

River Island Ranch POA

“The Bridge”

Bringing Community Together

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“250th”

South Fork OHV annual parade, South Fork Fire and Rescue fish fry, Wicks’ annual party, and the Rodeo represented our local celebration of our nations’ recognition of the 250th anniversary of independence. River Island Ranch families celebrated on the Island, anglers floated and waded, tubers and rafters navigated the shallow waters, and notably absent this year was the fireworks, as a stage 2 ban remains in effect. The Aspen Acres fire continues to burn uncontained, and has become the 7th largest in state history. 780 structures have been lost, and over 192 homes in Pueblo county alone. Fire safety and mitigation continue to surface as a priority for the island in discussions with the board of directors. We continue to enforce the no fire ban. We will celebrate summer in RIR on Sunday, July 26th at 4:00 P.M. with a live band from New Orleans, Gumbo and fellowship. Our annual members meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 15th at 10:00 A.M. with a community BBQ with live music immediately following. “The Foggy Memory Boys” and “Rivertown Folk” have scheduled to return.

You have all received (hopefully) an Official Notice of Meeting either by mail or online. Our process for online voting requires a google account which many have but some have omitted. You will be able to email directly and your vote and voice will be recorded. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and celebrating together. rirpoa.org is your resource for everything River Island Ranch.



"New Island Welcome Signage"

We will be installing several new signs identifying our community to our neighbors, visitors and South Fork, as we take pride in working towards recognition as the most desirable community in the valley. Main gates, meadow gates and the island will all receive updated curb appeal.

Rio Grande RV Resort and Club has celebrated a grand opening over the July 4th weekend. We have had an opportunity to meet owners Kurt and Leah, Mike Biggerstaff and company and invited all to our celebration Saturday, August 15th. Please join us and welcome them to the neighborhood.

Stage Two Fire Ban Restrictions remain in place and updates from Lake City are changing daily. Prayers for relief from spreading and more damage are a sobering reminder on diligent prevention.

Please feel welcome to invite friends, family and neighbors to our annual event on Saturday the 15th. Guests are welcome to attend from 12:00 to 5:00 and celebrate River Island Ranch with us. We look forward to everyone attending. Please R. S. V. P. to Bob Frank @ 908-868-5567 or bobfrank908@gmail.com

We reveled in the sounds of the bayou Sunday July 26th on the island. The Tyron Benoit Band from New Orleans led two sets of fiery and spicy zydeco, rock and roll classics and invited everyone to have a little fun. Gumbo, Jambalaya and traditional bread pudding fueled the evening, and left everyone with smiles.
(never miss a Sunday Show!)



A "Special" Thanks to Loni and Stace Fuchs for co-hosting this RIR event and coordinating with the band to provide such a memorable and fun evening.

Sound the trumpets, gather your friends and family for our annual River Island Ranch Membership Meeting and Celebration. Please join us and attend.

**RIVER ISLAND RANCH
RIVERFRONT SUMMERFEST
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH
12:00 - 6:00 P.M.**

LIVE MUSIC FEATURING

Rivertown Folk and

The Foggy Memory Boys

TEXAS BBQ, CORNHOLE, HORSESHOES

NA BEVERAGES PROVIDED

CELEBRATE WITH FRIENDS, FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS

DANCE, EAT, SMILE

BYOB, BYOFRIENDS

CTY RD 18>LEFT ON CTY RD 15>LEFT ON RIVER
ISLAND DRIVE>LEFT ON ISLAND CLUB DRIVE

RSVP BOB AND LIS 908-868-5567

Follow up email will be sent for links to the online zoom meeting, and the vote online.