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The Woodlands Word @ Rivendell

February 2020



Highlights, January 8 Board of Directors Meeting By Carol Heckert; Reviewed by John Fitzgibbon

Attending: Ray Capuano, Maureen Emmons, Steve Bragg, Beth Miller (Lighthouse), John Fitzgibbon by telephone

President's Message: (Ray Capuano)

- The community plans to enforce a Low Maintenance Zone (LMZ) for homeowners living on our ponds. The LMZ will be 3 feet wide. The zones will be maintained by a contractor hired by the Board and paid for by the community, using rollover funds from 2019. The Ponds & Preserves Committee will make a presentation of the plan and explain why an LMZ is needed at the Annual Meeting on February 5.
- The new plantings are in at the front entry to the community and at the bridge.

Manager's Report: (Beth Miller)

- The Pine View School principal will give a presentation on the school expansion plan at the Annual Meeting. The flags along the Pine View Path mark where there will be a construction road. Replanting will be done once the new building is completed.
- The company hired by the County is finishing paving our streets and will pave the alleys next. The County says they will repair all damage caused by the paving.

Treasurer's Report: (Steve Bragg)

We ended the year with a \$33,000 surplus. The rollover, which must be approved by homeowner vote at the Annual Meeting, goes into reserves. \$11,500 of the reserves will be reallocated to cover the cost of maintaining the LMZs.

ARC: (Maureen Emmons)

There were 11 ARC requests submitted and all were approved.

Maintenance Committee Report: (Ray Capuano)

- The only new initiative planned is tree pruning.
- There are 2 dead trees on Rivendell Blvd. and 1 on Old Venice Rd. Scott Christie will be notified; he will speak to affected homeowners and come up with a plan. Homeowners are asked to notify Ray Capuano about any other dead or overgrown trees so they can be removed.

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ANNUAL MEETING

The Rivendell Annual Meeting will be held on February 5th 2020 at 6pm.

**The meeting location is
Our Savior Lutheran Church
2705 N. Tamiami Trl, Nokomis.**

At the Annual Meeting there will be two presentations given that should be of great interest to all homeowners.

1) The Ponds and Preserves Committee will give a power point presentation concerning Low Maintenance Zones: the need for LMZs and how the community could maintain and fund a MANDATORY LMZ along all ponds in 2020. Please use the font used in the original.

2) The principal of Pine View School will explain the school's plans for expansion and how building a new building will impact Pine View Path. We hope all Rivendell residents attend the Annual Meeting!

(Highlights, Jan 8 continued from Pg.1))

Communication Committee: (Barb Gahry)

The Board requests that Mitzi Bruck call a Block Captains Mtg., which could be combined with a Board Meeting. Mitzi has ordered tote bags for Block Captains to give to new homeowners.

Ponds & Preserves: (Frank Freestone)

- Low Maintenance Zone plans in President’s Message; erosion control power point presentation at Annual Mtg.
- Aquatic plants will be planted in the spring.
- Committee will apply for a County grant for 2021.
- Preliminary approval granted by the County for mowed firebreaks in the preserves.

Social Committee: (Carolyn Kenney)

- Committee needs Lighthouse to give them an accurate count of attendees for January 17 Dinner.
- Christmas instrumental serenade a huge success.
- Community Garage Sale will be cancelled unless more residents express interest in participating.
- Parents of young children want a children’s event. Need a young parent on Social Committee to take the lead.

Fining Committee:

Joe Sefack, committee chair, is leaving the community. The Board wants to thank Joe for his many years of service to the community.

Secretary Notes: (John Fitzgibbon)

- Sidewalk hazard in Cottages on County property. Ray Capuano will ask paving crew to correct problem.
- Standing rules and deed restrictions will be included in the 2020 Community Directory.
- Request that signs in the community read Rivendell instead of Woodlands at Rivendell. Following discussion, secretary will investigate the original name of the community.

New Business

Ponds and Preserves Committee wants a projector and screen for its presentation at the Annual Meeting. Board approved the purchase of a projector. A screen will be lent to the committee for the presentation.

Homeowner Comments:

- Because only 2 people (current Board members) applied for the 3 Board vacancies, Beth Miller declared there would be no election. Homeowners stated that the Bylaws allow for write-in nominations and nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Request that a 3rd Annual Meeting notice be mailed containing a ballot. (Will be taken under advisement)
- Low Maintenance Zone should be 6 feet wide instead of 3 feet wide. (Will consider for 2021)
- Cost of pond fountain? (\$7,500)
- Pool not warm enough. Possible problem with equipment, perhaps the vents. (Problems concerning pool to be directed to Lighthouse)

Next Meeting:

Annual Meeting on February 5 at 6 PM.

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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.

Three-Foot Low-Maintenance Zone (LMZ) is Our Community Standard

By the Rivendell Ponds and Preserves Committee



The Rivendell Board has established a community standard for LMZs on pond shorelines. LMZs are a key component of the Rivendell “Natural Shorelines” Program to help control erosion. **Note that all pond shorelines and LMZs are on community common ground.** The land

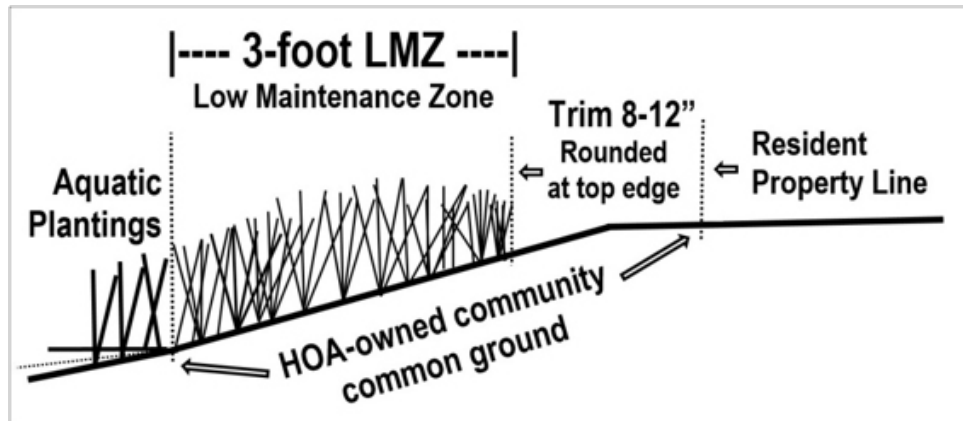
between each homeowner’s surveyed property line and the pond shoreline is community-owned common ground – that community property depth is at least 10 – 20 feet.

The Board is seriously considering a transition to a mandatory LMZ policy for all homes adjacent to ponds. This is in addition to the LMZs now in effect on community-mowed shorelines.

Installing a voluntary 3-foot Low-Maintenance Zone (LMZ) for homeowners living adjacent to ponds is currently encouraged by the Board. Identical LMZs are being maintained by the community landscape contractor on community common areas on most pond shorelines not adjacent to homes. This effort began with the Egret Pond Pilot Project. The LMZ at Egret Pond reflects the “community standard.”

- LMZs should be three feet wide and the full width of the property that borders the pond. This prevents heavy mowers from damaging the fragile banks. If your property is maintained by a landscape contractor, you may wish to install stakes to define the width of the LMZ, until it is fully established. This helps communicate your specifications to the operators of mowers and trimmers.
- The grass in the LMZ should be maintained to a height of 8-12 inches - slightly rounded at the top edge is preferred. This provides stability to the pond bank to control erosion and reduces fertilizer runoff into the pond.
- Care should be taken to trim the LMZ to a “neat, uniform, and manicured appearance,” which is the goal of our community for these LMZs, Rivendell-wide. Their appearance matters. Please keep clippings out of the pond as they can decompose and release nutrients to that pond - contributing to unsightly algae. Avoid cutting aquatic plantings in the pond.

Please encourage your pond neighbors to begin growing a Low-Maintenance Zone. The Rivendell “Natural Shorelines” Program will work best when all Rivendell residents, particularly those living adjacent to ponds, support the program and do their part to contribute to this community-wide effort. **Your actions make a difference!**



This graphic details the features of the Rivendell Low-Maintenance Zone. (Not to scale.)



Let's Enjoy Our Preserves... Please Leave Them Alone. Your Actions Make a Difference.

Homeowners living next to a preserve play a role to protect it. As part of Rivendell’s HOA permit with the county, designed wetland and preserve areas adjacent to homes, and community common-ground areas, are inspected regularly. Any activity beyond residents’ property line is considered an incursion - violations are enforced. We ask homeowners and renters to follow the conditions of the Rivendell Covenant on all preserves and common-ground areas:

- Please do not plant, disturb, build, pave, store or remove anything outside of your property.

- No grass, gardening, or vegetation can be planted, allowed to encroach, or be mowed beyond your property line.
- Let’s not cut or remove any vegetation, or deposit yard debris or any waste from protected areas.

Online? Check below for more information, including Rivendell land use restrictions:

- [Rivendell HOA articles](#)
- [The Woodlands Word](#) article – July 2019: [Live Near a Preserve? – Please Read This!](#)



Airing of the Quilts Display and Sale
 will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 on Saturday Feb 1, 2020.
 It is free and open to the public.
 Held at Maxine Barritt Park
 1800 Harbor Drive, Venice, FL
 (South of Sharkey's Restaurant)

Modern quilts made by our
 talented members and members of
 South Sarasota Modern Quilt Guild
 will be hanging among the palms.
 Fabric and quilts will be for sale.

Rivendell Book Group Schedule By Judy Sokal

The book group meets February 10th at the home of Marge Chicatelli, 1117 Scherer Way. Please call Marge at 941-966-1351 or email margerychic@yahoo.com if you plan to attend. The book selection is *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles and will be led by Judy Sokal.



Briefly, in the aftermath of the Civil War, Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd, an elderly widower and itinerant news reader, is offered fifty dollars to bring an orphan girl, who was kidnapped and raised by Kiawa raiders, on a dangerous journey from Wichita Falls back to her family in San Antonio.

The book group meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:30. All Rivendell residents are welcome; please notify the month's hostess if you plan to participate. Books are selected based on recommendations from the group members who have read the book. Members take turns volunteering to either lead a book discussion or host the group in their home.

Following is the future schedule:

Feb. 10, 2020, *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles

March 9, 2020, *Educated* by Tara Westover

April 13, 2020, *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett

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Steps to Protect Your Location; Privacy on your Cell Phone

Excerpted from "Opinion The Privacy Project"

by Stuart A. Thompson & Gus Wezerek, *New York Times*, 12/25/ 2019

www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/12/19/opinion/location-tracking-privacy-tips.html?searchResultPosition=3

Times Opinion had a series of reports starting December 19, 2019 which provided information on how the location data for millions of Americans was being used by companies. This excerpt provides information on how to protect your cell phone location information. If you are interested in reading the report, Google "The Privacy Project New York Times: Twelve Million Phones, One Dataset, Zero Privacy."

Your smartphone is an advanced surveillance tool. Once your location is shared with the companies, there's no way to delete that information or get it back. It is best to avoid sharing your location in the first place — at least until the government begins regulating how that information is collected, used and sold.

Go to this website and simple step-by step directions and images will be provided for your type of phone: <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/12/19/opinion/location-tracking-privacy-tips.html?searchResultPosition=3>

1. Stop sharing your location with apps: The most important thing you can do now is to disable location sharing for apps already on your phone. (Don't worry, your phone will automatically send its location to emergency responders if you dial 911.) It's easy to do this without having to open each app.

Many apps that request your location, like weather, coupon or local news apps, often work just fine without it. For example, there's no reason a weather app needs your second-by-second location to provide forecasts for your city.

Apple made it more difficult for companies to snoop on your whereabouts via backdoor methods like checking for nearby Bluetooth and Wi-Fi networks. To benefit from these safeguards, ensure your phone's operating system is updated.

2. Disable your mobile ad ID: Your online activity can be tied together and tracked using your mobile advertising ID, which is a unique number created by your phone and sent to advertisers and app makers.

Since location data is sent along with your ad ID, it can be tied to other data about you. Disable this feature entirely in your privacy settings, limiting the ways companies can tie your activities together.

3. Prevent Google from storing your location: If you have a Google account, the company may already have saved location data tied to your devices. You can prevent Google from collecting this information by going to your account's location activity controls and turning off location sharing.

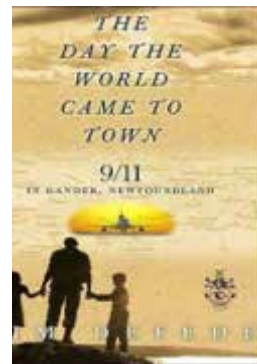
4. Understand location tracking is hard to avoid: You can do only so much. Location vendors are engaged in a race to find new ways to search out your devices, regardless of whether you followed the steps to limit location access. Some will try to identify you using your device type, I.P. address, screen size and even volume and screen brightness, in a process called "fingerprinting."

Your mobile carrier also collects location pings while your phone is turned on. Telecom companies were recently caught selling that data to companies that then resold it to "bounty hunters," who used it to find phones in real time. Telecom companies have now agreed to stop selling the data, but they still collect it.

5. Interested in doing more to keep your location to yourself? Try the Privacy Pro SmartVPN app, which allows users to monitor apps and block them from additional forms of data sharing. Real protections will occur if federal laws are passed to limit what companies can do with collected data. Until then, no matter what settings we choose, we're all at risk.

Credits: Stuart A. Thompson is a writer and editor in the Opinion section. Gus Wezerek is a graphics editor for Opinion.

Rivendell Book Group II



Book Group II is now meeting on the **3rd TUESDAY** of each month at 7pm. We welcome anyone who likes to read and talk about books!

In February, we will be discussing **The Day the World Came to Town** by Jim DeFede. This is the real-life story of the events that took place over four days in the small Canadian town of Gander, Newfoundland, following the attacks in the U.S. on 9/11. The hit Broadway musical *Come from Away*

is based on the book.

Maria Ilioff will host the February 21 gathering. Please call, email or text if you plan to attend: maria.ilioff85@gmail.com. or 607-427-4192. The address is 920 Scherer Way.

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The Rivendell Community Web Site is available at

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White Ribbons - What do They Mean?

By Nancy Dobias

One of the jewels of living in a community such as Rivendell is having a nature trail within our complex. Whether it's a rainy day or a sunny day, imagination AND reality are always ripe for what may lie around the next bend.

If you are a regular user of the trail, you will have noticed a series of white ribbons encircling various trees on the Pine View side of the path. Some trees right next to the path, and even more further back into the woods are marked. Apparently, these trees are slated for removal as part of Pine View's planned expansion.

Because I had been wondering what type of expansion into these woods was planned for Pine View School, I Googled it, and below is the link that I found: **Go to pages 49-50 in the**




document and find the plans the School District has for Pine View. Or view the plan that is on the bottom of this page.

If I understand it correctly, it boils down to a \$20,000,000 project to replace the portable classrooms with permanent structures and apparently somewhere in this area, the new complex will be built. The portables will be put into use at other school locations.

Pine View's principal will attend the Annual Meeting on February 5, 2020 to discuss the building project's impact on Pine View Path.

<http://www.sarasota.k12.fl.us/agenda2/June%2019,%202018%20Monthly%20Work%20Session%20on%20Tuesday,%20June%2019,%202018/F40AC86D-9D2B-43EF-98AA-0E91C3194380.pdf>



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County Schools

Pine View New Classroom Wing

CIP PROJECT SUMMARY

Description	Assessment	Funding
<p>Scope: Provide permanent student classroom space for students at Pine View currently placed in temporary portables.</p> <p>Project Status Planning and project scope development.</p>	<p>Goal: Meet Goal 1, Objective 1.2 and Goal 2, Objectives 2.2 and 2.3 by providing permanent student stations that meet the demands for educational services in Sarasota County Schools.</p> <p>Condition: The main campus capacity is 1300 students. However the current enrollment with portables is 2140 students. This is a chronic condition that will only be addressed with a new classroom wing.</p>	<p>Budget: \$20,000,000</p> <p>CIP Funding Years: 2019/20</p>



Places To Go: Solomon's Castle

<http://solomonscastle.com/>



~ photos by B. Babbitt



Do you like Florida adventures? How about stained-glass windows? What about sculptures and art using “found” objects? Want to see an old boat? Then a visit to Solomon’s Castle in Ona, Florida is just the destination for you! Solomon’s Castle is the home and studio of sculptor Howard Solomon, now deceased. This is a most “unique” experience. See the castle grounds, designed by Peggy Solomon, and walk along the nature trail by Horse Creek.

This wonderful destination is an easy drive from Rivendell, and fun for all ages. Solomon’s Castle is located at 4533 Solomon Road, Ona, FL, and travel from Osprey takes about 1 hour, 25 minutes with a distance of about 63 miles.

Please note that it is closed for the months of August & September and every Monday. Tours are available Tuesday thru Sunday from 10 A.M. To 4:00 P.M. The price is reason-

able and payable in cash or check (no credit cards). An ATM is on the grounds. For more information call (863) 494-6077 or visit website <http://solomonscastle.com>.



2019 Year End - Home Values Report for Rivendell

SUMMARY OF REAL ESTATE SALES IN RIVENDELL						
Year	Homes Sold	Current Listings	Monthly Supply	Average Sold Price	Average SP/SqFt	Average days on market
Jan-Dec 2019	29	7	2.9 months	\$432,500	\$177	99
Jan-Dec 2018	36	10	3.3 months	\$439,200	\$182	105
Change	-19%	-21%	-12,%	-2%	-3%	-6%

Rivendell Home values - Short term trend

In 2019, 29 homes have sold. The average price was \$432,500 (\$177/ft²). The housing market shows strength again, driven by high demand and lower interest rates. The inventory of homes for sale in Rivendell is very low, and we feel buyers have more urgency today compared to last season.

Long term trend

More than 70 million Americans will retire over the coming 15 years. 14 million are forecasted to move to Florida. This promise a healthy demand for real estate in our area in the foreseeable future.

We are Rivendell residents since 2003 and would be honored if you trusted us with your real estate needs or just want a professional opinion of your homes value.

The new Tax act works in favor of Florida Real Estate Values.

The new tax treaty, introduced in 2018, has a new cap of the right to deduct local, state and property taxes. This hits residents in high tax states hard, resulting in many successful businesses and residents from for example the north-east are leaving to move to Florida where we have no personal income tax and comparably low property taxes.



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Rivendell Calendar of Events - February 2020

Become involved in your community! Volunteers needed on many of the committees listed below. If you have an interest in getting to know your neighbors and getting more involved, please contact the committee chairs listed below.

February 5...Annual Membership Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for 6:00 pm at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2705 N. Tamiami Trail, Nokomis

February 5, 12, 19 and 26...Play Euchre, a fun interactive card game. Scheduled each Wednesday of the month from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Learn to play and make some new friends! Location to be determined. For more information contact Mike and Annie Francis at 585-749-0430

February 6 and 20...Bridge Group meets the first and third Thursday of the month at 1:00 – 4:00 pm. Contact Barbara Loe at 651-398-2256 for more information.

February 8...Dine In Group meets the second Saturday of the month. For more information contact Kristin Ellison at kristinellison1@gmail.com

February 10...Rivendell Book Group meets the second Monday of the month at 7:30 pm. This month's event will be held at 1117 Scherer Way. Please contact Marge Chicatelli at 941-966-1351 or margerychic@yahoo.com
To learn more please go to page __ of this newsletter.

February 15...Dine Out Group meets the third Saturday of the month. For more information contact Kristin Ellison at kristinellison1@gmail.com

February 17...Social Committee meets from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Location to be determined. Contact Carolyn Kenney at kenneycsrq@gmail.com for more information.

February 18...Rivendell Book Group II meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Location is the home of Maria Ilioff at 930 Scherer Way. Please contact her at milioff85@gmail.com or 607-427-4192. To learn more please go to page __ of this newsletter.

February 20...Mix and Mingle Social is scheduled 5:30 – 7:00 pm at the Rivendell Community Pool. Bring your favorite beverage and optional snack to share. Lots of fun meeting your neighbors! All welcome.

February 25...Architectural Review Committee (ARC) meets the last Tuesday of the month at 4:30 pm at the Cottages Clubhouse. Contact Maureen Emmons at mauremmons@ymail.com

February 27...Communication Committee Meeting meets the last Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. For more information contact Barbara Gahry at barbgahry@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

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CALLING ALL BIRD LOVERS!



RIVENDELL BIRD WALK

By Melle Lee Warren and Norma Lee Rhines

Join us on February 18, 2020 as we search for resident and migratory birds in our Rivendell neighborhood. We will meet at the community pool at 8 a.m. The walk starts down Rivendell Boulevard, p looking for water birds at the ponds, and then heads onto our nature trail, looking for hawks, warblers, woodpeckers and whatever else awaits us. Total walking distance is approximately one (1) mile. Part of the distance can be accessed by car, if preferred. For additional information contact Melle Lee Warren (melle_lee@hotmail.com) or Norma Lee Rhines (nlrhines@verizon.net).



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CAVALIER KING CHARLES OWNERS! Do you have a well-mannered, potty-trained Cavalier and would like to reciprocate sitting services while away, or use in case of emergency? Must be current on all shots & flea/ heartworm protected. No monies involved, just assurance that our babies are taken care of & loved. Apollo would love to have a new friend. Call **Anita** at **941-321-0452**.

CERTIFIED HEALTH COACHES: Dr. Maggi Verhagen & Deb Holton-Smith RN BSN offer "solutions to optimal health" with their simple 5 + 1 program. Join the BeSLIM Club plan with our portion-controlled meals and lose an average of 10 lbs per month. Our coaching is FREE. Call to see if this is a good fit for you! Better Together, Neighbors!!! For consult call **Deb** at **845-661-9883** or email for information **GetSLIM@Holton-Smith.com**

COMPUTER REPAIR AND INSTRUCTION PLUS OTHER HOME ELECTRONICS (TABLETS, SMART PHONES, TV, Etc): I have been providing computer services to Rivendell and the surrounding neighborhoods for 6+ years! For Rivendell and Willowbend residents I offer a special \$20 an hour rate. I also offer a flat charge for any computer virus repair taking over two hours. I am a Rivendell resident with 35+ years computer & home automation experience. Call **Gary Mruz** **941-786- 6019** or email **gary.mruz@gmail.com**

COMPUTER REPAIR, TECH SUPPORT, AND TECHNOLOGY TUTOR: Setup-Build-Troubleshoot-Repair all your technology needs including virus removal, home technology installations and computer equipment. Learn more about all your devices. I have been a Rivendell resident for 12 years, attended Pine View School, and graduated UCF with a degree in Information Technology. For Rivendell residents only, my fee is \$25 per hour. Contact: **Ben McClannahan** Cell: **727-410-2413** Email: **Bmclann04@gmail.com**

DOG WALKER, HOUSE SITTING SERVICE: Lena Ho, a Rivendell resident who has lived here for 15 years, has had experience walking and caring for dogs. I can visit and take care of your dogs and assist in maintenance of your home such as watering plants and sending updates while you are away. References provided. **Lena Ho,** cell: **407-575-0565** email: **lho@bu.edu_**

HOUSE PAINTING, HANDYMAN WORK, & HOME WATCH SERVICES: Rivendell resident with 30 years of experience enjoys assisting neighbors with economical, meticulous, professional quality house painting - interior & exterior. Also help with general home upkeep - light electrical, plumbing & carpentry jobs, etc. Are you a snowbird or landlord? I can watch your home or help with rental upkeep (home detailing & deep cleaning for move-ins or move-outs). References provided upon request. Call **Charles Tanguy:** **941-539-5647** or email **ctanguy@verizon.net**

IS YOUR LAMPPOST LIGHT STAYING ON or NOT LIGHTING AT ALL? Rivendell resident **Bill Bloom** will repair your problem. Replacing a sensor is \$45 and includes all parts, labor, and cleaning. Replacing a burned-out bulb is \$18 and includes a new bulb and cleaning. Call **941-587-8439**.

LUNA RESTORE: For pool/lanai deck restoration and staining, interior/exterior painting, and "fix-it" projects to update and improve the appearance of your home, contact **Vic** at **LUNA RESTORE 941-735-2324**.

MATHEMATICS TUTORING: Calculus & Statistics, specializing in AP. Retired math teacher with 30+ years in public & private schools. Rivendell resident. Your home or ours! Multiple student discount available. Ref: Who's Who in American Education, NJ Governor's Teacher Award. Call **Carol:** **941-866-0270** or email **gdontheroad@yahoo.com_**

PERSONAL WELLNESS COACH, PERSONAL TRAINER, PILATES AND YOGA INSTRUCTOR: Kelly McClannahan is a Rivendell resident since 2004. I am a certified Health Coach with the Dr. Sears Wellness Institute and a Certified Personal Trainer through NASM. I offer several tiers of coaching including nutritional coaching in which I will teach you simple changes you can make nutritionally for better health and weight loss. In addition, if you'd like to add fitness, we can group or personal train. I also offer cabinet makeovers and healthy cooking lessons in your home. Call for information and details: **727-423-8208** or email **kellymclannahan@yahoo.com**

PET SITTING, HOUSE SITTING: An adult resident of Rivendell for 15 years, I love cats, dogs, birds, & bunnies. Also very qualified to take care of your home while you are away. A dependable daily (for pets), bi-weekly, weekly, or monthly visit can be scheduled. Or I can stay at your home. My experience & references provide peace of mind that your pets and/or house are being well-cared for. Call **Carolanne Haddock** at **941-539-6176**.

PET SITTING SERVICE, HOUSE SITTING SERVICE: Rivendell resident and Pine View high school student who loves pets and has previous experience walking neighbors' dogs, will walk your dogs and care for any of your pets. As well, she can visit and care for your home daily or weekly to carry out chores such as water plants, check and send home updates while you are away etc. Have references. Please call **Erica** at **(941) 786-8478**.

POOL MAINTENANCE: Leslie Casanova, Rivendell resident, is the owner of a Pool Maintenance and Service company, **Kraken Pool Service Inc.**, which services over 200 customers in the area. We offer full service weekly pool maintenance. For Rivendell residents only, we offer a special price of \$49 for the first month of service to new customers. Please call **941-993-5548** or email **info@krakenpools.com**

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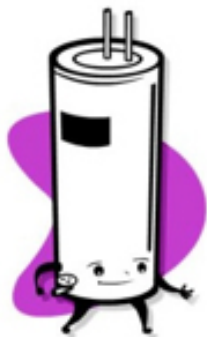
TRAVEL SERVICES: Tired of fighting the internet and wasting hours researching your own trip components? After over 30 years in the travel industry, I have purchased a Cruise Planners - American Express franchise and am now a full service "no fee" travel agency, operating out of my home in Rivendell. Please check out my website www.angelltoursandcruises.com where you can search various cruises and tours to your heart's content. For Rivendell residents only: I will waive my "New Client Upfront Deposit" requirement of \$100.00 to plan your trip. Just send an email to mary.angell@cruiseplanners.com, and in the subject line show "add me to your database", to start receiving Cruise Planners' specials as they're released. **Mary Angell 941-918-1990.**

TUTORING: Pre-med student with experience being a peer tutor at Boston University's Educational Resource Center and working at Varsity Tutors. Graduated from Boston University in 2018 as a double major in human physiology and nutritional sciences with a minor in dance. Subjects I tutor are ACT prep, biology, nutrition, and high school math. **Lena Ho, cell: 407-575-0565 email: lho@bu.edu**

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 Marilyn at marilynprobert@gmail.com

Water Heater



Water heaters deteriorate and when they do, they will leak. What can you do to prevent this from happening? When you are home, check on the tank regularly (especially if it's more than 8 years old). Dampness around the base tells you that it's leaking and it's time to replace. Sometimes though, you're not so lucky and the tank will rupture. If you are not home to shut the water off immediately, this can cause major damage. If possible, when

you are away, turn off the water to the entire house, but if that is not possible, then at least shut off the supply at the tank. If you do not have a shutoff valve at that point in your system, you may want to consider getting one installed. If none of these options is possible, at least ask a neighbor to keep an eye on your house.

If you should happen to notice water seeping out from under a neighbor's garage door, please turn off the water to the house at the main valve, then contact the owner as soon as possible, as they may have other equipment (pool) that requires the water valve to the house to be open.



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What I Wish You Knew...

Having worked in this industry for over 20 years, I've seen all too often people who waited to get their hearing checked struggle during conversations. They describe the same pattern, while listening to their friend's story one word sticks out as odd, and they lose track of the rest of the story.

It's always just one word in a story that causes confusion, which results in an interruption since the story doesn't make sense. Needing to ask for help with a misunderstood word gets embarrassing for the listener. Overtime they stop asking for clarity. Then they worry that everyone thinks they are always confused.

Being able to hear a story clearly is what hearing aids should do.

People think wearing a hearing aid is like wearing glasses. When you look at a flower, you see a flower. When you hear a simple noise, like a siren, you hear the sound. However, a better comparison would be listening is like reading, since both involve understanding what is being shared.

Reading is not about looking at words it is about comprehension of words. Reading a story requires you to imagine characters and what they will do. When you get caught up in a story you feel their reactions and hope for their future. You have an emotional response to the characters. You aren't just reading words, you engage in what happens.

Listening to a conversation is not about hearing sounds, it is about the words and their meaning. Listening involves the entire story, including emotions and experiences. You honor your friends by engaging with their stories.

Studies have shown that waiting to address a hearing loss will reduce the words you understand. Every time a word is not understood during a story, you will lose the flow of what is being shared while you try to figure out that one word. Missing out on words during a conversation reduces your ability to connect the words you hear to the full experience of the story.

If you get lost when hearing a story and wonder if you hear well enough, call for a hearing test, 941-244-9300.

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Architectural Review Committee Report - January 7, 2020

Meeting called to order 3:08 PM

Quorum present: Alex Castro, Richard Jurik, Neil Agruss, Susan Lanza, Joe Zwerling

Board Member: Maureen Emmons, Acting Chair

	Request	Address	Assigned To	Second	Status
1	Exterior Paint	522 Meadow Sweet	Alex Castro	Susan Lanza	Approved
2	Exterior Paint	527 Meadow Sweet	Alex Castro	Susan Lanza	Approved
3	Landscape	580 Meadow Sweet	Alex Castro	Joe Zwerling	Approved
4	Landscape	695 Rivendell Blvd	Joe Zwerling	Alex Castro	Approved
5	Exterior Paint	701 Fordingbridge	Joe Zwerling	Susan Lanza	Approved
6	Landscape	782 Shadow Bay	Susan Lanza	Richard Jurik	Approved
7	Exterior Paint	782 Shadow Bay	Susan Lanza	Richard Jurik	Approved
8	Landscape	808 Placid Lake	Neil Agruss	Susan Lanza	Approved
9	Exterior Paint	832 Golden Pond Ct	Richard Jurik	Alex Castro	Approved
10	Door Paint	900 Scherer Way	Richard Jurik	Susan Lanza	Approved
11	Exterior Paint	1080 Mallard Marsh	Richard Jurik	Susan Lanza	Approved

New Benjamin Moore Paint Palette book suggested colors was reviewed by the committee. Once we get feedback and approval from the BOD, the paint list will be made available on RivendellCommunity.com. In addition, we will add a link to the Paint Request Form that, when clicked, will direct the user to the paint palette list.

Meeting adjourned 3:24

Next meeting is **Tuesday February 25** at 4:30 PM at the Cottages Clubhouse. Request cutoff is **February 18**.



Rivendell Community Contacts

<p>Committees</p> <p>Communication Committee Chair: Barb Gahry (barbgahry@gmail.com) Board Liaison: John Fitzgibbon Block Captains Lead: Mitzi Bruck Newsletter: Linda Pearlstein, Marilyn Probert, Kay Mruz, Carol Heckert, Norma Lee Rhines, Frank Diteljan, Kristine Nickel Directory: Kay Mruz Reporters: Mike Bergman, Lesley Sterling Webmaster: Gary Mruz</p> <p>Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Chair: Maureen Emmons (mauremmons@ymail.com) Board Liaison: Maureen Emmons (mauremmons@ymail.com) Members: Neil Agruss, Alex Castro, Richard Jurik, Susan Lanza, Joseph Zwerling</p> <p>Maintenance Committee (MC) Chair: OPEN Board Liaison: OPEN Members: Dave Gill, Carole Myles, Ken Heckert, Sallie Hawkins, Kevin Humbert, Greg Volack</p> <p>Ponds & Preserves Committee Chair: Frank Freestone (paddlemania@verizon.net) Board Liaison: Ray Capuano Members: Robert Frank, Dave Gill, Ken Heckert, Tom Hurban, Carolyn Kenney, Edith Norby, Sue Remy, Norma Lee Rhines, Allie Sandow, Nancy Sinclair, Melle Lee Warren</p> <p>Social Committee Chair: Carolyn Kenney (kenneycsr@gmail.com) Board Liaison: John Fitzgibbon Members: Kristen Ellison, Barbara Gildner, Kathy Halaiko, Sallie Hawkins, Deb Jones, Adele Kellman, Lenora McComas, Barbara O'Brien, Melle Lee Warren</p>	<p>Rivendell Board of Directors</p> <p>Ray Capuano, President (raycapuano1@gmail.com)</p> <p>Maureen Emmons, Vice President (mauremmons@ymail.com)</p> <p>OPEN, Director At Large</p> <p>John Fitzgibbon, Secretary (john.fitz48@gmail.com)</p> <p>Steve Bragg, Treasurer (smbragg@ilstu.edu)</p> <p>Sub-Association Boards of Directors</p> <p>The Cottages: John Martin, President; Bill Vanik, 1st Vice President; Bob Metelko, 2nd Vice President; Bev Piraino, Treasurer; Carol Costa, Secretary.</p> <p>Patio Homes: Bob Thierfelder, President; Dan Tavares, Secretary; Dave Rollinson, Treasurer.</p> <p>The Villas: Dianne Enger, President; Barbara Loe, Vice President, Treasurer; Mary Poremba, Secretary.</p> <p>Lighthouse Property Management: 941-966-6844 x604 Property Manager: Beth Miller (Bethmiller@mgmt.tv) Assistant Property Manager: Natalie Munno (Natalie@mgmt.tv)</p> <p>Rivendell Website www.rivendellcommunity.com Contact Lighthouse Management for password to RESIDENTS section.</p>
<p>Woodlands Word Deadline: Submit articles and information to Marilyn Probert (marilynprobert@gmail.com) by the tenth of the month.</p> <p>Updates to the Contacts Page: Kay Mruz (siestakeysunset6@gmail.com)</p>	<p>Nuisance Alligator Call Florida Fish & Wildlife - SNAP 866-392-4286 Do Not Call Lighthouse Property Management</p> <p>Sarasota County Sheriff Non-emergency Number: 941-316-1201 Please use this number for non-emergencies</p>



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