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Dear Rivendell Neighbors,

The past two weeks have not only been filled with change on a national level, but here too in Rivendell. As the new Rivendell Community Association (RCA) Board of Directors, we write to clarify the situation in our community and inform you of the next steps in reorganizing our governing board.

Since October 31, three members of the Board have resigned, Ray Capuano, Steve Bragg, and Maureen Emmons.

Until our formal election in February the remaining two board members have assumed new positions. John Fitzgibbon, the former Secretary will hold the position of President, and Cathy Daignault, a retired CPA, will hold the position of Treasurer. Greg Volak, a long-time committee member and chair as well as an energetic volunteer in the community, volunteered to fill the vacancy that expires in February 2022, and was appointed by the board as Vice President.

With these three positions filled, we will be able to continue the business of the community. Please join all of Rivendell in thanking those Board members, who felt compelled to resign, for their service; however, we assure you that our new Board is united in its commitment to address the current issues in Rivendell. The top of our agenda is to continue the recruitment of qualified members of our community to serve on the Board and in key committee assignments. We invite anyone interested in serving our community to contact any one of us as soon as possible.

While this has been a tumultuous time for the community, we sincerely request that all of you seek to take the higher ground in your discourse regarding these changes. As in any community, we expect and welcome differing opinions; we only ask that those opinions would be offered and accepted in a respectful and civilized manner.

As residents we have much for which to be grateful. This is a beautiful neighborhood, blessed with ponds, wetlands, and mature foliage, all of which attract wildlife and connect us with nature. Recent home sales have reached new highs in prices per square foot and new lows in time in the market — both indications of how desirable this development is, as well as how valuable an investment our homes are for each of us. We have lovely amenities, and we plan to immediately find new paths to opening up our pool and playground for the community's benefit, use and enjoyment.

We all recognize that this has been a stressful year, which has included the politicization of Public Health; the increased tensions caused by quarantine and the closing of our pool, as well as the stresses induced by all we do to survive the COVID 19 crisis. We have truly learned that our homes and neighborhoods are our sanctuaries. It will always be our hope and intent to earn the trust and respect of our community.

We all sincerely look forward to reopening our facilities and provide, once again, a safe environment in which to exercise, play, relax and socialize. If you are able to help us, please step forward and make your intentions known. If you are not able to help yet, please be patient. We all look forward to "growing" Rivendell Together.

Thank you

Rivendell Community Association Board of Directors

John Fitzgibbon - President

Cathy Daignault - Treasurer

Greg Volack - Vice President