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February 2010

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Highlights of Jan. 4 Board Meeting by Mary Kennedy

Three members of the Board were present at the Jan. 4th meeting: Mary Marryott, Jim Stepien and Dave Gill. Mary Marryott chaired the meeting. Absent were President Bill Straw and recently resigned Ralf Jurczyk. The Board heard reports that:

- A new landscape contractor, Sun State, has been selected from among five companies considered, according to Jim Stepien. The neighboring community of Willowbend employs this contractor. The new Board will need to meet with Sun State to discuss needed improvements.
- Issues involving trees improperly removed from the preserves, lakeside plantings, and fire mitigation cleanup were discussed by Russ Hoffman, Lake Manager.
- Guidelines regulating fences in Rivendell are being revised from white vinyl only to include black wrought iron as a result of the Jurczyk fence situation. The new Board will consider these proposed revisions.
- The Jurczyk fence situation continues to be an issue following the removal of the fence and a subsequent mediation meeting, according to Association attorney Dan Lobeck.
- *The Woodlands Word* will continue to be published monthly for at least the next six months to fulfill contractual obligations with its advertisers. A new Chair will be needed as of February 1st as the current Chair, Barb Gahry, is stepping down.

- In the view of Dave Gill, whose term as Board member ends this month, the committee system has much value and needs to be reinvigorated; many resignations of committee chairs and members have occurred during the recent past. Gill attributed some of these resignations to a flurry of emails.

As outgoing treasurer, Dave Gill shared some personal insights as a member of the Board as well as a Rivendell homeowner. He thanked the members of the Community for allowing him to serve them as a member of the Board. He described this past year as the "Year of the Fence" with its multiple dimensions of concern consuming our attention. However, other issues of importance remain and must be addressed as well by the next Board. Of particular note were issues with the county over homeowners' infringements into the preserves and the clearing of fire hazard zones.

Dave expressed sadness by the "email stuff" that is being sent to homeowners. He produced a particularly offensive email taken from his computer that afternoon from a John Macintyre. "Who is John Macintyre?" Gill asked. There is no one listed among our homeowners by that name. It seems most cowardly and unfair to our community for someone to generate such hurt and dissension and not even properly identify himself.

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continued from page 1 "Highlights of Jan. 4th Board Meeting"

If a member of the community has a concern, pick up the phone and call a Board member or call Kyanne at Lighthouse and talk about the concerns. Gill cited several examples of where he and members of the community expressed differences on various issues. However, the differences were verbally addressed among the differing parties not expounded upon through emails.

Dave is also a firm believer in the value of committees. He feels they bring ideas from the grass roots, feeding the Board with valuable information. It is sad indeed that residents have resigned from committees because of some of the emails. In passing the torch of leadership to our new Board, Dave asks of them and all of us to work as a team to grab hold of the reins and work together!

Mary Marryott thanked Dave for his service to the Rivendell Community and emphasized the importance of going to the official Rivendell website for information concerning our community as well as addressing concerns directly to Board members or Kyanne Merrill at Lighthouse Management.

REPORTS

Communications Committee Chair, Barbara Gahry, reported that *The Woodlands Word* would continue to be published monthly for at least the next six months to fulfill the contractual arrangements with publisher OnTrac and their advertisers. Advertisers make it possible for OnTrac to publish *The Woodlands Word* free of charge to the homeowners of Rivendell. Pam Babbitt has volunteered to continue the work of Linda Pearlstein and Nancy Wettlaufer as editor of the *Woodlands Word*.

The February issue of *The Woodlands Word* will be delivered by block captains coordinated by Cindy Schmidl. Many thanks to our previous distributor Donna Scully and her family for facilitating the newsletter distribution during the past several months.

Under the umbrella of the Communications Committee are *The Woodlands Word*, the Community Directory and the Block Captains. Barbara will continue to coordinate the Rivendell Community Directory after she steps down as Committee Chair in February. A new Chair will be needed for this Committee.

Liaison to the Management Oversight Committee, Jim Stepien, reported no activity during the Christmas holidays.

Liaison to the Architectural Committee, Bill Straw, was absent. A brief report was presented by Mrs. Straw commenting on an upcoming change in

standards and regulations regarding acceptable fences in Rivendell. This action has been necessitated by the Board's agreement with the Jurczyks in permitting a black wrought iron fence to replace the white vinyl fence that had been removed. Previously, only white vinyl fences have been permitted in the community. This action will be addressed by the next Board.

Swimming Pool Committee Chair, Tom Faessler, reported that all is well with the community pool, although due to the cold weather it is currently not being used very much.

There were no reports from the Web Master, Landscape, Environmental, and Finance & Procurement Committees.

MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no report from Lighthouse Management Agent, Ms. Kyanne Merrill. A conflict in dates necessitated her absence from the meeting. Mrs. Straw recorded the official Board minutes for Kyanne.

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OLD BUSINESS

Old Business consisted of matters relating to a continuing lawsuit against the community by a homeowner. A comprehensive printed report from the Community's attorney, Daniel Lobeck, was made available to all attendees at the Board meeting. According to the report, dated December 22, 2009, the Association and Mr. and Mrs. Jurczyk signed a Mediated Settlement Agreement on December 1, 2009. This was done after seven and one half hours of negotiations and in the presence of Mr. Lobeck, Rivendell's attorney, and Cindy Hill Ford, attorney for Mr. and Mrs. Jurczyk. On December 3, Mr. Lobeck received a response from Ms. Ford making additional demands in favor of her clients. After speaking with Ms. Ford, Mr. Lobeck remains hopeful that there will not be a need for further litigation. Certainly, the Association Board of Directors and the membership have no interest in dragging out matters with Mr. and Mrs. Jurczyk further. At this point, whether or not that happens depends completely on Mr. and Mrs. Jurczyk and whether they want to bring this to a conclusion or continue their lawsuits, according to Mr. Lobeck.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Stepien reported that five landscape contractors had been consulted for consideration in Rivendell. The agreed upon choice is Sun State, the same company utilized by our neighboring community, Willowbend. Sun State is committed not only to maintaining the community but improving it is as well. Members of the Board will be meeting with Sun State to discuss the overall landscaping needs of the community, including the replacement of plants in the Park Trace buffer zone.

Dave Gill reported that the old entrance sign on Old Venice Road has been removed and lights and flowers now enhance the new one.

Some miscommunication has existed regarding the backyard surveys and why they have not been done. Stated for these surveys are ten lots on Scherer Way, Fordingbridge Way, Clear Creek Preserve and Rivendell Blvd. St. Augustine grass cannot be allowed to grow into the preserve but Bahia grass is acceptable.

Russ Hoffman reported doing extra work along the path to Pine View School. This task had never been part of his mandate but concerns visibly needed to be addressed in this area. The first weedy lake in front along Rivendell Blvd. has been approved to be replanted with pickerelweed. The rain has made the water too deep for planting and possible frost would endanger new plants. Planting will take place when conditions are more suitable.

Russ will meet in February with Andrea from the Sarasota County to address reported violations on issues in the preserves. For example, were some of the trees previously removed new or old and are we responsible for replanting them?

Clean up of the fire mitigation is also an area needing attention. Russ handed out pamphlets from the Southwest Florida Water Management District entitled "What is This Swamp Doing in My Back Yard?"

The meeting adjourned shortly after 7:00 PM. ■

FREE H1N1 VACCINE TO RIVENDELL RESIDENTS SARURDAY, FEBRUARY 13th from 10 am to 2 pm The Cottages Clubhouse

Send your reservations by Feb. 10th
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- * Walk-in Vaccination Clinic - Sarasota
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HAVE YOU EVER WANTED A PAPER ROUTE?

If your answer is yes, then respond to this opportunity to volunteer before someone else does!

The Woodlands Word needs a volunteer to deliver the monthly newsletter.

The newsletters will be delivered to your home and it takes about 5 hours to distribute them throughout the Rivendell neighborhood. If you can't do it every month, then let's find a buddy to share the joy.

If you are interested, please send an email to bgahry@comcast.net or pbbabbitt@comcast.net labeled "newsletter delivery."

Rivendell Directory Slated for April 2010 Publication

Sundown Publishing will be producing the Rivendell Directory for 2010.

If you wish to advertise, please call Craig Tirgrath at 941-485-8800.

Rivendell residents will be given priority for ads submitted.

Please contact Barb Gahry if you would like to change or remove your phone number or email address, or if you would like to make any other changes to the Directory.

Barb Gahry can be reached at 941-586-3936 or bgahry@aol.com

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

By the time this is published, a new Board will be in place. Previous Board members had expressed opposition to people writing letters to the editor. They would have preferred that we telephone them to express our opinions. I hate to think what would have happened if we all had taken them up on this; nearly 500 phone calls would have been a lot to deal with!

I hope the new Board will be willing to listen to our concerns whether through Board meetings, personal discussions, or *The Woodlands Word*. In the recent past, Board members (Bill Straw, Jim Stepien, and Ralf Jurczyk, among others, come to mind) have used the *Word* to explain their positions. All Rivendell residents should continue to have the same opportunity.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Probert

DANCE OF THE TREE SWALLOWS

by Russ and Carol Hoffman

One of our favorite winter traditions is watching the tree swallows dance across the sky over the wetland near my home. The little birds visit during December and January. Occasionally their arrival coincides with the winter equinox. We thoroughly relax watching the birds glide around our home. The flock often exceeds 1000 birds, so the sky is peppered with black dots. They move as a fluid group; swooping and gliding across the sky in a seemingly random pattern. It's impossible to predict how the flock will move.

This sight is spectacular. But even more rewarding is watching the aerial ballet with grandchildren. Their little eyes sparkle as they follow the movements across the sky. Sometimes we try to follow an individual bird as it maneuvers between all its flock mates. We wonder which other birds may be siblings, parents or extended family.

Our favorite bird activity is watching the swallows land in wax myrtles, shrubby trees that produce thousands of small berries. (Another name for wax myrtle is bay berry, a fragrance source for bayberry candles.) The birds separate into a group of 50 to 400 and fly in a circular pattern high above the trees. As they dive towards their target, they squeeze into a tighter and tighter circle and finally disappear into the wax myrtle. If you are close enough, you can hear hundreds of birds chirping and moving about in the tree. Within a minute, the entire flock launches for flight and in the same swirling pattern ascends to the sky. It is really amazing! It doesn't seem possible that so many birds can disappear into a single tree that is only six to ten feet tall. The birds do this repeatedly.



NATURE'S NOTEBOOK by Debbie McMurry



Elk joins the McMurrys' Colorado vacation.

As I write this article today, my fingers are freezing! This cold weather is lasting longer than any other year in history! I can't help but think of our forest creatures...brrrr!

Maybe it will snow! Wow, that would be pretty to see a soft layer of white on our front yards. Now I even know what snow looks like.

In October, my family and I took a trip to Colorado, where I saw snow for the first time - yes, the very first time! When I picked it up and felt it, I was amazed at how soft it was. The "boys" played in the snow and had numerous snowball fights. While we were there we visited *Garden of the Gods*, *Pikes Peak*, *Royal Gorge*, and the *Rocky Mountains*. We were surprised to see elk in the backyard of one cabin. When Rivendell deer park themselves behind our house, we find it amazing, but imagine an elk on your patio. And of course the deer in Colorado were everywhere. They are gray, not tan as they are in Florida, and much bigger. We also saw bison, another first for me. I was introduced to so many different and beautiful sights. I could return to Colorado again.

In Rivendell, during December I did catch glimpses of one of the eagles soaring over the park. Many times it flew past our cage. It is still difficult for me to see the female on the nest, but soon the eaglet(s) will be born, mom and dad will be frantically trying to feed them five or six times a day. Hopefully more of Rivendell's residents will see the eagles in flight.

The alligators, turtles, and otters seem to be hiding. At least I haven't seen them. However, one of my neighbors on Mallard Marsh told me she has seen a nine-foot alligator in Mallard Lake. Let's be careful with this creature. Keep your dogs and children close to the house. Don't let your cats run wild; they might become a snack. The larger the alligator grows, the more dangerous. This should be something we all know.

The swallows are growing in number. We see thousands of them in our backyard. Every morning the little birds are feeding on bugs that are floating on top of the lake water. Once they are finished with the lake, they move on to plants and trees. These birds seem to be constantly eating.

The sand hill cranes will be nesting soon. We all love those little chicks. In two months they are the size of their parents.

Nature is wonderful, whether in Colorado or Florida. I can't get enough of it. ■

PLEASE HELP OUR VETERANS

By Vic McMurry

Only 38 miles south from Rivendell is the Douglas T. Jacobson State Veterans Home located in Charlotte County, just across the Sarasota County line. It operates 120 beds with decreasing annual budgets and cares for both male and female residents (last week there were five women).

In a year round effort to help our veterans, we are collecting:

Electric Razors: Per State rules, these must be new in the box. The State only furnishes the inexpensive disposable razors. (Can you imagine an older man who cannot hold his hand steady trying to shave?)

Gift Cards: Wal Mart, Pizza Hut, Hooters, Red Lobster, Cracker Barrel, Denny's, Bob Evan's, Sonny's BBQ, Whiskey Creek, McDonald's, Target, Michael's, Olive Garden, IHOP etc.

CDs: Big Band, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Bobby Darin, Johnny Cash, etc.

DVD's: New Releases, Disney Movies, Comedies, Actions, and Dramas

Trivia Books and Trivia Card Games

As of 2010, the Veterans Nursing Home is losing its storage unit; here they were able to store items prior to having a garage sale to sell items they could not use. The Veterans Nursing Home then used these funds to take our veterans to town for lunch, maybe a movie, or some other activity. From what I understand, the state of Florida decided to delete the storage unit in order to save money. Thus, the Nursing Home must greatly restrict what it can accept as donated items. In addition, some new state rules will force the Home to be even more selective in the items it can accept for donations.

Please continue to donate the following acceptable items:

- Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash, Toothpaste, Lotion, and Deodorant. (We ask that these items NOT be small sizes and be sealed/unopened in original container. Residents have a hard time opening and using smaller sizes such as travel/hotel/trial sizes.)
- Efferdent
- Toothbrushes
- Adult Incontinence Pull Up Briefs (M/L/XL)
- Nail Clippers, Nail Files, Manicure Sticks (Orange Sticks), Brushes, Combs
- Socks (L) and T-Shirts (L/XL/XXL)
- Slippers w/Tread and House Coats (M/L)

- Large Print Books
- Gently Used Clean Clothing (Please: no suits or sports coats; the veterans simply do not wear them).

Please do NOT donate the following:

Powder (Baby/Talc), Bar Soap, Mouthwash, Magazines, News Papers, Used Toiletry Items, Open Incontinence Items, VHS/VCR Tapes, Cassette Tapes, Open/Used Puzzles, Hard Back/Paper Back Books (unless Large Print), Stained/Tattered Clothing, Hangers, Suite cases/bags, Light bulbs, Kitchen appliances, cooking utensils, knives, etc., Furniture (unless approved by the Administrator prior to purchase).

Donate without leaving Rivendell:

As a member of The Sons of the American Revolution, I have already delivered two carloads of donations in the past six weeks. Just call me at 966-0493. Debbie and I live at 1204 Mallard Marsh Drive. I've pledged to deliver all donations as soon as my Ford Explorer is full, and I will make as many trips as needed. Please include a paper with your name and address. If you provide your e-mail address, I will e-mail you the inventory we are required to provide to the Veteran's Home. ■

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Kyanne Merrill (kyannemerrill@mgmt.tv)

Rivendell's Assistant Property Manager:
Hope Korte (hopekorte@mgmt.tv)

Recipe Roundup by Linda Pearlstein

Here's a hot soup recipe that nonetheless is perfect for Floridians in its use of shrimp. Guests have loved it! I use chicken stock instead of seafood stock and fat-free half and half instead of the regular half and half.

Shrimp Bisque by Ina Garten

Serves 4 to 6

Ingredients:

1 pound large shrimp, peeled and deveined, shells reserved
 4 cups seafood stock
 3 tablespoons good olive oil
 2 cups chopped leeks, white and light green parts (3 leeks)
 1 tablespoon chopped garlic (3 cloves)
 Pinch cayenne pepper
 1/4 cup Cognac or brandy
 1/4 cup dry sherry
 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) unsalted butter
 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
 2 cups half-and-half
 1/3 cup tomato paste
 2 teaspoons kosher salt
 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Directions:

Place the shrimp shells and seafood stock in a saucepan and simmer for 15 minutes. Strain and reserve the stock. Add enough water to make 3 3/4 cups. Meanwhile, heat the olive oil in a large pot or Dutch oven. Add the leeks and cook them for 10 minutes over medium-low heat, or until the leeks are tender but not browned. Add the garlic and cook 1 more minute. Add the cayenne pepper and shrimp and cook over medium to low heat for 3 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the Cognac and cook for 1 minute, then the sherry and cook for 3 minutes longer. Transfer the shrimp and leeks to a food processor fitted with a steel blade and process until coarsely pureed. In the same pot, melt the butter. Add the flour and cook over medium-low heat for 1 minute, stirring with a wooden spoon. Add the half-and-half and cook, stirring with a whisk, until thickened, about 3 minutes. Stir in the pureed shrimp, the stock, tomato paste, salt, and pepper and heat gently until hot but not boiling. Season, to taste, and serve hot. ■

BOOK GROUP SCHEDULE

by Marilyn Probert

The Book Group will meet on Monday, February 8 to discuss "*Infidel*" by Ayaan Hirsi Ali. This memoir describes the author's journey from a childhood in Somalia, Saudi Arabia, Ethiopia, and Kenya to eventual asylum in the Netherlands. She has become a vocal critic of Islam and it's subjugation of women, and she is still under heavy guard. While in the Netherlands she was elected to Parliament, and controversy surrounding her citizenship helped to bring down the Dutch government.

Roz Bergman will lead the discussion to be held at my home at 775 Fordingbridge Way. If you'd like to attend, my phone number is 845-536-7269; to avoid long distance charges, you may prefer to e-mail me at tpro38@yahoo.com.

The March 8th meeting will concern the Johnstown Flood of 1889, which was caused by the collapse of the South Fork dam resulting in the deaths of 2200 people. This is the backdrop on which the tensions and animosities of the haves and have-nots are painted in the novel "*In Sunlight, in a Beautiful Garden*" by Kathleen Cambor. She portrays real life people like Andrew Carnegie and Andrew Mellon, who belonged to an elite hunt club in the area, along with fictitious characters to dramatize the fallout that the flood created. Other conflicts, such as the aftermath of the Civil War, the effects of a diphtheria epidemic, the status of immigrants, are described to give a vivid picture of American life in the late 19th century.

Linda Pearlstein will lead the discussion at the home of Roz Bergman, 669 Rivendell Blvd, phone 966-1489.

April's selection will be "American Wife" by Curtis Sittenfeld.

Book Group meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month; all Rivendell residents are welcome. Please call the month's hostess if you'd like to participate. ■

Rivendell Residents At Work 2005-2009

Part 2 - the sequel to Rivendell at Play provides a retrospective on the constructive ways we've worked as a community during the past 5 years.

Reminder: Many Woodlands Word photos can be seen in color on our web page
<http://www.rivendellassociation.com/word>

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Volunteers Pitch In for Rivendell's First Cleanup Day December 2005



Volunteers include:

Mike Bergman, Roz Bergman, Regina Bloom, Bob and Margaret Gililand, Sallie Hawkins, Carol and Ken Heckert, Russ Hoffman, Sara Jones, Jack Klingensmith, Vic McMurry, Allen Roeter, Debbie Volack, George and Nancy Wettlaufer, and Peter Wilson.

JUNE 2005, page 1 and 6

40 get their feet wet on Golden Pond



Participants in the May 7th planting project on Golden Pond included: Katryna Arlet, Carol Barth, Mike Bergman, Walt Berezowski, Bill Bloom, Shirley Borean, Kim Conklin, Grace Connett, Nancy & Gary Dale, Vincent Dale, Valerie Dale, Doreen D'Amico, Carol & Ken Heckert, Carol Hoffman, Tracey Hubbell, Sara Jones, Gail Mahoney, Jack Mahoney, Vic McMurry, Mike Miller, Chuck Montgomery, Al Nardi, Scott Nardi, Scott Norder, Chandler Norder, Nancy & Carl Schubert, Norm Sandrib, Gwen & Jim Stepien, Ann Weingartner, Eric & Kirsten Wessel, Rolf & Tina Wessel, Marcus Wessel, George & Nancy Wettlaufer, and John Winturn. Below right: Russ Hoffamn, Mike Bergman, and the Heckert's.



May 2006 page 6 PETER WILSON, LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE CHAIR



Eight sub-committees are under Peter Wilson's leadership. Since becoming chair in December 2005, he has implemented the initial phase of the Master Landscape Plan when we took responsibility from US Homes.

October 2005, page 9

FISH STOCKING AT PONDS



A Sarasota County grant helped plant 15,000 underwater plants along our 23 ponds. Russ Hoffman, Tim Reifschneider and Mike Bergman, stocked the ponds with 2,400 catfish.

February 2006, page 8

18 VOLUNTEER AT CLEANUP



18 volunteers cleanup along Rivendell Boulevard and Pine View Path. From L to R: Mike Bergman, Pete Wilson, Anella Bredemeyer, Carol Heckert.

June 2006, page 8

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEES AT WORK



Residents cleared grapevines along Rivendell Boulevard and Anna Hope Lane. From L to R: Maggie Adler, Robert Adler, Sallie Hawkins, Dave Swanson, Carol & Ken Heckert, Howard Berntsen, Anella Bredemeyer, Krystyna Arlet, Vic McMurry. Additional participants not shown were Peter Wilson, Tom and Emilia Shola, and George Wettlaufer.



Above: Norma Rhines, left, and Lynda Leopold, cofounders of the recently formed Rivendell Garden Club, add plantings to the island at Placid Lake and Rivendell Blvd.

July 2006, page 6 **RAINBOW POINT BUTTERFLY GARDEN**



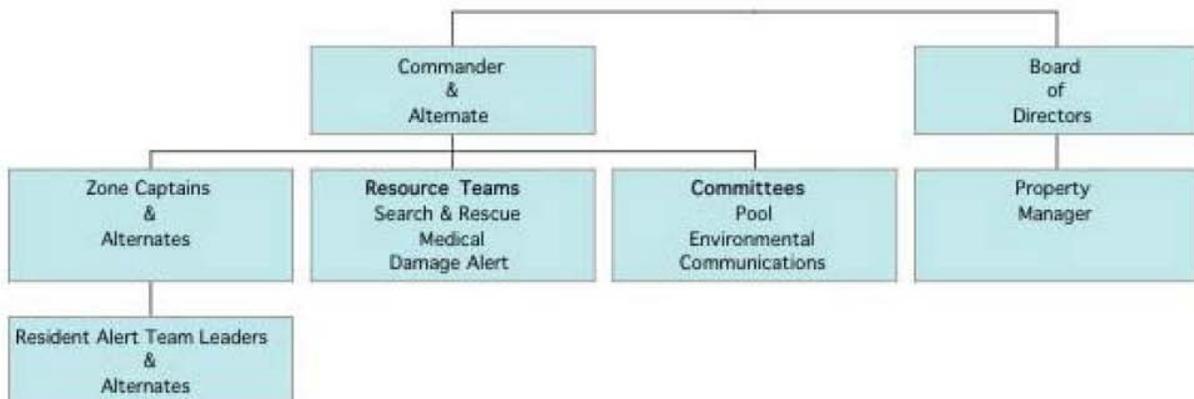
Some of the 36 residents who helped plant Rainbow Park on June 17th. Rivendell received a matching grant from Sarasota County to help create this first of a planned series of butterfly garden parks.

June 2007, page 1, 7, and 9

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (ERT) ORGANIZATION
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PLAN**

The Rivendell Disaster Preparedness and Response Plan prepares for disruptions and potential hazards following a disaster. As a community, we can reduce injuries, loss of lives, and property damage. Our planning and teamwork can reduce emergency needs and manage resources until professional assistance arrives. Our plan has three sections:

- Section 1---** Safeguarding Rivendell Association Property & People in Need
- Section 2---** Suggestions for Rivendell Residents
- Section 3---** General Information



September 2007 **FLORIDA'S FIRST EVER SOLAR IRRIGATION SYSTEM**

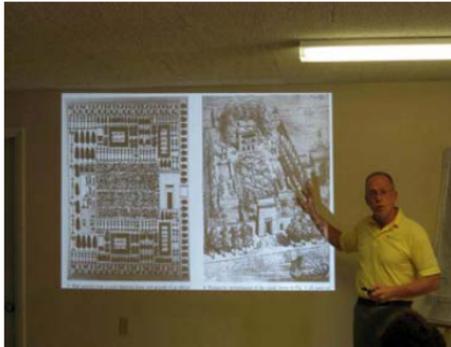
The solar irrigation system designed for Crane Pond by Rivendell resident, Thomas Shola. This system is built from off-the-shelf parts to be reliable and inexpensive. He has created the state's first solar irrigation system.



March 2008 Page 1 & 5

FLORIDA LANDSCAPE DESIGN SPARKS GREAT INTEREST

Rivendell and Willow Bend residents attended a lecture about Florida friendly landscaping. The University of Central Florida and researchers want to enhance the lawns of several homes.



Dr Martin Quigly, Landscape Architect from the University of Central Florida.



Leesa Souto, Director of Education for the Stormwater Management Academy.

May 2009 page 14

The lights on Rainbow Point Way



October 2007

REC members installed new signs



May 2008 pages 1 and 5 VOLUNTEERS BEAUTIFY LAKES by Mike Bergman

The Sarasota County Neighborhood Grant provided 3,500 native plants. Our goals are to improve the water quality of our ponds. By creating a buffer zone around the ponds it will help out keep grass clippings, fertilizer, herbicides, and insecticides. Several dozen volunteers helped with the planting.



Upper left photo from left to right: Sue Anthony, Jeff Anthony, Paul Remy, Sue Remy, Terry and Linda Leopold, Frank and Jean Freestone, Denny Pavlock, Mike and Holly Gruenfeld, Russ Hoffman, Vic McMurry, and Dave Gill. Not shown: Lotta Lind, Bill Bloom, Rick Stein, Robert Wright, June Wright, Ed Diggs, Joe Sefack, Meridith Pike, Sara Jones, Byron Chandler, Ken Heckert, Carol Heckert, George Wettlaufer, and Don Schiefer. *Photos by George Wettlaufer*

June 2008 page 8 LAKESIDE PLANTS: A Heroic Effort by Carol Heckert

All 3,500 lakeside plants have been planted, but they still must be watered initially



Planters, L to R: Mary Kennedy, Diane Jankowski, Dave Swanson, Ken Heckert, Sara Jones, Mike Bergman, Rob Wright of Sarasota NEST program, Charles Kiblinger, Russ Hoffman, Carol Hoffman, Tom Marryott, Peter Wilson, and Rubin Randel. Right Photo: Ken Heckert instructing new watering Volunteer Mary Marryott.

April 2009 pages 8 and 9 SUSTAINABLE YARDS by Mike Bergman

Rivendell residents participating in the UCF Landscape Perceptions grant project attended several workshops. Landscape architects and offered choices of trees, shrubs and groundcovers.



Vic and Debbie McMurry confer with Gail Hanson, Landscape architect,



Gail Hanson puzzles over something on Ed and Suzanna Lin's laptop.



Claudia Lewis, ecologist, evaluates possibilities with Ken and Carol Heckert.



May 2009 page 3 OSSP Botanist, Elizabeth Gandy, talks to Project participants about native plants.

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