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June 2021



Rivendell Calendar of Events - June 2021

Due to Covid-19, many events and activities are being held remotely in the month of June. Most groups are meeting virtually via Zoom. Occasionally there may be additional board-related meetings that may also be scheduled. For the most up-to-date information check the Rivendell website at www.rivendellcommunity.com

June 3 and 17...Bridge Group meets the first and third Thursday of the month. Contact Barbara Loe at 651-398-2256 for more information.

June 9...Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held via Zoom. Instructions to participate will be provided closer to the meeting date.

June 10...Communications Committee meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held via Zoom. For more information contact Kristine Nickel at 941-918-0016 or kristine@nickelcommunications.com

June 10... Watercolor in the Woodlands is held the second Thursday of the month via zoom from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. All experience levels welcome. Contact Maria Ilioff at 607-427-4192 or milioff85@gmail.com for more information.

June 14...Rivendell Book Club will meet via Zoom at 7:15 pm. Details to be provided closer to the meeting date. The book under discussion is *The Vanishing Half*, by Brit Bennett. Contact Adele Kellman at adele.kellman@gmail.com or 908-464-7003 for more information.

June 15...Rivendell Book Club II will meet via Zoom at 7:00 pm. The book under discussion is *The Patron Saint of Liars*, by Ann Padgett. Contact Maria Ilioff at 607-427-4192 or milioff85@gmail.com for more information.

June 15...Maintenance Committee (MC) meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held via Zoom. For more information contact Chuck Pertile at noplans12@gmail.com or 847-337-3710.

June 24...Rivendell Euchre Group plays the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. For now the group will play online using the Trickster App, which has audio and video capabilities. For more information or sign on instructions contact Mike and Annie Francis at 585-749-0430. All are welcome!

June 29...Architectural Review Committee (ARC) meets the last Tuesday of the month at 4:30 pm. The meeting will be held via Zoom. For more information contact Greg Warner at 941-504-1710 or greg1790@gmail.com

Social Committee is canceled for May. Contact Carolyn Kenney at kenneycsrq@gmail.com for more information.

Mix and Mingle Social at the Rivendell Community Pool has been put on hold. Contact Kathy Halaiko at halaiko@yahoo.com for more information.

Dine In and Dine Out Groups are canceled for May. For more information contact Kristin Ellison at kristinellison1@gmail.com

To make additions or corrections to the Calendar of Events, please contact Lesley Sterling at 703-919-0744 or lesley.sterling@yahoo.com



Follow Simple County Rules for Fertilizer and Irrigation Help Control Nutrient Runoff. Keep Our Ponds Healthy.

By the Rivendell Ponds and Preserves Committee

Summer is almost here and so is the rainy season. Stormwater runoff washes nitrogen and phosphorous from fertilizers into our ponds and bays and can cause damaging algal blooms which harm aquatic life (think of the beaches littered with dead fish from the red tide a few years back). **Be a part of the pollution solution!**

To help control fertilizer runoff into County waters (which includes our ponds), Sarasota County has an Ordinance (No. 2007-062) that bans certain chemicals during the summer. The County also issued guidelines for irrigation to reduce fertilizer runoff from lawns and save water. We remind all residents to follow these recommendations to minimize algae in our ponds, improve the health of our waters, attract wildlife, and keep property values strong.

Say No! to Nitrogen & Phosphorus

- Per Sarasota County rules, do not apply fertilizer containing **nitrogen or phosphorous** to turf or landscape plants between **June 1 to Sept. 30**.
- Fertilizer should not be applied within 10 feet of a pond, wetland, preserve nor any impervious surface.
- As the County also recommends, Rivendell is installing Low Maintenance Zones (LMZs) and aquatic plantings along pond shorelines to help absorb excess nutrients from runoff and control erosion.

County Irrigation Guidelines – Only If Needed - On Your Day

Please only irrigate on your allowed day and before 10:00a or after 4:00p - Tuesdays for even-numbered addresses and Thursdays for odd. Inspect rain sensors & sprinkler heads regularly - check that they are not spraying water onto streets and non-landscaped areas.

Have a Well? Water Restrictions Apply to Well Users too

Please remember that Well users are not exempt from these watering restrictions. Well users can only water once per week on your assigned day and not between 10a – 4p. All residents of unincorporated Sarasota County shall follow landscape and irrigation water restrictions. The restrictions apply to sources of water including **well**, pond, or utility system used for manual and automated irrigation systems. Click here for more details about [Sarasota County Water Restrictions](#).

Your Actions Make A Difference – Here Are Some Great Tips

- Green up with Iron. Iron products with micro-nutrients keeps lawns green during summer. Skip the phosphorus - Sarasota County's soil is naturally rich in phosphorous.
- Add compost to improve your soil and give your garden a powerful boost.

Say NO! to Fertilizer!
June 1 - Sept. 30



- Use Florida-friendly plants. There's an abundant variety of Florida plants available – they are adapted to our climate and soil, so they need less fertilizer, water, pesticides, and overall care.
- Leave grass clippings on your lawn. Mow high for health. (Mowing short stresses grass and makes it more vulnerable to disease, pests and drought.)
- Irrigate only if needed. Watch the weather. Tropical storms pop up quickly and don't help fertilizers soak in - they just wash fertilizers away and into the ponds and waterways.

Please follow these guidelines. Let's work together to reduce stormwater pollution entering our local waterways and bays. The best way to keep our ponds clean and healthy is to minimize the pollutants we use in our yards and irrigate only if needed. Not only can we lower our watering and fertilizer costs, we beautify our landscape, and keep our property values strong. It's a win for you, your property, our community, and our waterways.



Maintenance Committee APRIL 2021 Activities

- Pine View path entrance clean up
- Repaired Mallard Marsh street lights
- Rivendell Park Volunteer clean up completed
- Repaired Placid Lake island irrigation
- Replaced Park Trace sprinkler heads
- Replaced 7 sprinkler heads on Rainbow Point
- All irrigation control boxes treated for ants

Pool Activities:

- Repaired pool entrance gate latch
- Repaired pool gate frame attachment point
- Replaced pool gate batteries

Misc.:

- Community blue prints installed on website
- Plantings at Clear Creek
- Completed Green Topps community landscape (work order 7439)
- Completed the Bridge/Pier cap project
- Thank you to our committee members and many resident volunteers. We couldn't be so productive without you.



Rivendell Book Group Continues with Zoom for June

The Rivendell Book Group meets at 7:30 pm on the second Monday evening of each month. For the June meeting, the group will continue to meet virtually, but we are discussing when it will be appropriate to resume in-person meetings. We are asking participants to log on 10-15 minutes early to avoid online glitches.

On Monday, June 14th, 2021, we will be discussing The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett. Our discussion will be led by Barb Gahry.

If you would like to join the group at its next meeting, please contact Adele Kellman (adele.kellman@gmail.com) or on 908-464-7003) to receive an invitation. We welcome newcomers.



**The Rivendell Community Web Site
is available at**

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Lazy Brain

A client came in the other day and mentioned how she struggles to hear her girlfriend when they go out together with their husbands.

I checked her program and even called in Karen to talk with our client to ensure the program enhanced women's voices.

Then I heard the actual problem when our client mentioned sitting across from her at the table.

Imagine two couples sitting across from each other in a booth at a restaurant. Now you have the image.

The person sitting next to you is within a foot of your ear and the person across the table is about two feet from your ears.

Unfortunately, your brain is lazy. Well, not just you, everyone's brain is lazy. Our brain is going to do the least work possible.

The sound that is easier to hear and closest to her, in this case a man's voice sitting less than a foot away, is the voice she can hear clearly. Her girlfriend is two-feet away, which our brain thinks is "farther away," so it gets less attention.

In this situation, they simply need to swap seats. A simple, no technology needed solution. Now that her lazy brain isn't prioritizing her husband, she can easily hear her girlfriend sitting right next to her.

If you struggle to hear comfortable in certain situations, call me 941-244-9300, it might just be a simple solution.

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Rivendell Reflections

Editors Note: This is a new feature in the Woodlands Word. We invite residents to submit photographs, essays, poetry or any other artistic endeavor inspired by our Rivendell surroundings to frank@ditwebb.com.

Royal Poinciana tree
By Yelitza Leon



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Wildlife Window: Blue Jay & Florida Scrub Jay

Let's Explore These Jays and their Differences

By the Rivendell Ponds & Preserves Committee

June is a “J” month and the perfect time to explore our “J’s” – the **Blue Jay** and the **Florida Scrub Jay**. Both of these birds are members of the Crows, Magpies, & Jays family, have blue coloring, and share “Jay” in their name. However, most of the similarities between these blue birds end there. Let’s learn more about these fascinating Jays.

Blue Jay <i>(Cyanocitta cristata)</i>	Meet Our Jay Birds	Florida Scrub Jay <i>(Aphelocoma coerulescens)</i>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Which Jay Is Which?</p>	
<p>Blue above, white breast with prominent crested head and bold black necklace. Wings & tail are barred with black & bold white wingbars. Eastern & central US.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Appearance</p>	<p>Long tailed with round-heads, Scrub Jays are blue and gray without black wingbars. Florida Scrub Jays are the only bird species that live exclusively in FL. They are endangered.</p>
<p>Favors habitat with many oaks, beech trees, pine woods, & well-wooded suburban gardens. Omnivore – both seeds & insects. Intelligent & adaptable, it may feed on almost anything. A persistent visitor at backyard bird feeders. Migratory.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Habitat</p>	<p>Florida Scrub Jays are entirely dependent on low-growing oak shrub areas. Omnivores – they feed on acorns & arthropods. Harvest large numbers of acorns & bury them - to retrieve and eat later. Also eat berries & seeds. “Homebody” - not migratory.</p>
<p>Very colorful, distinctive & unmistakable. Often seen fluttering about in the trees. Territorial; aggressive to other birds, will raid nests. <u>Song & calls:</u> has a raucous “Jay!-Jay!” & harsh cries and other musical calls.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Unique Trait</p>	<p>Cooperative social system – breeds & feeds young in flocks. Each nesting group is occupied by an adult pair, plus one - six “helpers,” typically previous offspring. <u>Song & calls:</u> trills & high warbles, loud harsh shreep.</p>
<p>One of the loudest birds, they can do a remarkable imitation of the scream of a Red-shouldered Hawk – they call to see if a real Hawk (a predator) is in the area to warn others.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Fun Fact</p>	<p>Endangered species & habitat: populations reduced by urban growth. Oscar Scherer State Park is playing a critical role in preserving an essential Florida Scrub Jay habitat. Check it out - it’s just next door!</p>

(Bob Frank photos.)

Protect their Habitats. Habitat loss, fragmentation, and degradation due to Florida’s heavy urban, suburban, and agricultural development continues to threaten precious wildlife habitats. Let’s keep our ponds and preserves healthy and attractive for these wonderful Jays and other wildlife friends. We can enjoy their beauty, enhance our quality of life, and keep our property values strong. We remind you to view the amazing P&P Wildlife Photo Gallery. (Visit: rivendellcommunity.com/ponds & scroll down to the Gallery.)

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Out and About in Rivendell

From the Maintenance Committee
Photos By Nancy Dobias



Clear Creek Park with its new Copperleaf and Duranta Gold plantings and the sod installed. Now, all we need are the summer rains to complete the look.



In front of the pool the plants around the boulder and the adjacent pineapple palm received dark mulch which "finished" the look and served to heighten the color of the plants.

It's always an unknown what might happen when you take a moment to have a seat and observe.



Placid Lake Moorhens being quite feisty. Are they fighting or mating? Do they fight with claws instead of beaks? Sometimes, a National Geographic episode unfolds from the convenience of a nearby park bench....

If you too are a fan of park benches or of the finishing touches being undertaken around Rivendell, don't forget to let the Board and MC know that you appreciate their work!

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by the tenth of the month.

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