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Rivendell's 2013 Board of Directors: Bobby Merrill, Curt Kennedy, Nancy Schubert, and Walter Perkowski.

Highlights of Board of Directors Meeting February 4, 2013 By Carol Heckert

Editors' Note: The "Highlights" are not the final approved minutes. The Minutes of the February 2013 Board Meeting will be voted on by the Board of Directors at the next scheduled meeting.

The Board of Directors held a brief meeting following the Annual Meeting.

- Bobby Merrill and Walter Perkowski were approved as Board members, following their re-election to a second term.
- Board members will continue to serve in the same capacity: Curt Kennedy, president; Nancy Schubert, vice-president; Walter Perkowski, secretary; Bobby Merrill, treasurer.
- Committee liaisons will remain the same: Nancy Schubert, ARC; Walter Perkowski, Maintenance; Bobby Merrill, Communications.
- Committee chairpersons will be approved at the next Board meeting.
- The next Board meeting will take place on April 1 at 6:00 PM.

Highlights of Annual Meeting & General Election February 4, 2013 By Pam Babbitt and reviewed by Bobby Merrill

Editors' Note: The "Highlights" are not the final approved minutes. The Minutes of the Annual Meeting and General Election will be voted on by the Members and Board of Directors at the next Annual Meeting (2014).

At this meeting:

- Two Directors were re-elected. They are Bobby Merrill and Walter Perkowski. They join Curt Kennedy and Nancy Schubert as members of the Board of Directors.
- Surplus Budget Funds from 2012 were rolled over to 2013.
- A Board vacancy was announced because of the resignation of Bruce Lorie.

Election Process

Kyanne Merrill, Lighthouse Property Management, explained that there were only two open

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MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

By Jim Stepien, Chair

The entire Maintenance Committee (MC) and I wish to first congratulate Walter Perkowski and Bobby Merrill on their re-election to another term on the Board of Directors, secondly Walter will remain the Board liaison to the MC, and thirdly I am pleased to again chair the MC with the same group of dedicated volunteers that we had last year (Bill Bloom, Nigel Day, Dave Gill, Sallie Hawkins, Carol Heckert, Carole Myles, Carl and Nancy Schubert). We intend to continue improving the maintenance of our community and we would like to ask for more homeowners to volunteer to work with us on our endeavors.

At our meeting February 6th, we reviewed and discussed maintenance items that have arisen since our last meeting, the most significant being; pool heater problems, irrigation main line break, electrical short in the street light system, palm tree trimming and entryway fence repair and cleaning. All were repaired/completed in a timely manner.

The routine maintenance of our lakes/ponds is being handled in a very efficient manner by Aquatic Systems with no unanticipated problems. The same can be said for Aquagenix work in our preserve, wetland and buffer areas. We are in compliance with all regulatory requirements.

We then reviewed some areas of concern that we will be dealing with this month:

1. The cleanup of the two remaining parks (Village and Crescent);
2. Tree trimming, mostly oak and pine, that are located on common lands that are overhanging

residences that could prove dangerous in high winds;

3. More Oak tree pruning over roadways and sidewalks;
4. More items related to pool shower control, pool heater problems, and pump shed landscaping.

The MC volunteers agreed that we need better documentation related to the various RCA assets that the MC works with. Individual members will review the following items:

1. update a map to indicate all common land areas that are a part of the landscape contract;
2. update a map to indicate all preserve, wetland and buffers that are part of the preserve contract as well as the lakes/ponds included in the lakes contract;
3. map location of all irrigation well, pumps, circuit breakers, relays timers, etc.;
4. map location of all community electrical streetlights, landscape lighting, meters, circuit breakers, etc.;
5. inventory and map location of other physical items: fencing, playground equipment, signage;
6. inventory the pool equipment to include pump ratings, filter make and model, and furniture; and
7. inventory any other items purchased with RCA funds.

When completed the documentation will be given to Lighthouse Management for the use of future community Boards, committees and volunteers. This documentation will be available for review by any homeowner.

The next MC meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Cottages Clubhouse.

Seeking Homeowners interested in Appointment to the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors may appoint a resident to fill a vacancy on the Board.

Qualifications for Board of Directors include the ability to work well with others, good judgment, and a desire to serve the community.

Submit a Letter of Intent (brief statement stating your interest & qualifications) and your **photo** to

Kyanne Merrill at Lighthouse Property Management

kyannemerrill@mgmt.tv 966-684

Reporting Covenant Violations By Nancy Schubert

Uniform compliance to our covenants is a win-win situation. We have a unique, beautiful preserve community that should be taken care of within county and state preservation laws and regulations. It is essential that all residents adhere to our Association's covenants. Upon the purchase of our homes, we all voluntarily signed that we would uphold our Association's covenants. Our covenants may be considered a type of home/neighborhood equity insurance.

If you wish to report a violation, especially one that cannot be observed in the daytime such as overnight street parking, or a truck or basketball hoop in a driveway overnight, you should submit a time/stamped photograph to Lighthouse. Time/date stamped photographed evidence of the violation and location helps to ensure that a mistake is not made. Also state the house number and the object of the violation. A compliance reminder will be sent to the homeowner detailing the situation that needs to be remedied or addressed. Often our neighbors are unaware that they have a violation. Once a compliance letter is received, they are usually quick to take action to remedy the situation.

The Board is often asked to suspend or change covenants on a temporary, individual or situational condition. For clarification: neither the Board of Directors nor any of our committees can change any covenants or by-laws. Only a two-thirds majority vote from the Homeowners Association can change a covenant. The Board and committees are committed to upholding the covenants, by-laws, county, state and country laws.

We reflect our pride in our own homes and the community by abiding by our own covenants.

Rivendell Board Meeting
NEXT BOARD MEETING
WILL BE
April 1st, 2013 6 p.m.
at Historic Spanish Point

Dates, times, and locations of Board and Committee meetings are based on the information available at the time of publication.

KUDOS to Judy Sokal From the Members of the Communications Committee

Judy Sokal has stepped down as Communications Committee Chair due to time constraints in her personal life. Her tenure began in 2010 and from then on she was an active and enthusiastic advisor and troubleshooter either as ComCom chair or, after being elected to the Board of Directors, as Board Liaison to the Committee. Her unfailing good humor, creativity, and appreciation for the efforts of the entire staff will be missed. We are happy that Judy will continue to be active in writing and editing articles for *The Woodlands Word*, and we wish her the best in all her future endeavors.

Carol Heckert, an extremely capable, astute leader, has been nominated to replace Judy as ComCom chair.

Did You Know?

Water Aerobics Class continues to meet
at 10:00 a.m.
on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.



Community Pool on Rivendell Boulevard

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Wintering in Finktown

By Richard "Digger" Vogt

(Reminiscences by a Rivendell neighbor)



Digger, his Dad, and sister Janet

I grew up in a neighborhood called Finktown in the city of Peekskill, New York, on the banks of the beautiful Hudson River. Life there in the '30s and '40s was quite a challenge in the winter. For one thing, the iceman didn't make his frequent trips to sell those 25- and 50-cent pieces of

ice. Most people put their perishables outside in the cold to keep them from spoiling. In our house, we just moved the whole icebox out to the back porch.

The coal man, usually covered from head to toe with coal dust, visited often. We had a bin in the basement where the coal was stored. He shoveled the coal from his truck into canvas bags and then dumped the bags into a chute leading to the coal bin. I'm sure it must've been really tough work.

Coal supplied what heat we had, with an occasional kerosene stove added here and there in some of the houses. When we went to bed, my father would bank the furnace, slowing the rate of burn to the point where there was little or no heat coming out of the central register. Man, it got cold in the bedrooms! I was visiting my cousin one winter day in his bedroom, and I saw a glass of water on the dresser frozen solid.

Large families like mine usually slept three to a bed. We would throw our coats on top of the blankets to keep warm. Dogs were more than welcome, too. When we got up in the morning, we'd run downstairs to stand on top of the central heat register, which by then was starting to put out some hot air after my father had opened up the damper.

Kindling wood was needed to start the fires in the house, and a good source was the grocery stores.

Oranges, lettuce and such were transported in wooden slatted boxes in those days and discarded after they were emptied. My father would pay me 5 cents a box to retrieve them, so I would go downtown and bring home a few piled high on my wagon or sled. Sometimes, when pickings were scarce, fights would break out for salvage rights. I tried to avoid that. I had four older brothers, who provided insurance against anyone trying to pummel me.

All this burning of coal in the homes resulted in barrels of ashes. First the ashes had to be sifted through a screen and the unburned "clinkers" of coal salvaged to be burned again. The rest of the residue was saved for sidewalks after a snow or ice storm, when they would provide traction for pedestrians.

A snowstorm meant great sledding down Grant Avenue. After the city workers came up and sanded the street so the traffic could make it up the hill, we would just get our shovels out and cover the sand in the middle of the road with snow and then continue our fun. In those days, the snow on secondary streets wasn't carted away. There would be huge piles of it, and we kids were always building forts and igloos—safe havens during the many snowball fights. Penelope Pond was our chosen place to ice-skate. We used to call what we did "ankle skating," because the skates in those days didn't give much support to the ankles.

One of our favorite games on the ice was crack the whip. A long line of skaters would hold hands and then build up speed until the lead skater abruptly stopped or changed direction, which would cause all the rest of the line to tumble into one another and fall down.

A huge bonfire was usually roaring on the edge of the pond, with an endless supply of wood obtained from an abandoned house across the street. It was a perfect occasion for those boys interested in the fairer sex to meet their possible life mate.

In the winter, listening to the radio was the main form of entertainment, with an occasional movie at the Paramount Theatre thrown in. *The Shadow*, *Gangbusters*, *Jack Benny*, *Fibber McGee & Molly*, *The Fred Allen Show* and many more provided hours of pleasure as we all crowded around the radio on those cold nights.

As winter neared its end, my father always bought baby chicks and raised them to sell to the neighbors.

He would house them in a coop in the backyard, usually with a kerosene stove in the coop to keep the little critters warm. One Palm Sunday morning, the stove must have malfunctioned, and the coop burned down with all the chicks inside. It was a sad day, to say the least.

But on Easter Sunday, Nicolina Fotino called my sister, Janet, and me to her store and presented each of us with two live chicks in colorful boxes. Gestures like that are what made Finktown such a great place!

Yes, wintering in Finktown required tenacity and a lot of covers on the beds, but we always had fun taking on the elements.

Medical News You Can Use

Beware Triclosan

Submitted by Ed Lin, edited by Judy Sokal,
 excerpted from Smithsonian Magazine
 08/2012

I have never believed in the indiscriminate use of antibacterial soaps, or the myriad of other “antibacterials,” that can actually accelerate the evolution of resistant microbes. Considering the evidence, it would be prudent to check for this ingredient in your cleaning products, and discard those that come in contact with your body, like soaps and shampoos.

A new study indicates that Triclosan, a chemical commonly found in hand soap might be harmful to muscle activity. Since its development in the 1960’s, it has been found increasingly in hand soap to mouthwash to toothpaste, not to mention multiple household products and even toys and bedding.

In recent years, research has begun to shed light on the problems associated with the high use of Triclosan. It can disrupt the endocrine system of several different animals, which prevents the thyroid hormone from functioning normally, and it can penetrate the skin and enter the bloodstream more easily than previously thought. Triclosan has turned up in aquatic environments and even in breast milk.

Additionally, Triclosan has been linked to weakness in the heart muscles of certain animals and may be responsible for exacerbating heart problems in patients with underlying conditions.

Basically, antibacterial soaps are no more effective than a good hand washing with soap and water. So everyone - wash up, and get rid of the Triclosan products in your home.

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Saturday - 10 a.m. to noon

PLACES TO GO: VENICE ROOKERY

Information from Norma Lee Rhines, Charles Sample, and the website:
<http://veniceaudubon.org/rookery>



If you are seeking a wonderful and easy place to view a wide variety of birds, the Venice Area Audubon Rookery is open to visitors from dawn to dusk every day. The best times to see or photograph birds are early morning or late afternoon.

The Rookery island is small enough so that from the shore you hardly need binoculars for a clear view of the birds. You can easily walk around the edge of the lake and watch bird activity on all sides of the island.

During nesting months (usually beginning in December and lasting through May), daytime activity includes Great Blue Herons, Great Egrets, Anhingas, Snowy Egrets, Cattle Egrets, Glossy Ibises, Green Herons, Tricolored Herons and Black-crowned Night-Herons busily building or enhancing nests, courting, incubating eggs, and raising chicks. The nesting season is busy but the Rookery has avian visitors year round. Nesting species and others (such as White Ibises and Little Blue Herons) flock to the island at sunset to roost for the night.

The photos in this article were taken at the end of January 2013. The following describes what will occur during the next few months: The first to nest are the Great Blue Herons at the end of November and they stay through March. In January the Great Egret begins to build its home, which continues through to April. The Anhinga is usually the last to nest by taking over the nests built by others, which sometimes goes into June. The Snowy Egrets are

erratic in the times they start and end. You may see Glossy Ibis and the Tricolored Heron too. The Black-crowned Night Heron and the Green Heron nestle in the interior branches of the rookery, which is out of view for the visitor.



"Should this stick go here ...?"

How to Get to the Venice Area Audubon Rookery:

Turn off of US 41 (Tamiami Trail) onto Annex Road located at the R. L. Anderson Administration Building. Continue on Annex Road and you will see the Venice Audubon Center on your right. The Venice Area Audubon Rookery is a short distance past the Center on the right.

From I-75: Use exit 193 and merge onto Jacaranda Blvd. and continue to US 41. Turn right (north) onto US 41 (Tamiami Trail), go 1/8 mile, turn left onto Annex Road at the Anderson Sarasota County Administration Center. Follow Annex Road past the Venice Audubon Center to the Rookery on right. The address is 4002 S. Tamiami Trail (at Annex Road).

Phone: 941-496-8984

Email: info@veniceaudubon.org

Website: veniceaudubon.org

The Venice Rookery is a volunteer project. A secure donation box at the Rookery will accept

contributions. If you visit the website, a checklist of birds can be downloaded.

Venice Audubon Center Programs

All meetings take place at the **Venice Audubon Center**, 4002 S. Tamiami Trail on the 4th Tuesday of each month, except the 2nd Tuesday in May. The social starts at 6:00 PM and the general meeting and program follow at 6:30 PM. **March 26: Birds of the Galapagos Islands** by Barry Rossheim, a zoology teacher. Barry will discuss the significance of the Galapagos Islands as a showcase for adaptive radiation. In July 2012, he visited this archipelago and he will share his experiences searching for endemic species.



The Anhinga is drying its wings. Photos by Brian Babbitt

HEY - WATCH OUT!
That low-hanging branch from your tree is ready to smack someone in the face. It also makes it difficult for vehicles such as mail delivery and waste management.

Please trim low-hanging tree branches that are over mailboxes and lampposts.

The Sarasota County Tree Ordinance requires that trees be trimmed to at least 10 feet above a public sidewalk and to at least 14 feet 3 inches above a roadway.



Designing Women Events

March 5 Ambassadors' Guild Fundraiser: "Out to Lunch with Designing Women"

\$95. Keynote speaker Clint Hill, author of bestselling book 'Mrs. Kennedy & Me' with co-author Lisa McCubbin. 11:30am, The Francis Ballroom, 1289 N. Palm Ave., Sarasota. 941-366-5293

March 20 Ambassadors' Guild Evening Performing Arts Winter-Spring Series

\$35. Perlman Music Program Suncoast. Starts 6:30pm. Refreshments. Private shopping 5-6:30pm. 941-366-5293

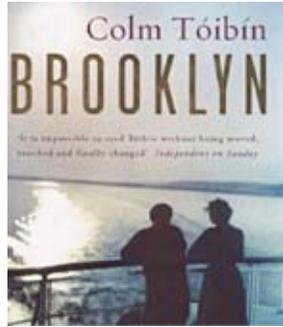
To RSVP or for Sponsorship information, please call our event line. Visit our shop or visit us online. Your payment secures your reservation – Cash/Credit/Check

Event Line: 941-366-5293 1226 N. Tamiami Trail at 13th Street, Sarasota
www.designingwomenboutique.org

Book Group Schedule By Marilyn Probert

The Book Group will meet on Monday, March 11, to discuss *Brooklyn: A Novel* by Colm Toibin. This is the story of Eilis, a young Irish immigrant who, with the help of the family priest, comes to America and settles in Brooklyn. As she learns to adapt to a new culture, she sends home glowing reports about her new life, but she glosses over many of the difficulties she has endured. When a death in the family forces her to return home, she faces a dilemma: stay in Ireland and resume her old life, or return to Brooklyn and her new life.

Janet Berntsen will lead the discussion at Anita Sarno's home at 713 Fordingbridge Way. Anita's phone number is 918-1669.



The topic on May 13 will be *Caleb's Crossing*, a novel by Geraldine Brooks. Set in Martha's Vineyard in the latter part of the 1600's, Bethia Mayfield, the daughter of a Calvinist minister, meets Caleb, the son of a chieftain. They become friends, but conflicts occur when their worlds collide.

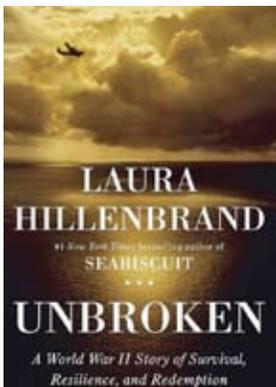
All Rivendell residents are welcome at Book Group gatherings. We meet at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month; please call the month's hostess if you'd like to attend.

GULF GATE LIBRARY HAS MOVED

Gulf Gate Library has moved to a temporary location at Westfield Sarasota Square Mall. The temporary location opened on Tuesday, February 19.

The Gulf Gate Library closed its doors at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 19, in order to move to the Westfield Sarasota Square Mall, 8201 South Tamiami Trail, next to J.C. Penney. The mall location opened **Tuesday, Feb. 19**, and will serve as the library's temporary home while a new Gulf Gate Library is built at Curtiss Avenue. The mall location offers free parking and the same SCAT route.

During the transition, Sarasota County library patrons are encouraged to use any of the eight other libraries located throughout the Sarasota County. Users may access the entire library system catalog, view the events calendar and reserve items anytime on the library system website, www.sclibs.net. For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000.



The topic on April 8 will be *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption* by Laura Hillenbrand. This is the life story of Louis Zamperini, a young juvenile delinquent, whose rebellious nature became tamed when he discovered that he had a talent for distance running. This led to participation

in the 1936 Olympics; although he didn't medal, he gained worldwide acclaim when he staged a come-from-behind effort that made him famous as a "fast finisher."

Zamperini enlisted in the Army Air Force in 1941, and in 1943, having survived the crash of their plane, Louis, "Phil" Phillips, and "Mac" McNamara found themselves floating on a life raft with very little food and no water. They subsisted on rainwater and small fish which they ate raw. After 33 days Mac died; on the 47th day Louis and Phil landed on the Marshall Islands and were immediately captured by the Japanese Navy. What followed were two years of torture and beatings that made their life on a raft seem like Paradise.

Elaine Roeter will be discussion leader, and Linda Pearlstein will host at 1085 Mallard Marsh Drive, phone 966-1533.



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"Residents Helping Residents" is a new feature of our newsletter. It will help replace the previous "Service Provider Recommendation" and "Classified Ads" columns. The "Residents Helping Residents" will feature services and special prices that are provided to and by Rivendell Residents only. It also includes our teen businesses. The Classified Ads Column will be printed when there is a one-time item for sale or something of a similar nature (Garage Sale).

BABYSITTER: Natasha Nielsen, Pine View School freshman, can watch your child while you go out or help with homework. Polite and responsible. **Call 941-966-1419.**

LAMPPOST REPAIR: Rivendell Resident **Bill Bloom** is offering lamppost repair services. Is your lamppost light staying on? Charge is \$40 for parts, labor and cleaning. Replacing a burned out bulb is \$12 and this includes new bulb and cleaning. **Call 941-918-8386.**

THERAPY DOG VISITS: I have a white German Shepherd Therapy Dog available for FREE visits to anyone in the neighborhood who is disabled or would like a therapy dog visit. Our Geno is a three-year old Canine Good Citizen and trained Therapy Dog. **Diane Pastva, 412-596-9633.** dep_78@hotmail.com

COMPUTER REPAIR AND INSTRUCTION: Very reasonable flat charge and hourly rates. Rivendell Resident **Gary Mruz** has thirty years computer experience, call **941-786-6019** or email gary.mruz@gmail.com

PET SITTING AND GENERAL HELP: Eve Day, 941-780-2912. College student and long-time Rivendell resident who has successfully provided pet sitting services for three years. Will also run errands, help with routine office or household work, etc. Will follow all instructions and pricing is very reasonable. Letters of recommendation are available.

MOTHER'S HELPER/BABYSITTER: Sivan Yohann, 966-7766. Pine View student would love to play with your toddlers after school while you're trying to get dinner ready, or babysit your kids so you can have a well-deserved evening out! I am extremely friendly and responsible!

GUITAR LESSONS: Daniel Yohann, a Pine View junior, is offering private guitar lessons. Daniel is an accomplished guitarist and experienced teacher. One-half hour or one hour lessons are available. Reasonable rates. **Call 941-375-1242.**

CLASSIFIED ADS

LCD Monitor For Sale: 19in Hanns G TFT LCD MONITOR with install software, user's manual and power cord. Excellent condition: \$50.00. **Call Marty 941-918-8987.**

Rivendell Residents

Please send your name, phone number, and a description of the service you can provide to other Rivendell residents.

Email your information to Kay at siestakeysunset6@gmail.com



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
Sunday, March 10

(Annual Meeting Highlights continued from pg.1)

Board terms and two candidates who submitted letters of intent. The Board has the authority to appoint someone for the vacancy created by the resignation of Bruce Lorie. The Board will consider letters of intent sent to LHM. There were no nominations from the floor.

Nominating committee members were Mike Bergman, Barb Gahry, Carol Heckert, Dave Tomer, and Nancy Schubert – Board liaison.

Reports

Treasurer's Report

Bobby Merrill, Treasurer, reported that revenues were higher than budgeted by about \$18,000 because of fines paid for violations. Receivables are still a problem with \$36,000 past due (foreclosures). The RCA has \$112,000 to "roll over" to the next budget year. There are approximately six foreclosures in the community and about fifteen past due balances.

Committee Reports

Maintenance Committee by Jim Stepien

Landscaping:

- Fence by Cottages has been repaired and cleaned up.
- Streetlights have had some shorts; an electrician has been contacted.
- Taller palm trees (200) have been trimmed. Still more to trim during the next few months.

Pool:

- Restroom stalls are finished.
- Pool solar panel leak has been repaired.
- Problems with pool heating. Unsure if it is the heat pump or the control panel. Pool Company has been contacted.
- The RCA water bill has been higher - possibly due to a problem with the pool auto-fill.

Contractors:

- No problems with Aquagenix or Aquatic Systems.
- Sun State Landscape Management has changed; Kevin Hartman is the new Rivendell supervisor. A few irrigation leaks are being repaired.

Other:

The main irrigation pump shed (north end of Rivendell Lake) has been rebuilt with longer lasting materials and will receive plantings to shield from view. There is a leaky valve in the pump shed.

Questions for the Maintenance Committee from the Home Owners:

Question: Is there a schedule for landscape maintenance of the parks?

Response: No, because the rate of growth for areas varies.

Question: What is happening with the lake levels?

Response: Aquatic Systems has removed much of the grass material from the Littoral zones. They will request a proposal to plant more pickerelweed.

Q: Will the lake shoreline by Rainbow Point Park be trimmed back?

R: Committee will review.

- A discussion followed regarding what the County prefers versus what the County requires.
- It was suggested that only one Rivendell Board Member should be in contact with the County regarding regulations.
- An access easement along the lakes is needed for treatment of algae.
- An estimate from Sun State will be obtained to maintain the area around/behind Crane Pond.

Q: Meadow Sweet Circle Sign light has been out for a long time.

R: This will be taken care of and will also trim the hedge.

Other Information:

- New sod replacement along Rivendell Boulevard has been damaged. This land is shared with Pine View School, so need to determine who is responsible for damage.
- Waste Management trucks hitting low hanging branches of oak trees. Homeowners need to trim low hanging branches, especially on Scherer Way, Golden Pond, and Fordingbridge Way.

MC meetings: 7:00pm the first Wednesday of each month at the Cottages Clubhouse.

Architectural Review Committee

by Gwen Stepien

November 27, 2012: 5 applications and 5 approved.

January 1, 2013: 10 applications with 8 ap-

proved and 2 denied.

January 29, 2013: 2 applications and 2 approved.

The ARC thanked Joe Sefack who is retiring from the ARC.

Next ARC meeting: Tuesday, February 26 at 6:00pm, Cottages Clubhouse.

Communications Committee: No report at this time.

Some Homeowner Concerns:

Discussion ensued regarding various problems that have been repeatedly reported to LHM and the Board. Concerns included: trucks and cars parked overnight on the street, speeding, and trampolines.

General Response to Concerns:

Kyanne Merrill stated that Lighthouse neighborhood inspections are conducted from the street only and during the day. If problems are noted they must be brought to Lighthouse's attention by homeowners in order to be addressed. The RCA Attorney has recommended submitting photos with time and date stamps to document the offense/violation.

Nancy Schubert added that we are not a gated community and the roads through Rivendell are County roads. The Association cannot tow cars/trucks for overnight parking violations. Residents should document with photos or obtain license plate number and call the County or Sheriff for speeding or traffic violations.

Walter Perkowski requested that LHM contact the County to erect an electronic speed sign.

❖ **Next scheduled Board Meeting is Monday, April 1 at 6:00PM at Spanish Point.**



Audience at Annual Membership meeting on February 4, 2013. ~ photos by Kay Mruz

**Haiku
By Judy Sokal**



CONTEMPLATION

Contemplating clouds
They float in an azure sky
Life rushes by me



**Maintenance Committee
Meeting**

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE
March 6th, 2013 7 p.m.
at the Cottages Clubhouse**

**Rivendell Directory 2013
scheduled for April delivery by
your Block Captain.**

More details to come!

**Please contact Barb Gahry
at 941-586-3936 or bgahry@aol.com
to change your phone number, email
address, or to make other changes to the
Directory.**



ARTS and EVENTS IN SARASOTA Mark Your Calendar



12th Annual Downtown Venice Art Classic

March 2nd & 3rd, 2013, Saturday & Sunday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

The 12th Annual Downtown Venice Art Classic is set up along West Venice Avenue in Downtown Venice. This festival brings together a collection of favorites and some of the newest contemporary artists providing a diverse range of artwork for buyers to choose from. Free Admission.



Key Chorale of Sarasota Cirque des Voix

Key Chorale, Circus Sarasota & Sarasota Young Voices, along with the Cirque Orchestra present the beauty of the human voice with the strength of the human body at Cirque des Voix.

Performance Dates

March 08, 2013, Friday 7:30pm

March 09, 2013, Saturday, 2:30pm

March 10, 2013, Sunday, 1:00pm

March 10, 2013, Sunday, 5:00pm

Location: Sailor Circus Under the Big Top at Tuttle Ave. & 12th St.,
Sarasota, Florida.

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The Sarasota Ballet to Dance With Belle Canto By Judy Sokal

Belle Canto, with dancers from The Sarasota Ballet and the Chroma String Quartet, will present its second annual Singspiration concert “**Singspiration Meets Dancespiration: Music In Motion**” on **March 17, 2013**, at 7 pm in the newly renovated First United Methodist Church, 104 South Pineapple Ave., Sarasota as part of its Music Fine Arts At First Church concert series. The tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door for \$10.

This exciting concert was the brainchild of Belle Canto conductor and artistic director Elizabeth Goldstein who recognized the exciting possibilities of dancers from The Sarasota Ballet interpreting the music of her singers and instrumentalists in live performance.

Belle Canto’s Singspiration concerts are held every March in celebration of **National Women’s History Month**. The programs feature the work of great women in the arts, science and literature. Some of this year’s women of note include Mother Theresa; composers Dr. Gwyneth Walker, Libby Larson & Lili Boulanger; ballerinas Margot Fonteyn & Anna Pavlova; scientists & engineers Sally Ride, Christa McAuliffe & Marie Curie, and women’s rights advocates Elizabeth Cady Stanton & Rosa Parks.

This year’s concert is sure to be a feast for both the eyes and ears with the addition of The Sarasota Ballet and Chroma Quartet. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling 941-955-0935.

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Minutes Architectural Review Committee 01/29/2013

Attendees: Gwenda Stepien – Committee Chair, Nancy Schubert – Board Liaison, Joe Sefack, Shirley Borean,

Guest: Bill Straw

The ARC meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with a quorum of 3 Committee members present.

The minutes of the prior ARC meeting were reviewed and agreed as written.

The following applications were reviewed and decided for action.

ITEM	ADDRESS	WORKPLAN	RESOLUTION
1.	533 Meadow Sweet Circle	Remove old bushes, replace with 4-foot picket fence.	Resolved: Approved Motion: Gwen Stepien 2 nd : Shirley Borean
2.	589 Meadow Sweet Circle	Bahama Style Hurricane Shutters painted same color as house installed on East and West side of house.	Resolved: Approved with stipulation. Motion: Joe Sefack 2 nd : Gwen Stepien Note: Homeowner must remove shutters from home at the end of Hurricane season. Homeowner has agreed to this stipulation.

ARC meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm. Next Meeting: February 26, 2013.

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

meets the **last Tuesday** of each month at 6:00pm

Location: Cottages Clubhouse

Applications are due to Lighthouse Management by the **third Tuesday** of each month.

NOTE: The ARC recommends that applications be received one week before the next meeting.

Applications received after the monthly date will have to wait until following month.

REMINDER: If you are submitting an ARC Application Form for Landscape changes, you must attach a copy of your Site Plan (also called a Survey of Lot or Plot Plan or Plat). Your application will NOT be reviewed without a copy and this would delay your work. The Site Plan should show names of specific plants and locations for proposed landscaping or fencing.

Dates, times, and locations of Board and Committee meetings are based on the information available at the time of publication.

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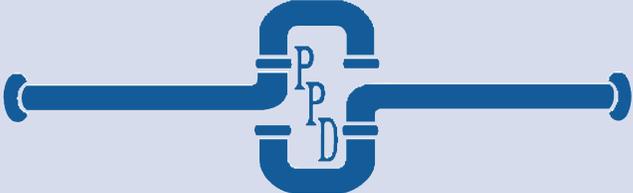
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