

## **Riverplace Subdivision Mailbox Replacement**

One of the responsibilities of the Home Owners Association (HOA) is the management and maintenance of the mailboxes. Having uniform and attractive mailboxes throughout the subdivision adds to the appearance and property value for all residents.

The current wooden mailboxes are over 25 years old and ending their useful life. The wood is rotting and they are requiring increased maintenance to repair and maintain. At the same time the board has had difficulty finding competent sources to perform the work when required. The contractor that originally created the boxes no longer exist and other companies that used to perform the maintenance have refused our contracts.

When the board asked Joseph Craig, the builder for Riverplace Subdivision, for advice he recommended going to metal mailboxes that are maintenance free. This is what he has done in his Vineyards subdivision off Adams road in Troy. The board accepted his advice and proceeded to investigate and selected a supplier to replace the current mailboxes, Special Lite products through their direct sales and implementation company Forsite Mailboxes, Signs and Amenities.

Our new mailboxes will be made from a sturdy cast aluminum design along with stainless steel hinges and hardware. There is nothing to rust. The only required maintenance is to wash them off a couple of times a year like you would your car to remove accumulated dirt or road salt.

If a box is damaged due to a car accident, etc. replacement parts are readily available and repairs can be made through Forsite or DIY. The design quote and installation configuration is pictured below followed by a picture of the Specialty Lite Catalog Cover. The pictured mailbox on the cover is a sample but not an exact replication of what we have ordered.

If a mailbox is damaged due to an accident, it is the homeowners responsibility to arrange for and pay for repairs. In most cases there are insurance settlements from an auto or homeowner's policy. Contact information is on the Contractors page for where to buy parts and arrange for repairs. After installation, the HOA only responsibility is ongoing maintenance, which should be very little given the new design.