

# R E P O R T

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## *Message from the President-*

*By: Bruce Tobis*

Greetings, River Piners. Last month you would have received in the mail a copy of the rules that have been revised, and which are updates to several sections of the Handbook. Besides the efforts of the Board, a fair amount of co-owner input was considered, including an animated discussion at the Spring Meeting; the Board appreciates your taking the time to review those changes and offer comments, suggestions, and criticism. We hope that the result will be agreeable and effective, and contribute to maintaining the River Pines environment to everyone's satisfaction.

Recently, an engineering consulting company that specializes in roads was hired to do an analysis of our road structure and conditions; you may have seen markings on the pavement where they drilled the soil borings. The work has been completed and a report received, yielding information on the road construction and advice on maintenance and replacement; thankfully, there were no bad surprises. We had already had a road replacement plan in place, and we now have technical information to back up the plan, and to revise its timetable. The Architectural Control Committee will prepare a recommendation.

The final audit for 2015 was received from our accounting firm, and interested co-owners can request a copy from the management company.

Notes from the Architectural Committee meetings are now available at the River Pines web site. Starting at the home page, you'll find them under Board of Directors / Committees / Architectural Committee. The Architectural Committee reviews co-owner requests for building modifications, and also makes recommendations for the maintenance and repair of structural aspects of the common element.

The Grounds Committee will be spending part of its time during the remainder of this year thinking through a freshening of our front entrance. Nothing dramatic is intended, but it's been a while since any special effort has gone into the landscaping at the entrance, and so perhaps it's time to do so. If you have ideas or comments to offer, please send them to any Board member, or to the Grounds Committee via the management company.

Over the past few years we've settled into the habit of providing an update to the River Pines Directory with the December mailing from the management company. This year, our December mailing will include a full copy of the Handbook, incorporating the recent changes to the rules, along with the Directory. As part of this effort, we'll also try to improve the organization of the Handbook and reduce the number of errors and omissions in the Directory listings.

The Fall Association meeting will be held on September 21. At the meeting, besides presentations of information of interest and answering questions from co-owners, we'll be conducting elections to fill three Board positions. Please try to attend.



## **Excuse Us for Nagging**

**W**e've probably said this before, but it's worth repeating that one should drive safely. A recent incident at River Pines found a co-owner who was walking along the edge of one of our roads having to jump aside to get out of the way of a car. There shouldn't be unnecessary risk attached to living at River Pines, and the enjoyment of walking – popular with many co-owners – shouldn't be diminished by the chance of an accident.

This is a reminder for all to pay attention when driving and walking. Avoid texting and doing things that distract you from knowing what is going on around you in traffic.



### **River Pines Board of Directors**

<b>Bruce Tobis</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Jan Hall</b>	<b>Vice President</b>
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## **Welcome New Co-Owners**

*By: The Welcoming Committee*

**R**iver Pines would like to welcome to our neighborhood the following new co-owners. Please update your latest directory, with the information below.

***Keara Donohue***  
***35490 River Pines Court***  
***(248-719-3307)***

***Richard & Sandra Knezek***  
***21685 River Ridge Trail***  
***(313-929-8686)***

***Richard & Phyllis Nader***  
***35305 Lone Pine Lane***  
***(734-223-0898)***

### **CORRECTIONS**

***Mark Laktzian***  
***22175 River Ridge Trail***  
***(248-761-6328)***

## **Obituaries**

**I**t is with sadness that we report, we have recently lost one of the Founding Fathers of River Pines Condos, Herb Zane. Herb passed away August 1st, and a private mass was celebrated at Our Lady of Sorrows Church.



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# Lighting Committee

The River Pines Lighting Committee continues to enjoy a well-deserved popularity (perhaps because it is the only River Pines Committee that promises to never hold a meeting), and is pleased to report yet another new volunteer. The current Lighting Committee is:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Contact</u>
21780 - 22255 River Ridge Tr.	Frank Pilzner
Silver Ridge Ct.	248-426-6851
Lone Pine Ln.	Phil Plaga
Court Ridge Court	248-426-0143
Lancrest Ct.	PPlaga@yahoo.com
River Pines Ct.	Bruce Tobis
Blue Spruce Dr.	248-471-5981
River Pines Dr.	btobis@yahoo.com
Knollwood Lane	Tom Fifelski
	248-391-3918
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White Pine Tr.	Mark Laktzian
Red Pine Drive	248-761-6328
22265 - 22385 River Ridge Tr.	mlakt12@gmail.com
River Ridge Ct.	Al Uema
21615 - 21770 River Ridge Tr.	248-471-0438

The volunteers on this Committee replace burned out light bulbs in the two fixtures adjacent to your garage door. All that the co-owner needs to do is report a burned out bulb to the volunteer who is responsible for their location.

If you have a concern with the garage lighting, please contact the Committee chairman, Bruce.



# How to Protect Your Identity

1. Read your credit reports. You have a right to a free credit report every 12 months for each of the three nationwide credit reporting companies. To order, go to [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com) or call 1-877-322-8228.
2. Read your bank, credit card, and account statements, and the explanation of benefits from your health plan. If a statement has mistakes, contact the business.
3. Shred all documents that show personal, financial, and medical information before you throw them away.
4. Don't respond to email, text and phone messages that ask for personal information. Legitimate companies don't ask for information this way. Delete the messages.
5. Create passwords that mix letter, number and special characters. Don't use the same password for more than one account.
6. If you shop or bank online, use websites that protect your financial information with encryption. An encrypted site has "https" at the beginning of the web address, "s" is for secure.
7. If you use a public wireless network, don't send information to any website that isn't fully encrypted.
8. Use anti-virus and anti-spyware software, and a firewall on your computer.
9. Set your computer's operating system, web browser and security system to update automatically.

These tips are from the Neighborhood Watch program and are intended to give you some guidelines and information on protecting your information for identity thieves.



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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
*2016 Annual Meeting*

Wednesday, September 21st  
7:00 pm  
(6:30 pm - Registration)

Shannon Hall, The Costick Center