



The Woodlands Word @ Rivendell

February 2011

*Annual Membership Meeting - February 10, 2011
6:00 pm at Bentley's Resort in Osprey*

Please Return Your Ballot & Proxy

This will help ensure a quorum for the Feb. 10 General Election.

Lighthouse Property Management

has mailed the agenda for the February 10th Annual Meeting, as well as candidate biosketches, ballot, proxy, and certificate of appointment of voting representative.

If you haven't received the ballot and info, please contact Lighthouse Property Management, 966-6844 immediately.

Highlights of January 4 Board of Directors Meeting by Carol Heckert

- Minutes: Accuracy of the minutes was challenged by Director Marryott regarding action to be taken on 936 Scherer Way violation. Motion to change minutes made but not seconded.
- Treasurer's Report: We were running a surplus at the end of November. \$23,000 in accounts receivable (unrecoverable unpaid dues) must be factored in, which will reduce the surplus.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Landscape/Environmental:

1. Valley Crest bought out Nanak Landscaping, so they are our new landscape

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Message from the President - February 2011

I want to express my sincere appreciation to all the community members who have contributed their time and talent over the past year by working on committees. Their efforts have been essential to maintaining and improving Rivendell.

Committees in Rivendell are officially delegated to perform such functions as investigating, considering, reporting, or acting on various matters. During 2010 they have worked on important issues related to our lakes, common area landscaping, pool maintenance, deed restrictions and of course the publication of the Woodlands Word.

We are currently seeking volunteers to serve on committees in the coming year. If you would like the opportunity to cooperate with your neighbors and influence decisions that affect the quality of our lives in Rivendell, I encourage you to apply.

Please refer to the request for volunteers notice on page 13 of this issue of the Woodlands Word and thank you for your participation.

*Sincerely,
John Greco*



Cavities, Dry Mouth, Diabetic, overweight?

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Dr. Greenspan has been a proponent of a naturally occurring sugar substitute Xylitol and has found that using Xylitol gum and candies helps to keep the mouth moist, sugar levels down, reduces appetite and has an anti microbial effect.

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Richard J. Greenspan, a Sarasota dentist for over 18 years, knows the importance of good nutrition and true mind body awareness. For years he has been informing and educating patients about the importance of a healthy life style and good oral hygiene practices.

We welcome you to visit us at Palmer Ranch Dental for free samples of Xylitol gum and candy.

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RESIDENT & AGENT

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company. Valley Crest already landscapes 2 of our 3 sub-associations: The Cottages and The Villas. The Villas' manager will be ours as well. We will retain Valley Crest until their contract is up, at which time we will decide whether to retain them or put the contract out to bid.

2. Ken Heckert and Kyanne Merrill met with Valley Crest and requested an estimate for jasmine to replace the dead grass on the entry islands on Rivendell Blvd., an estimate for mulch, and a map of Rivendell showing the irrigation zones and mulched areas.

3. A workshop will be held with Valley Crest within the next week or two to review their contract and further define their responsibilities. The irrigation pump issue at Lake Rivendell will be discussed at that time.

4. Motion made and approved to purchase Christmas decorations for 2011.

Nominating Committee:

Two candidates have volunteered to fill the two upcoming vacancies on the Board of Directors: Bobby Merrill and Judy Sokal. Candidates can submit their names until the Annual Meeting.

Documents Modernization and Simplification:

A committee headed by Director Adler will begin updating our documents sometime after the Annual Meeting. There will first be a feasibility study on obtaining the necessary 2/3 vote.

ARC:

All requests approved.

Pool:

Heat exchanger (under warranty) and solar panel repaired.

NEW BUSINESS

The Annual Meeting will be held on February 10 at 6 PM. It will take place at Bentley's Resort.

Homeowners' Comments:

1. Concern about rollover of surplus funds in the event a quorum is not reached at the annual meeting. A rollover signature form will be included in each homeowner's Annual Meeting packet and members are encouraged to return ballots and proxies to Lighthouse Management to ensure the quorum.

2. Attorney fees and lawsuits questioned. Legal fees for 2010 were \$30,000. No lawsuit has been filed, but 2 administrative complaints of discrimination have been filed with federal and state agencies against the RCA with additional respondents that were involved at the time. Our insurance company covered some legal costs, followed by notice to deny further coverage for defense in one of the complaints. They have since reconsidered. We are awaiting a final decision on their part.

3. Discussion regarding the Board's legal involvement in the Scherer Way ARC violation. Director Greco involved our attorney after the homeowner threatened legal action against Mr. Greco and the RCA. The Association's attorney advised going directly to mediation, which was subsequently approved by the Board at the previous Board meeting.

4. Concern about Park Trace neighbors cutting brush on Rivendell common area along Scherer Way. Discussed advisability of putting up a fence or planting more trees. Dieter Schmitt will get estimates for the cost of a fence between Park Trace and Rivendell.

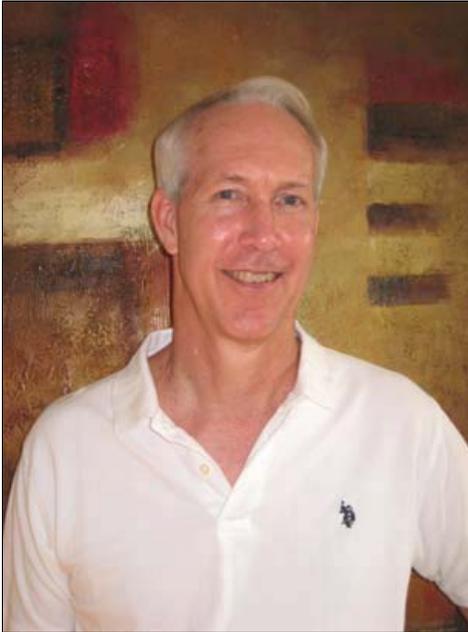


Happy Valentine's Day

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MEET THE CANDIDATES



BOBBY MERRILL

I have been serving as an appointed board member and am running for a full term. I see the role of the Board as working to serve the residents. I will listen to all sides of an issue and make a decision based on the best interests of the community. I believe that our deed restrictions should be fairly and consistently enforced. The board should work with residents to solve problems and not rely on lawyers to tell us what to do. I would like to see the board focus on keeping the community running smoothly so the irrigation works properly, the grass and landscaping are properly maintained, and the lakes are kept in good shape. My background and experience will help in this regard.

I have been a Rivendell resident since 2000. My company, Merrill Brothers Homes, Inc. built many of the homes in the Cottages section of Rivendell. I am familiar with homeowner association issues, having developed and built numerous communities in the Sarasota/Bradenton area. My current company, Arox Land Development Corp., installs and maintains sewer, water, and storm water systems so I am also familiar with the SWFWMD requirements for maintenance of storm water retention ponds. Prior to becoming a contractor, I was a licensed CPA with David Fields & Co. and also worked for the accounting firm KPMG in Chicago. I have a B.S. in civil engineering from the University of Tennessee and an MBA from Northwestern University.

JUDY SOKAL

I have lived in Rivendell since August of 2002, and can remember walking some of our streets when they were the mere skeleton of the community to come. Now, our homes are complete, the trees have grown, new neighbors have become old friends, and Rivendell feels like home to me. I am happy beyond words that I agreed to chair the Communications Committee earlier this year, because it enabled me to meet so many more neighbors than I had before. It has been wonderful to make new friends, and to become involved in the affairs of this lovely community. That is why I have decided to become a candidate for the Board. I think that I can make a difference and bring special skills to this position.

I have been on 2 non-profit boards in the past and am on one currently. I am known as a problem-solver and can see the big picture. I know how to work with people and can lead when necessary, but also know how to listen to concerns and craft compromise. I believe in being inclusive in dealing with our residents. We may come from different backgrounds and different points of view, but we all agree that Rivendell is our home, and we want to protect and maintain it to the best of our abilities. I am a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and in my professional career have been a teacher and marketing analyst, often combining that part-time work with my professional singing career and a dash of painting on the side. And, being a woman, I'm a great multi-tasker, too! My vision for Rivendell comes from a famous Israeli folk song that says simply, "How good and pleasant it is for people to live together."

THE VILLAS' ELVES



The elves of The Villas: Diane Enger, Sherry Sholtis, and Meredith Pike (behind the wreath) - delivered holiday treats while singing merrily. They arrived at each home via a festive golf car, with antlers in place, to wish Villa owners a Happy Holiday. What a lovely surprise! Photo by Sallie Hawkins.

WANTED:

Updates for your listing in the April Resident Directory.

Please include any updates you wish to have listed, including cell phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and home phone numbers.

If you DO NOT want your name or other information listed, please indicate this, as well.

We publish all names and addresses of owners, including contact information provided.

All updates should be sent to Barb Gahry via e-mail, bgahry@aol.com or mail to 699 Rivendell Blvd.

JOIN THE GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT FEBRUARY 18 to 21, 2011

Every year birders of all ages commute to their own backyards to participate in a popular four-day birding event called the Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC). The birders then report their bird counts online at the GBBC website. Counting birds is important to birders and scientists to gain knowledge about the distribution and movements of birds.

IT'S AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3

1. Count birds for at least 15 minutes on one or more days of the count. Count birds in as many places and on as many days as you like. Submit a separate checklist for each new day. You can also submit more than one checklist per day if you count in other locations on that day.

2. Count the greatest number of individuals of each species that you see together at any one time. It is helpful to print out your **regional bird checklist** to get an idea of the kinds of birds you're likely to see in your area in February.

3. When you're finished, enter your results through the web page. Select the button marked "Enter Your Checklists!" on the website beginning on the first day of the count. It will remain active until the deadline for data submission on **March 1st**.

To learn more or to get involved in the GBBC visit:
<http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc>

Birding at the Dump By Norma Lee Rhines



Bald Eagle (3 yrs old) ~ Photo by Rick Greenspun

The Venice Landfill is perched high above a perimeter road and surrounded by over 6,000 acres, land that Sarasota County acquired in 1985 called the **Pinelands Reserve**. As ludicrous as it may sound, twenty Venice Audubon members and I are birding at a dump, entering through a gate at the end of Knights Trail Road (off Laurel Road), checking in at the "center" and heading out with map in hand.

I wouldn't call this a "luxury park" myself, but clearly 143 bird species consider it their Ritz Carlton, having taken up residency here despite the piles of refuse and the bulldozing activity. I am amazed to be so immersed in nature at a landfill site.

A portion of the road is closed to protect the area around an enormous eagle's nest. Both the male and female are hovering nearby. We take our time watching the male rearrange the twigs in the nest while the female flutters around, supervising, I'm sure.

We see 15 eagles, most of them immature, easily identified by the absence of white plumage on their head and tail feathers. There are so many, group members joke about seeing "just another eagle". Many are sitting on branches along the road, some circling above.

As we continue the drive, our caravan stops at the sound of a meadowlark. We wait patiently and are rewarded with one yellow-breasted beauty that perches atop a grassy stock for about 20 minutes and shares its sweet melodies while posing for pictures. Now I understand why so many romantic poems are written about the melodious songs of the meadowlark.

Moving further down the perimeter road, we stop to climb up a "hill." What a surprise! Hundreds of gulls are resting on a warm dump mound cover. Most are Laughing Gulls with a few larger Herring Gulls mixed in and an occasional Ring-billed Gull. Suddenly, they all take to the air and land around a nearby pond. A Peregrine Falcon buzzes low over the area looking for any injured gull that may not have flown off with the flock. What an incredible sight watching him try to flush out his lunch. This raptor can dive at speeds greater than 200 mph. We watch silently as he works the area, gliding back and forth in front of us.



House Finch ~ Photo by Rick Greenspun



Bald Eagle (look out below) ~ Photo by Rick Greenspun

Should you decide to explore this unlikely birding spot, the landfill is open 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The Venice Area Audubon Society offers numerous birding field trips in the area and meets nine evenings, September through May, at their Venice Audubon Center, 4002 S. Tamiami Trail. For more information on their programs, visit their web site: veniceaudubon.org.

Through The Lens

By Kay Mruz

One of the more unique birds residing around the ponds in Rivendell has to be the Anhinga.

Anhinga is a word derived from the Brazilian Tupi language meaning “devil bird” or “snake bird.” Males are mostly black with longer feathers on the back of their necks and heads. Females are a dull tan on the neck and head with a chestnut colored band across the breast. Both have white markings on the upper back and wings. Juveniles look like adult females but lack the chestnut breast band and have less defined white markings across the back and wings. Often mistaken for a Cormorant, Anhingas have a few very distinguishing differences. The most obvious is their long S-shaped neck. When the bird is swimming, only its head and neck remain above water giving it a snake-like appearance. Anhingas have a long pointed bill with serrated edges perfect for spearing fish. A Cormorant’s bill is shorter and hooked at the end. Anhingas also have a long fan-like tail giving it another nickname, “water turkey.”

Anhingas prefer the edges of ponds and lakes where the water is shallower to do their hunting. Their prey of choice is small to medium size fish but they will eat other small invertebrates and water insects. Once the bird has speared a fish, it will surface and flip the fish in the air swallowing it head first.

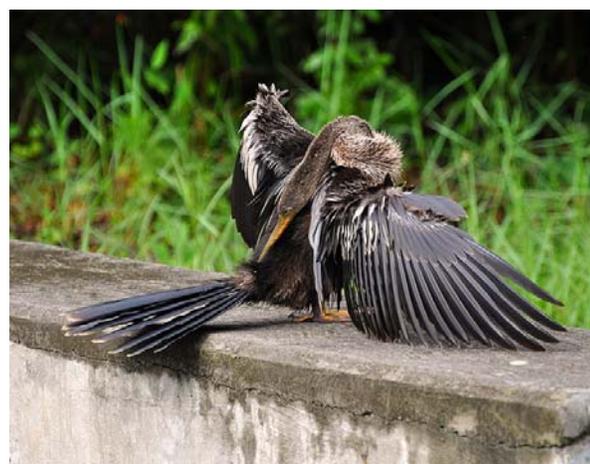
Unlike other birds, the Anhinga’s feathers are not waterproofed by oils and its bones are more solid, not

hollow. These factors make the bird semi-buoyant and are the reason you see only its head and neck above water. Also, without waterproof feathers it rapidly loses body heat when swimming. Studies have shown that Anhingas produce very little metabolic heat and lose heat easily, especially during the period of drying their feathers after being in the water. They maintain a spread-wing position long after dry to absorb heat from the sun. Eighty-five percent of their day is spent sunning. They do not hunt as much on cloudy days.

Anhingas nest in tree limbs that hang over water. The nest itself is a platform of branches and sticks brought to the female by the male. It is then lined with leaves and stems from water plants. Anhingas are normally solitary birds but they often share the nesting site with other Anhingas, spoonbills, herons and ibises. Three to five bluish-white or pale green eggs are laid. Both parents share incubation duty that lasts about 25 to 30 days. Chicks will stay in the nest for about 3 weeks at which time they climb out onto a branch near the nest. At this age, they will drop into the water and swim if they are threatened. They are fully feathered at 6 weeks and remain with the parents for several more weeks. A group of Anhingas is called a “kettle.”



I'm "reflecting" on my next meal. ~ photo by Kay Mruz



What's going on back there? ~ photo by Kay Mruz



My Southeast Asia Adventure: Gold, Ruins, a Pristine Beach, Wonderful People and a Cruise to Boot By Paul Sarno

After lecturing on two luxurious *Silversea* cruises, accompanied by Anita, to ports in Thailand and Vietnam with a stopover in Singapore, I traveled to northwest Thailand and southeast Myanmar for fourteen days each. Both countries are safe and peaceful for now, although the former probably will have parliamentary elections in 2011.

The Thai highlights were the Chao Sam Phraya National Museum in Ayutthaya, the capital for 417 years until it was sacked and burned by the Burmese in 1767. I was thrilled to see about fifty statues, both religious and secular, and royal court objects, almost all solid gold, which had been housed deep in two pagoda relic chambers which the Burmese never discovered. Also fascinating were the multiple, extensive and largely brick pagoda ruins of Sukhothai, a capital for about 250 years until 1583. For an extended view, these have to be reached by bicycle. I was quite a sight as I had not been on a bike in 25 years and never in 90-degree heat. But with Southeast Asian hospitality, the Thai vendors at the sites often offered me ice or cold water when they saw me arrive, dripping with perspiration. Lastly, I enjoyed the celebration of the Loi

Krathaug November holiday in Phitsanuloke, where most of the City turned out to float candle-lit plates filled with fruit offerings on the river or launch four-foot hot air lanterns where they floated for hours in the dark.

The eye-openers in Myanmar were the 45-minute steep climb to see the sacred rock at Kyaiktio (now gilded with hundreds of layers of golden paper) perched precariously on the side of a mountain and surrounded by Buddhist relics, three spirit shrines, and hundreds of families sitting in rapt attention at night while senior monks delivered sermons on Buddhist ethics. I was one of the few foreigners among the Burmese who told me they make multiple pilgrimages as a form of vacation. They stay on the mountain for a day or two in guesthouses or rest pavilions with their own bedrolls.

Other pleasant highlights included bumping into an offering ceremony at a major pagoda on the outskirts of Dawei, and being invited to a terrific Burmese meal with a hundred Burmese worshippers whom I had never met before, followed by a meeting with all the resident monks.

A final indelible memory is of swimming practically alone on the beach at Maunmagan amidst miles of virtually pristine sand without development of any kind except for the few local drink stands and gift shops. (The Burmese are afraid of the water, are too modest to don bathing suits and consider November the winter, even though the air and water temperature were about 80 degrees). Here I was the only foreigner.

Paul Sarno is teaching a course on Southeast Asian Arts at Pierian Spring Academy (17th and Honore) in Sarasota for eight weeks starting January 13.



***Kyaiktio Golden Rock-Myanmar/Burma ~
photo by Paul Sarno***



***Ayutthaya, Thailand Ancient Capital ~
photo by Paul Sarno***

ARTS and EVENTS IN SARASOTA



The Ringling Library Association Town Hall Lecture Series for 2011

February 2, 2011 George Will, syndicated newspaper columnist for *The Washington Post*.

February 22, 2011 Cherie Blair, a human rights lawyer and campaigner for women's equality.

February 23, 2011 Tony Blair, former Prime Minister of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

March 8, 2011 Nobel Peace Prize winner and Auschwitz survivor, Elie Wiesel will speak.

March 21, 2011 Malcolm Gladwell, author, and Adam Gopnik, journalist and author.

For ticket information please call 941-925-1343 or email RCLATownHall@comcast.net or visit the website http://www.rclassociation.org/town_hall_lecture.php

RESTAURANT REFLECTIONS

Judy Sokal

Have you been to a restaurant recently for lunch or dinner that you'd like to tell your neighbors about? Then email me at judysokal@gmail.com

SERVICE PROVIDER RECOMMENDATIONS

Always Clean, 941-350-2921, James Perkowski, did a fabulous job pressure washing our whole house, lanai and driveway. This is his only business - he is licensed, insured and dependable (does what he says he's going to do - even came back after he was paid and when we were out of town to remove water spots from the large windows). When he was on the roof, he found 2 problems and brought them to our attention, which we appreciated. He is easy to do business with, keeps his commitments and his price is very reasonable. Several residents on Mallard Marsh have used him. ~ *Marilyn Johns 1155 Mallard Marsh Drive*

Prestia Plumbing, Inc., 941-365-3366, Giuseppe Prestia, is licensed and insured and offers 24 hour service. I highly recommend Giuseppe Prestia, we found him to be very professional, very skilled, very organized with great attention to detail. Additionally, his pricing is better than other plumbers that charge a flat rate for each problem. ~ *Marilyn Johns 1155 Mallard Marsh Drive*

Sparkling Kleen Pools & Spas, 941-927-7133. After seeing both the Heckerts' and the Thierfelders' beautiful newly tiled lanais, we decided to resurface our pool deck with tiles instead of the plain white creosote which was difficult to keep clean. We used our neighbor, the Yohans, who own Sparkling Kleen Pools & Spas (941-927-7133), and were thrilled with the job their professional workers did. You can see their work by looking at their own driveway. ~ *Elaine and Allen Roeter*

Sparkling Kleen Pools & Spas, 941-927-7133. Our new and stunning paver driveway was recently completed by Sparkling Kleen Pools and Spas. From the outset, Sparkling Kleen exhibited nothing less than prompt service and professionalism. The personalized service we received was apparent in every step of the process from the design of the driveway, to the extensive help in choosing colors and patterns, to the courteous employees who efficiently completed the beautiful job. We did our homework before choosing Sparkling Kleen and it's obvious we made the best choice. Sparkling Kleen outshined our expectations. We highly recommend their services! ~ *Dana Kessous, Rivendell*

Superior Auto Centers, 941-922-9049. 5310 McIntosh Road, Ralph Dyke, Manager. We have had our cars serviced here regularly for over 10 years and continue to have nothing but praise for them. Safety is their overriding concern, and we trust their judgment about whether a repair is needed or not. They have managed to keep our cars on the road to the ripe old ages of 12 and 16. ~ *George Wettlaufer*

Send in your Favorites!

Send us the name and phone number of your favorite plumber, electrician, hair stylist, landscaper, you name it- and we'll list it!

If you have a service provider you'd like to recommend, please email Judy at judysokal@gmail.com

CLASSIFIED ADS

THREE WATCHES for sale: Lady's Rolex watch, oyster perpetual, champagne face, gold/stainless band, excellent condition. Men's rado diastar quartz watch, charcoal face/gold hashmarks, Gold/stainless band; excellent condition. Antique Superman wristwatch, very nice condition. Please call **941-735-1452**.

BABYSITTER Available: Molly Benkaim, 941-961-3385 10th grade Pine View female student available for babysitting. Former camp counselor and CPR certified. Please call Molly if you'd like references.

PET SITTING: Eve Day, 941-780-0821. Rivendell neighbor who does pet sitting. Will follow all instructions and pricing is very reasonable.

BOOK GROUP SCHEDULE By Marilyn Probert

The Book Group will discuss "Bridge of Sighs" by Richard Russo at its February 14th meeting. This novel concerns small-town life in upstate New York and how seemingly insignificant incidents can be life-changing. Sallie Hawkins will be discussion leader at Pam Babbitt's home on 743 Fordingbridge Way; Pam's phone number is 918-8781, please call her if you plan to attend.

On March 14th the topic will be "The Postmistress" by Sarah Blake. The novel is centered around the lives of three women in the early 1940's: the title characters are Iris James, newlywed Emma Trask, and American newscaster Frankie Bard, who lives through and reports on the personal tragedies of the London Blitz. As their lives gradually intertwine, the three women support and protect each other as they each suffer hardship and loss. Dori Davis will lead the discussion at the home of Anita Sarno, 713 Fordingbridge Way, phone 918-1669.

The April 11th book selection will be "Half-Broke Horses: A True-Life Novel" by Jeannette Walls in which the author's grandmother narrates the story of her adventurous life.

The Book Group meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. All Rivendell residents are welcome; just call the month's host so they'll know how many to expect.

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.

Therefore, any applications received after the monthly date will have to wait until following month.

Minutes of Architectural Review Committee December 28, 2010

Attendees: Barry McClure, (Committee Chair) Frank Pafumi, Allen Roeter, Gwen Stepien, John Greco - Board Liaison

Residents: Bill Straw

Old Business: Approval of ARC minutes from November 30, 2010

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

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

The following applications were reviewed and decided for action.

1092 Mallard Marsh Drive: Paint house, Columns and trim similar colors as currently painted.
Approved by Lighthouse December 2, 2010.

1212 Mallard Marsh Drive: Remove existing Date Palm Tree in front of house that has grown to big and replace with smaller Date Palm Tree.
Unanimously approved – Motion to Approve Gwen Stepien, seconded Barry McClure

573 Meadow Sweet Circle: Remove Spot Light at corner of garage. Change Globe Light by Garage side door to Coach Light. Add two Coach Lights to either side of garage door.
Unanimously approved – Motion to Approve Frank Pafumi, seconded John Greco.

821 Placid Lake Drive: Remove 9 – 10 ft. Canary Palm at Left side of front of home and replace with a 5-foot Canary Palm.
Unanimously approved – Motion to Approve Allen Roeter, seconded Frank Pafumi,

901 Eagle Isle Court: Replace Ligustrum tree with Bougainvillea tree in front of house.
Unanimously approved – Motion to Approve Barry McClure, seconded Allen Roeter

1116 Mallard Marsh Drive: Replace existing Canary Island Palm in front yard with smaller Canary Island Palm.
Unanimously approved – Motion to Approve Gwen Stepien, seconded Barry McClure.

936 Scherer Way: Replace six Knock Out Rose Bushes in front of house and replace with Boxwood Plants.
Unanimously approved – Motion to Approve Allen Roeter, seconded Barry McClure.

New Business:

Committee discussed procedures and potential areas for clarification to existing ARC guidelines – for example adding clarity regarding use of motion sensing outdoor lighting. Text drafted by committee members can be reviewed at future ARC meetings.

ARC meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm.

Next Meeting January 28, 2011.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 3, 2010

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.*

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Directors was scheduled at 6:00 P.M. at Bentley's 1660 N. Tamiami Trail, Osprey, FL.

The meeting was called to order by President John Greco at 6:04 P.M.

Notice of the meeting was posted in accordance with the Bylaws of the Association and the requirements of Florida statutes.

The following Directors were present:

Mark Adler John Greco Mary Marryott
John Critser Bobby Merrill

A quorum was declared to be present.

Mr. Greco made a motion and Mr. Adler seconded

MOTION 10-72: to adopt the agenda of the November 3, 2010 Board of Director's Meeting as distributed. Motion passed unanimously.

On matters relating to the Minutes of the previous meeting of September 1, 2010, the minutes were unanimously approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report, Mr. Critser provided a review of the most recent financial and deferred all budget discussion to later in the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Communication, Judy Sokal reported their meetings are now held on the 3rd Monday of each month instead of the 4th Monday. There does not seem to be an issue with the new website. The directory will soon be updated and owners that may be interested in writing a review of any local businesses are welcomed.

Architectural Review, Mr. Greco reported 6 applications were approved. The Committee is requesting to fine owners who do work without an application.

The Board agreed to take the matter under consideration. The Committee would like to emphasize that the applications must be submitted the Tuesday before the ARC meeting.

Pool, Tom Fassler reported the pool temperature is currently set to 83 degrees. There was leak found in the heat exchanger and maintenance is being scheduled accordingly.

Landscape, Mr. Heckert reported the new lake contractor (Aquatic Systems) has been onsite meeting upon request. A meeting was held with Charles Kiblinger to decide on replacement of plants. There have been numerous irrigation issues including Rivendell Blvd and Butterfly Park. The system is set to water everyday for a week and a half. A valve was tampered with and broken. Ken Heckert agreed to obtain estimates for mulching the plant beds and changing the entrance median turf to a dwarf jasmine.

Manager's Report, Kyanne Merrill provided a report (see attachment #1). Ms. Merrill reported 692 Stillwater has been issued a final notice regarding palm fronds that require trimming.

A motion was made by Mr. Adler and seconded by Mr. Greco

MOTION 10-73: to apply a fine to 692 Stillwater Court regarding the palms. Motion passed.

A final notice was sent by the attorney to 936 Scherer Way, the Board must determine how to proceed. Mr. Greco reviewed the attorney's recommendation to mediate. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Alder and seconded by Mr. Critser

MOTION 10-74: to approve the attorney's recommendation to seek mediation with a trained mediator and the owners of 936 Scherer Way. Ms. Marryott abstained. Motion passed with a 4-1 vote.

Under the Heading of New Business,

Matters relating to 2011 Budget Approval, Mr. Critser reported the Board has reviewed the budget during previous workshops. There were some minor revisions that have been made. The Board welcomed comments on the proposed budget:

A resident suggested the Board consider allocating \$5,000 for document changes. Mr. Critser suggested this cost be expenses from the rollover of surplus funds. A motion was made by Mr. Adler and seconded by Ms. Marryott

MOTION 10-75: to form an ad hoc document revision committee and authorize the expense to not exceed \$5,000. These funds will be allocated to the legal fees line item 7150 from the prior year end fund balance. Motion passed.

Mr. Critser made a motion and Mr. Merrill seconded

MOTION 10-76: to adopt the 2011 budget and reserve schedule. Motion passed.

Appoint Nominating Committee, Mr. Greco reported Mr. Adler has agreed to chair the 2011 nominating committee. Mr. Critser made a motion and Mr. Greco seconded

MOTION 10-77: to appoint Mr. Adler as 2011 Nominating Committee Chair. Motion passed.

Mr. Adler made a motion and Mr. Greco seconded

MOTION 10-78: to appoint Barbara Gary, Mike Bergman and Dave Tomer to the 2011 Nominating Committee. Ms. Marryott suggested other volunteers be selected. After discussion, Ms. Marryott was opposed. Motion passed with a 4-1 vote.

The December newsletter will include candidate information.

The next regular meeting date was scheduled for the first week of January with an exact date to be determined.

Owners open discussion,

A resident in attendance expressed concerns regarding the lack of irrigation and overall service by Nanak's Landscaping.

After discussion, the Board directed Management to notify Nanak's Landscaping that the performance level is unacceptable. In addition, Management will verify contract pricing from previous vendors.

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Kyanne Merrill

Managing Agent

Dated: This 22nd day of November

LIGHTHOUSE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, INC. Manager's Report 11.3.10

On Site/Maintenance-

- § Compliance inspection- 9.2.10
- § Property inspection- 9.9.10
- § Property inspection, spot check several compliance issues- 9.17.10
- § Several sidewalk areas throughout community repaired by County
- § Property inspection- 9.23.10
- § Property inspection, spot check compliance issues- 9.29.10
- § Pool heater serviced by DART Services
- § Compliance inspection- 10.4.10
- § Property inspection, posted budget workshop agenda- 10.8.10
- § Property inspection- 10.15.10
- § Mailbox light replaced at 688 Stillwater Ct. for safety purposes
- § Property inspection, spot check compliance- 10.20.10
- § Bike lane on Rivendell Blvd. repainted by County
- § Compliance Inspection- 10.28.10
- § Posted Agenda- 10.29.10

Administrative-

- § Forwarded financials to Board for review
- § Forwarded draft agenda to board for review
- § Forwarded draft minutes for review
- § Forwarded ARC requests to committee- weekly
- § Approved minutes posted to website
- § Forwarded approved minutes to Ms. Babbit for publishing in the newsletter
- § New bank signature cards obtained
- § 2011 budget drafted and revised with Board

Correspondence-

- § Letters sent to homeowners regarding submitted ARC forms
- § Budget meeting notice mailed to all owners

Compliance-

- § 692 Stillwater- Final notice regarding palm fronds sent on 10/11. Start Fining?
- § 936 Scherer Way- Final notice sent by Attorney. Board needs to decide how to proceed.
- § Contacted County code enforcement regarding yard at 688 Stillwater Ct.

Compliance letters mailed to homeowners. 76 Total.

Roof/Fence	2
Dogs-barking	
Yard Condition/Weeds	21
For Sale signs	1
Garbage Cans	
Mailbox	
Trucks	4
Maint. Of Structure	1
Basket ball hoop/play equip.	
Light out	47

*Kyanne Merrill, CAM
Managing Agent*

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NEED VOLUNTEERS to STREAMLINE RCA DOCUMENTS

The **RCA Documents Modernization & Simplification Committee** will work with the Board and our attorney to update and streamline our Covenants and By-Laws.

The completed document will require approval by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of all members of the Association.

The Board is seeking volunteers who would like to serve on this committee.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please submit your contact information and a brief statement highlighting your interest in and/or qualifications for serving on the committee to:

Hope Korte
Lighthouse Property Management
16 Church Street
Osprey, FL 34229

RIVENDELL IS SEEKING COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to serve on our 4 standing committees. These are:

- * **Architectural Review**
- * **Communications**
- * **Landscape / Environmental**
- * **Pool**

Qualifications for committee membership include the ability to work well with others, good judgment, and a desire to serve the community.

If you would like to join any of these very important committees, please submit your indication of interest to rivendellboard@gmail.com or to Hope Korte at Lighthouse Property Management. Please provide a brief statement highlighting your interest and qualifications.

If you are currently a member of a committee and wish to remain for the coming year, please communicate this also to rivendellboard@gmail.com.

Submissions for committee membership are being accepted until
February 25, 2011.

WHO WE ARE

RCA Committee Membership 2/2011

Communications Committee

(judysokal@gmail.com)

Board Liaison, Mark Adler

Chair, Judy Sokal

Website, Light House Management

Directory, Barb Gahry

Block Captains, Cindy Schmidl

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(Kenheckert@verizon.net)

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(Tom.Faessler@nielsen.com)

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Chair, Tom Faessler

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RCA Documents Modernization & Simplification Committee

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Deadline - Submit articles and information to pbbab-bitt@comcast.net by the tenth of the month.

Your input and feedback are always encouraged and welcomed.

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

Rivendell Directory Slated for April 2011 Publication

Sundown Publishing will be producing The Rivendell Directory for 2011.

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

Rivendell Board Meeting NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE February 10, 2011 Following the election results At Bentley's Resort in Osprey

VISIT RIVENDELL'S WEB SITE

Access the Rivendell website at: 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.

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