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# The Woodlands Word @ Rivendell

**OCTOBER 2012**

## **MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

**By Jim Stepien, Chair**

The Maintenance Committee (MC) has been together for six months; I would like to thank all of the members who have devoted many hours of their time to participate in discussions and planning for all of the cleanup and restoration actions needed to help beautify our community. They are: **Carole Myles, Carol Heckert, Nancy Schubert, Bill Bloom, Carl Schubert, Dave Gill, Nigel Day and our Board Liaison Walter Perkowski.** Our thanks also go out to those other homeowners who periodically attend and participate in our monthly meetings.

In the September issue, I had provided a summary of many of the actions that the MC has completed or were awaiting the required Board approval. During the August Board meeting, the following items were acted upon:

### **LANDSCAPE**

Mulch contract was approved.

Lake bank restorations were approved.

### **POOL**

Shrub replacement at service gate approved.

### **OTHER**

1. There was an unexpected irrigation mainline leak near the pool. The Board approved the immediate repair.

2. As next year's budget discussions are at hand, the MC discussed some issues that we would like the Board to consider for next year. As usual, most are related to landscape issues:

- Entryways (front, Park Trace and Willow

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## **Highlights of August 20, 2012 Board Meeting**

**By Mary Kennedy and Reviewed by Bobby Merrill**

**Editors' Note:** *The "Highlights" are not the final approved minutes. The Minutes of the August Board Meeting will be voted on by the Board of Directors at the next scheduled meeting. The Approved Board Minutes for June 4th are located at the back of this issue.*

### **At this meeting the Board:**

- Approved Sun State as vendor for community mulching in October.
- Approved \$6610 for shoreline restoration by Sun State for Eagle Lake and Placid Lake.
- Requested a legal review of contract with publisher, On Trac.

### **Manager's Report**

Kyanne Merrill, Lighthouse Property Management, reported: site maintenance issues including bids for fence repairs/cleaning, mulch project, restroom stalls installation; work orders for street light repair and pool light timer repair; specifications regarding lettering on front entrance sign and painting specified pool areas; correspondence for 31 compliance letters regarding roof/fence/structure, yard condition, signs and vehicles.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Bobby Merrill, Treasurer, reported revenues \$11,500 were higher than planned, mainly due to charges for violations. Operating expenses are under budget by \$3,200. Receivables are still a problem with \$36,500 past due over 90 days. Current allowance for bad debts is \$29,000. Total amount for past receivables is \$50,000. With recent second install-

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(Meeting Highlights continued from P. 1) ment of HOA fees required, some homeowners are 30 days overdue, resulting in about \$15,000 in revenue.

**Committee Reports**

**Architectural Review** (Gwen Stepien)

Meetings in June and July approved all 13 submissions.

**Maintenance** (Jim Stepien)

Update:

- Palm tree plantings along Placid Lake, Golden Pond Lake, Pine Pond, and Eagle Lake completed.
- Sod replacement with Bahia grass completed surrounding palm plantings at above mentioned ponds and front entrance.
- Pool Service Gate completed.
- Pool maintenance addressed: pool light timer, pool leaks (monitor water bills), and toilet repair.
- Irrigation pipe on Rivendell near Clear Creek repaired.
- Python Nature Trail cleared by Aquagenics.

Carry-overs:

- Board approved Sun State as vendor for community mulching in October.
- Board requested diagrams of completed stall installations in pool restrooms utilizing manufactured stainless steel panels.

New Items:

- Board approved \$6610 for lake bank/shoreline restoration by Sun State for Eagle Lake and Placid Lake. This action is the beginning of a restoration process in Rivendell to return the community to the way it was designed by Lenar in 2003.
- Estimates requested for: stepping stones and shrub replacement near pool service gate, trimming of common palm trees taller than 15 feet, replacing pool signs by consolidating information, refurbishing traffic island at Placid Lake and Rivendell.
- Pump shed replacement estimate of \$1,200 submitted by Dave Perez and Carole Myles.
- Discussion on feasibility of extending irrigation to west side of Scherer Way at Park Trace entrance. Estimated cost \$2,250. Kyanne will pursue a permanent water source solution before any decision is made.

**New Business**

*Organizational Item*

On Trac Publishing, the company that publishes Rivendell's monthly newsletter, *The Woodlands Word* (which is distributed through the Sarasota Observer), has requested a signed contract between themselves and an authorized Community Representative from the Board. In the best interest of Rivendell this contract will be legally reviewed before signing.

**Homeowner Comments**

Barbara & David Valdahl, 913 Eagle Isle Court, thanked the Maintenance Committee for all they have done to rejuvenate and beautify Rivendell. They were grateful that the shoreline of Eagle Lake was going to be cleaned up.

Monty Bachnikoff, 950 Scherer Way, questioned who is responsible for the black sidewalks in the neighborhood.

Dave Gill, 774 Shadow Bay Way, commented that the county owns the sidewalks but they won't clean them.

Jim Stepien, 806 Foothill Court, added that in the future more sidewalk repairs will be needed due to maturing oak trees and their roots lifting the concrete.

**Next Meetings**

- 2013 Budget Meeting for Board and Kyanne Merrill, LHM, will occur in November.
- **Next scheduled Community Board Meeting, Monday, October 15, 2012, 6:00PM at Spanish Point.**

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Bend) and island enhancements.

- Old Venice Road common area improvement.
- Community irrigation requirements and improvements.
- Littoral zone enhancement.
- Lake/pond aquatic plant enhancement.
- Maintenance and repair scheduling on a more consistent and economical basis.

3. We are changing the MC meeting schedule as follows: Meetings will be held the first Wednesday of the month starting with October 3rd at 7:00PM in the Cottages Clubhouse.

**Next Maintenance Committee Meeting Wednesday, October 3, 2012 at 7:00PM at the Cottages Clubhouse**

**VISIT RIVENDELL'S WEB SITE**

Stay informed about community activities. Access and submit ARC and other forms electronically. Read current and back issues of the Woodlands Word. Look at Woodlands Word photos in color. Find service provider recommendations.

**Rivendell Website Instructions**

Access the Rivendell website at: [http://www.lighthousepropertymanagement.net/portal\\_login.html](http://www.lighthousepropertymanagement.net/portal_login.html)

To begin, click on *Association Members Login*. Your new Login ID is your 6-digit **Lighthouse Management account number** (including leading zeros) followed by your last name, for example "001234Smith." Don't know your account number? Call Lighthouse at 966-6844.

Your temporary password is LHMTEMP123. Follow the prompts to create your own password.

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

**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!

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**GUITAR LESSONS:** Daniel Yohann, a Pine View junior, is offering private guitar lessons. Daniel is an accomplished guitarist and experienced teacher. ½ hour or 1 hour lesson. Reasonable rates. Call 941-375-1242.

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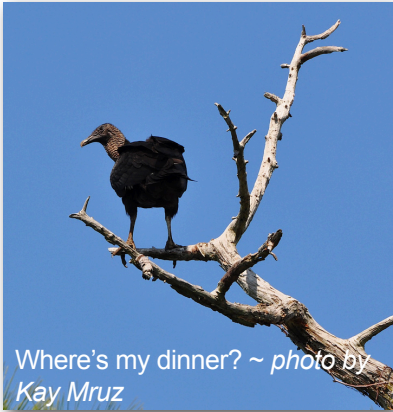
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## Through The Lens: Vultures

By Kay Mruz



Where's my dinner? ~ photo by Kay Mruz

With Halloween fast approaching, the black vulture is the perfect topic for this month's article.

Black vultures are 22-29 inches in length, weigh about 6 lbs. and have a 5½-foot wingspan. Adults have glossy

black feathers and a grey, wrinkled head and neck. To help the bird stay cleaner while eating, its neck and head are featherless. The inner primary feathers are whitish in color and not visible when the bird is at rest. Juveniles are a dull black. The skin on their head and neck is dark black and smooth. Black vultures have very flat, weak feet forcing them to do an awkward hop in order to move around while on the ground. They have excellent eyesight but a poor sense of smell.

Black vultures lack vocal chords, but have a vocal organ called a syrinx by which they communicate using hissing and grunting sounds. They also lack sweat glands and must urinate on their legs to cool off. The acid in the urine also kills any harmful bacteria picked up from a carcass.

Black vultures are highly social birds found in open rural or urban areas. They hunt and roost in groups that often consist of several family members. Using thermal waves to glide high above the ground, black vultures use their eyesight to locate a potential meal (mainly garbage and road-kill). Black vultures will also search for other scavengers dining on a carcass. They are aggressive when food is involved and will steal the carcass from an unlucky bird or animal. Black vultures are opportunistic feeders, often gorging themselves during a meal. However if frightened while on the ground, the vulture will vomit anything in its stomach for a quicker take-off. Despite their gruesome meal choices, vultures play an important part in our ecosystem by disposing of carcasses that could become breeding grounds for infectious diseases.

In Florida breeding begins in January. After a short courtship ritual, pairs will mate for life. Black

vultures do not build nests. They will lay their eggs on the ground under a bush or in hollow trees and logs. Before the eggs are laid, the nest site is observed for a period of time to determine if it is a safe place. Two greenish white eggs with brown markings are laid. Both parents do incubation for 37-41 days. The nestlings are covered in white down after hatching. Both parents feed them regurgitated food for a few weeks before introducing solids. The young will stay in the nest for at least two months. They often stay with the parents for quite a while, becoming members of the group.



I'm ready for my close-up. ~ photo by Kay Mruz

You may see them as spooky. You may think the things they eat are horrifying. You may find some of their traits ghastly. No matter how you view them, black vultures are an important part of our environment and a welcome addition to Rivendell any time of the year.

### Rivendell Board Meeting

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

**WILL BE**

**Monday, October 15, 2012**

**at 6:00 pm**

**Spanish Point**

**337 N. Tamiami Trail, Osprey, Florida**

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

## The Rivendell Bridge Club By John Beatty



*The Rivendell Bridge Club at their regular meeting*

The foursome of Fr. Ed Kearns, Jane Lettich, Steve Bragg and John Beatty – all of Rivendell, enjoyed a spirited game of rubber bridge. Highlight of the evening was a hand that contained nine diamonds headed by the Ace, King, plus four losers. With a little help from a partner, the game bid was made with an overtrick.

**The Bridge Club meets every Monday from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the clubhouse in the Cottages.** Residents of Rivendell are always welcome to join our group. If you are interested, please call or email John Beatty; Telephone: 941-966-3780 Email: JRBeatty80@aol.com

## REMINDER

Please support the advertisers of the Woodlands Word and the Rivendell 2012 Directory by shopping at or using their services!

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16 Church Street, Osprey, FL 34229  
Tel: (941) 966-6844

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### Sarasota County Sheriff Non-emergency Contact number for our area is: 316-1201

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1. Paid advertising for businesses and
2. Free classified ads for small personal items for sale or wanted.

### 1. Publisher information for paid advertising:

For business ads, contact our newsletter's publisher, *On Trac Publishing/Teledrex*. Please call Joan Hildebrandt or Jean Hall at 941-723-5003 (800-434-9879). Advertisers may obtain advertising rates online at <http://www.ontracnewsletters.com> or <http://www.teledrex.com>

### 2. Classified Ads information for the *Woodlands Word*:

Small classified ads are for items such as garage sales, childcare opportunities, dog walking, etc. These ads usually run for just one month. However, young residents who are offering their services for babysitting, computer help, etc. can run an ad multiple times. Please send your written ad to Judy at [judysokal@gmail.com](mailto:judysokal@gmail.com) by the 10th of the month in order to make the deadline for the next month's issue.

## ARTS and EVENTS IN SARASOTA

### Selby Fall Music Series: GartenFest 2012

Each Sunday in October, listen to live music from Sarasota's local entertainers. Bratwurst, knockwurst, sauerkraut, pretzels, German beer, and wine will be available for purchase. Bring a lawn chair, raise your beer mug, and enjoy musical and dance performances at *Gartenfest!*

**October 7:** Yesterdayze, a high-energy band with great vocals, recreating songs from the 60's.

**October 14:** The Venturas, the popular local band playing rock, pop, R&B, and country.

**October 21:** Sarasota Brass Quintet, an ensemble from the Sarasota Orchestra. The concerts include a mix of standard quintet literature, pops selections, and contemporary jazz.

**October 28:** Project SRQ, a contemporary jazz band from the Sarasota/Bradenton area.

#### Event Details

Members FREE • Member Guests \$5

Concert fee included in regular admission: \$17 Adult, Kids under 11 free

No guest passes, no coupons, no reciprocals, and no coolers, please.

Limited parking is available on the grounds.



### At the Van Wezel

#### John Legend

**October 19 at 8:00pm**

Recording artist John Legend has won nine Grammy awards and was named one of Time magazine's 100 most influential people. Most recently, John and the band The Roots released *Wake Up!* (2010), a compilation of music from the 60's and 70's which won two Grammy Awards for Best R&B Album and Best Traditional R&B Vocal Performance. Recently, John was a judge on the ABC show *Duets* with Kelly Clarkson, Jennifer Nettles (of Sugarland) and Robin Thicke.

#### Celtic Thunder

**November 1 at 7:30pm**

Celtic Thunder - hailed as Billboard's Top World Music Artist, along with Top World Music Imprint and Top World Album of 2011 for their recent, *Heritage*. Celtic Thunder's new production *Voyage* continues to feature the music of Ireland!

### Belle Canto

**December 8 at 8 pm**

A fun-filled and uplifting holiday concert at **The Glenridge** by this acclaimed female vocal ensemble. For more information call Judy Sokal at 966-5904.

## The Best Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Cookies with Coconut and Raisins

By Barb Gahry Printed from COOKS.COM

1 c. butter	1 tsp. baking soda
1 c. brown sugar	1/2 tsp. baking powder
1 c. granulated sugar	1 c. raisins
2 eggs	6oz. package semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 tsp vanilla	1/2 c. flaked coconut
1 1/2 c. quick oats	1 c. walnuts
1 1/2 c. flour	

In the large bowl of an electric mixer, beat together butter, sugars, eggs, and vanilla until mixture is light, about 2 minutes.

Stir in remaining ingredients until blended.

Drop batter by the heaping tablespoonful on a greased cookie sheet.

Bake at 350 degrees for about 10 to 12 minutes or until cookies are very lightly browned.

Don't try to double the recipe.



### Friendly Dog-Walking Reminder From Your Editors of The Woodlands Word



We are very pleased that our request has been taken to heart, and neighbors have been vigorously scooping and bagging their doggies' poop. Many thanks.

But did you know that your animals are permitted to "do their business" only on their owners' yards and common property? It's true. We have had requests from non-dog owners to remind all dog walkers to be sure that animals stay off of neighbors' private yards, and "visit" common areas only. This goes for poop and squirt! Oh dear - the subjects we must bring to your attention to benefit all! Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

### The Sarasota Observer Delivery

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The Sarasota Observer  
the first Thursday of each month.

#### Seasonal residents:

To reinstate or suspend delivery of The Sarasota Observer,  
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[http://www.lighthousepropertymanagement.net/portal\\_login.html](http://www.lighthousepropertymanagement.net/portal_login.html)  
and clicking on News Letters.

Be sure to visit the website to see the photos in color!

## Make a Difference-Volunteer! By Judy Sokal

I have always made volunteering a part of my life, whether working with an arts organization, tutoring children, or performing in hospitals and nursing homes. I always come away feeling that I have received more than I have given. One of the best experiences I had was working with the wonderful children in the after school program at the Laurel Civic Association in Laurel, just past Rt. 41 and Laurel Road. These children come 1-4 afternoons a week and receive a hot meal after which they do their homework, read books, or play with friends when their work is completed. The volunteers who help the children are like surrogate parents and grandparents and form relationships with the little ones.

If you would like more information about this great program and can work once a week or more-or even just once a month from 3:30-5 pm call "Mr. John" (John Jefferson) at 941-483-3338 or email him at [laurelcivic@comcast.net](mailto:laurelcivic@comcast.net). Carol and Ken Heckert of Rivendell currently volunteer, and Sara Jones has helped as well. All can attest to the good work of this after school project.

Do you have a volunteer activity you'd like to share? Then email me at [judysokal@gmail.com](mailto:judysokal@gmail.com).



## Solid Waste Frequently Asked Questions

<http://www.sarasotagov.com/LivingInSarasota>

### I live in Sarasota County, whom should I call for garbage collection?

Call Sarasota County Solid Waste at 861-5000.

### What are the holidays that garbage is not collected?

No collections will be done on the following four holidays when they fall on a Monday through Friday: New Years Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day. Collections will be delayed one day from the holiday continuing through the rest of the holiday week. Any regular Friday collections delayed by a holiday will be done on Saturday.

<http://www.wm.com/facility.jsp?cat=1&zip=34293&fac=S03144>

If you are unsure about collection pick-up, call 861-5000. After Tropical Storm Isaac, pick-up was delayed by one day and this phone number had a recording with that information.

### Who handles recycling in Sarasota County?

Waste Management, Inc. Their phone number is 493-4100.

### Why did the collectors not empty my containers? I put them out at 10:00 am.

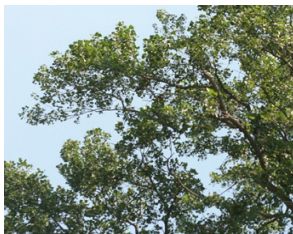
You must place your garbage, recycling, and yard waste at the curb by 7 am the day of your collection to avoid any missed collection. But no earlier than 5 pm the afternoon before the day of your scheduled pick-up.

### Will Waste Management take my appliances?

Call them to schedule a pick-up and let them know what you have, 493-4100.

**[www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net)**: Visit this website to learn how to bundle yard waste, the weight limit on containers, oversized items, what is and is not recyclable, and how to dispose of chemicals, etc.

## 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 trees branches that are hanging over mailboxes and lampposts.

## MEDICAL NEWS YOU CAN USE: A Good Night's Sleep Submitted by Ed Lin

### Why do we need sleep?

Sleep helps us think clearly, react quickly and create memories. In fact, the pathways in our brain that help us learn and remember are very active when we sleep. When we lose sleep – even just an hour – there are consequences.

Studies have shown that lack of sleep is associated with:

- increased risk for high blood pressure and heart disease
- weight gain/obesity
- increased risk for diabetes
- increased irritability and depression
- can cause: decreased ability to focus, slower response time and impact decision-making

These things can impact your health, job performance, relationships, and even your safety because we tend to take more risks when we're not thinking clearly.

### So how much sleep is enough?

The right amount of sleep varies from person to person, but most adults need 7 to 9 hours of sleep each night. Adolescents may need as much as 12 hours a day uninterrupted and can't go to sleep early and have to get up early. However, it's not all about quantity of sleep; the quality of your sleep also plays an important role in your health.

### Get started on the right track to good sleep by following these tips:

Most importantly – consistent sleep and wake time and having a pre-bedtime ritual.

Avoid caffeine and nicotine, especially in the late afternoon or evening.

Don't exercise within two hours of bedtime (even more if you have problems falling asleep).

Avoid alcoholic drinks before bedtime. They may help you fall asleep, but alcohol reduces the amount of deep sleep.

Avoid large meals and beverages late at night.

Refrain from napping after 3 p.m.

Relax before you turn in for the night by taking a hot bath or reading.

Create a good sleeping environment by eliminating distractions (noises, bright lights, uncomfortable bed, etc.).

Keep the television, computer and your cell phone, outside of the bedroom.

### What if you are a Night Owl?

If you continue to have trouble sleeping, it's a good idea to tell your doctor.

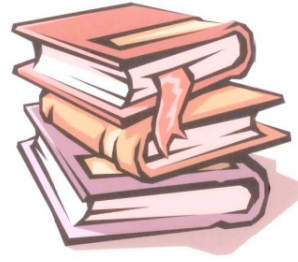
When patients' sleep cycles are out of synch with the rest of the world, melatonin and light therapy can help. But for night owls – people who fall asleep at 5 a.m. and awake at noon, for instance – a low dose of melatonin five hours before their desired bedtime or bright light therapy in the morning may be helpful. Keep a sleep diary over several days. It gives a good idea of sleep/wake activity for when you talk to your physician.

*Here's to sweet dreams!*

References: [nhlbi.nih.gov](http://nhlbi.nih.gov), [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov), [sleepfoundation.org](http://sleepfoundation.org), and *Internal Medicine News Digital Network*

## Indigenous - A Dining Feast for the Eyes and Palate

By Judy Sokal



## Book Group

By Marilyn Probert

Jon and I recently visited the much-acclaimed restaurant **Indigenous** in Towles Court (239 S. Links, 941-706-4740) to see if the reality lived up to the expectations. The short answer is yes.

This restaurant changes its menu 3 times a year based on what local produce is available. The menu's fish are caught without nets, and no endangered fish are served. There is always a vegetarian option as well as 3 specials nightly.

The venue is a converted old Florida house with a large wrap-around porch with outdoor seating. Although the porch is charming, we opted for indoor, air-conditioned dining. The décor is very minimalist with bare but lovely wood tables and wicker chairs. There is easy-listening jazz music, and the whole atmosphere is very relaxing.

The food was the best part. First came tempting homemade crackers to munch on while waiting for the first course. I had an outstanding cold mango soup with yogurt, chili peppers and cucumber sorbet in the center - amazing. Jon had a watermelon and jicama salad - also well prepared.

The main courses were Flat Iron Pork (very tender) for Jon with Northern white beans, chorizo, and sherry, and Braised Char with goat cheese and dried cherries for me. Both dishes were unusual but delicious. I think I groaned audibly with pleasure.

Another couple I spoke with had burgers and Parmesan beignets to start (a signature dish,) and said everything was outstanding. They were visiting Sarasota, and planned to return to Indigenous again during their stay.

The menu is limited -- understandable since it is based on what is available locally. But there are always two fish, one vegetarian and other meat dishes nightly. We had no room for dessert, but I'm sure the homemade ice cream and sorbet are wonderful.

Indigenous is not a cheap night out, but it is a good value that offers unique and perfectly prepared meals, full of wonderful combinations of taste sensations. We will definitely return to celebrate special occasions.

The Book Group will meet on Monday, October 8, to discuss Ann Patchett's "*The Magician's Assistant*," a novel which takes the reader backstage to view the world of magic. No, you won't learn any closely guarded secrets, but you may find your visit eye-opening. The novel is actually Sabine's story; she is the wife and onstage assistant of Parsifal, a successful magician whose past life held many secrets. Sabine now must come to grips with a life without him, and she soon realizes that she didn't know him very well at all. Sallie Hawkins will lead the discussion at Elaine Roeter's home, 1133 Scherer Way. Elaine's phone number is 966- 9816.

"*When Everything Changed*" by Gail Collins will be the topic on November 12. A nonfiction account of the myriad changes women's lives have undergone, Collins takes us from 1960, when women needed their husbands' permission to apply for a credit card, to 2008 when Hillary Clinton mounted a campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination. Many aspects of women's lives are covered: fashion, families, work, sex, economics, politics, and more. Discussion leader will be Linda Pearlstein; Cindy Schmidl will host the gathering at 1100 Mallard Marsh Drive, phone 918-1570.

Another nonfiction book, "*In the Garden of Beasts*" by Erick Larson, will be the subject in December. This is a riveting account of the rise of Hitler and Nazism from the perspective of American ambassador William E. Dodd and his family.

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

## *In Memoriam*



Norbert Sobczak, 803 Placid Lake Drive, died September 19 in Baltimore while he and his wife, Patricia, were visiting their granddaughter. The funeral was held in Chicago, and a memorial service for local friends and relatives in Florida is being planned. Our deepest sympathy to Pat and Norbert's family.

## Minutes of the Architectural Review Committee August 24, 2012

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

The ARC meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with a quorum of 4 Committee members present.

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

**The following applications were reviewed and decided for action.**

ITEM	ADDRESS	WORKPLAN	RESOLUTION
1.	1105 Mill Pond Ct.	New Gutters	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Joe Sefack 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Mickie Konner
2.	688 Stillwater Ct.	Remove five (5) Oak Trees.	Resolved: DISAPPROVED Motion: Gwen Stepien 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Mickie Konner Notes: No Plot Plan
3.	565 Meadows Sweet	Replacement of sod in back yard.	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Gwen Stepien 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Joe Sefack
4.	749 Placid Lake	Wall decoration in Front door alcove. New plantings side and back of house. Paint house same color.	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Shirley Borean 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Gwen Stepien
5.	741 Placid Lake	Remove hibiscus bushes Replace with Jatropha in Front of house.	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Shirley Borean 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Gwen Stepien
6.	695 Rivendell Blvd	Extend lanai, remove fence on side of house. Replace new fence at back of house.	Resolved: APPROVED Motion: Joe Sefack 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Shirley Borean

ARC meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

**Next Meetings:** **September 25, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**October 30, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.**

### The Architectural Review Committee (ARC)

meets the last Tuesday of each month  
at the 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 applications 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 available information at the time of publication.*

## Application for Architectural Review Committee Consideration

Homeowner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address where work is to be carried out: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you live in the "Cottages", you are required to get approval from Unit 1 Board of Directors before submitting this application to the ARC.**

Please describe the proposed work including specifications and dimensions of the work and materials to be used. (If more space is needed, please attach a separate sheet.)

Proposed commencement date: \_\_\_\_\_ Duration of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

The ARC meets on the last Tuesday of the month. Please submit this application to the address below seven days prior to the meeting.

**Please attach the following to this application:**

- Site Plan or Survey showing the location of the proposed work.
- A letter signed by your neighbor or a certified letter receipt sent to your neighbor for any proposed work which will have a direct effect on your neighbor.
- Color sample, color name and reference # for proposed paint.
- Plat showing names of specific plants and locations for proposed landscaping.
- Plat showing location of proposed fence with manufacturer's brochure describing the fence material.

Please refer to the **Guidelines for Exterior Alterations** while planning your proposed work. If you would like to discuss your application prior to submittal, please contact the Architectural Review Committee Chair or Board Liaison, who are listed in the Woodlands Word.

All work must conform to all Zoning and Building Regulations. Owners are responsible for obtaining necessary permits after ARC approval. Owners are responsible for any damages to common areas or other homes caused by their contractors.

If any modifications or changes to existing structures and landscaping is done without prior approval from the ARC, fines or removal may apply.

Home Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit applications to: Rivendell Community Association  
C/O Lighthouse Property Management  
16 Church Street  
Osprey, FL 34229 Phone: 941-966-6844

*Editors' Note: The following are the official minutes of the Rivendell Board of Directors. As such, they are published as they were received. The Woodlands Word is not responsible for any errors in spelling, grammar, or content. The official Board Minutes can also be viewed on-line through the Rivendell website at Lighthouse Management.*

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS June 4, 2012**

A **REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Directors was scheduled to be held at 6:00 P.M. at the Historic Spanish Point at 337 N. Tamiami Trail, Osprey, Florida.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by the President, Curt Kennedy.

Notice of the meeting was delivered to each Director and posted on the property prior meeting, in accordance with the requirements of the Association Documents and Florida Statutes.

The following Directors were present:

Bobby Merrill                      Curt Kennedy                      Walter Perkowski                      Nancy Schubert

A quorum was declared to be present

On matter relating to the minutes of the previous meeting:

A motion was made by Ms. Schubert and seconded by Mr. Kenndey

**MOTION 12-28:** to approve the meeting minutes of April 9, 2012. Motion passed.

### **REPORTS:**

**Manager's Report**, Ms. Merrill provided a report. (Please see attachment #1).

**Treasurer's Report**, Mr. Merrill provided a report of the most recent financials.

**ARC**, Ms. Stepien reported seven (7) ARC's were reviewed and approved.

**Maintenance Committee**, Mr. Stepien provided a detailed report, which summarized all the pending projects relating to fence cleaning, landscape upgrades, finalizing pool upgrades and streetlight maintenance.

Several estimates were provided to the Board prior to the meeting for their review and consideration related to the following:

- Wax Myrtle along lakes
- Sod Replacements
- Community Mulching
- Park Trace Entrance buffer cleanup and replanting
- Restroom stalls/partition at Pool area.

Mr. Stepien also reported the committee will be meeting to discuss solutions regarding the pump shed on Rivendell Boulevard. It will be determined if it should be replaced.

The condition of the alleyways around the Villas was inspected and pricing will be obtained to have this maintained and will address at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Perkowski and seconded by Ms. Schubert:

**MOTION 12-29:** to approve tree installations not to exceed \$6000. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Perkowski and seconded by Mr. Merrill:

**MOTION 12-30:** to approve a community mulching not exceed for \$14,400. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Perkowski and seconded by Ms. Schubert:

**MOTION 12-31:** to approve the installation of stall partition in both restrooms at the pool area not to exceed \$5,640 and contingent on the Board reviewing of specifications/diagrams. Motion passed.

A motion was made Mr. Perkowski and seconded by Mr. Schubert:

**MOTION 12-32:** to replace the sod in the amount \$12,500. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Perkowski and seconded by Ms. Schubert:

**MOTION 12-33:** to approve an amount not to exceed \$1,770 to cleanup lakes debris. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Perkowski and Mr. Merrill seconded, to approve the palm tree trimming of \$40 per tree in amount not to exceed \$400. After further discussion the motion was rescinded and the matter was tabled. Mr. Stepien agreed to obtain a proposal to have all the common area palms trimmed and be on a schedule after the seedling pods have dropped in the summer months.

Matters relating to operational and organization issues, no action was taken on this item.

### **Owner Comments**

Paul Sarno, 713 Fordingbridge Way, suggested the broken lights at the pool area be fixed and inquired about the remaining pool upgrade items. Mr. Stepien confirmed both areas being addressed.

Frank Freestone, 1188 Mallard Marsh Drive, suggested a vendor list be made available on the website now that they will not be published in the newsletter.

Digger Vogt, 717 Crane Prairie Way, requested the Board obtain professional opinions on the conditions of the alleyways regarding the cracks and pothole repair.

Lory Turner, 712 Anna Hope Lane, requested the alleyways be addressed as well and advised that the developer never added a top coat

Sherry Sholtis, 711 Shadow Bay Way, also requested the alleyway issue be addressed by the Rivendell Community Association.

With no further business before the Board, a motion was made and seconded, to adjourn at 7:25 P.M.

Kyanne Merrill, CAM

Dated: This day 12<sup>th</sup> of June, 2012.



### **Manager's Report**

#### **On Site/Maintenance-**

- Requested bids for front entrance sign to be cleaned. (forwarded to M.C)
- Compliance drives through community.
- Contacted Sherwin Williams to obtain spec for streetlights.
- Requested bids for streetlight painting. (forwarded to M.C)
- Moved bulletin board to outside of pool gate area. (done 5.10.12)
- Requested new locks for storage and pump room at pool. (6.8.12 install)
- Requested bid for service gate installation (Start date pending scheduling)
- Requested bid for restroom stalls (forwarded to M.C)
- Ordered restroom signs
- Meet with SW Pools to discuss pool needs.
- Requested bids for the perimeter fence repair/ cleaning. (forwarded to M.C)
- Requested bid for Cottages sign. (forwarded to M.C)
- Requested broken finial be repaired at pool (no charge; to be done w/ service gate)

#### **Administrative-**

- Forwarded financials to Board for review.
- Forwarded draft agenda to board for review.
- Forwarded draft minutes for review.
- Forwarded ARC requests to committee.
- Approved minutes posted to website.
- Forwarded approved minutes to Ms. Babbit for publishing in the newsletter.
- Posted newsletter to website.
- Requested change to the Insurance Policy; increase medical payment expense to \$10,000.
- Meet with Jim Stepien in regards to the maintenance committee.
- Kyanne provided a summary of the compliance process for the Woodland Word.
- Spoke with M. Committee about WVR alleyways.

#### **Correspondence-**

- Letters sent to homeowners regarding submitted ARC forms.
- Letters sent to homeowners with compliance violations.
- Prepared requested document(s) upon request from homeowners. - Yearend Financials
- Email Correspondences.

#### **Compliance-**

- Compliance letters mailed to homeowners. Total: 27

Roof/Fence/Structure	11
Yard Condition/Weeds	10
Mailbox	4
Garbage	2

Kyanne Merrill, CAM  
Managing Agent

## RCA Committees 10/2012

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**Chair**, Jim Stepien

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### Access the Rivendell website at:

[http://www.lighthousepropertymanagement.net/portal\\_login.html](http://www.lighthousepropertymanagement.net/portal_login.html)

Your input and feedback are always encouraged and welcomed.

**Deadline**: Submit articles and information to Marilyn Probert ([tpro38@yahoo.com](mailto:tpro38@yahoo.com)) by the tenth of the month.

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