

RIVER RIDGE

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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DEAR PELICAN SOUND RESIDENT,

You are receiving this newsletter, as our records indicate that you own property or live within the boundaries of the River Ridge Community Development District (CDD).



Five Year Infrastructure Plan

The cost to operate the CDD is borne by those who benefit from its services. Property owners in the CDD are subject to a non-ad valorem assessment, which may consist of two parts - an annual assessment for operations and maintenance, which can fluctuate up and down from year-to-year based on the budget adopted for that fiscal year and an annual capital or debt service assessment to repay financing on community infrastructure and facilities.

Over the years, River Ridge CDD has made many infrastructure improvements. Improvements within the last 5 years include placing the Golf Course irrigation pump station, asphalt resurfacing on all roadways, stormwater management basins and the Phase I Paver Project.

As the community is aging and now over 20 years old, it is critical to start reviewing and evaluating the long-range planning of our infrastructure. This Long-Range Plan identifies projects for the next five years that are critical to maintaining and enhancing the infrastructure of the community, which is managed by the CDD. Other projects may become necessary and reviewed

Did You Know?

- The CDD encompasses approximately 629.46 acres.
- The CDD owns and operates 14 stormwater lakes encompassing 70 acres, 16 wetlands encompassing 46 acres and a dry detention system encompassing 18 acres.
- The CDD owns and maintains the roads, gutters and sidewalks within Pelican Sound. *(Paid for solely by Pelican Sound residents)*
- The CDD also owns roadside landscaping and street lighting along Pelican Sound Drive from US 41 to the gatehouse. *(Paid for by all residents of the CDD)*
- The CDD owns the roadside landscaping and street lighting and residential irrigation supply within Pelican Sound, however, these facilities are maintained by the Pelican Sound Golf and River Club by agreement with the CDD.

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within the next few years to be evaluated after the current projects are approved and completed. The projects will be reviewed and approved for on a fiscal year by year basis.

The CDD responsibilities within our community include, but are not limited to, storm water management, streets, sidewalks, community /golf irrigation systems, lake and wetland management. The Plan is a guide intended for planning purposes only. Funding for projects will be evaluated and may be accelerated or delayed based upon available funding. If there are significant changes involving scope, cost, and/or schedule to a recommended project, the River Ridge Board of Supervisors will re-evaluate it. All projects require approval by the River Ridge Community Development District Board of Supervisors.

2022 UPDATES

Despite the impact of Hurricane Ian, the District was able to accomplish the following in 2022:

ALL DISTRICT STORM WATER STRUCTURES WERE INSPECTED AND CLEANED IN JUNE 2022

The District's annual storm water system inspection and cleaning were instrumental in mitigating some of the devastation seen in other areas of Lee County as a result of Hurricane Ian.

NEW AQUATICS MANAGEMENT COMPANY

District Staff recently conducted an (RFP) Request for Proposals for the maintenance of the lakes and wetlands. After a thorough review process and consideration by the Board of Supervisors selected Premier Lakes as the new aquatics management company.

SPEED CUSHION & SIGNAGE NEAR CORSKSCREW ROUNDABOUT

In response to numerous residents appearing before the District Board of Supervisors and receiving countless phone calls and emails, the District elected to install a speed cushion and signage.

This was done as a traffic "calming" technique and also to help mitigate potential conflict points near the roundabout. The Board of Supervisors encourages all residents to follow and obey posted traffic control signage in the community.

The speed cushions were designed and installed so that they do not interfere with emergency vehicles entering or leaving the community.

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Rain Bird Irrigation Control System

The Revolutionary Diagnostics of the IC (Irrigation Control) System allows the golf course to monitor status and proactively resolve issues. This exclusive innovation prevents turf damage and saves time. The Rain Bird® IC System™ connects central control directly to every rotor and valve, providing exceptional course conditions, with unmatched water and energy efficiency. This project included replacing all irrigation heads 1,371 and irrigation stations throughout the golf courses.

Landscape Renovation

The District executed an extensive landscape renovation project in partnership with the Pelican Sound Golf & River Club during the 2022 budget year. This project was awarded to Hannula Landscaping & Irrigation through a sealed bid process.

Most of the current landscaping is over twenty years old, and it was imperative that the landscape materials are updated and modernized to retain the viability of our community. This project included updating the main roadways throughout the community including entrances to all neighborhoods.



Project objectives included but were not limited to: adding large flowering trees that primarily bloom during winter/spring; adding flowering understory to brighten shady areas and add contrast to palms; placing beds of color at strategic spots to add visual interest at intersections where vehicles stop and draw attention to pedestrian/golf cart crossings; maximizing visual interest at intersections where vehicles stop and drivers can see detail; increasing visibility and wayfinding; accentuate positive site features and buffer view shields to focus user on the positive features.



Future Projects

The District is currently reviewing future projects to enhance the beauty of the community, ensure our infrastructure is sufficient and functioning properly and securing the future of our community's property values.

