



# The Woodlands Word @ Rivendell

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## Maintenance Committee Report December 30, 2015

By Jim Stepien

All of us on the Maintenance Committee, Sallie Hawkins, Carol Heckert, Kevin Humbert, Dave Gill, Curt Kennedy, Carole Myles and Joe Lucente, hope that everyone in Rivendell had a happy and pleasant holiday season. We are devoted to maintaining and improving all areas of Rivendell, especially those areas that had not seen any improvements in the past. I think we have accomplished many improvements and have kept up maintenance throughout the community - all within our existing dues.

As you can imagine, this is a very slow portion of the year for maintenance within our community, so our meeting revolved around what we had accomplished this year and some discussion of what is possible in 2016. We wish you all a happy and peaceful New Year. Also, a special thanks to Jeff Zych for again putting up the holiday decorations in our community -- it really looked good.

### Pool –

- LHM met with the pool janitorial service to clarify the floor cleaning required at the pool. We will continue monitoring the new janitorial service. Please report good or bad comments to Lighthouse to help us assess their performance.
- Mike Biehl has volunteered to help us continue to monitor the performance of the pool heat pumps.

Landscape – Looking good – nothing to report.

Preserves & Wetlands – Nothing to report.

Lakes and Ponds – Looking good – nothing to report.

Other – The playground equipment is scheduled to be refurbished in the new year.

Remember, please report (preferably by email) any problems/concerns you see in the community to Lighthouse Property Management: ShannonBanks@mgmt.tv or phone 941-966-6844.

One last item, we are always looking to welcome more volunteers to help our community by working with the Maintenance Committee.

The MC meets at the Cottages Clubhouse on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

## Letter from the President

Happy New Year to everyone in Rivendell; I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and Holiday Season. Thank you to the homeowners for all the support I have received as President over the past two years. Also thanks to Shannon Banks, our Property Manager, the Board of Directors (Walter Perkowski, Joe Sefack and Bobby Merrill), the Maintenance Committee, the Architectural Review Committee, and the Communications Committee (the Woodlands Word and website) for your help and support.

At times it has not been easy being President: a few homeowners have been very negative as to how the Board

### Next Rivendell Board Meeting (Annual Election and Board Meeting)

Monday, February 1st 2016 at 5:30pm  
Bentley's Boutique Hotel  
1660 S. Tamiami Trail

**NOTE:** Please remember to bring your ballot and rollover form to the meeting if you have not already mailed them in.

Any changes to this date will be posted on the website  
[www.rivendellcommunity.com](http://www.rivendellcommunity.com)

is run and have sent out many disparaging emails. I never would have believed that some homeowners in Rivendell would use such tactics to get their way or try to prove a point by insinuating that I and other volunteers have done something wrong. I have always done my best for the community

as a whole and tried my best to be fair and courteous to all of my neighbors. We must remember that we are all neighbors and only want to make Rivendell a great place to live.

A recurring problem in Rivendell is dog waste littering our sidewalks. I ask that all dog owners take care of their dogs' waste, and I would encourage all dog-walkers to carry a flashlight when walking at night to ensure that they can see and scoop all of their dogs' waste.

Just a reminder: the ARC meets on the last Tuesday of the month to check and ensure that each request conforms to the Rivendell Covenants. Always check the Covenants before sending in your application to avoid unanticipated problems. Please send your application to Lighthouse Property Management at least a week before the ARC meeting.

Also, if you notice any problem or have a concern regarding anything in the community, please inform Shannon Banks, Lighthouse Property Manager, via email (shannonbanks@mgmt.tv) or telephone at 941-966-6844.

Thank you all again for your support and friendship.

Gwenda



## Spanish Point in February

### AN ENCHANTED LUNCH

**Feb. 23, 11:30 at Michael's on East**

This is our annual fundraising luncheon, and this year's theme will be all about flowers and gardens. The guest speaker is writer, historian and filmmaker Laurence Cotton. For more info, go to [www.historicspanishpoint.org/enchantment](http://www.historicspanishpoint.org/enchantment) or call 966-5214 ext. 2500. Tickets start at \$95.

### ART HISTORY WITH BAILA MILLER: Diego Rivera

**Thurs., Feb. 11, 12 noon**

Heralded as one of the greatest Mexican painters of the 20th Century, Diego Rivera made his mark on the international art scene. He reintroduced the art of fresco painting, and had an enormous effect on modern art and architecture.

Reservations required. \$20 HSP members, \$25 non-members. Call 966-5214.

### HISTORICAL CRAFTS IN ACTION

Members of the Venetian Society of Basket Weavers demonstrate their craft at White Cottage on Tuesdays from noon to 3 PM using several types of weaving with many natural materials.

### READ WITH DOGS

The Osprey Public Library here at Historic Spanish Point continues its popular free program *Read with the Dogs* on the 3rd Saturday of each month, from 10-11 AM. Children are encouraged to read aloud to the gentle dogs from Suncoast Humane Society. This nationally recognized program is fun for all.



## February Free Events at Gulf Gate Library

**February 2, Tuesday, at 2:00 PM**

Baila Miller, local scholar and adjunct professor at Ringling College, will present a lively and informative presentation entitled "River of Glass-Dale Chihuly."

**February 16, Tuesday, at 2:00 PM**

Holocaust survivor Paul Molner, member of the Holocaust Speakers Bureau, will discuss his life as a Hungarian Jew during WWII, surviving many concentration camps as a teen.



## American Cancer Society Events in Venice

**Quarter Auction: Tuesday, February 16, 2016** from 6pm to 8pm. Doors will open at 5:30pm at the South Venice Civic Association, 720 Alligator Drive, Venice.

Lots of vendors, door prizes, chance drawings and food and beverages will be available for purchase. Bring your quarters and your friends!

**Venice Relay for Life: Friday, April 22, 2016** at 7pm at the Venice Municipal Airport Festival Grounds. The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is the largest volunteer-driven event to end cancer. This is your chance to volunteer as a committee member or to participate on a team.

For more information about these events and other events, log onto either website: [www.relayforlife.org/venicefl](http://www.relayforlife.org/venicefl) or [www.facebook.com/relayforlifeofvenicefl](http://www.facebook.com/relayforlifeofvenicefl)



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### Venice Audubon Rookery and Center Update

Excerpted from article by Charlie Sample, *Wings & Things*, Venice Audubon Newsletter, Nov/Dec 2015



*Oh my, look at those cameras!  
Sharp eyes or binoculars work well, too.*



*A White Egret is doing a feather check-yup, all there!*

**Rookery:** The Venice Audubon Rookery has been making preparations for the returning birds to start the process of nest building. While the Rookery was absent of nesting birds this summer, the birds continued to roost at night and leave in the morning. Sarasota County was busy on the island gathering soil samples and conducting water testing to determine why some trees died and others appear to be in poor health. The results of testing are not yet available. However, the trees benefitted from the rainfall during the summer months. The Great Blue Herons started building

their nests in early November. The Rookery's perimeter was cleared of plant growth making the Rookery more visible. Five new benches were installed around the lake, enhancing the viewing experience.

**Center:** Volunteers are needed to greet visitors and identify birds at the Rookery and to keep the Center open to visitors each morning. If you are interested, contact Charlie at 941-468-1231. Training is available. The Rookery and Center are located at 4002 S Tamiami Trail, Venice (on Annex Road, behind the R. L. Anderson Administration Building).

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## New Wildlife Observation Tower at Apollo Beach, South Shore of Tampa Bay

Located near Manatee Viewing Center sponsored by Tampa Electric Company, [www.tampaelectric.com/company/mvc](http://www.tampaelectric.com/company/mvc)



**Tampa Electric's Manatee Viewing Center:** When Tampa Bay reaches 68 degrees or colder, the manatees seek refuge at the Big Bend Power Station at Apollo Beach. The power station's clean and warm discharged salt water flows back into Tampa Bay via a discharge canal that is a state and federally designated manatee

sanctuary providing critical protection from the cold for these gentle mammals. From Nov. 1 to April 15, manatees can be seen daily in the discharge canal.

The Manatee Viewing Center (MVC) has interactive displays and games. Examine manatee bones, feel the blast of a hurricane in the center's simulator, and view other exhibits. Stroll outside through a butterfly garden and see the large installation of solar panels. View a variety of native and coastal plant and animal life along the center's tidal walk.

**Wildlife Observation Tower:** A new addition to the Manatee Viewing Center (MVC) is a 40-foot observation tower that provides a panoramic view of Tampa Bay. It was installed as part of the 50-acre looped nature trail. Halfway down the loop trail, a boardwalk leads to the Wildlife Observation Tower. View the surrounding area from this high vantage point. On clear days, see across Tampa Bay! The tower, boardwalk and habitat trail are part of a network of trails.



### To access the Tower, park at the Manatee Viewing Center.

Tips to help you get the most out of your visit:

- Be prepared for an approximately half-mile walk; select the right shoes.
- There are no restrooms at the tower site, habitat trail and boardwalk.
- To get to the top of the tower, you must climb several flights of steps (about 80 steps).
- Apply bug spray and dress appropriately (the tower will be closed in the event of severe weather).
- Visitors with sensitive health conditions, including those aggravated by exertion, should use caution.
- No food or water is available at the tower.
- Feeding wildlife is prohibited.
- Picnic tables are located at the base of the tower if you bring your picnic lunch.

**Visit from Nov. 1 through April 15:** (closed Thanksgiving, at 3 p.m. Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and Easter)

**Address:** 6990 Dickman Rd, Apollo Beach, FL; **Phone:** (813) 228-4289

**Hours:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; **Admission and Parking:** Free and is Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant.

**Staff:** Volunteers provide educational talks and answer questions; Gift Shop and Photo Stations at MVC.

**Please note:** Smoking in designated areas only; shoes & shirts required; no pets allowed (service animals only).

### Directions from Osprey to Manatee Viewing Center and Wildlife Tower (about 50 miles):

- Merge onto I-75 N
- Take exit 246 for County Road 672 - Big Bend Road toward Apollo Beach
- Turn left onto Big Bend Rd (signs for Hillsborough 672 W - US-41)
- Continue onto Dickman Rd; Destination will be on the right

**Tidal Walk:** On the wheel chair accessible walkway from the MVC to the Tampa Bay Estuary, there are native coastal plants, trees, and animal life. At the end of the walkway, view the manatees in the clean, warm water discharge canal.

**Upland Habitat:** Plants and trees are the Nickerbean plants, Cabbage Palms - the state tree of Florida, Buttonwood Trees, and Marsh elder shrubs.

**Mangrove Forest:** Continue down the Tidal Walk with three types of mangroves: white, black and red mangroves.

**Coastal Berm:** This is a ridge of sand, shell, and debris created by storm tides. In mangrove areas storm winds and waves are not powerful enough to build up sand dunes. Coastal berms support a variety of vegetation like sea grapes.

**Shoreline Habitat:** Plants and animals living along the shoreline have adapted to environmental stresses such as low soil oxygen levels, tidal fluctuations, and drought conditions brought on by a salty environment. Sometimes this area is covered with water and sometimes it is exposed so both land-based and marine animals use it. At low tide, look on the mud flats for the footprints of raccoons, ibis, egrets, herons and others who have come to feed on crabs, worms, and mollusks. The low tide allows wading birds to feast on fish trapped in tide pools or swimming in the shallow water.

The small holes in the mud belong to marine worms that live below the surface. The holes provide a way to obtain oxygen and food, as well as a way to discharge waste. The smell at low tide is proof that the system is working. As organisms die, rot, and decay they form the slimy, foul-smelling muck that is the basic food of the entire system.

**Tampa Bay Estuary:** An estuary is a semi-enclosed body of water where salt water from the sea mixes with fresh water from streams. Fish such as spotted sea trout, snook and tarpon can be seen in the water. Mullet can be seen jumping.

Watch for large diving birds like the Brown Pelican and the Double-crested Cormorant, a large black-colored bird with wings spread apart to dry in the sunshine. Look for the leaping spotted eagle ray, which can jump completely out of the water. The southern stingray and the cow-nosed ray glide along in the shallow waters of the tidal walk.

## Book Group Schedule

By Marilyn Probert



The Book Group will meet on Monday, February 8, to discuss *Hausfrau*, a novel by Jill Alexander Essbaum. Anna lives in a village on the outskirts of Zurich, Switzerland, with her husband Bruno and their three children. Although she thinks she should be happy with her outwardly comfortable life, something is missing, and Anna tries to assuage her unease by undergoing Jungian analysis, taking German classes, and entering into love affairs

that are difficult to get out of.

Cindy Schmidl will host the group at 1100 Mallard Marsh Drive. Please call her at 941-918-1570 if you plan to attend.

The March selection will be *The Boston Girl* written by Anita Diamant. Now eighty-five years old, Addie Baum was born in 1900 to immigrant parents who were flabbergasted by the culture of their new home. Addie's narrated story takes us through dramatic changes of the twentieth century as she dreams of going to college and falling in love - ideas as foreign to her parents as movies and short skirts.

In April the group will discuss Kristin Hannah's *The Nightingale* a story of two French sisters who react differently to events in occupied France during World War II. Rebellious Isabelle fights in the resistance movement, while Vianne simply wants to survive.

The Book Group meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:30pm. All Rivendell residents are welcome; please call the month's hostess if you'd like to participate.



## Chocolate Mint Snow-Top Cookies

From the kitchen of Mirinda Roy

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 1/2 cups (10-ounce pkg.) Hershey's mint flavored semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 6 tbs. margarine softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 2 eggs
- 2/3 cup confectioners' sugar

Cream margarine and sugar in large bowl. Melt 1 cup mint chocolate chips and beat into bowl with vanilla. Beat in eggs. Gradually beat in dry ingredients. Stir in remaining mint chocolate chips. Cover bowl and thoroughly chill dough till firm. Shape dough into balls. I shape the entire batch on waxed paper. Roll balls in confectioner's sugar. Bake at 350° for 10 minutes. Cool on wire racks. Makes 3 1/2 to 4 dozen. Enjoy!

## Reed Orchids Blooming in Paradise



The Reed Orchid (*Epidendrum ibaguense*) is a striking, exotic, five-petal bloom with a sixth larger orchid-lobed lip in yellows, oranges and reds. The elliptical leaves are soft green along the reed-like stem, which is in the shape of caned bamboo. Notice the many flowers on slender long stalks. These

orchids may be grown as groundcovers in the soil or in containers.

The reed orchid when blooming is amazing! It has clusters of tiny flowers suspended by long slender stalks. The five-orange petals are tiny, soft, and oblong. The sixth petal is the orchid nectar guide for the pollinators. It is marked with a yellow landing pad and varying shades of orange dotted with crimson spots. Each flower stalk has flowers releasing a faint sweet scent that is strongest early morning and dusk.

After blooming, remove spent blooms to be ready for the next round of blossoms. Its fruits or seed purses form on the ends of stalks and contain hundreds of tiny seeds that blow in the wind. The dark green leaves are linear, long cane like and really are a great ground cover even without the flowers. The green cane bases of the leaves look like bamboo and attached by the roots. A healthy orchid will have numerous silvery colored roots surrounding and securing itself in the soil. Most orchids are epiphytes, which means they sit on top of the soil, so the silvery roots are primarily above ground. The photo above shows the planted orchid obtaining most of its moisture and run off nutrients from the garden soil and plants around it. They like full sun and drought-like conditions. Once they establish themselves they are nonstop bloomers. To propagate, they can be broken off by the reeds, rooted in water, and transplanted as ground cover. There are three varieties in colors of yellows, purples and oranges. Reed Orchids are not the same as Ground Orchids.

**Pros:** Likes filtered to full sun; easy to maintain – no care needed; flowers are unique; and is salt tolerant. It is a great ground cover to plant among other plants. It has a long blooming period and blooming brings in the bees (if you like bees). It is still attractive when not blooming.

**Cons:** Non-native plant with a sprawling manner and blooming brings in the bees (if you don't like bees).



## RESIDENTS HELPING RESIDENTS

**MATHEMATICS TUTORING:** Calculus and Statistics. Specializing in AP courses. Offered by retired Math teacher from the NE with 30+ years experience in public and private schools. Rivendell resident. Your home or ours! Multiple student discount available. Ref: Who's Who in American Education, New Jersey Governor's Teacher Award. Call **Carol: 941-866-0270** OR email [gdontheroad@yahoo.com](mailto:gdontheroad@yahoo.com).

**BABYSITTER:** 15 year-old Rivendell Pine View student has certified American Red Cross Babysitter's Training with Pediatric First Aid and CPR. I absolutely love kids! Call **Zoe Gavette** at **941-918-8200**.

**LAMPPOST REPAIR:** Rivendell Resident **Bill Bloom** is offering lamppost repair services. Is your lamppost light staying on? Charge is \$40 for parts, labor and cleaning. Replacing a burned out bulb is \$15, and this includes new bulb and cleaning. Call **941-918-8386**.

**BABYSITTER: Sivan Yohann, 941-408-5549**, a Pine View senior and a very experienced babysitter. I will keep your kids busy with soccer and crafts and all sorts of activities. I am extremely friendly and responsible! References available upon request.

**BIKE REPAIRS, KAYAK AND BIKE RENTALS: Mike and Sheila Lewis** offer free delivery and pick-up to Rivendell residents for bike and kayak rentals, bike repairs and maintenance. Call **941 346-1797** or email [ssrentals@aol.com](mailto:ssrentals@aol.com) or visit their web site at [www.siestasportsrentals.com](http://www.siestasportsrentals.com)

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**WANTED: CAVALIER KING CHARLES OWNERS!** Do you have a well mannered, potty trained Cavalier and would like to reciprocate sitting services with me while you or I are away, or use as back-up in case of emergency? Must be up to date on all shots and flea/heartworm protected. No monies involved, just assurance that our babies are being well taken care of and loved while we are on vacation. Apollo would love to have a new friend. Call **Anita @ 941-321-0452** if interested.

**PETSITTER, HOUSESITTER:** An adult resident of Rivendell for 15 years, I love cats, dogs, birds, and bunnies. I am 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, if you prefer. My experience and references will provide you with peace of mind that your pets and/or house are being well cared for. Call **Carolanne Haddock** at **941-539-6176**.

**DANCE ON YOUR SCALE this New Year! Dr. Maggi Verhagen and Deb Holton-Smith RN BSN**, certified health coaches, are offering "simple solutions to optimal health" with our special BeSLIM Club. An average weight loss of 10 pounds per month is possible. See if this 5+1 plan is a fit for you. We live in Rivendell and have personally done this program. For a free consultation call **Deb** at **941-315-5569**.

**A RIVENDELL COMMUNITY BRIDGE CLUB** has been formed! We meet from 1:00 - 4:00 the first and third Wednesday of each month. If you would like to join us, or would like your name added to the substitute list, please call or write **Deb Jones** at **517-515-4994** or [debraljones@gmail.com](mailto:debraljones@gmail.com)

**MAILBOX REVITALIZATION:** Are your mailbox numbers faded or missing? For \$25 I will clean your mailbox number area and replace both sides with new white numbers! Contact **Deb Jones** at **517-515-4994** or [debraljones@gmail.com](mailto:debraljones@gmail.com) to arrange this service.

**HULA HOOP LESSONS** with Rivendell resident **Diane Pastva**: I am a certified and licensed hula-hoop instructor. I have three certifications in hoop fitness and hoop dance. I have been teaching for four years and have a dance background. I enjoy teaching adult beginning hula-hoop to small groups, and I give private lessons. I have hoops available to use and for purchase. If interested please call me at **412-596-9633**.

### 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](mailto:marilynprobert@gmail.com)

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**All Rivendell Classifieds are now on the community website**

**[www.rivendellcommunity.com](http://www.rivendellcommunity.com)**

**Contact Lighthouse Management for the password to the residents section of the website.**

**For other information regarding the Rivendell classifieds please contact Gary Mruz ([gary.mruz@gmail.com](mailto:gary.mruz@gmail.com))**



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**February 15**

**Top 40 Professionals 2015**



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As a dedicated hearing specialist, some of the most rewarding experiences are getting to hear the positive impact I have had on people's lives. Here is what Mr. Bridle had to say about his experience:

"I have worn hearing aids for a number of years, on and off. I say on and off because it has been off more than on with my most recent pair purchased from another provider in Venice. I had an annoying problem with feedback, which neither they nor another local provider were able to correct or alleviate. Both told me I should consider newer, more advanced models, which they would be happy to sell me. Since mine were similar, I felt they were more interested in making a sale than helping me. As a result, they wound up in my dresser drawer.

I decided to give it one more go. A friend referred me to Blair Post at Contemporary Hearing. What they said couldn't be done, was done by Blair.

No sales pitch on newer models; just a willingness to listen to and work with me.

After testing my hearing, he patiently worked with me to make adjustments to the programming. He also refitted the aids with new leads and cones. The ones I had were not sized or fitted properly and caused much of the feedback.

I was given a follow up appointment the next week at which time Blair fine tuned the programming and changed out one of the cones for another size. These were simple, inexpensive solutions to a fixable problem. Although I was advised of charges ahead of time, no payment was collected until I was satisfied.

Although I found Blair to have an abundance of knowledge, patience and humor, his greatest attribute is

INTEGRITY. He honestly wants to help. I would recommend Blair Post and Contemporary Hearing to any person desiring to improve their hearing."

~ M.J. Bridle, Venice

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All communication regarding maintenance issues or community infractions must be sent directly to Lighthouse Property Management for handling. For example, if you spot a broken street light, or issues with the pool janitorial duties, communicate the information to Lighthouse Property Management via email, phone call or a letter.

If you have ideas, suggestions or feedback regarding the common areas, trees, plants, ponds and pool (all items under the MC responsibility) attend a Maintenance Committee meeting to discuss.

If you would like to request any official Rivendell document, contact Lighthouse Property Management in writing. Some information may be in the website but Lighthouse Property Management has ALL official documents for Rivendell.



### Red Knots

Excerpted from article by Brenda Bossman, *Wings & Things*, Venice Audubon Newsletter, Nov/Dec 2015

This group of Red Knot Shore Birds was spotted in Stump Pass State Recreation Area and Beach Project. Dan and Joan Emlin, Venice Audubon members, took the photo. The Red Knots seem to be a hard species for many birders to identify. There's an old saying about shorebirds... "If it's not anything else, it's a knot."

This medium sized shorebird is a member of the Sandpiper family. It has a rather ordinary look in winter plumage, but is unmistakable in spring, when it wears robin-red on its chest. During the summer it breeds and nests in the far north on the tundra above the Arctic Circle. Its migration and winter range includes coastal mudflats, tidal zones, shorelines, and sometimes open sandy beaches around the world. The Red Knot makes one of the longest yearly migrations of any bird, traveling 9,300 miles from its Arctic breeding grounds to southern South America.

### Star Fish Company Seafood Market and Dockside Restaurant Submitted by Pam Babbitt, mentioned in "Sarasota Magazine", December 2014.



Cortez Village is located on the northern edge of Sarasota Bay. As you turn off the main road you will see homes with boats and fishing gear in the yards. Continue to the shoreline and discover a few fish houses where local

fishermen sell their catches.

Stop by the Star Fish Company seafood market to purchase fish for preparation at home or eat at their dockside restaurant. It is not fancy and it is old Florida at its best. The Star Fish Company serves fresh Florida seafood prepared either fried, grilled, blackened or sautéed. Side dishes are also basic: cole slaw, cheese grits, hush puppies, and french fries.

The view from the dock includes mangrove islands, Longboat Key and Bradenton Beach, along with local commercial fishing boats.

There are two ways to get to Star Fish Company – by land or by water. By car go west on Bradenton's State Road 684 (Cortez Road or 44th Avenue) until you come to 123rd Street West, then turn south (left). Go two blocks to the end and arrive at the Star Fish Company. If traveling by water, head east along the shoreline south of the Cortez Bridge. Pass by the U.S. Coast Guard Station and A.P. Bell Fish Company before coming to Star's dock. Please idle to the dock and tie up in any free space.

Dockside Restaurant, 12306 46th Avenue West, Cortez, FL  
941-794-1243      www.starfishcompany.com

Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 11:30am to 8:00pm; Sunday & Monday 11:30am to 3:00pm

**Architectural Review Committee Report - 12/29/15**

Attendees: Maggi Verhagen, Committee Chair, Jim Stepien, Cindy Caria, John Martin, John Fitzgibbon, Joe Sefack, Board Liaison

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

The following applications were reviewed and decided for action.

ITEM	ADDRESS	WORKPLAN	RESOLUTION
1.	578 Meadow Sweet Circle	Install fence	Resolved: Approved Motion: John M. 2nd: John F. Approved by Cottages
2.	1345 New Forest Lane	Landscape	Resolved: Denied Motion: John M. 2nd: Cindy More info needed on ornamental grass
3.	1056 Scherer Way	Landscape	Resolved: Approved Motion: John M. 2nd: Cindy
4.	748 Fordingbridge Way	Repaint house	Resolved: Approved Motion: John M. 2nd: John F.
5.	571 Meadow Sweet Circle	Install gutters	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jim 2nd: John M. Gutters must be white or match trim color. Approved by Cottages
6.	520 Meadow Sweet Circle	Repaint house	Resolved: Approved Motion: John F. 2nd: John M. Approved by Cottages
7.	1073 Scherer Way	Replace windows	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jim 2nd: Cindy
8.	712 Anna Hope Lane	Replace front door, replace windows, install shutters, repaint house	Resolved: Approved Motion: Jim 2nd: John M.
9.	1105 Mill Pond Court	Repaint house	Resolved: Approved Motion: Cindy 2nd: Jim

**Next meeting February 23, 2016**

**Next Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Meeting**

The ARC meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm

Location: Cottages Clubhouse

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#### Architectural Review (ARC)

**Chair:** Margaret Verhagen (drmaggiv@gmail.com)

#### Maintenance Committee (MC)

**Chair:** Jim Stepien (jimstepien@gmail.com)

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**Deadline:** Submit articles and information to **Judy Sokal** (judysokal@gmail.com) by the tenth of the month.

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