



# River Runner

The River Runner Homeowner's Association Newsletter – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2021

## River Run Homeowners Association

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#### **3B (Willowcreek aka Springbrook)**

Jan Stephens

#### **3C (Springbrook Collection)**

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#### **4 (The Island)**

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#### **5 (Pebblecreek)**

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#### **6 (Heron Cove)**

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## Fire Lane Reminder

**Fire Lane Reminder** - If you were living in River Run just a few years ago, you may have awakened to the smell of smoke from the Boise foothills fire. Depending on your vantage point, the glow of the flames around 2:30 a.m. on that June morning had many residents awake and out of their homes to determine whether the fire was at a neighbor's house. Across the river, the blackened hillside reminded us for weeks about how fortunate we were to have avoided damage to our homes and surprised at having a fire close you could feel its heat if you walked along the green belt that morning.

Life moves on, and it is once again time for barbecues, parties, weddings, remodeling, landscape projects, and regrettably, emergency services. All of these events, planned and unplanned, warrant further consideration about our shared responsibility for one another. The private lanes within River Run development are owned and maintained through Homeowners Association dues. We share the use of these lanes and our limited visitor parking. Our lanes are less than 29 feet wide. Parking in Boise is prohibited on streets of less than 29 feet wide from back curb to back curb to accommodate emergency vehicles, such as fire trucks and emergency medical vehicles. Over time, we may forget or not fully understand responsibilities codified in city ordinances (503.8 Boise City) and River Run covenants. If needed, most residents would welcome the expedient arrival of a fire truck or ambulance. Please keep parking limitations in mind as you enjoy the company of neighbors and friends.

Jan Stephens



River Run HOA Board Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (*excluding December & Holidays*) at 7:00 P.M. at the RRHOA Clubhouse. All Board meetings are being held Hybrid style. Those of you who are comfortable meeting in person may do so. Those that are more comfortable meeting on ZOOM may still do so. River Runs Annual meeting will be held in this format as well. The date for this meeting will be announced soon.

# Friendly Reminders



**Tennis Courts** - We are pleased to announce that the Tennis/Pickle ball Courts are ready for play! There are still some final touch-ups that need to be taken care of, but the courts are up and running!

**Walking Pathways** – Bikes and E-scooters are strictly prohibited on our pathways. Please be courteous so we can all enjoy “foot traffic” only on our beautiful walkways. New signs are going up soon to specifying that bikes, e-scooters, skateboards, and rollerblades are not permitted on our lovely paths.



**Dog Reminder** – Please remember to be a courteous neighbor and pick up after your dog. There are provided Mutt Mitts for picking up waste. Please dispose of them in a waste bin.



**Please Do Not Feed the Wildlife** – In accordance with the River Run Rules and Regulations (or in the Handbook) please do not feed the wildlife. This is for several reasons, but the two most important being;

1-wildlife will not hunt/forage for food on their own if humans feed them.

2- To keep River Run looking its best. Please see the article below regarding Goose population control issues.

Hello Everyone,

Remember: Feeding wildlife in River Run is prohibited.

We've noticed some of you are feeding ducks in riparian areas and so we ask you to please stop. Their little feet and bills wear down the grass and cause enhanced erosion. In fact, along one waterway we have exposed sprinkler pipes, a problem greatly accelerated by the damage done by ducks feeding on the bank.

Costs to refurbish and repair the banks come from our homeowner dues. As you know, we do all we can to keep our dues as low as we can and yet assure the maximum use and condition of all our amenities, including the beauty of our waterways. However, waterfowl accelerate bank erosion and encouraging them by feeding them throws a wrench in the gears of riparian management and our efforts to keep our dues as low as possible.

Thanks for embracing a "look but don't feed" philosophy!

**And about the Canada geese:** After considering opinions pro and con, the Board authorized temporary means to "haze" (in other words discourage) geese from nibbling on the newly planted red fescue along the bank of Lake Heron. For now, the efforts were successful. The grass is beginning to get some height (a natural deterrent to the geese) and the geese have molted and for the most part seemed to have moved elsewhere.

Sincerely,

**Joe Curry, Riparian Master**



## Who is that Man in the Mule and What Is He Doing for Us?

As a River Run homeowner you've undoubtedly seen Johnny O cruising about in the "mule," the slow moving vehicle that resembles a golf cart. And have you ever wondered what all it is he does for us?

Johnny O (John E. Osteberg) is a man of many skills and left his career in masonry to become our "Johnny of Almost all Trades." While he's available to be privately hired for odd jobs, most of his time in River Run he's focused on our common areas:

**He keeps our walkways free of trip hazards.** So when you see a place along a sidewalk where an edge has been ground down so a swell or sunken bit of concrete smoothly connects to the adjacent piece of concrete, Johnny probably did the grinding.

**He replaced the siding on the Recreational Center facing the pool.**

**Have you ever wondered how the debris that catches on the grates in the waterways gets cleaned out?** Or who it is who stealthily sneaks away some of the beavers' sticks along the weir walking toward the greenbelt? (You guessed it: Johnny. And our Riparian Master, Joe Curry, has a sixth sense about when some sticks can be removed to enhance the aesthetics of the weir without sparking a lot of beaver interest in "building back and building bigger." The trick, according to Joe, is to remove some of the debris the beaver lays along the weir, but not too much. When the accumulated beaver sticks reach a threshold, Joe alerts Johnny to thin out the beavers' stash.)

**Bigger branches not picked up by the lawn crew** most likely make it to the back of the mule to be hauled off by Johnny. And when the trees in the common areas are rife with suckers and shoots? He comes thru mid-summer and whacks them off.

**If you ever notice a lightbulb out on one of the common area lights,**

Contact Park Pointe Management Service through the portal or send them an email with a specific description (preferably with a picture) of the location of the light needing a new bulb. Johnny will get the bulb replaced the first moment he can.

Sometimes homeowners spot Johnny while he's working and approach him directly with questions or requests. But here's the thing: Johnny is constantly evaluating priorities of tasks and that is easiest for him when they are written down. Please reach out to Johnny O through Park Pointe Management Services.

If a sprinkler head has blown off and water is shooting straight in the air, but not posing a flood threat to your property, call Park Pointe during regular business hours. It's inconvenient and wastes water, but the situation isn't technically an emergency.

**Alert Park Pointe Management Services (preferably) through the portal at [www.portal.parkpointems.com](http://www.portal.parkpointems.com); or call and leave a message at 208-323-4022, if you spot a walkway trip hazard, a bulb out on a common area lamp, fallen tree limbs, or something amiss in one of our common areas that isn't a routine lawn care concern.**

### HERE ARE NUMBERS FOR IMMEDIATE EMERGENCIES

Medical emergencies      911

**Gas leak** Intermountain Gas Emergency Contact 800-548-3679 Intermountain Gas regular contact number 208-377-6840

**Water** Suez after hours emergencies & regular contact 208-362-7304

**Electrical** Idaho Power - report an outage 208-388-0824

## Board Member Introduction

### ***Marty Hurbi***

Marty is a US Army veteran and graduated from Washington State University. He was a practicing CPA in Spokane and Boise then moved into a finance role in banking. He earned his MBA at the University of Pittsburgh and worked in the banking industry while living in the Pittsburgh area for 30 years interspersed with two-year stints in Australia and Singapore. He and Tracy, who is from Boise, retired to Florida in 2015. They purchased their Lake Heron home in 2017 and have spent extended time here since then. They usually spend summers at Deep Creek Lake in Maryland where Marty is an avid water skier.

### ***Elizabeth Grosse***

Elizabeth moved to Idaho in 2016. She volunteered to be on the Waterside HOA board in 2019. She and her husband like living close to the river, amidst the wildlife and natural setting of River Run. Elizabeth looks forward to playing pickleball on the new courts.

### ***Stan Olson***

Stan and Connie Olson have been River Run residents since moving to Idaho in 2002. Both grew up in East Detroit, MI and have known each other for over 65 years and have been married (to each other!) for over 50. They raised their two daughters in Sterling Heights and Kalamazoo, MI before retiring from service in the Michigan public education system and moving west. Following five and a half years of public education work in Casper, WY, they came to the Treasure Valley to serve as educators in the Boise School District. After a total of 42 years of continuous public schools' employment both retired (again) from full-time work in 2010 with Stan, as Boise Superintendent of Schools, and Connie as a BSD Early Elementary Educator.

Stan continued to serve the public education field by providing consulting services to a number of organizations and school systems around the country. In 2011 he partnered with fellow retired Blaine County Superintendent, Jim Lewis and others to form Silverback Learning Solutions—an educational software firm which operated in Idaho and in 18 other states. In 2017, Stan was asked by the Coeur d' Alene Public Schools' Board of Trustees to serve as Interim Superintendent for the 2017-18 academic year to help support the District's efforts to hire an ongoing Superintendent, create an agreement to re-draw external District boundaries, revise the CDA Schools' budgeting process, institute an Interest-Based Bargaining program with CDA employee groups and several other identified tasks. Following this assignment, Stan happily rejoined Connie by retiring for REAL in 2018. Both now can practice their favorite hobbies (Connie—tap dancing and Stan—long distance fast walking) on a regular basis.

Boise and River Run solidified their hold on the Olsons as their two daughters and their families moved to the City of Trees over the past ten years. Each live and are employed in Southeast Boise 10-15 minutes from the Springbrook Lane mothership. Grandma and grandpa are overjoyed that their three grandchildren are students in the Boise School District and visit their grandparents 3-4 times per week.

Stan accepted an invitation to fill an open seat on the Board following an incident that continues to sting. A favorite mature willow tree that stood alongside the Olson backyard was chopped down and hauled away in a planned action without any notice or communication by the RRHOA. The tree removal, for which no one seemed willing to accept responsibility, angered the Olsons as well as many River Run neighbors. While expressing their outrage over the incident, Stan was offered the only remedy available at the time--put up or shut up! Thus, Stan was ushered into the position of RRHOA Board Vice-President and, as they say, the rest is history. Stan and Connie look forward to working

with their fellow neighbors and Board members toward better communication and to keeping River Run our city's most desirable place to live.

***Joan Scofield***

My husband Josh Crosby, and son Simon, returned to Boise in 2011 after first living here while on assignment for the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games from 2007-2009. We decided to plant roots in the beautiful neighborhood we remembered riding our bikes through, and still enjoy access to the Greenbelt and other amenities Boise and our amazing neighborhood has to offer. Remaining mostly a stay-at-home mom, I am also on the Arts and History Advisory Team for the City of Boise and director of the nonprofit arts organization, the ReUse Market in Garden City. I can't recall exactly how long I've served as phase representative but I know it's been at least six years and I'm happy to pass the torch to anyone willing :-)

***Jeremy Chou***

Jeremy has lived off and on in River Run for several years, first wreaking havoc at the Cottonwoods in 1986. After going out of state for schools and living in other areas, he realized the best place in the world was where he started – our community. He returned to River Run in 2015. He is married to Keri and has four juvenile delinquents – Julien 15, Colin 13, Cameron 9 and James 6. Jeremy is currently a lawyer at Givens Pursley. With the amount of kids he has, we will be working forever.

# Some Highlights of What's Happened Around the 'Hood During the Dog Days of Summer

**Street Light Outage:** The streetlight located on River Run Drive across from Pebblecreek Drive has is scheduled to be replaced by at the end of July.

**Clubhouse:** All windows have been washed and the carpets have been shampooed. It's been a while and the meeting room looks and smells better.

**Pool:** JC, our pool manager has been experiencing some challenges getting the necessary supplies/chemicals needed for the maintenance of the Rec center pool. Turns out there's an overall industry supply shortage. Who knew chlorine would be in short supply?

**Common Area Trees:** J. Ostberg has successfully removed the tree suckers from the common area trees. It's a once every summer task, but it's the sort of task where we notice if it doesn't get done.

**Street Sweeping:** One time each year we get our streets swept. It's another of those tasks that if we don't do it, our streets just don't look as good as they could.

**Landscaping:** Our Landscape Committee has worked hard, and Felix and his crew really rallied and rolled up their sleeves, to get landscaping around the tennis courts installed. Most recently, small stones around the perimeter of the tennis & pickle ball courts and between the pool and the courts have been installed. Evergreens will be planted between the pool and courts when temperatures cool down. The Landscape Committee has also developed a process for accepting common area proposals for projects by volunteers and has approved a Volunteer Waiver of Liability. The Committee has approved one common area volunteer project and has another project under review. The Committee is also compiling a list of requests from homeowners for consideration, depending on budget availability.

**Pool Area WIFI & Password:** You may have noticed that the old pay phone is gone, gone, gone. Instead, we have poolside WIFI. The password is: **RRHOA123**. Enjoy!

**Joan Scofield Scores a Win for All of Us:** Joan Scofield, the Springbrook 3 Board delegate, was tireless in her dedication on behalf of all homeowners as our "point person" for the tennis and pickle ball court renovation project.

There may have been 1000+ emails and phone calls between her and the contractor over the many months of preparation, construction, and completion, but only Joanie knows for sure.

A few "punch list" items remain for the contractor to complete, and then Joanie can truly relax and embrace the fullness of our gratitude for the extraordinary effort she made working with the Board, homeowners, and the contractor. The project was not without headaches, to be sure, and she's seen the project through to completion.

Thank you, Joanie, from all of us!

**Gail Kirkpatrick Pitches in to Update the River Run Handbook:** Periodically, when the Board has adopted changes in our governing rules, we update the River Run Handbook. The last update was in 2018 and the Board is grateful to 3C homeowner, Gail Kirkpatrick, for her willingness to review and update the Handbook. Revisions will be complete soon and homeowners will receive a hard copy of the Handbook, plus it will also be available on the River Run website and thru the Park Pointe portal. [RiverRunIdaho.com](http://RiverRunIdaho.com)

Updates will include references to our new Architectural Committee provisions about installing solar panels and our new Landscape Committee rules about how volunteers can propose landscape projects in our common areas.

While the Handbook doesn't include the full text of rules, it's a quick reference to let homeowners know when and how to go deeper to review our CC&Rs and Rules that have been adopted by the Board.

Thank you, Gail!



### **It's time to celebrate the opening of River Runs' new tennis and pickleball courts!**

Please join us on Sunday, August 22nd, for complimentary pickleball lessons with Boise's Pro in the Park, Duane Stotland. Intermediate to advanced lessons will run from 5-6 pm, followed by an introductory lesson for beginners from 6-7:30 pm. Drinks and appetizers will also be provided for all interested neighbors in the Clubhouse.

Please RSVP to [joan.scofield@gmail.com](mailto:joan.scofield@gmail.com) for either or both pickleball sessions, so we know how much equipment will be needed. Please also bring your own paddles if you have them.

## Community Online Portal

If you haven't begun to explore the Park Pointe portal, please visit our website at <http://www.portal.parkpointems.com> where you can submit a request for access into the portal.

Please allow 24-48 business hours from the date of your submission to receive an email with a link to reset your password to access the portal.

The "portal" is designed and will automatically send an email to notify you of important association related issues. Please DO NOT reply to the email notification, as the message is intended for notification purposes only. In order to view the attachments or access your account balance to make a payment, please "login" to the portal by using the following credentials below:

***Please visit <http://www.portal.parkpointems.com>***

- 1. - Click "Login" (in the top right corner) to access the Community Portal Owner Login Page.***
- 2. - Type in your email address.***
- 3. - Type in your password.***
- 4. - Click the orange "Login" Button to access your account.***

The community online portal provides access for Owner's to view their account and make payments, view and respond to violation issues view the association's Homeowner Directory, File a Neighbor Complaint, access important HOA related information, meeting minutes, corporate documents and more. You may also submit an AC request to the AC Committee for any improvements.

To make a payment, please click on the "Make a Payment" tab from the owner dashboard. There are several ways to make a payment using the online portal. Please select the payment option of your choice and follow the instructions. Please note there is a 2.95% third-party processing fee associated with any credit/debit card transactions. There is no charge to make a payment using the "one-time e-check" option or the "recurring e-check" option. You may also enroll to have payments auto-drafted from your account with no additional charges.

If you do not wish to use the portal to make a payment, you may deliver a check made payable to "River Run HOA" in the River Run Rec Center "Drop Box" located at 975 River Run Drive.

For security reasons, please click on the "My Contact Information" tab from the owner dashboard to update your contact information and password, if necessary. You may also want to update your "communication preferences" in regards to how association related communications and documents are delivered to you.

Please feel free to reach out to Park Pointe Management Services Monday – Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, excluding holidays, at (208) 323-4022 with any questions or concerns you may have or you may email the Association Manager Robyn Neice at [robynn@parkpointe.com](mailto:robynn@parkpointe.com) or the Assistant Community Manager, Misty Lorcher at [misty@parkpointe.com](mailto:misty@parkpointe.com).

We look forward to working with all of you and appreciate your support!