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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTE

Hi River Run Neighbors,

2021 is now in full swing – the year we've been waiting for! For many of us, things likely remain much the same. Lives have been impacted so much throughout the COVID-19 crisis, and River Run neighbors are still spreading positivity, which I *love*. Do you know a neighborhood hero? An essential worker, a nurse, a doctor that has been on the front lines? Maybe it is you! I'd love to feature a story on one of our neighborhood heroes in an upcoming issue, so please reach out.

It's been almost a year since everyone's world stopped, shifted, and changed. I challenge you to embrace the upcoming spring armed with the awareness and strength that 2020 gave us. Have you found some zoom schooling hacks? Some fun, socially-distanced and local things to do? Please reach out to me and share them with your neighbors, they would love to know.

River Run neighbors have told me they love going through the magazine and seeing all the pictures, but I can't make that happen without help. I put in almost every photo I receive when putting together the monthly publications. Don't be left out; send in some candid shots and I will include them in the next issue!

Tara Marshall

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River Talk Editorial Deadlines:

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RIVER RUN ASSOCIATION *UPDATE*



Respectfully submitted
for the RR POA by
Nancy Vendley

The River Run Property Association is holding virtual board meetings due to COVID and recently met on January 13, 2021. We meet on the second Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Please contact a board member if you would like to volunteer or contribute ideas. The roster of officers was approved in the December meeting and they are listed below.

River Run Property Owners Association Officers:

- President – Mickey Pettus
- Vice President – Marv Lich
- Secretary – Nancy Vendley
- Treasurer – Jon Donahue

Chairmen:

- Appearance – Dennis Dutton
- ARC Approvals – David Neeland
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- ARC Standards – Mickey Pettus
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Just as you maintain your home and yard, your River Run Property Owners Association is constantly working on improving the entire community. Your half-acre yard requires constant attention and upkeep. Recently the developer has handed over 14 acres to the River Run Property Owners Association. We currently are responsible for 109 acres of common area. Most of this is left natural (about 60%), but a lot requires constant grooming with grass cutting, flower planting and tree pruning. In addition, we replace pine needles twice a year, maintain the entrance monuments and lighting,

repair playgrounds and the fountain. Enjoy a recent photo of the fountain with icicles before the water was cut off for the year. It's a big job and we'd love your input and volunteer time.

After a lot of evaluation by the appearance committee, board and our consulting group, Carolina Land Consultants, Cortes Landscaping was selected to maintain the entire community. The Links section of River Run has selected Providence Landscape Group for their lawn maintenance. We hope you enjoyed the beautiful holiday lights this year and recently purchased and replaced broken decorations. Please contact Dennis Dutton if you'd like to help with the holiday decorations next year. He can be reached at **dennisdutton1@me.com** or **(704) 797-1748**.

General Updates

A no outlet sign was requested from the Town of Davidson to be placed on Stuttgart Road. The Architectural Approvals Committee approved numerous items with 29 pool requests in 2020. All residents should have received a printed copy of the updated Homeowner Helpers distributed by the Block Captain volunteers. They were placed inside your paper box and an eblast was sent to all residents alerting them to watch for it.

Appearance

Overall, the property is in good condition. All the entrance monument walls were pressure washed and cleaned. The grass will be treated for weeds and start looking better by spring. Over the last month the crews concentrated on:

December Tasks

- Routine cutting and maintenance slowed and the entire property was cut before Christmas.
- Fall flowers replaced. Deer Scram applied to all beds.
- Fungicide and fertilizer applied.
- Leaves blown and removed.
- Trails blown and leaves cleaned up.
- Christmas lights installed at all entrances and Parting Oaks Park.
- Additional lights purchased and installed last minute.
- Parting Oaks pruned before needles applied.
- Fountain shut down as needed for cold periods.

January Tasks

- Pruned all areas of the community.
- Lifted trees along Dembridge and Phase V.



- Cut back all seasonal grasses.
- Spread mulch in all playground areas.
- Spread mulch in beds as needed.
- Spread pine needles in all areas.
- Removed all holiday decorations and stored properly.
- Completed project on Dembridge to eliminate wash out.
- Cleaned up sidewalk at Old Arbor.
- Cleaned up Stuttgart wood line in two places.
- Repaired tire ruts at Parting Oaks entrance, tracks in the Bermuda turf along Davidson Concord Road.
- Two Cherry trees at Parting Oaks will be replaced in January.
- Three Crepe Myrtles are also here and will be planted.

Will Kuyvenhoven has been working tirelessly to review the Hammock Lane Pond Dam over the last few months. Soils engineer and a civil engineer inspected the dam and found it to be structurally stable at the dam site. The team is working to improve the aesthetic elements when water levels are low.

Property Owners Association vs Home Owners Association

There are differences between a Property Owners Association (POA) and a Home Owners Association (HOA). Most are subtle differences, but others are significant. A POA is not limited to the type of building or property owner that it governs. Whereas an HOA is about a community of the same type of properties, a POA is usually a mix of property types, including owners of single-family residences, and businesses owned by non-residents. Also, the goals of a POA are very different, too, focusing more on the marketability of the

property and the community, rather than the consistency of residences compared one to another.

River Run is the former, the River Run Property Owners Association (RRPOA). We represent all homeowners (residents) and property owners (non-residents), and businesses (non-residents) in maintaining and improving the Association's "common property" for assuring the maximum marketable value possible for our development.

Our governing documents are the Covenants and Restrictions and By-Laws of the River Run Property Owners Association. The developer formed the River Run Property Owners Association 31 years ago, reserving certain rights and privileges as the "Declarant," and transferring others to the Association Board of Directors. We are not a Home Owners Association.

However, in an effort to be transparent to residents and our membership, we publish the Home Owners' Helper, offering guidance for our residents concerning the approval of requests for changes and improvements to their property, while offering interpretations of the governing documents where applicable. It is those interpretations that the River

Run Board of Directors seeks to manage in a consistent but fair manner. We have established standing committees to aid the Board of Directors in approval of exceptions as the course of normal business.

Many of the River Run residents have not experienced representation by a POA. Entities like HOA's, Cooperatives, Condominium Associations, etc. are much more familiar.

"The River Run Property Owners Association represents all homeowners (residents) and property owners (non-residents), and businesses (non-residents) in maintaining and improving the Association's common property for assuring the maximum marketable value possible for our development." – President, Mickey Pettus

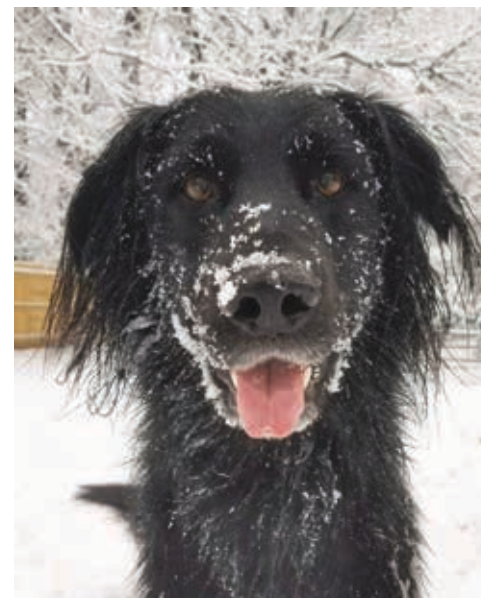
Eblast Signup

River Run Property Owners Association meets the second Wednesday of every month. If you

are interested in volunteering for anything, please contact a board member.

Please refer to the River Run Property Owners Association Website for details on home improvements or modifications at www.riverrunpoa.net. We ask that you "self-select" to enroll and access the features of the website at riverrunpoa.net. Mary Churchill, our Property Manager from First Service Residential Carolinas, Incorporated can be reached at **(704) 527-2361** or **mary.churchill@fsresidential.com**. Please contact Mary if you move or need help registering for our updated website.

Every time there is a Property Owners Association event, signs will be put throughout the community – "River Run Property Owners Association Event." In order to receive eblasts from the POA, please send your email address to Nancy Vendley at **nancy.vendley@allentate.com**. Last year, the community received 24 eblasts.



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the MACHAN family



neighbors, COVID-19 hit making it challenging to go out and meet new people. The family just joined the River Run Country Club last month, and are looking forward to meeting their neighbors.

Melissa works as a nurse anesthetist and Stephen is a software engineer. Jonathan takes after his father and has the mind of a young engineer. He enjoys playing Minecraft and other online games. Julianne and Jonathan have taken taekwondo lessons since they were each 3 years old, and both kids take piano lessons. Julianne also does ballet and is artistically inclined: she loves music and arts and crafts.

The Machans have game night almost every night, whether that's board games, virtual reality, or playing with their gaming systems. They also love to relax at home, enjoy each other's company, and watch a movie as a family. Melissa always tries to keep everyone active and get the whole family outside. In her free time, Melissa loves to check out furniture consignment stores and find great bargains!

When it comes to music, Melissa loves listening to classic rock. Her favorite groups are Fleetwood Mac and The Rolling Stones. Her husband has complete opposite taste and prefers rap and heavy metal. Melissa and Stephen's favorite television shows are *Better Call Saul*, *Breaking Bad*, and *Veep*. Julianne

and Jonathan love cooking shows like *Nailed It!*, *Zumbo's Just Desserts*, and *Top Chef*.

Their favorite restaurant in the area is Flatiron on Main Street. A family favorite at home is Sunday gravy with spaghetti, which is Melissa's favorite meal to cook. Her kids also love a simple butter pasta dish. When Melissa is not working weekends, the family loves having "Big Breakfast," which is a special weekend breakfast where the whole family gathers and cooks together.

The family's favorite vacation spot is Beaver Creek. The Machans love skiing in Colorado, but Beaver Creek is the best location because the ski school is close to the mountains and the area is very family-friendly. Julianne and Jonathan have been on skis since they were 2 years old!

The family loves getting to know their friendly neighbors and appreciate that the River Run neighborhood is very community-oriented. During COVID, it has been so helpful that the community has an online presence: Melissa loves using the community Facebook group to try various recommendations from her neighbors. The Machans love that their neighbors spend so much time outside, and people greet each other on the street.

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Meet your neighbors: Melissa and her husband Stephen are parents to 7-year-old Julianne and 9-year-old Jonathan. The Machan family moved to the River Run neighborhood last summer from South Florida.

The family loves to ski, so they moved to North Carolina to be closer to the mountains. They love North Carolina for the cooler weather and visible seasonal changes, both of which they missed out on in Florida. The family enjoys spending time outdoors, especially hiking. Melissa also loves going for runs.

When the family was looking to move to North Carolina, they didn't have any family or friends in the area but just drove around the River Run neighborhood and fell in love with it. The Machans spent a majority of their few months unpacking and setting up their new house, and just when they were ready to get to know their



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PICKLEBALL

A SPORT GROWING IN POPULARITY

By Erin Papakostas

Have you heard about pickleball, the fastest growing sport sweeping the U.S.? Picture it as a crossover between tennis, badminton, and ping pong.

Pickleball is played on a mini tennis court with paddles and a ball similar to a wiffleball. Players volley back and forth across a net. There is a short learning curve to gather the basics of pickleball, so anyone looking for a fun sport and camaraderie with the community should definitely consider playing. Pickleball is enjoyable no matter what level you play, and it is also highly addictive! Unlike sports that require time to learn strategy before enjoying the game, pickleball is easy to pick up.

George Husk is Director of Racquet Sports for River Run Country Club and recently received the Charlotte Pickleball newsletter's monthly MVP (Most Valuable Pickler) award. He observed a growing interest for pickleball back in 2018, and after attending a Racquet and Paddle symposium in Orlando, FL, George came back to the Club and started the initiative to grow pickleball in River Run. The first step was lining all courts at the country club with pickleball lines. There are currently six outdoor courts and eight indoor courts; the River Run Country Club has the largest number of lined pickleball courts in the area.

As a certified pickleball instructor, George conducts a 45-minute clinic on Tuesdays to teach the basics and fundamentals of pickleball. The Club has also created several pickleball programs so that club members can join together and play. George coordinates "Dudes,

Dinks and Drinks," a men's night that meets on Monday and Wednesday nights and "Responsible Dinkers," a pickleball event on Tuesday evenings reserved for women.

Though many club members organize their own playing groups based on level, the Club-sponsored pickleball nights allow for more intermixing between levels, adding to the social aspect of the sport. One Friday a month, the Club organizes "Four-D Night" pickleball parties, where members across levels join together to play. They have dinner and play three rounds of the game: first, a couples round and then two rounds of men and women's doubles. Over the summer, the Club also organized a "Couples and Cocktails" evening on Sundays for couples to play together.

In March of 2020, the Club held a pickleball tournament, which hosted over 120 players from the area, including one of the top ten female players in the world, Corrine Carr. The River Run Country Club also welcomed the Jonny Pickleball Show, where a top-20 player came to the club and did an exhibition for members. The Club will soon launch a youth pickleball program and extend the opportunity for teenagers to join a pickleball league. George is currently working to organize a teen pickleball night.

Pickleball is a very social sport and while some members relish the competition, pickleball is fun whether you win or lose. If you're considering picking up the sport, join a pickleball clinic or set up a lesson with a certified instructor — you won't regret it! For membership information, contact Membership Director Diane Roberts at 704-892-4633.



Sunday "Couples and Cocktails" during COVID.



Photo from a pickleball tournament held in March, pre-COVID.



One of the pickleball member parties.



Two RRCC members Bonnie Newel and Jayne Kline posing with Top-20 male PB player Johnny Pickleball. We hosted the Johnny Pickleball show at River Run on June 12, 2020.



Photo from the pre-COVID March pickleball tournament in the River Run indoor facility — there were seven courts set up with a full player's lounge.



George Husk and Corrine Carr.



Corrine Carr played in the pickleball tournament hosted by River Run. She is one of the best female pickleball players in the world.



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Lady ELOISE



Just look at that little face! Lady Eloise, or “Ellie” as she’s affectionately called, is just 9 months old.

“She’s an amazingly lovable and affectionate French Bulldog and a wonderful addition to our family,” said Elise Wehrum who is one of the humans in the house.

The other humans include Jason Wehrum and their two adorable girls Emma (9) and Alexandra (7). Some families have a special breed that they love and French Bulldogs are it for the Wehrums.

Before Lady Eloise, they had Frenchie Miss Petunia for 12 sweet years. After she passed, they couldn’t let much time go by before filling their roly-poly shaped hole in the family and on July 30, they welcomed Ellie into their lives.

“After months of searching, we adopted her from the Charlotte Dog club with a kind recommendation from a family friend who had a good experience there,” Elise said.

When they first got her, she barely weighed five pounds. Ellie could fit into the palm of a hand! Since being in

her new home, she’s put on 16 ounces and Elise says she’s such a character.

“At the time we named her, Jason was watching *Game of Thrones* and we believe that heavily influenced us all settling on calling her ‘Lady Eloise,’” said Elise.

Ellie is a cuddly and delicate little lady who is always close by so she can snuggle up day and night. Elise says she has a mischievous side, too.

“We frequently catch her tunneling under the girls’ beds to steal one of their favorite stuffed animal friends or under our couches to explore her limits,” said Elise.

She’s not getting into trouble *all* the time. When she needs a break, Ellie

will cuddle in someone’s arms or take a nap in her tiny pink bed.

“Emma and Alexandra love to play dress-up with her,” Elise shared and added that they’re not sure if Ellie likes it as much as the girls. “But she’s a great sport!”

Jason works for a software firm and Lady Eloise is his executive assistant who makes many appearances on Zoom calls from the home office. Elise says they’re best friends and can be found most evenings binge-watching shows together.

“Having Lady Eloise has been one of the greatest joys anyone can ask for,” Elise said and the photos alone suggest that and more.



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Emma and Alex Wehrum with their mom, Elise.



Holiday fun at the Wehrum house! Emma (10), and Alex (7), with their dog, Lady Eloise.



Emma and Alex Wehrum show off their gingerbread houses!



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Ridgely Chapman

SEEKS CHANGE WITH NON-PROFIT GLOBAL MINDS UNITED

By Erin Papakostas

2020 was a tumultuous year, a year when Americans reckoned with topics of racial injustice and political discord. Ridgely Chapman, River Run resident of 10 years, sought to create a program designed to help individuals create change on a larger scale by first understanding their own biases and prejudices.

Ridgely Chapman is a Psychoanalytic Developmental Psychologist who works with the Harvard Graduate School of Education Think Tank on Global Education. She gained recognition in the community through her work as Executive Director of Solace for the Children, and in 2019 became the President/CEO/Founder of a non-profit called Global Minds United.

Ridgely recognized the urgency in developing a program like Global Minds United (GMU) when she was traveling around the U.S. as a guest speaker on the topic of innovation and peace-building between 2015 and 2019.

“What I was seeing and hearing was a polarization of individuals within

the United States, an erosion of empathy, and an inability to dialogue differences,” Ridgely commented.

Creating change can seem overwhelming, but Ridgely hopes to show individuals how to make change within their own communities instead of remaining complicit. That is what GMU strives to teach; their mission, Ridgely revealed, is to build a community of competent, compassionate, and active global citizens.

The program is trifold, offering training, professional development, and consulting for global diversity and inclusion. There are six GMU training modules: implicit bias and diversity, building identities, human rights, dialoguing differences, conflict resolution and peace-building, and finally, implementing change. In addition



Hough High Global Minds United Initiative- Training and consulting for Teachers, Admin., Students and Parents at Hough High School. Photo credit: Camille Hughes.



Ridgely Chapman, Founder and CEO of Global Minds United. Photo credit: Camille Hughes.

to these modules, GMU offers consulting to help schools and businesses build diversity and inclusion committees, and a Think-Act program for students, providing them with the opportunity to turn their passion into action.

Last year, GMU worked with Davidson Day School to implement implicit bias and global education training. Global Minds United has since received two new partnerships with William A. Hough High and Carolina Independence Soccer Club to carry their message to young minds.

“I think it’s really important to note that with Global Minds United we are not a check-the-box solution,” Ridgely said. “The importance of Global Minds United is that it’s extended out over a period of time because to make change, you really have to take it slowly.”

The GMU program is coordinated over a two-year period.

Along with the topic of race relations, Global Minds United also tackles comparative religion, political preference, and gender equality. In a letter to the parents of Hough High, principal Dr. Laura Rosenbach wrote: “Over the next two years [Global

Minds United] will work with staff, students, and parents to address the root cause of actions based on implicit bias and bridge an understanding between what we feel, subsequently think, and how we act in response. We will provide our expertise and explore how to cultivate permanent change in an individual through an open, constructive, and fact-based dialogue.”

As a parent to three students attending Hough High, River Run resident Darci Frahm expressed her excitement at the potential of GMU’s impact on the community: “Global Minds United will work with Hough’s students, staff, and parents to chart a school-specific plan to actively pursue a community where every individual is seen, heard, and respected.”

In past years, Hough High engaged in several efforts to address racial injustice, including a parent task force and an organization called “Huskies Against Hate,” which is a teacher-run

diversity and inclusion committee. As a leader on the parent task force, Darci explained that GMU’s partnership with Hough will allow these various committees to work together toward a common goal. “Partnering with Global Minds United creates an unparalleled opportunity to weave a thread of unity, education, opportunity, and continuity through all the programs at Hough,” Darci contributed.

Ridgely hopes that Global Minds United’s partnership with Hough will demonstrate the benefits of GMU to other organizations who are looking to make changes in their communities. She commented, “Our partnership with Hough is really a moment of us being trailblazers...I think that what we’re doing is really at the forefront because our society is at a tipping point.”

For more information about Global Minds United, please visit <https://globalmindsunited.org/> or email info@globalmindsunited.org.



GMU Training Team – From left to right. Kristen Enwright, Dawne Kakitsis, Ridgely Chapman and Tara Jaketic. Photo credit: Camille Hughes.



Peninsula Community Foundation – from left to right Darci Frahm (Hough Parent and River Run neighbor), Dr. Rosenbauch (Principal Hough High), Ridgely Chapman (GMU Founder and CEO and River Run neighbor), Mary Jones (Peninsula Community Foundation board member), Vince Altamura (Peninsula Community Foundation board member). Photo credit: Camille Hughes.

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PRENUPTIAL AGREEMENTS

The Last Fling Before the Ring?



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By Sodoma Law Attorney Carrie L. Quick

Premarital, prenuptial, or any other word you want to use — they all mean the same thing. As the new year begins, those couples who experienced engagements and happily ever after moments start ramping up their planning and making waves about the “big day.” As a family law attorney, one piece of important information that is often overlooked during the excitement is the one about protecting assets and planning for the future!

Often during the planning process, people can get scared or uneasy when one party brings up the thought of having to sign a prenuptial agreement. But I’m here to tell you that there’s no reason to be scared. These types of agreements are often a



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protection to both parties and can help put parameters in place should a separation and divorce arise in the future, which can save people both time and money in the long run.

So, what are these agreements we often hear about right before the big wedding day, and why should you consider one? Prenuptial agreements can include lots of things, but perhaps most importantly they often include provisions that protect your current assets and ensure you can keep those things you entered the marriage with as your own, even if you and your significant other separate later. The family law arena is rarely black and white, but you can control what is considered “marital” property and what is not to some degree by defining those things that both spouses bring into the marriage, what happens if you use those separate things during the marriage, and what happens to those things in the event of a separation and divorce in the future. Those things can include retirement accounts, investments, businesses, personal property, real estate, and other potential rights.

Prenuptial agreements can also dictate how “marital” property or accounts will be divided should you separate. Marital property is defined by state law, and each state differs somewhat as to how marital property is defined, so it is important to talk with a family law attorney to make sure you understand the ins and outs. There are more advantages to a prenuptial agreement than most people realize. For example, let’s say you marry and live in a state that defines marital property as anything you acquire from marriage to separation, and it is equally divided 50/50 at the time of divorce; but 10 years from now you relocate with your spouse to a state that defines marital property by some other definition that may not be favorable to one of you. Your prenuptial agreement could override state law where you are divorcing due to definitions and already predetermined distribution factors that you and your spouse agreed upon – years ago – while you really liked each other and were clearheaded enough to enter into a well-thought-out and considered agreement.

It is important to remember that prenuptial agreements cannot just be a verbal agreement to each other that you expect the other spouse to uphold later when things are not as sweet between the two of you. They must be made in writing, executed according

to the requirements of the state, and a full financial disclosure of both spouses is usually required. It’s generally recommended, and possibly even required depending on the state, for each person to have their own attorney to ensure the agreement is voluntarily executed and agreed upon.

Entering into a prenuptial agreement also encourages couples to have the sometimes uncomfortable conversations about finances and their goals for the future. Finding out today what goals you and your spouse share (or don’t share) will help ensure you are beginning your chapter as a married couple on the same page.

Just as important as your wedding day – is your personal financial protection! Talk with a family law attorney before tying the knot so you can lay the foundation for a strong future regardless of what lies ahead.

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18530 Green Knoll Trace	River Run	\$850,000	\$835,000	12/29/20	42	4	3.1	3,856	\$216.55
19200 River Crossing Boulevard	River Run	\$839,000	\$839,000	12/22/20	0	4	3.3	4,207	\$199.43
18569 Carnegie Overlook Boulevard	River Run	\$600,000	\$605,000	12/18/20	5	4	3.1	2,981	\$202.95
18911 Craggy Meadows Court	River Run	\$729,900	\$729,900	12/18/20	0	4	3.1	3,319	\$219.92
16310 Neff Knoll Lane	River Run	\$1,000,000	\$970,000	12/14/20	12	4	3	3,192	\$303.88
19015 Wildcat Trail	River Run	\$1,175,000	\$1,202,000	12/03/20	4	5	4.1	5,922	\$202.97
19602 Grand Slam Drive	River Run	\$530,000	\$524,500	12/01/20	4	3	2.1	3,017	\$173.85
18425 Indian Oaks Lane	River Run	\$665,000	\$730,000	11/17/20	0	4	3.1	3,444	\$211.96
15640 June Washam Road	River Run	\$1,450,000	\$1,450,000	11/10/20	0	5	4.2	4,569	\$317.36
18603 Silent Falls Cove	River Run	\$800,000	\$800,000	11/09/20	0	5	3.1	4,073	\$196.42
18901 Gainesway Court	River Run	\$875,000	\$872,500	11/09/20	3	5	4	4,193	\$208.08
18515 Carnegie Overlook Boulevard	River Run	\$620,000	\$620,000	10/26/20	0	3	3	3,803	\$163.03
13267 Robert Walker Drive	River Run	\$535,000	\$530,000	10/13/20	17	3	3	2,997	\$176.84
18414 Carnegie Overlook Boulevard	River Run	\$630,000	\$618,000	10/08/20	25	3	2.1	3,186	\$193.97
4128 River Run Circle	River Run	\$200,000	\$195,000	10/02/20	0	3	2	1,398	\$139.48
17304 Royal Court Drive	River Run	\$825,000	\$825,000	10/01/20	7	5	4	4,320	\$190.97
13404 Robert Walker Drive	River Run	\$875,000	\$875,000	09/30/20	0	4	3.1	3,621	\$241.65
18850 Dembridge Drive	River Run	\$554,600	\$546,000	09/15/20	5	5	3.1	3,051	\$178.96
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