunteer, participate and serve the POA. Thank you very much, Frankie. This will allow for a vacancy in the board to be filled by an election of candidates at our annual members meeting in August. We appreciate all members who are willing to volunteer and participate in the administration of our neighborhood. Members wishing to assist and join the board may contact us directly for more information.

In that spirit we would invite all of you to welcome and recognize our newest members to the community, Will and Lauren Thompson, with their son Walker. They have purchased lot# 44 and currently reside in Denver. They are very excited to join our neighborhood and meet everyone. Please join us in welcoming the Thompson family.

Details, minutes and the latest updates from our March 4th board of directors meeting will be posted on the website shortly. Our next meeting will be on April 1st, 5:00 P.M. MT on Zoom, with the link to be posted.

Septic System Update:

We have approved an estimate and bid from Weavers' Level Best to replace the split two piece original 1500 gallon septic tank. Static ground water pressure from river flooding has compromised the septic tank in the past and forced closure of the Island. They will replace the two piece tank with a contemporary one piece poured concrete tank. This is projected to correct the ground water from flooding the system. The cost will be \$9100.00



"Got a few Bucks?"

Our fiscal state of the Island remains healthy amid the volatility of the markets, and our stable CD and money market reserves continue to grow. The septic repair was anticipated and was present in our 2025 budget. Our tax assessment has been reviewed and restored to previous classification and will change back for tax year 2025. By most accounts, our annual assessment dues have been collected, deposited and reside in our Community Bank of Colorado account. We will be sending invoices for all filing two members water rights assessments April 1st, for the remainder of the year.

Priority action was given to our road maintenance, Island Committee improvements and clubhouse improvements at our March 4th board of directors meeting. Anyone wishing to contribute to either committee may contact any board member. We hope to invest in more outdoor furniture for the decks, new carpeting and landscaping improvements prior to the summer season. Signage was included in a discussion of improvements as well.



"Skyset"

As the sun sets on winter, we celebrate “St. Patrick’s Day” in hopes of green, Irish eyes smiling, more spring skiing and riding, and moisture to bring all our pastures to bloom. Water is life to the valley and mother nature has not disappointed so far these past two weeks.

With the luck of the Irish and a few March winds to blow you safely home, from the Blarney, we wish everyone blessings and good spirits.



HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY, “SLAINTE”

ATTENTION RIRPOA MEMBERS!

The South Fork Chamber of Commerce and the Vision and Planning Committee has asked me to distribute a survey to you and participate in sharing your opinion with them. Their intention is to develop a "South Fork Master Plan." We were invited and attended the town meeting to represent RIR, regarding the relationship between South Fork and the surrounding HOA's and POA's in the community. Several topics that impact life here on the ranch were presented. Please respond and fill out the survey and submit your responses to the town. The survey deadline for reply is April 11th, 2025. Below is the invitation and the links to the survey. Many news updates were presented.

Happy spring. We hope this message finds you well.

As part of our ongoing efforts to shape the future growth and development of South Fork, the Town of South Fork invites you to participate in an important community survey. Your feedback is crucial to guiding the direction of our town's future and master planning, which will aid in setting future goals.

Whether you are a long-time resident, a business owner, or a visitor--your input is invaluable in helping us understand the key issues, priorities, and ideas for South Fork's future. The survey has 5 categories, is 30 questions, and takes approximately 10-15 minutes. Please note: this is NOT a vote. This community survey is designed to take the "temperature" and gain feedback from our local residents and businesses on a variety of subject matters. This survey link & QR code is shareable and being sent to neighborhood HOA's, local businesses, and meant to be shared with your Rio Grande County neighbors. The goal is to receive feedback from at least 75+ full-time residents, 75+ part-time residents, and as many local businesses as possible. **This survey closes April 11, 2025.**

Thank you for helping to get the word out and that valuable feedback needed for upcoming projects! Please take a few moments to complete the survey by clicking the link below (one survey per person, please). Your response will play a key role in shaping the decisions made for South Fork in the years to come.

Please connect to the survey using the following links

SURVEY LINK:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/southforksurvey>

YOUR OPINION NEEDED!

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