Dear River North Residents,

We are going to attempt to do something that has been discussed for a very long time in River North. The board has voted to try and consolidate the two boards to form one community.

It's something you might not know about, and truthfully, it's the silliest thing you will ever hear. This community is divided into two boards – River North Association and River North Communities. There are two sets of covenants, two sets of guidelines for residents to follow, depending on which side you are on. Chances are you don't even know which side you are on, since it's easy to assume the community is under one umbrella.

Unfortunately, it's not. That's why there are two sides of the joint board that each have three members. It makes zero sense. Some who have been around for a long time have not wanted change, and were misinformed about the ability to consolidate the covenants. It is time for that to stop, and it is time we all got on the same page in this subdivision. We need symmetry and consistency in River North, for everyone inside the gates to be in ONE community.

Therefore, over the next few weeks, we will receive a set of new covenants created by our attorney, who is experienced in home owners' associations. We will then have a period of time where you can review the documents at the back office. Then, the board will vote to ratify the new covenants and have the residents vote on the matter.

It's time to get updated to 2022. These covenants were written in the 1970s. Basic infrastructure has changed to where we need new covenants, but more importantly, we need for every resident to be apart of one community. We do not need separation, but to be represented by a board who represents everyone, instead of simply a part of the community.

So, be on the lookout for additional information in the future. This will take a lot of work the next few months, and we may need you to call on your neighbors to get them interested in this. Participation in not always good, but this will require many residents to support this.

Thank you, But Shry la

Bill Shanks

On behalf of the joint River North board