



# Riviera Gardens

Homeowners Association Newsletter

June 2024

## Board of Directors

During the April 25 board meeting DeDe Wade was appointed to the open Board seat as a director, and Chris Olson was ratified as secretary. The full board of directors and officers is as follows:

Jody Pettit, President  
Mark Graham, Vice President  
J.D. Baker, Treasurer  
Chris Olson, Secretary  
Dede Wade, Director

Following the April 25 meeting a Board of Directors Recap was sent electronically to all owners. Watch your email for a similar recap of the May 23 meeting. Additionally, copies of the President's introductory Power Point presentations from each meeting will be available on the RGHOA website. The most recent one can also be accessed electronically using this link: [Presidents Remarks Slide Show](#).

Mel Kuppinger reported at the May 23 meeting that our former roofing company, Western Roofing (no longer doing business in the area) provided a list of roofs they felt needed to be repaired and this tracks with what our reserve study calls for this year. We are in the process of getting 3 bids that can be reviewed by the Board.

A storage unit audit is underway, and we will soon know how many storage units are available and will notify those on the waiting list. Homeowners interested in being placed on a waiting list should complete the storage unit request form on the RGHOA website. Homeowners should also watch for a survey on gate usage later next week online via Survey Monkey. This will help inform the board of gate entry needs and preferences. Please note that Riviera Gardens' agreement with Frontier has been terminated, so the entry call boxes no longer are capable of calling homeowners from the keypads.

The board agreed on May 23 to suspend monthly meetings for June, July and August. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2024. Over the summer work will continue on projects outlined in the Presidents Remarks Slide show (link above) and on the RGHOA website.

## Riviera Gardens HOA website Updated

Our website at [www.rivieragardensHOA.com](http://www.rivieragardensHOA.com) is a vehicle for greater transparency through information sharing and data presentation. The website already contained vital contact information, access to our CC&R's and other community guidelines, newsletters, board minutes, and answers to frequently asked questions.

We have now added a Financials section that includes the monthly financial report the board receives every month from the accounting department at Powerstone. This includes the balance sheet and income and expenses for the month. We generally get these reports at the end of the month for the prior month.

Another new section is projects. We would like to have a concise blog posting format so that people can keep up with where we stand on projects like the electrical panels, roofs and the entry gates.

I want to thank Donna Asbury for her reorganization of the website and our webmaster Gavin Lendt for implementing it. Their changes make it easier to find answers in the Homeowners section. You will find a new sub-menu with the following headings:

Request for Service Forms	Financials
Reports	Policies
Projects	Minutes
Contact Information	

We aspire to provide an HOA dashboard of sorts that serves as a repository for the things that homeowners want to know. For example, we look forward to adding an architecture section with approved windows, doors, and balcony screens. It may take some time, but we are excited to share more information with homeowners.

*Article by Jody Pettit, President*

## Getting to Know Mario



You will find him onsite five days a week, working on a variety of projects that illustrate his familiarity with Riviera Gardens and his varied skills that include carpentry, electrical lighting, cement work, and general maintenance. Most recently he rebuilt and painted the structures surrounding the trash bins near buildings 16 and 21.

Mario has worked at Riviera Gardens for more than 35 years. Quiet and yet approachable, Mario takes pride in his work. When asked what he would like to say about his job, he simply said that “he appreciates everyone all these years, and the opportunity to serve in his position.” He is proud of his family, which includes one son who is a doctor, another son who is a motorcycle mechanic, and a daughter who is a dental hygienist. Two granddaughters of school age now live with Mario and his wife, the children of another daughter who sadly passed away a few years ago.

Long term Riviera Gardens residents recognize the knowledge of our property that Mario has built over the years. When you have the opportunity, take time to say hello and thank him for his work. However, homeowners are reminded to direct their maintenance requests through Powerstone to ensure that they are processed within the full scope of community priorities.

## Riviera Gardens Social Activities

### Friday, May 31

Opening Night for Palm Springs Power Baseball with fireworks following the game. Meet at the front entrance of the ballpark at 6:00 pm (look for the folks with a multi-colored golf umbrella) to purchase tickets and secure seats together as a group. Tickets cost \$10 (\$8 seniors) on-site.

The signs of summer are here – quiet, fewer neighbors, and long, hot, sunny days. We are taking a June-July break from scheduled Riviera Gardens on-site events. But we’d love your future involvement! If you have suggestions and would like to assist in the planning and conduct of future RGHOA events, please contact Donna Asbury at [dasbury67@gmail.com](mailto:dasbury67@gmail.com).

## Recycling Bins and Disposal Areas



Many residents have commented that when they go to recycle, they often find the recycling bin full to overflowing. But are you aware that there are three recycling bins within Riviera Gardens? They can be identified by the logo shown here. They are located as follows:

By Parking Gate 8, between buildings 2 and 6

By Parking Gate 1, by building 17

By Parking Gate 4, by building 13

Please refrain from stacking your recycling or trash on top of or outside of the bins. Carry your items to the next nearest available recycling or trash bin. Your cooperation is appreciated!

## Neighbor Spotlight

In this issue we are launching a new feature to build community by featuring short spotlights of fellow Riviera Gardens neighbors. Thanks to Meera Jain for initiating this idea with the following interview:

**Name:** Michael Wolf

**Hometown:** Cleveland Ohio

**How long lived at RG:** 16 years

**Favorite thing about RG:** I go out with friends in the hustle and bustle of downtown Palm Springs and then come home to the peace and calm and quiet of RG.

**Something you've done for your neighbors:** Over the years I've found my neighbors have been generally kind, considerate and helpful and I've always tried to be the same to them.

**Current or past occupation:** I'm a past teacher of various ages and subjects. Currently I volunteer for Revivals in Palm Springs.

**Hobby/Interest:** crossword puzzles to keep my mind active, decorating my condo, exercising and working out to keep physically fit.

**Recent movie or series:** The Crown and Bridgerton.

**Fun local thing to do:** I love to walk and explore new places.

**Favorite local restaurant:** Sammy G's, Bill's Pizza, Thai Smile, Loco Charlies-there's so many.



Would you like to recommend a neighbor for a Spotlight interview? Please email [meera.jain12@cloud.com](mailto:meera.jain12@cloud.com) with the neighbor's name, phone and email address.

## Pet Reminder

Homeowners are reminded that dogs are not allowed in the pool areas. Please also notify your guests and vacation renters so that we may keep our pools clean, safe, and enjoyable for everyone.

## Share the News!

The Riviera Gardens HOA newsletter is distributed every other month via email. Twenty-five additional printed copies are also placed throughout the community at the mailbox locations. Residents are reminded that submissions for the August newsletter (200 to 250 words maximum) are due by July 20 to Donna Asbury at [dasbury67@gmail.com](mailto:dasbury67@gmail.com).